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Educational Experience:

Ph.D., University of Virginia, Department of Religious Studies 2009

Dissertation “Zinzendorfs’ Utopia: Discovering the Radical Roots of the Eighteenth Century *Brüdergemeine* in Wachovia,” addresses the theological formulations found in the liturgies, personal and burial references and the sociological constructs regarding race and gender that formed the foundations of the Moravian congregations in North Carolina from 1753 to 1818

M.Div., Duke Divinity School, 2000

Coursework focused on Church History, Historical Theology and Theology

B.A., UNC-Chapel Hill, 1988

Majors in History and Economics with Honors in Economics

Academic Honors and Prizes:

University of Virginia Presidential Fellowship 1999, 2007-9

Duke Divinity School Exchange Student at the University of Bonn, 1998-1999

UNC-Chapel Hill

Dean’s List every semester

Earl Slocum Band Award for Outstanding Leadership, 1987

ΦBK, 1986

ΦHΣ (Freshman Honor Society), 1984

Writing Projects in Process:

“From Innovation to Imposition: Changing Understandings of the Single Sisters Choir in Salem from 1772 to 1822” chapter in forthcoming book *Becoming American: Moravians and their Neighbors, 1772-1822*

“Moravian Women in Ministry: Our Views on the Authority of Particular Scriptures Influence How Our Sisters in Christ Can Use their Gifts” chapter in a forthcoming book on Violence Against Women, Moravian Women’s Desk, Deborah Appler and Patty Garner, editors

“Renewing Our Tradition of Change,” forthcoming in *The Moravian* magazine

Published Articles and Book Chapters

“How Many Moravians Does It Take To Change a Conference” *The Moravian*, Jan.-Feb. 2021

“Moravians” chapter in *Religious Traditions of North Carolina: Histories, Tenets, Leaders*, edited by W. Glenn Jonas, Jr. for the North Caroliniana Society, McFarland and Company, Jefferson, NC, 2018, 200-222.

- “Hus, Luther, and the Reformation” 4 Lectures given for the NEH Summer Institute on J. S. Bach and the Music of the Reformation hosted at Moravian College (June 2017)
- “Statistics Related to the Pastorates of Ordained Women in the Moravian Church Southern Province” (October 2016) 5th Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History and Music, Bethlehem, PA
- Guest Presenter and Panelist, Moravian Church Southern Province Forum on Human Sexuality, (October, 2015)
- “Statements Regarding Biblical Authority and the Use of Scripture by the Moravian Church in America in Addressing Social Issues” (October 2014) 4th Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History and Music, Bethlehem, PA
- “Stirring the Pot: Questions of Economics and Justice Related to Vice Laws” Second Tuesday Moravian Lunch, (March, 2014) sponsored by the Center For Moravian Studies, Bethlehem, PA
- “The Reintroduction of the Ordination of Women to the Moravian Ministry in the Southern Province in the 20th Century” (October 2012) co-written with Carol A. Foltz, 3rd Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History and Music, Bethlehem, PA
- “Signs of Life” Second Tuesday Moravian Lunch, (September, 2012) sponsored by the Center For Moravian Studies, Bethlehem, PA
- “Wachovia’s Women: Broadening Understandings of Women’s Ordination in the 18th Century Moravian Church” (November, 2011) The Moravian Archives, Bethlehem, PA
- “‘European-eyesing’ 18th Century North American Moravians: Problems With Applying European Understandings to North American Experience” (October 2011) The Moravian Historical Society, Lititz, PA
- “‘Some Of Our Women Amazed Us:’ The Witness of Wachovia’s Women Regarding a Zinzendorfian Utopia” (October 2010) 2nd Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History and Music, Bethlehem, PA
- “Herrnhaag Remembered: Transatlantic Influences of Wetteravia on Wachovia” (October 2008) Conference on Moravian History and Music, Bethlehem, PA

Workshop and Church Presentations:

- “The Kingdom of God and the Roman Empire” ADSOM retreat for the South Florida Moravian Churches, March 2022
- “The Musics of Our Hearts” planning team and presenter, Moravian Ministries Association, Laurel Ridge Camp and Conference Center, NC, September 2021
- “A New Way of Being: From Confession to Hope.” Panelist for the Northern Province Provincial Racial Justice Team’s 2021 Lenten Series, March 2021
- “Our Racial Awakening and Healing Journey: Join Us at the Table” Panelist for the Four-Part Central Travelers Study Series, Central Moravian, January 2021
- “Christian Discipleship: Mission, Stewardship, Evangelism, Discipleship” Bible Study Series, Raleigh Moravian, November 2020
- “Moravians and Civic Duty” Board of Cooperative Ministries Office Hours, October 2020
- “Voices From the Pandemic” Board of Cooperative Ministries Connect Series, July 2020
- “Moravian Essentials: Historical Origins and Modern Relevance” Bible Study Series, King Moravian, November 2020; Raleigh Moravian, June 2020; Sunday School Series East Hills Moravian Church, Bethlehem, February 2020

