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CURRENT POSITION

Appointed 2004

Assistant Professor of Christian Social Ethics, Department of Theology

Specialty: Medical and Health Care Ethics/Bioethics
Research Interests: Health care issues in minority/marginalized populations;
cultural/ethnic approaches in medical ethics

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Social and Theological Ethics

2004

Union Theological Seminary in New York (UTS), New York, NY
Dissertation: "To Count Among the Living": A Theo-Ethical Inquiry into the
Social Dynamics Affecting the Quality of Care of Black and Latina
Women with Breast Cancer"

M.A. in Theology and Ethics

1995

Graduate Theological Union (GTU), Berkeley, CA
Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS), Berkeley, CA
M.A. Thesis: "Tributaries: An Exploration in the Complexities of the Representation
of Identity"

B.A. with a Triple Major: Spanish, Religion, and Hispanic Studies

1990

St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN
Magna Cum Laude

HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

Nominee, Sujack Award for Teaching Excellence, College of Arts & Sciences, LUC, 2007
Summer Research Stipend Grant, LUC, 2007
Nominee, Hiatt Prize in the Humanities, September 2006
Special Funding Project Grant for the 2007 Evolutionary, Biology, Human Sexuality, & Catholic
Social Thought Symposia (with Dr. Patricia Beattie Jung), LUC, 2006
Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage Evolutionary Grant for the 2007 Biology, Human
Sexuality, & Catholic Social Thought Symposia (with Dr. Patricia Beattie Jung), LUC, 2006
EVOKE Faculty Incentive Grant, LUC, 2005
Summer Research Stipend Grant, LUC, 2005
Lutheran (ELCA) Fellowship for study at the Goethe Institut in Bremen, Germany, 1996
Departmental Distinction in Religion at St. Olaf College, 1990

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Women, Ethics, and Inequality in US Healthcare: "To Count Among the Living" New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006.

Chapters

"That All May Be Well: Reforming Healthcare." *Churches and Public Life*
Westminster/John Knox Press: forthcoming, 2008.

"Putting the Social in the Bio: Questions and Potential Contributions to Bioethics from a Lutheran Social and Theological Ethicist." To be included in an edited anthology published by Lutheran University Press (an imprint of Kirkhouse) in 2007.

"To Hear and To Be Accountable Across Difference: An Ethic of White Listening."
In *Disrupting White Supremacy from Within: White People on What We Need to Do*
Boston: Pilgrim Press, 2004.

Articles

"'Keeping It Real' While Staying Out of the 'Loony Bin': Social Ethics for Healthcare Systems (Listening to Women of Color with Breast Cancer, Part 2)." *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, 5, Issue 11 (November 2005): online: <http://www.elca.org/scriptlib/dcs/jle>.

"Listening to Women of Color with Breast Cancer: Theological and Ethical Insights for U.S. Healthcare, Part 1." *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, 5, Issue 10 (October 2005): online: <http://www.elca.org/scriptlib/dcs/jle>.

"Once Around the Block: Reflections on Teaching with Larry Rasmussen." With Jennifer Harvey. *Union Seminary Quarterly Review*, 58, Numbers 1-2 (2004): 151-163.

"Where Does Your Treasure Lie?": A Brief Response to the ELCA's Proposed Social Statement "'Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All.'" *Dialog* 38, Number 3 (Summer 1999): 233-234.

"Our Heritage and Our Questions: The Lutheran Theological and Ethical Tradition of Reformation" in *A Collection of Responses from ELCA Academicians and Synodical Bishops to 'The Church and Human Sexuality: A Lutheran Perspective First Draft of an ELCA Social Statement.'* Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Press, 1994. 355-372.

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Academic Papers and Lectures

"U.S. Healthcare Inequalities: The Moral Claim They Make on People of Faith" Invited keynote address, Institute for Leadership in Church and Society, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, OH June 12, 2007.

- “Evidence of Racial-Ethnic & Socio-Economic Disparities in U.S. Healthcare.” Invited lecture given to Kappa Nu, the Northpark University Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau (A Nursing Honor Society), Northpark University, Chicago, IL November 3, 2006.
- “Putting the Social in the Bio: Questions and Potential Contributions to Bioethics from a Lutheran Social and Theological Ethicist.” Invited lecture given at the annual meeting of Lutheran (ELCA) Teaching Theologians, Gustavus Adolphus College, St Peter, MN August 12, 2006.
- “Two Latina Women’s Experiences with Healthcare.” Invited lecture given to a Bioethics & Health Policy Graduate Program’s Ethics Consultation Course, LUC Stritch School of Medicine and the Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy, Chicago, IL, June 22, 2006.
- “‘To Count Among the Living’: What Latina and Black Women With Breast Cancer Know about Healthcare Access and Quality.” Invited lecture given to the Catholic Health Association Conference (CHA), “Catholic Health Care Ethics: The Tradition, Current Challenges and Justice,” Chicago, IL, March 1, 2006.
- “‘To Count Among the Living’: What Black and Latina Women with Cancer Know about Healthcare Quality.” Paper given at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society (MSS), Minneapolis, MN April 3, 2005.
- “Ethnography and Theological Anthropology: Distinctive Contributions to Christian Social Ethics and Healthcare Quality Deliberations.” Paper given at the annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics (SCE), Chicago, IL January 11, 2004.
- “‘To Count Among the Living’: What Black and Latina Women with Cancer Know about Healthcare Quality.” Paper given at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), Atlanta, GA, November 23, 2003.
- “‘To Hear and To Be Accountable Across Difference: An Ethic of White Listening.’” Paper given at the annual meeting of the AAR, Toronto, Canada, November 24, 2002.
- “Moral Formation and Community in an Age of Advancing Technologies and the Commodification of Cultures.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the AAR, Nashville, TN, November 19, 2000.
- “Mesmerized and Disney-fied: How Disney Colonizes Resources and Commodifies Imaginations.” Joint multi-media presentation and essay given with Thad Williamson at the annual meeting of the AAR, Orlando, FL, November 21, 1998.

