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Experience

Head Librarian & Professor. Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia, 2003-present.

Selected accomplishments:

- manage budget of \$1.1 million and staff of 10 FTE employees;
- oversee collection development for library of 225,000 print books, 240,000 e-books, 600 subscriptions, & 20 databases;
- curate 18,000-item rare book collection; negotiated the acquisition of 5 rare book collections in church music & liturgy;
- built a collection of primary source materials from the Anglican Communion in Africa, Asia, Australia, Central America, South America, now one of two largest such collections in the Communion;
- manage institutional archives program (3,000 linear feet);
- initiated and oversee the African American Episcopal Historical Collection (AAEHC), an archive to document the contributions of African Americans to the Episcopal Church, and serve as co-chair of the AAEHC Steering Committee;
- chaired feasibility study process for library building renovation and coordinated construction projects;
- implemented and manage the seminary's virtual bookstore;
- selected and managed installation of two integrated library computer systems.

Head Librarian & Associate Professor. Virginia Theological Seminary, 1997-2003.

Head Librarian & Assistant Professor. Virginia Theological Seminary, 1991-1997.

Library Director & Assistant Professor. Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC, 1987-1991.

Education

Doctor of Ministry in Ecumenism & Reconciliation. Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., 2003.

Project Thesis: *Ecumenical Formation in Denominational Theological Seminaries*, directed by the Rev. Dr. John T. Ford, Professor of Theology, Catholic University of America.

Master of Librarianship. Academic Libraries Concentration, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C., 1985.

Master of Arts in Religion. Church History Concentration, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, S.C., 1984. Thesis: *Galileo Galilei versus the Catholic Curia: Ramifications for Church-Science Relations*, directed by the Rev. Dr. Scott H. Hendrix, Professor of Church History.

Bachelor of Arts, Religion. *Summa cum laude*. Lenoir-Rhyne College (now University), Hickory, N.C., 1982.

Publications: Books and Articles

Daring to Share: Multi-Denominational Congregations in the U.S. and Canada, Sandra Beardsall, Mitzi J. Budde, and William McDonald, co-authors. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2018.

United against Racism: Churches for Change, contributing writer. National Council of Churches publication. New York: Friendship Press, 2018.

Thinking Theologically about Mass Incarceration: Biblical Foundations and Justice Imperatives, edited by Antonios Kireopoulos, Mitzi J. Budde & Matthew D. Lundberg. National Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission Theological Series. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, forthcoming 2017. Also author of an essay in this book: "Common Moral Ground: Can Ethics be Church Uniting?"

"Rethinking the Church's Mission and Ministry Together," *Sacramental Life* 28:2 (2015): 20-34.

"Lived Witness," *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 50:3 (Summer 2015): 391-416.

- “Exploring a Common Vision for the Church for a North American Context: The 2014 North American Academy of Ecumenists Conference – President’s Introduction,” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 50:2 (Spring 2015): 202-215.
- “Called in the One Body – and Thankful,” *Ecumenical Trends* 43:8 (September 2014): 10-13.
- “Dedication of the Charles Winfred Douglas Memorial Collection, the Bishop Payne Library,” *News from the Hill* (Fall 2014): 16-17.
- “Ecumenism in the U.S.A.: Neighbours Growing Into Unity,” *The Window: The Anglican-Lutheran Society* 102 (October 2013): 10-11.
- Unity in Mission: Theological Reflections on the Pilgrimage of Mission*, edited by Mitzi J. Budde and Don Thorsen. National Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission Theological Series. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2013. Also author of two essays in this book: “The Marks as Signposts of the Journey to Unity in Mission” (pp. 44-56) and “Baptism: Sacrament of Unity, Sacrament of Mission” (pp. 90-109).
- “Are We There Yet? The Task and Function of Full Communion Coordinating Committees,” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 48:1 (Winter 2013): 5-19.
- “Assessment of Library Public Services: Bibliographic Instruction,” *American Theological Library Association Summary of Proceedings* 66 (June 27-30, 2012): 34-41.
- “The Church’s Song as Response to the Divine Mystery,” *Worship* 86:3 (May 2012): 194-208.
- “Full Communion in the ELCA: Boldly Reaching Out,” *Lutheran World Federation Information* No. 11 (2011): 12.
- “Bridges to the Church in Asia: A Cross-Cultural Immersion Trip to Hong Kong, China, and Japan,” co-authored with John Yieh and Shawn Strout, *Virginia Theological Seminary Journal* (Fall 2011): 40-45.
- “The Marks as Signposts of the Journey to Unity in Mission,” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 42:2 (Spring 2010): 218-226.
- “The Vocation for Unity in Theological Education,” in *Staying One, Remaining Open*, edited by J. Barney Hawkins, IV & Richard J. Jones. New York: Church Publishing, 2010, pp. 89-108.
- “John Paul II and Ecumenism: The Man, the Documents, & the Dialogues,” *Ecumenical Trends* 35 (June 2006): 8-15.
- “Welcoming the ‘Other’: What Pastors and Congregations Can Do to Support Ecumenical Marriages,” *Congregations: The Journal of the Alban Institute* 31 (Fall 2005): 6-9.
- “Lutheran-Roman Catholic Convergence on the Theology and Ministry of the Laity,” *Ecumenical Trends* 32 (September 2003): 113-119. This article was awarded the 2004 Press Award for Best Essay in the “Professional & Special Interest” category by the Catholic Press Association, and the journal, *Ecumenical Trends*, received First Place in that category from the Association based on this article.
- “Differences in Clergy Codes of Ethics: An Ecumenical Perspective,” *Ecumenical Trends* 32 (June 2003): 89-94.
- “The Goal of the ELCA Full Communion Agreements,” *Ecumenical Trends* 32 (March 2003): 33-40.

