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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** 2013
Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California
Interdisciplinary Studies (Ecclesiology, Liturgical Theology and Organizational Leadership Theory)
- Dissertation:
**Toward a Theology and Ethics of Dialogical Leadership in the Roman Catholic Church:
An Operational Perspective**
Committee: James Donahue, Ph.D. (chair), Regina W. Wolfe, Ph.D., William McKinney, Ph.D.
- M.Div.** 2005
St. John's Seminary and School of Theology, Collegeville, Minnesota
- Certificate – Publishing** Summer 1985
Stanford University, Palo Alto, California
- B.A. – American Studies** 1981
Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Ecclesiology and the Christian tradition
- Liturgical theology and spirituality
- Leadership theory and business ethics as applied ecclesially
- Intercultural competency
- Ecumenical and interfaith dialogue
- Intra- and extra-organizational collaboration
- Social justice advocacy in pastoral leadership

EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Consultant 2002 – present
Mission and Ministry Consulting, Eden Prairie, Minnesota
Provide communications, ministry development and strategic planning consulting and support to mission-oriented organizations. Lead plenary sessions, deliver presentations, lead prayer, and facilitate large- and small-group conversations for parishes, national associations and other organizations. Conduct diocesan and parish workshops for parents, catechists, confirmation sponsors, deanery religious educators, lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist and Stephen's ministers and others on topics related to discipleship and ecclesial ministry. In the Catholic publishing sector, consult on strategic marketing and product positioning. Where needed, support plan execution via the full range of marketing and sales resources, including websites, new media messaging (Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Pinterest), corporate capabilities and new product brochures, annual reports, case studies, and conference presence. Publishing services include consulting on product positioning; acquisitions, editorial development, research, reporting, copywriting, and editing; and project and graphic production management. Currently on contract as a part-time acquisitions editor for Twenty-Third Publications, Norwalk, CT.

Convocation Facilitator

2009 – present

Cultivating Unity (a NOCERCC-CARA pastoral initiative)

Cultivating Unity is a pastoral initiative of the National Organization for Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy (NOCERCC) in partnership with the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University (CARA). A year-long methodology, it serves to foster the unity of priests and bishops in response to the U.S. bishops' *The Basic Plan for the Ongoing Formation of Priests*. Facilitate the convocation that completes the Cultivating Unity process with the bishop and priests of participating dioceses. Present CARA research on the diocese's presbyterate and lead participants in engaging the research findings in light of their own experience, faith, and vision of presbyteral unity; work through specific challenges raised; identify alternatives for action; discern a way forward to build presbyteral unity for the sake of the Church's mission.

Publisher (Parish Market)**Liturgical Press**, Collegeville, MN

2011 – 2013

Reporting to the Director, insure the overall financial and mission performance of the multi-million dollar parish market sector of Liturgical Press, including acquisition of product, product development, and marketing of all parish market products. Write plans and manage marketing budget for all parish products and maximize sales for all Liturgical Press content. Create and direct research to identify needs within the parish market, network with individuals and organizations serving the parish market, and represent Press at conferences serving parishes and pastoral ministers, including parish ministry associations. Supervise directly a staff of five and provide leadership for the 40 person enterprise.

Project Director**Emerging Models of Pastoral Ministry Project**, NALM, Washington, D.C.

2009 – 2011

Oversee and coordinate the six-part Emerging Models of Pastoral Ministry Project. Supervise all project activities and initiatives, including generation of multiple peer learning symposia and subsequent white papers. Serve as liaison between five collaborating organizations. Coordinate design and implementation of an intensive three-phase study of Catholic Parish life and leadership in partnership with the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA). Plan and facilitate bi-annual learning consortiums and provide oversight of project budget. Disseminate Project findings, through writing and speaking, and serve as primary spokesperson for the project with the media. Provide reports and documentation to the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

Executive Director

1997 – 2002

The Leaven Center, Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Design and launch unique parish-based center for lay ministry and collaborative leadership development. Serve Pax Christi Catholic Community (the Center's founder and host) as well as the broader Church through development of networking initiatives designed to connect parishes, people and resources; introspection opportunities to empower disciples in discerning their place in the ministry of Jesus; and training programs that expand knowledge and deepen formation for ecclesial ministry.

