# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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## **EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy – 1992: Theology and the Arts Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California Dissertation: *Photojournalism of the Vietnamese Conflict* as Religious Art

Ordained in the United Church of Christ – 1982

Master of Divinity – 1982:

Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri Top Graduate Honor Award and Scholarship

Bachelor of Science – 1976:

University of Wisconsin – Green Bay Concentration: Creative Communications and Human Development

## FACULTY POSITIONS

Associate Professor Emerita of Worship, and Theology and the Arts: 2012 – Date
United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, New Brighton,
Minnesota

Associate Professor of Worship, and Theology and the Arts: 2004 – 2012 United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, New Brighton, Minnesota

Assistant Professor of Worship and the Arts: 2001 – 2004
United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, New Brighton,
Minnesota

Assistant Professor (Adjunct) of Religion and the Arts: 1993 – 2001 Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut

## OTHER TEACHING POSITIONS

Adjunct Faculty – Summer 1998

San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, California Doctor of Ministry Frontier Seminar: Representation of Women in Film: A Global Theological Perspective

Academic Committee Member – Antioch College 1997 – 2000
Danbury Federal Penitentiary, Danbury, Connecticut
Susan Rosenberg, Individualized Masters Program in Creative
Writing. Screenplay Thesis: Always Guilty

Adjunct Faculty – Summer 1996 Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut Contemporary Film as Theological Text

Adjunct Faculty – Spring 1991 and Spring 1992
Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California
Field Education Colloquium
Film as Theological Text

Lecturer – January Terms 1990, 1991, and 1992
Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga, California
The Critical Eye: Photography and Photographic Critique

## SUMMARY OF RESEARCH AREAS AND COURSES TAUGHT

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, 2001 – date:

Theology and the Arts; Paul Tillich and the Arts; Race-ing, Gender-ing, Class, and Sexualities Studies; Film and Theology; Multicultural Intersectionalities; Popular Culture and Media; Social Media and Cultural Change; Christian Worship and Liturgy; Jewish Seasons and Liturgy

Theological Interpretation of the Arts (Core); Arts Practicum (Core); Integrative Seminar: Integration of Ministry and Local Theologies (Core); The Worship of the Church (Core); Media, Culture, and Worship (Elective); Film as Contemporary Theology (Elective); Film as Theological Text: Race-ing, Gender-ing, Class, and Sexualities (Elective); Global Perspectives of Women through Film; Theological Focus on Photography (Elective); Religious Expression in Short Stories Across Cultures (Elective); Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Art in Cultural Contexts (Elective); Seasons and Celebrations of the Jewish and Christian Liturgical Year (Elective); Rites and Rituals: Eucharist, Baptism, Weddings, and Funerals (Elective).

Yale University Divinity School, 1993 – 2000:

Leadership Formation in Theological Education; Latin-American Spanish and Arts; Film and Theology

Field Education Practicum: 1994 – 1999; Film as Theological Text: 1995 – 1998; International Travel Seminars: Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica – 1996 Cuba – 2000

#### ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Associate Dean of Student and Community Life, 1993 – 2000 Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut

Director of Graduate and External Relations, 2000 – 2001 Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut

Acting Field Education Director, February – August 1991 Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California

Curator, Bade Art Museum (now The Doug Adams Gallery), 1989 – 1991 Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California

## PUBLICATIONS

**BOOK** 

WORD

Co-Author, *Imaging the Word: Arts and Lectionary*Resource. Edited by Ken Lawrence and Sid Fowler.

Vol. I. Cleveland: United Church Press, 1994.

## EDITED JOURNAL

Editor, "The Religious Art of Women from Diverse Traditions: Toward a Feminist Theological Aesthetic." *Journal of the Center for Women and Religion* (Winter 1992), Berkeley, California.

#### CHAPTERS PUBLISHED

Collaborator with Johnson, Cindi Beth. "Letting the Arts Lead: The Role of the Arts in Interfaith Dialogue." In Teaching for a Multifaith World, edited by Eleazar S. Fernandez, 179 – 198. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2017.



"Holy War in Film." In Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception: Ho Tsun Shen – Insult, edited by Dale C. Allison Jr., Christine Helmer, and Et Al. Vol. 12, 254 – 256. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter, 2016.