Professional Presentations

- “Racial Reconciliation, Justice, and Love: A Call to Christians and Churches,” paper presented, National Council of Churches Faith and Order Convening Table, Violence in an Age of Genocide Study Group, November 8, 2017.
- Virginia Seminary Presentation, Episcopal/Anglican Fellowship at Green Spring Retirement Community, October 20, 2016.
- Leader, Shared Ministries Parish Retreat, Church of the Holy Apostles, Virginia Beach, VA, October 31, 2015.
- “Called in the One Body – and Thankful,” Plenary Address, Tidewater LARCUM [Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic, United Methodist] Conference, Church of the Holy Apostles, Virginia Beach, VA, July 2, 2014.
- “Maturing Ecumenical Relationships,” Plenary Address, Virginia LARCUM [Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic, United Methodist] Conference, Winchester, VA, December 6, 2013.
- “Coordinate - Collaborate – Communicate,” Plenary Address, Tri-Network Seminar, National Workshop on Christian Unity, Columbus, OH, April 10, 2013.
- “Models and Resources for Ecumenical Work,” Workshop presented with Fr. Tom Ryan, Washington Theological Consortium and the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, St. Paul’s College, Washington, D.C., March 19, 2013.
- “Horizon and Hope: Promising Developments in Christian Unity,” paper presented, Theological Society of the John Leland Center for Theological Studies, Arlington, VA, January 31, 2013.
- “Theological Discernment on Divisive Issues: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,” paper presented to the National Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission, Study Group on Unity, Church Polity, and Divisive Issues, Seattle, Washington, October 19, 2012.
- “Measuring Success: Assessment of Public Services,” panel presentation, American Theological Library Association Conference, Scottsdale, Arizona, June 30, 2012.
- “Baptism: Sacrament of Unity, Sacrament of Mission,” paper presented, National Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission, Unity in Mission Study Group, October 14, 2011.
- “The Marks as Signposts of the Journey to Unity in Mission,” paper presented, National Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission, Unity in Mission Study Group, October 16, 2009.
- “Called to Common Mission: An American Process,” paper presented, Anglican-Lutheran Society Conference, Turku, Finland, September 14, 2009.
- “Better Together: ‘Mission’ in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and The Episcopal Church,” co-authored with Lyndon Harris, paper presented, National Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission, Unity in Mission Study Group, October 17, 2008.
- “Unbroken Praise: Music as Expression of Belief and Ecumenical Bridge,” paper presented, Theological Society of the John Leland Center for Theological Studies, Arlington, VA, May 13, 2008.
- “Faith and Order, Bilateral Dialogues, and Churches Uniting in Christ,” panel presentation at *Oberlin 2007, On Being Christian Together: The Faith and Order Experience in the United States*, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA Conference, Oberlin, OH, July 23, 2007.

“Full Communion in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,” paper presented, National Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission, Full Communion Study Group, March 12, 2007.

Library Directors panel presentation, American Theological Library Association Conference, Chicago, June 24, 2006.

“The Ecumenical and Interreligious Legacy of Pope John Paul II,” paper presented, Catholic Staff Association of the World Bank/International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C., May 4, 2006.

“John Paul II and Ecumenism: The Man, the Documents, and the Dialogues,” paper presented, Catholic University School of Theology and Religious Studies, Washington, D.C., February 22, 2006.

“Spreading the Library’s Story: Media and Message,” roundtable presentation, American Theological Library Association Conference, Kansas City, June 17, 2004.

Teaching Experience: Courses Offered

Theological Research and Writing, Master’s level and Doctor of Ministry program.

The Search for Unity: The Ecumenical Dialogues of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, Master’s level.

Religious Diversity, team-taught with the Rev. Dr. James Farwell, VTS Doctor of Ministry.

Encountering the Church catholic in Rome, Past & Present, a January term immersion course in Rome, team-taught with the Rev. Dr. A. Katherine Grieb.

Unity, Reconciliation, and Mission, Master’s level.

The Future of Ecumenism, team-taught with the Rev. Dr. John Crossin, Executive Director of the Washington Theological Consortium, Master’s level.

The History of the Ecumenical Movement, Doctor of Ministry Track in Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, Wesley Theological Seminary.