Key results:

- Generated a 125-parish network of innovative Catholic parish communities for the sharing ideas, innovations, and proven solutions.
- Hosted almost 300 ministry professionals in open-space, peer-learning forums for mutual enrichment and empowerment. Acted as facilitator and trainer.
- Served 1,800 individuals of diverse faiths and traditions in expanding their concepts of religious leadership through lectures, workshops and retreats with leading thinkers.
- Built strategic partnerships with area centers, including Wisdom Ways Center for Spirituality and the Jay Philips Center for Jewish-Christian Learning.

- Launched and grew the acclaimed *Best Practices: Ideas and Innovations for Ministry* newsletter.
- Produced and maintained a comprehensive, news- and resource-laden website.
- Acted as chief development officer and personally raised more than \$1.25 million over five years through direct prospect cultivation, grant writing and an annual fund appeal.
- Assembled clusters of leaders to generate new approaches to emerging needs, including *Marriage Matters*, a project piloted in multiple churches in Minnesota, and *The Discipleship Initiative*, a comprehensive approach to life-long faith formation in community used by Catholic churches nationally.
- Empowered a four-person staff and more than 100 volunteers via a collaborative, non-hierarchical management approach.

President

1988 – 1997

Sullivan Communications, Skillman, New Jersey

Founder and principal of a communications firm specializing in the development of marketing collateral, notably corporate capabilities and new product brochures, annual reports, direct mail, and customer aids. Produced numerous award-winning corporate newsletters and magazines. Provided turnkey services including product collateral positioning; communications development, research, reporting, copywriting, and editing; and project and graphic production management for clients, including:

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| Aegis Insurance | Knight-Ridder, Inc. |
| America Online | Lucent Technologies |
| American Banker | McGraw-Hill, Inc. |
| Ameritech | MCI International |
| The Associated Press | Merck & Co., Inc. |
| AT&T Capital | Merrill Lynch & Co. |
| Bell Atlantic NYNEX Mobile | Opinion Research Corp. |
| Citibank | PC Financial Network |
| Dialog Information Services | Schering Plough |
| Dow Jones & Co. Inc. | Sony Corporation of America |
| Ethicon, Inc. | USWEST Communications |
| Ingersoll Rand | USWEST Direct |

Regional Sales and Marketing Manager *Online Access Magazine*

1987 – 1988

Online Access Publishing, Chicago, Illinois

Editor *Dowline Magazine*; Marketing Manager – Information Services Division

1983 – 1987

Dow Jones & Company, Inc., Princeton, New Jersey

Assistant Subscriptions Manager

1981 – 1983

Fellowship in Prayer Magazine, Princeton, New Jersey

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2008

Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California

Course: Organizational Leadership: Church and Community

Assist in teaching core course in the Master of Divinity program designed to equip emerging ministerial leaders to leading effectively on justice issues. Mentor students and provide coaching on projects in development. Strategize with instructor (William McKinney, Ph.D.) on session content. Grade papers and evaluate class participation.

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2007

Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley,

California Course: Lay Presiding

Equip lay leaders preparing for Catholic ministry in developing prayer leadership and preaching skills. In workshop format, provide real time feedback on performance and coach for continuous improvement alongside instructor (Thomas Scirghi, S.J.). Teach Rites and rubrics with sensitivity to the issues facing lay persons serving as presiders. Attend all ancillary prayer leadership experience to provide support and feedback.

Adjunct Faculty

2005 – 2006

The College of St. Catherine, Department of Liberal Arts and Sciences, St. Paul, Minnesota
(Minneapolis Campus)

Course: Human Religious Experience

Help students explore the phenomenon of human religious experience as expressed in major faith traditions. Highlight practices of religious expression in a manner that leads to deeper understanding of the “other.” Support healthcare students in understanding the unique and universal human impulse toward the transcendent and its potential role in healing.