“God Reigns and the Son Shines: Providence and Provision in Genesis and Matthew” Lititz
 Moravian Church, November 2017

“Getting By and Getting High: The Beatles' Evolving Concepts of Reality, Identity and Love”
 Theology with Twist Gathering, Kutztown, PA October, 2017

“Moravian *Lebenslauf*: Past, Present, and Future” Fries Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC
 February 2017

“God, Suffering, and Creativity in Rock Music” Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem,
 PA February 2017

Planning Team for MCSP, BCM Moravian Leadership Network, 2012-2016
 offer presentations on Moravian history, theology, polity at one weekend retreat each
 year

“Moravian in America: Original Visions, Long-Term Costs” Comenius Learning Series of the
 Board of Cooperative Ministries, Winston-Salem, NC (November 2016)

“Congregations: Treasures or Only a Source of Pain and Discouragement” (October 2016)
 Moravian Ministries Association, Laurel Ridge Camp and Conference Center, NC

“How Has Place Shaped the Ethos of the Moravian Church” panelist with presentation by Alice
 Mann, (July 2015) Eastern District Gathering, Bethlehem, PA

“The Lebenslauf: Its History and Current Possibilities” (July 2015) workshops at Eastern District
 Gathering, Bethlehem, PA

“Fearless Conversations for Healthy Sexuality” (Series April, May 2015) Wesley Memorial
 UMC, Bethlehem, PA

“Features of the 18th Century Moravian Church and Contemporary Social Action” and “Anxiety
 and Church Systems” presentations at the Board of Cooperative Ministries Leadership
 Focus (February 2015), Winston-Salem, NC

““Love” in the Music of the Who Interpreted Through Moravian Lenses” (Series July, August
 2014) Home Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC

“What Does It Mean When We Say What We Mean?” lecture presented at Salemtowne for MTS
 Office of Advancement (June 2014) Winston-Salem, NC

“What’s For Supper: Comparative Bible Study and Asset Mapping” presentation at the Board of
 Cooperative Ministries Leadership Focus (February 2014), Winston-Salem, NC

“From Fear to Hope: Where God Is Calling the Church” (November 2013) with Bill Leonard,
 Board of Cooperative Ministries, Comenius Learning Series, Winston-Salem, NC

“Moravian Identity: Preserving The Past, Forging The Future” Board of Cooperative Ministries,
 Leadership in Focus Series, Winston-Salem, NC (March, 2013)

““Can’t Explain:” Moravian Identity and the Music of the Who”
 Board of Cooperative Ministries, Leadership in Focus Series, Winston-Salem, NC
 (March, 2013);
 Fries Memorial Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC, (May, 2013);
 King Moravian, King, NC, (June 2013);
 Calvary Moravian, Allentown, PA (January 2015);
 Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, PA ((February, 2015)

“The Josephs and the Amazing HD Dream Codes” (June 2012) Raleigh Moravian Church
 Retreat, Laurel Springs, NC

“Congregational Care: Is Caring for One Another Central to Central?” (March, 2012)
 presentation at Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA

“The Church and the World in the 20-teens: What Looks Different Around the Corner and What Does the Church Bring to the Party?” (January, 2012) Home Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC

“18th Century Moravian Johannine Devotional Themes” (September, 2011) lectures and worships at the Moravian Ministries Association Retreat, Laurel Springs, NC

“The Josephs and the Amazing HD Dream Codes” (July 2011) Lay Seminary for the Moravian Church, Southern Province, Laurel Springs, NC

“Evangelism Through Repentance: Rethinking Our Pasts and Presents with Hopes for our Futures” (October, 2009) Living Invitations Evangelism Workshop, Winston-Salem, NC

“The Zinzendorfs and a Living Faith: A Family Affair” (November 2008) presented with Julie Tomberlin, Lay Seminary for the Board of Christian Education, Moravian Church, Southern Province, Winston-Salem, NC

Panel Moderator or Conferences Attended Without Presentations:

7th Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History and Music (October 2020), Chair of the Planning Committee

11th Undergraduate Conference on Medieval and Early Modern Studies (December 2016), Moravian College, Moderator of the “Female Religious Practice” Panel

5th Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History and Music (October 2016) Moderator of the “Moravian Music and History Through Revolution and Civil War” Panel

4th Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History and Music (October 2014) Moderator of the “Abolition and the Civil War” Panel

8th Undergraduate Conference on Medieval and Early Modern Studies (December 2013), Moravian College, Moderator of the “Strategies of Characterization” Panel

3rd Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History and Music (October 2012) Moderator of the “The Unity of the Brethren and Confessional Communication” Panel

6th Undergraduate Conference on Medieval and Early Modern Studies (December 2011), Moravian College, Moderator of the "Conversion and Division" Panel