"A Shared Critical Ethic for Media Images and Liturgy." In God and Popular Culture: A Behind-the-scenes Look at the Entertainment Industry's Most Influential Figure, edited by Stephen Butler Murray and Aimée Upjohn Light. Vol. 2, 129 – 144. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2015.



"Gary Seal and Outsider Art: Engaging the Sacramental through Prophetic Form." In *Visual Theology:* Forming and Transforming the Community through the Arts, edited by Robin Margaret Jensen and Kimberly J. Vrudny, 179 – 192. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2009.



"Engaging Eucharistic Images in Film: Ecclesiological and Liturgical Meanings." In *Arts, Theology, and the Church: New Intersections*, edited by Kimberly Vrudny and Wilson Yates, 200 – 16. Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2005.

## PUBLISHED ARTICLES and LITURGIES

Three homiletical perspectives for Feasting on the Word:

Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A,

Volume 4: Season after Pentecost 2 (Propers 1 – Christ the

King), Westminster John Knox Press, 2009.

Proper 25 – Psalm 1 All Saints – Psalm 34:1-10, 22 Proper 26 – Psalm 43

"Mirror: A Mirror on Andrei Tarkovsky." In ARTS: The Arts in Religious and Theological Studies 18, no. 1 (2006):14 – 16.



- Ideas for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, "At the Table,
  Before the Cross." Worship Ways, National United Church
  of Christ, 2004.
  - "Mirror: A Mirror on Andrei Tarkovsky." In Art and Christianity: The Quarterly Bulletin of Art and Christianity Enquiry (ACE) 36 (October 2003): 4 6.
  - "Worshiping in the United Church of Christ: Liturgical Theology and A Paradigm of Dialectics." In *Prism: A Theological Forum for the United Church of Christ* 17, no. 2 (Fall 2002): 3 10.
  - "Worship in the Reformed Tradition." In Summary of Proceedings: Fifty-Sixth Annual Conference of the American Theological Library Association. Edited by Jonathan West. (2002): 277 281.
  - "Movie reinforces 'Euro-Jesus' Stereotype." New Haven Register Forum, May 28, 2000.
  - "Seeing." In *The Dictionary of Feminist Theologies*. Edited by Letty M. Russell and J. Shannon Clarkson, 254 255. Westminster John Knox Press, 1996.
  - "The Theological Eye: Tools Toward a Deeper Seeing." In A *More Excellent Way: Paul and the New Creation*. Edited by Sandra P. Miller, 10 11. Nashville: Cokesbury, 1995.
  - "Violence in the Bible." In *To the Point: Confronting Youth Issues.*Edited by Diana L. Hynson. Vol. 2, 15 18. Nashville:
    United Methodist Publishing, 1994.

- "Dorothea Lange: Faithful Disobedience in Photographic Art."

  Haelan: A Journal in the State of the Art of Worship,

  Prayer, and Meditation Practice 11, no. 2 (Summer 1992):

  22 27.
- Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship. Edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi, 67, 76, 86, 118 119, 188 190, 218 219. New York: Pilgrim Press, 1990.
- Flames of The Spirit: Resources for Worship. Edited by Ruth C. Duck, 15, 19, 33 34, 46, 49, 56 57, 63, 67 I68, 72, 73 74. New York: Pilgrim Press, 1985.

## **PAPERS and PRESENTATIONS**

A Shared Critical Ethic for Media Images and Liturgy
Arts, and Christian Enquiry (ACE) International
Conference:
L'éthique de l'image/Ethic and Image
Strasbourg, France
July 2009

Liturgy as Art Form: Theologically Why?
Annual Spring Convocation.
United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities
April 2009

# Opening Address

The American Guild of Organists Regional Annual Meeting Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis September 2007

- Beyond Entertainment: Film as Religious Art for Congregational
  Vitality National Conference for Religion and the Arts:
  The Arts for Congregational Vitality
  United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities
  June 2007
- Glimpses of God in the Media: How Media Shapes our Faith
  Christian Educators Event
  Resource Center, Minnesota Conference of Churches
  January 2005
- Video-gaming as Religious Ideology and the Ritual of Play Mid-west Regional Meeting of AAR/SBL April 2005

Cultural Remnants and Liturgical Resonance in the Film
Daughters of the Dust
Regional North American Association of Liturgy (NAAL)
May 2004

Engaging Eucharistic Images in Film: Ecclesiological and
Liturgical Meanings
National Consultation for Religion and the Arts
United Seminary of the Twin Cities
October 2003