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Mentor/Pastoral Liaison

2004 – 2007

Pax Christi Lay Preaching Team, Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Provide coaching and feedback to more recent graduates of the year-long “Empowering a New Voice” lay preaching program of Partners in Preaching, Inc. in service to Pax Christi Catholic Community.

Workshop Leader

1995 – 2001

The Mastery Foundation, San Francisco, California

Course: “Making a Difference: A Course for Those Who Minister”

Lead five-day interfaith ministry workshop designed to empower breakthrough thinking and leadership effectiveness.

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

- “Living Our Faith” column, all issues, *Pastoral Liturgy* magazine, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- “Engaging the Next Generation,” *Pastoral Music* magazine, Fall 2010
- “Pastoring the Big Parish,” *Church* magazine, Spring 2002

BOOKS AND BOOK SECTIONS

- “Fulfilled in Your Hearing: A Narrative History,” *The Preaching of the Sunday Assembly: A Pastoral Commentary on Fulfilled in Your Hearing*, James Wallace, C.Ss.R., ed., (Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 2010)
- *Sourcebook 2015*, Contributor, Advent and Christmas, Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago, IL (2014)
- *Sourcebook 2016*, Contributor, Lent and Easter, Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago, IL (2014)
- *Sourcebook 2017*, Contributor, Lent and Triduum, Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago, IL (2014)
- *Sourcebook 2018*, Contributor, Lent and topical sections, Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago, IL (2015)
- *Sourcebook 2019*, Contributor, Advent, Christmas season and topical sections, Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago, IL (2016)
- *From Mass to Mission: Understanding the Mass and its Significance for Teens* Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago, IL (2015)
- *From Mass to Mission: Understanding the Mass and its Significance for Adults* Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago, IL (2015)
- *From Mass to Mission: Understanding the Mass and its Significance for Teens (Leader Guide)* Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago, IL (2015)
- *From Mass to Mission: Understanding the Mass and its Significance for Adults (Leader Guide)* Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago, IL (2015)
- *Living in the Sacred: A Journey with Ronald Rolheiser*, O.M.I. Renew International, Plainfield, N.J., (2015)
- *Praising God with St. Francis: A Coloring Book for Prayer and Meditation*. Twenty-Third Publications, Norwalk, CT (2015)
- *Spiritual Wisdom and Divine Light: A Coloring Book for Prayer and Meditation*. Twenty-Third Publications, Norwalk, CT (2015)
- *The 12 Steps Meet the Gospels: Reflections on Scripture and Stories of Hope for Those in Recovery*. With Dick Rice. Twenty-Third Publications, Norwalk, CT. (2017)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “*A House of Prayer for All Peoples*”: *Embodying Christ’s Welcome as a Parish*. Contracted with Liturgy Training Publications.
- *The Telling: An Interfaith Haggadah*. With Rabbi Michael Barclay. Complete and currently in submission.
- *Our Home, Your Home: Connecting Life and Liturgy*. In proposal form at Liturgy Training Publications.
- *The Challenge of Dialogue: Implementing a Critical Vision*. Parish guide based on dissertation.

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Employment Equality and a Just Wage: The Roman Catholic Parish Situation, Forum on Women in the Catholic Church, Chicago Theological Seminary, 7/2015

Cultivating Unity, Diocese of Honolulu, National Organization for Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy, 6/2015

Cultivating Unity, Diocese of Shreveport, National Organization for Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy, 11/2014

Working Collaboratively, Lay Minister Ministry Day, Diocese of Raleigh, 10/2014

Organizational Transition: The Liturgical Composer Forum Worked alongside John Foley SJ, Roc O'Connor SJ and a steering committee to transition the work of the Center for Liturgy into a viable and self-sustaining member organization. 2012-2013

Future Search: Spring Fraternal Gathering of the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province, Stoneville, North Carolina, June 2013

Living the Liturgical Year. Southwest Liturgical Conference, Albuquerque, NM. 1/2013

