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## Experience

Head Librarian & Professor. Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia, 2003-present.  
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, 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.  
Bachelor of Arts, Religion. *Summa cum laude*. Lenoir-Rhyne College (now University), Hickory, N.C., 1982.

## Publications: Books and Articles (selected)

"Ecumenical Convergence on the Diaconate in North America," in *Diaconal Studies: Lived Theology for the Church in North America*, Darryl W. Stephens and Craig L. Nesson, eds. Regnum Books International, forthcoming 2024.

*Hear My Voice: A Prison Prayer Book*. Co-editor, project manager, and contributing writer. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2019, 2022. Spanish language edition: *Oye Mi Voz: Un Libro de Oraciones para la Prisión*, Augsburg Fortress, 2023.

"New ATS Standards provide Framework for Global Sustainability among Theological Libraries," *ATS Colloquy Online*, Holiday 2020 issue: <https://www.ats.edu/uploads/resources/publications-presentations/colloquy-online/standards-provide-framework-for-global-sustainability-among-theological-libraries.pdf>.

"Executing Prayer behind Bars," *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts* 54:3 (November 2020): 35-42.

*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. 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.

*Unity in Mission: Theological Reflections on the Pilgrimage of Mission*, Mitzi J. Budde and Don Thorsen, co-editors. National Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission Theological Series. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2013. 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.

"The Church's Song as Response to the Divine Mystery," *Worship* 86:3 (May 2012): 194-208.

"Bridges to the Church in Asia: A Cross-Cultural Immersion Trip to Hong Kong, China, and Japan," Mitzi J. Budde, John Yieh and Shawn Strout, co-authors. *Virginia Theological Seminary Journal* (Fall 2011): 40-45.

### **Recent Professional Presentations (selected)**

"Ecumenical Convergence on the Diaconate," presentation to the Revitalizing the Church through Diaconal Studies in North American Theological Education Project Group, April 29, 2023.

"It's Your Call" for "One in the Spirit, One in the Lord: Celebrating 20 Years of Called to Common Mission," Zoom Event of the Dioceses of Missouri & Kansas/Central States Synod, March 25, 2022.

Presentation to ATLA Library Directors on New ATS Standards, Zoom, March 3, 2022.

"Lutherans and Episcopalians Together at the Table: The Future of *Called to Common Mission*," three-part presentation (via Zoom) for the Diocese of Virginia/Virginia Synod, September 30, 2021.

"Standards in the U.S. and Canada: Perspectives from the Association of Theological Schools," ATESEA [Association for Theological Education in Southeast Asia] Webinar (via Zoom), September 21, 2020.

"A Preview of Coming Attractions: The Proposed New Standards for ATS Accreditation," A Listen and Learn Session for the American Theological Library Association Conference (held via Zoom), June 17, 2020.

"Communing with God and One Another: A Theological Apologia for Lived Ecumenism," Figel Address for the Washington Theological Consortium Figel Ecumenism Award, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., February 27, 2019.

### **Teaching Experience**

*A Spiritual and Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi*, a January term immersion course, co-taught with the Rev. Dr. A. Katherine Grieb.

*Ecumenical Mission of the Church*, Master's program.

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

*Religious Diversity in Ministry Contexts*, co-taught with the Rev. Dr. James Farwell, VTS Doctor of Ministry.

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

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

"Bridges to the Church in Asia," VTS Cross-Cultural Immersion Trip to Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, Tokyo Faculty co-leader with the Rev. Dr. John Yieh, May 20-June 6, 2011.

## **Awards**

The Arthur Carl Lichtenberger Chair in Theological Research, Virginia Theological Seminary, 2020.

Virginia Theological Seminary, Suzanne Thomas Faculty Research Award, 2019-2020.

Washington Theological Consortium Figel Ecumenism Award, 2019.

Conant Research Grants:

- 2019-2020 grant for research for a congregational resource for prison ministry.
- 2015-2016 grant for research resulting in book publication: *Daring to Share: Multi-Denominational Congregations in the United States and Canada* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2018).

## **Professional Activities, Awards, and Memberships**

Association of Theological Schools, Board of Commissions, 2021-present.

- Task Force for Redevelopment of the Standards for Accreditation, Appointed Member, 2018-2020.
- Accreditation Visitor for thirty-one ATS evaluation committees, 2001-present.

American Theological Library Association, Member, 1987-present;

- Library Director Mentor for the *Creating Leaders for Tomorrow* Program, 2014-2015.

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

Library Consultant to Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX and the John Leland Center for Theological Studies, Arlington, VA.

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

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

## **Service to the Church**

National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S. Faith and Order Commission:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Representative, 2006-2019.

Co-chair, *Unity in Mission* Study, 2008-2011 and co-editor of book project.

Co-convener, Faith & Order Convening Table: 2014-2018.

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

## **Ecclesiastical Standing**

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