ЗЕРКАЛО (The Mirror): Зеркало на Андрея Тарковского (A Mirror on Andrei Tarkovsky)
Arts and Christianity Enquiry (ACE) International Conference
St. Petersburg, Russia
July 2003

Cultural Remnants and Liturgical Resonance in the film Daughters of the Dust Mid-West Regional AAR/SBL April 2003

Keynote Address: *Music as Liturgical Theology*United Church of Christ National Musicians' Network
Minneapolis
August 2002

Film as Theology: Contemporary Movies for Christian Education
Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ
Sponsored by the Christian Education Committee
April 2002

Book Event: Response

A Dream Unfinished: Theological Reflections of America from the Margins. Edited by Eleazar S. Fernandez and Fernando F. Segovia. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Press, 2001.

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities April 2002

Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz's Voices of Love: Poemas de Amor a

<u>Divino</u> in Counterpoint to Poemas de Amor Profano

National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion

Religion and Latin American Section

November 1999

God, Sex, and Race: Mass Media Matters
Blair Lectureship
MacMurrary College, Jacksonville, Illinois
October 1997

A Dialogue in Visual Literacy: God, Sex, and Advertising
Olivet Lecture and Symposium Series: Responsibility
Matters
Olivet College, Olivet, Michigan
April 1997

Christologies in Twentieth-Century Film:

"Who Do People Say That I Am?"

Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University

and Saint Mark's Parish of Darien, Connecticut

June 1996

Discerning the Religious Dimension of Film: Toward a Visual
Method applied to Dead Man Walking
American Academy of Religion
Arts, Literature and Religion Section
November 1996

Visual Voices of Liberation: Urban Graffiti and the Rhetoric of Protest

> Feminist Studies Lecture Series Yale University Divinity School February 1994

> > (Presentation and theological reflection on original photographic art of the urban graffiti in Berkeley and Oakland, California.)

The Body as Epistemology in The Crying Game: Masquerade,
Unveiling, and The Nature of Knowing
National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion
Film and Religion Section
November 1993

Paris is Burning: Body Gender, Sexual Reconciliation, and the Site of Redemption National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion Film and Religion Section November 1992

## INVITED COURSE LECTURES

The Apocalypse in Hollywood
Yale University Divinity School
December 1999

The Passion of Christ: A Filmography and Theological Critique Yale University Divinity School May 1995, 1999

Women of Faith in Central America Yale University Divinity School October 1996

Gender Issues in Preaching
Yale University Divinity School
October 1996

The Last Temptation of Christ: The Christology of Martin Scorsese and Nikos Kazantzakis Yale University Divinity School February 1995

Pastoral Leadership in Crisis Ministry: Pastoral Preparedness and Realities in Natural Disasters and Other Crises in Parish Ministry
Yale University Divinity School
1994, 2000

# MINISTRY POSITIONS

Interim Minister

1987 - 1988

Community of Hope United Church of Christ of the Madison Christian Community with Advent Lutheran (ELCA)

Madison, Wisconsin

Team Ministry with ELCA Pastor

Sole Minister

1982 - 1987

Congregational United Church of Christ Barneveld, Wisconsin

Re-Built Church and Community following natural disaster of 1984



Subject of *Nova*: "Tornado." 1985.

#### **CONFERENCES**

# Arts and Christianity Enquiry (ACE)

July 2001 – United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

July 2003 – University of St. Petersburg, Russia

July 2009 – St. Thomas Centre, Strasbourg, France

# Association for Reformed and Liturgical Worship

Atlanta

Representative: United Theological Seminary of Twin Cities

July 2008

# Worship Matters 2006, United Church of Canada

Vancouver, B.C., Canada

June 2006

# National Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Annual 1992 – 2003; Regional 2001-2006

# A Roundtable for Seminar for Newly Appointed Faculty in Theological Education

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Pittsburg

The Association for Theological Schools (ATS)

October 2002

# Women in Leadership Grand Reunion Consultation

Pittsburg

The Association for Theological Schools (ATS)

By invitation

October 2000

## Diversity, Learning, and Institutional Change

The Association of American College and Universities (AAC&U)

Ford Foundation Campus Initiative on Campus Diversity

Representative: Yale University Divinity School

November 1998

## Women in Theological Leadership

Pittsburg

The Association of Theological Schools (ATS)