Consultation of Moravian Theological Institutes (October 2010), Paramaribo, Suriname
Member of Conference Steering Committee, Secretary for the Theology and Society Working Group

Board Service

Moravian Church in America, Southern Province, Provincial Elders Conference, 2022—Present

Moravian Theological Seminary, Board of Trustees, 2022—Present

Moravian Historical Society, Board of Managers, October 2018—Present

Moravian Music Foundation, Board of Trustees, 2018—Present

National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA 1990-1994

Mission Society of the Moravian Church Southern Province, 1990-1996

Educational Travel Leadership

Helping to plan and will lead the Moravian Young Adult Convocation, June-July 2023

Helped to plan and lead the Moravian Roots Tour offered by MTS, July 2017

Helped to plan and lead the Hus Memorial Tour offered by MTS, July 2015

Helped to plan and lead the Moravian Young Adult Convocation, July 2015

Tour guide Moravian High School Convocation, July 2013

Planning team and staff of CONVO 94, Bethlehem PA
Planning team and staff of CONVO 91, Los Angeles, CA

Service to the Church

Consecrated a Presbyterian, 2015
Ordained a Deacon, 2002
Commission on Ordained Ministry, Moravian Church Southern Province 2020-present
2018 Synod Planning Committee and Synod Program Subcommittee
Supply Pastor, Bethabara Moravian Church, Summer 2012
Supply Pastor, King Moravian Church, Summer 2013
Numerous guest preaching opportunities
2010 Synod Planning Committee
Delegate to Southern Province Synods: 2018, 2014, 2010, 2009, 2006, 2002, 1995, 1992
Editorial Committee for *Sing to the Lord A New Song*, published 2013
Author of 14 hymns, and co-author of 3 additional hymns

Employment Experience:

Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology, Moravian Theological Seminary, 2016—Present
Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, Moravian Theological Seminary, 2010—2016
Coordinator, Center for Moravian Studies, 2020-
Chaplain, 2013—2020
Director of Supervised Ministry, 2010-2013
 Teach courses on Moravian theology and worship, theory and practice of worship, church administration, and congregational leadership
 Coordinate and lead opening and closing worship services, weekly chapel services
 Direct Supervised Ministry program and place Moravian students in their settings
 Serve as advisor or reader for MATS theses as appropriate
 MTS Faculty Representative on the Educational Technology Task Force
 MTS Faculty Representative on the MTS Alumni Association Board

Pastor, Fairview Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC, 2000-2009
 Plan and lead all worship services
 Education Tasks
 Teach classes for Adult Sunday School, Senior High Sunday School, New Members, catechism
 Mid-week Bible study
 Write monthly newsletter articles
 Pastoral Care and Visitation
 Management and Leadership Tasks
 Chair Joint Board (Elders and Trustees)
 Serve *ex officio* on Music and Worship, Outreach and Communications, Stewardship, and Personnel Committees, and on Preschool Board
 Actively participated in the recruitment of professional and ministerial staff including Treasurer, Pastoral Assistant, Director of Music and Divinity School interns
 Worked to start Preschool Program

- Developed and led evening worship services using multi-media format
- Assist in preparation of annual budget
- Coordinate and present biennial congregational reports
- Served on HVAC task force to replace 40 year old heating and air conditioning systems

Instructor, Salem College, 2007-2009

- Taught “Moravian Experience” an introductory level undergraduate course addressing the history, theology, and social structures of the Moravian Church, paying particular attention to the role of women in education and leadership

Technology Specialist, Moravian Theological Seminary, 2000-2003

- Coordinated audio and video components of video-conference learning center for Moravian Theological Seminary Distance Learning Center located at Salem College

- Trained students in use of classroom technology

- Recruited students for distance learning program

- Served as Adjunct Professor for Pastoral Awareness Seminar, Spring 2002

Intern, Christ the King Moravian Church, 1996-1997

- Worked with high school and college youth groups, coordinated youth leadership team, taught Sunday School, preached monthly

Director of College Age Ministry, Moravian Church, Southern Province, 1990-1996

- Coordinated events of campus student groups throughout North Carolina

- Led student Bible studies

- Participated in interdenominational and interfaith campus ministry associations

- Counseled students, especially regarding vocational concerns

- Planned retreats and conferences, many of which focused on developing critical thinking skills and applying them to issues of religion and culture

- Served on planning teams and counseling staff for youth camps and international youth gatherings for high school and college youth

- Edited newsletters

- Maintained mailing lists and databases

- Preached and offered special presentations

- Served *ex officio* on Board of Christian Education

Research Analyst, Performance Dynamics, Inc., 1988-1989

- Gathered and analyzed data regarding customer service provided by food services and financial institutions

- Prepared quarterly and annual reports for clients

Assistant to Personal Financial Planner, Ameriprise Financial Services, 1985-1988

- Maintained computer and file records, assisted in gathering client information for financial profiles, general office work