Other Teaching

“Research Resources for Old Testament Exegesis” for *Old Testament Interpretation* course.

“Research Resources for New Testament Exegesis” for *New Testament Interpretation* course.

“Theological Research,” in *The Art of Learning* course for entering students.

Embedded Librarian & Contributing Lecturer for VTS pilot online course, *M.A. Foundations I*.

“The Use of the Psalms in Worship,” utilizing the rare book collection, for *Psalms* course.

Faculty, with the Rev. Dr. John Yieh, for VTS Cross-Cultural Immersion Trip to Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, Tokyo, May 20-June 6, 2011.

“Called to Common Mission: Its Meaning for Your Ministry” in *Anglican Studies Seminar*.

“Ecumenical Reception” in *New Testament, Ecclesial, and Ecumenical Ethics* course.

Case Study Leader, VTS Doctor of Ministry Program.

“Full Communion Agreements of the ELCA” in *Spiritual Ecumenism* course at Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg.

“Bilateral Dialogues and Full Communion Agreements” in *Practical Ecumenism* course at Washington Theological Union (Washington, DC) and at Union Theological Seminary (Richmond, VA).

Guided Independent Studies at Virginia Seminary:

- Military Chaplaincy and Ecumenism;
- CCM Internship and Liturgical Application;
- Mary & Us: Episcopalians and Roman Catholics Explore *Mary: Grace and Hope in Christ*;
- Promoting Christian Unity While Honoring Diversity.

Professional Activities and Memberships

Association of Theological Schools Accreditation Visitor for twenty-one evaluation committees, 2001-present.

American Theological Library Association, Member, 1987-present;

- Library Director Mentor in the *Creating Leaders for Tomorrow* Program, 2014-15.
- Annual Conference Committee: Vice-Chair 2010-2012; Chair 2012.
- Board of Directors, 1992-95.

Washington Theological Consortium: Chair, Council of Librarians, 2016-2018; Member, 1991-present.

Conant Grant Recipient 2015-16 for research on ecumenical shared parishes resulting in book, *Daring to Share: Multi-Denominational Congregations in the United States and Canada* (Pickwick Publications, 2018).

Association of Theological Schools, Task Force to revise the Library Statistical Report Form, 2008.

Library Consultancies:

- President Cynthia Kittredge, Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX re hiring library director, 2014-15.
- Dean Jeffrey Willetts, John Leland Center for Theological Studies re library development and ATS accreditation, 2005-2010.

American Library Association, Member, 1991-present.

Beta Phi Mu (library science honor society), Member, 1985-present.

North American Academy of Ecumenists, Member, 2002-present;

Board member, 2009-2017; Vice-President, 2011-2013; President, 2013-2015.

International Anglican-Lutheran Society, Member, 1999-present.

Peer Reviewer for *The Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, 2012-2017.

Virginia Theological Seminary Committee Service

Library Committee, Chair, 1991-present.

Library Expansion/Renovations Feasibility Study Committee, Chair, 2007-2008; Member 2009-10.

Steering Committee for the African American Episcopal Historical Collection, a joint project of VTS and the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church, VTS Co-Chair, 2004-present.

Virginia Seminary Board of Trustees: Executive Committee, Faculty representative, 2009-2010.

Faculty representative, 2008-2010; 2013-2014.

Board of Trustees Nominating Committee for Dean and President, and the Planning Sub-Committee of the Nominating Committee, Elected Faculty representative, 2006-2007.

Steering Committee for VTS Self-Study Process for Reaccreditation by the Association of Theological Schools, Co-chair and Co-Editor of the Self Study Report, 2002-03.

Masters Committee, Chair, 2017-present; Master of Divinity Committee, Chair, 2012-2014; Doctor of Ministry Committee, 2015; Portfolio Review Committee, 2014-2016; Admissions Committee, 1998-2003; 2004-2010; 2012-2014.

Service to the Church

National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S. Faith and Order Commission:
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Representative, 2006-present.
Co-chair, *Unity in Mission* Study, 2008-2011 and co-editor of book project.
Member, *Unity, Church Polity, and Divisive Issues* Study, 2012-2014.
Co-convener, Faith & Order Convening Table: January 2014-2018.

Lutheran-Episcopal Coordinating Committee (national), Member, 2008-2018; ELCA Co-Chair, 2008-2014.

Participant in delegation accompanying the President of the Lutheran World Federation, ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson, on an ecumenical pilgrimage to visit the Archbishop of Canterbury in London, the Ecumenical Patriarch in Istanbul, the Pope and Vatican in Rome, and the World Council of Churches and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches in Geneva, February 2-16, 2010.

Lutheran-Jewish Dialogue of the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod, ELCA and the American Jewish Council, Metropolitan Washington DC Synod Representative, 2005-2009.

Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod, ELCA, Candidacy Committee, 1992-2001; chair 1998-2001.

Ecclesiastical Standing

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Deacon, serving under call from ELCA Church Council to service at a non-Lutheran seminary.