By invitation

September 1997

## **PANELS**

Respondent to Bishop John Shelby Spong

Convocation, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities April 2008

Panel Facilitator on the Emerging Church

Convocation, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities April 2007

Respondent to Dr. James Gustafson

Theology, Ethics and Ministry: James Gustafson's Challenge to the Church

Convocation, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities April 2003

Dialogue on Race with Dr. Harlon Dalton, Yale University Law School with Yale University Divinity School February 1998

A Generational History of Women at Yale Divinity School.
Women's Reunion, Yale University Divinity School,
February 1994

#### LOCAL AND REGIONAL CHURCH INVOLVEMENT

Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ

Representative for United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities Professional Development of Authorized Ministers Committee 2001 – 2007

**Ecumenical Workshops and Discussions** 

*Mel Gibson's* The Passion of the Christ, February – March 2004 Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ

Start Something Youth Fest

Minnesota/Northern Plains United Church of Christ April 2003

Three Workshops: The Matrix and the Call of God

# CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Architectural Committee, Arden View Northern Housing Association Arden Hills, Minnesota 2001 – 2010 Board Member of Old Arizona Project.

Minneapolis

Vice President and Board Meeting Facilitator

April 2002 – September 2007

Arts and education program for young women at risk

## Tutor:

YMCA After-School Program North Minneapolis 2001 – 2002

#### **GRANTS**

Calvin-Lilly Worship Grant: Creating Significant Worship in Times of

Change and Challenge

Academic Year 2008-2009

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

**Church Consultations:** 

Arlington Presbyterian Church, St. Paul

Lyndale UCC, Minneapolis

Minnehaha UMC, Minneapolis (Two)

Parkway UCC, Minneapolis (Three)

Richfield UMC, Minneapolis (Two)

Lilly Technology Grant and Re-Grants

A Digital Database of Religious Visual Art: A Resource of Cross-

Cultural Images

Academic Year 2002 - 2003

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

Participant in Wabash Junior Faculty Writing Grant

Academic Years 1998 -- 1999: 1999 - 2000

Yale University Divinity School

Participant in Junior Faculty Development Study

Lilly Foundation Grant

Five Academic Years 1993 - 1997

Yale University Divinity School

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion, 1993 – 2012 Arts and Christian Enquiry (ACE), 2001 – 2012

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International Arts Association

Association for Reformed and Liturgical Worship, 2006 – 2012

Association for Religion and Intellectual Life, 1997 – 2000

Association for Theological Field Education,

Pacific School of Religion, 1990 – 1993

Association of American Colleges and Universities,

Representative for Yale University Divinity School, 1998

Common Quest (Inter-Faith) Board, Yale University, 1996 – 1998

Fellow of Berkeley College, Yale University, 1994 – 1999

Regional North American Association of Liturgy (NAAL), 2002 – 2012

Society for Arts, Religion, and Contemporary Culture, Board Member, 2006 – 2012

Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies (SARTS), 2003 – Date

Society of Biblical Literature, 2003 – 2012

## **HONORS and AWARDS**

First recipient of Committee on Racial Justice (CARJ) Leadership Award United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities May 2012

Recipient of Bishop's Preaching Award

The Church of St. Michael and St. George (Episcopal) St. Louis, Missouri February 1999

McGivern Fellowship

Pacific School of Religion Graduate Theological Union, 1991 – 1992

**Top Graduate Award** 

Eden Theological Seminary, 1982

Top Middler Scholarship

Eden Theological Seminary, 1980

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Boundary Training Workshop for all Authorized Ministers

Required for Ministerial Standing in the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ

September 2014

Matters of Confidentiality

Sponsored by Minnesota Council of Churches 2006

Power and Boundaries Training

Required for Ministerial Standing in the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ

Sponsored by Committee to end Sexual Misconduct in the Religious Community

October 2005

Clergy Sexual Misconduct and Boundaries Training
Sponsored by Yale University Divinity School and
Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ
1994, 1998

Diploma from the Center for Language and Cultural Exchange (CETLALIC), Cuernavaca, Mexico
Two weeks of language and cultural immersion
March 1999

Diploma from the Center for Language and Cultural Exchange (CETLALIC), Cuernavaca, Mexico
Five weeks of language and cultural immersion
November-December 1998

Travel Seminar to Cuba and its Churches
Council for Theological Students
Board for World Ministries of the
United Church of Christ/Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
March 1997