Collaborative Leadership in the Parish Designed and facilitated a two-day pastoral leadership retreat for Our Lady of Grace Church, Edina, MN. 10/2012

Cultivating Unity, Diocese of Guam, National Organization for Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy, Guam, 1/2011

Future Search: The Catholic Parishes of Santa Monica Designed and implemented an inclusive, culturally contextual planning process for three Catholic parishes. Facilitated year-long process to successful completion. 2010

Roundtable for Pastoral Associates and Parish Life Coordinators, National Association for Lay Ministry pre-conference workday, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 5/2010

Community Values and Composition: A Report on for the Christ Church Newman Center of the Diocese of St. Cloud, St. Cloud, Minnesota, 1/2010

Cultivating Unity, Diocese of Sioux City, Iowa, National Organization for Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy, Omaha, Nebraska, 10/2009

The "Shape" of the Church: Past, Present and Future Ecclesiologies, Fund for Theological Education Ministry Fellows Conference, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia, 06/2008, 6/2009

Jesus Liberator: The Gospel as Freedom from Violence and Fear, Annual Conference on Domestic Abuse, Cornerstone, Bloomington, Minnesota, 02/2009

Vocations Data Analysis: A Report to the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province, New York, New York, 2009

Women's Leadership in the Catholic Church, Graduate Theological Union Development Outreach, Santa Cruz, California, 10/2008

The Church's Experience of Ongoing Presbyteral Formation (Closing Keynote), National Organization for Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy, Clearwater, Florida, 01/2008

"Mirrors of Privilege:" How to Support Dismantling Racism, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, California, 11/2007

Ecumenical Peer Learning Forum for Clergy, Center for Congregations, Indianapolis, Indiana, 05/2004

Roundtable for Pastoral Associates and Parish Life Coordinators, National Association for Lay Ministry pre-conference workday, Tampa, Florida, 05/2004

A Time of Prayer and Witness, National Organization for Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy, Huntington Beach, California, 02/2004

Best Practices of Roman Catholic Parishes, The Pastoral Summit, Indianapolis, Indiana, 06/2003

Lay and Presbyteral Collaboration: A Vision, Archdiocese of Los Angeles parish cluster, Holy Family Catholic Church, South Pasadena, California, 03/2002

Islands of Health and Strength: Parishes That Live the Vision of Vatican II, Call to Action National Conference, Los Angeles, California, 08/2001

PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS on the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation; the documents of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council; the Rosary; the Jesse Tree; Catholic prayer; pastoral visit praxis; the spirituality of the Catechist; the ministry of lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, greeter; and more.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Board Member, Interfaith Circle	2015-present
Committee Member, Alternative Futures Task Force, Graduate Theological Union	2009
Member, Diversity Working Group, Graduate Theological Union	2008 – 2009
Board Member, Alliance for Racial and Social Justice, New Jersey	2005–present
Advisory Board Member, <i>Living Mercy/Viva Mercy!</i> magazines	
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas	2005 – 2007
WATCH Minnesota Court Monitor	2004 – 2007
Lay Preacher, Pax Christi Catholic Community	2000 – 2007

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion (AAR)	Present
Catholic Theological Society of America	Present
Conference on Pastoral Planning and Council Development	Present
National Association for Lay Ministry	1997 – 2009
National Pastoral Musician's Association	2011 – 2013
International Association of Business Communicators	1988 – 1997
Communications, Advertising and Marketing Society of New Jersey	1988 – 1997
Women in Communication	1995 – 1997

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English. Conversational in Spanish.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Francis L. Markey Scholarship for Catholic Women in Ministry, GTU	2007 – 2009
Mary's Pence Grant	2007
Human Rights Award, City of Eden Prairie, "An Interfaith Celebration of Thanksgiving"	2007
Georgetown University "Women of Distinction" Award Nominee	2001
Information Industry Association IMMY Award for Excellence in Marketing Communication	1989
	1991, 1992, 1995
EPIC Award, International Association of Business Communicators	1993, 1995
ASTRA Award, Communications, Advertising, and Marketing Association	1990, 1991, 1994
	1995, 1996

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