Public Presentations and Sermons

- “Women, Ethics, and Inequality in U.S. Healthcare: ‘To Count Among the Living.’” Book talk given to Undergraduate Majors and Minors in Theology, LUC October 25, 2006.
- “Women, Ethics, and Inequality in U.S. Healthcare: ‘To Count Among the Living.’” Book

- talk given to the LUC Chapter of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), LUC October 24, 2006.
- “Women, Ethics, and Inequality in U.S. Healthcare: “To Count Among the Living.” Book talk given at an adult education forum, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL October 8, 2006.
- “Women, Ethics, and Inequality in U.S. Healthcare: “To Count Among the Living.” Book Release Presentation given at Women and Children First Bookstore, Chicago, IL October 3, 2006.
- “Survival Tips for Graduate School: A Reprise.” Presentation to the Department of Theology Graduate Students, LUC September 6, 2006.
- “Testifying to the Light.” Sermon given at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL, July 16, 2006.
- “Dying in Poverty in the U.S.: How Socio-Economic Factors Shape Human Experience.” Lecture given at an adult education seminar on medical ethics and end of life decisions, St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Parish, Downer’s Grove, IL, January 28, 2006.
- “Connecting with Patients and Confronting Reality: How To Not Lose Your Soul in Medical School.” Presentation given to the LUC Chapter of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), Chicago, IL, November 29, 2005.
- “So You Want to be a Doctor: Why and Whom Do You Hope to Serve?” Presentation given at the annual induction ceremony of the LUC chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED), Chicago, IL, November 15, 2005.
- “Survival Tips for Graduate School.” Presentation to the Department of Theology Graduate Students, LUC September 14, 2005.
- “Radical (In)Dependence.” Sermon given at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL, July 3, 2005.
- “What’s at Root in the Stem Cell Research Debate: Issues and Arguments.” Presentation given to Undergraduate Majors and Minors in Theology, LUC September 22, 2004.
- “War: How Do We Respond?—September 11, The U.S. and Afghanistan.” Presentation given at Advent Lutheran Church, New York, NY, March 20, 2002.

SCHOLARSHIP AND PUBLICATIONS

IN-PROCESS

Books

Christian Ethics and Ethnography (to be co-edited with Rev. Dr. Christian A.B. Scharen), Planned Anthology for Publication in 2008.

Evolutionary Biology, Human Sexuality and Catholic Social Thought (to be co-edited with Patricia Beattie Jung), Planned Anthology for Publication in 2008.

Chapters

“What is Ethnography?: An Introduction for Christian Ethicists.” In *Christian Ethics and Ethnography*, Planned Anthology for Publication in 2008.

“Why More Christian Ethicists Need to Attempt Ethnography and Guideposts for Not Messing It Up.” In *Christian Ethics and Ethnography*, Planned Anthology for Publication in 2008.

“Bioethical Issues: A Protestant Response.” In *Evolutionary Biology, Human Sexuality and Catholic Social Thought*, Planned Anthology for Publication in 2008.

ADDITIONAL AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE/RESEARCH INTERESTS

Immigration, Migration, and Healthcare

Global Health and Healthcare Inequities

Theological Anthropology in Catholic, Lutheran, and Feminist Thought

Visual Technologies, Representation and Commodification of Identities, and Moral Formation

Moral Discernment and Responsibility in Jeremiah

The Elective Affinities and Conflicts between Protestant and Capitalist Values in U.S. Society

SERVICE TO LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

Member, Department of Theology Targeted Search Committee, Spring 2007

Full Member, Graduate Faculty since Fall 2006 (Previously, Associate Member since August 2004)

Member, LUC Women’s Studies Graduate Faculty since August 2006

Member, LUC Steering Committee for a 2007 Public Conference on Latino Immigration and Health Policy, “Bridges to Health and Dignity: *Si Se Puede!*,” since May 2006

Co-Planner, Three Interdisciplinary LUC Symposia and a Public Conference on Evolutionary Biology, Human Sexuality, and Catholic Social Thought since April 2006

Member, Ethics and Migration Cross-Disciplinary Graduate Course Planning Committee, a joint venture of the LUC School of Social Work and the Department of Theology, since March 2006

Planner, LUC Community-Wide Panel Forum and Dialogue: “What is at Stake in the Evolution-Intelligent Design Debate?” Chicago, IL, February 21, 2006

Department of Theology Taskforce Chair on Increasing the Enrollment of Women in Graduate Programs in Theology and Women’s Studies, February-August 2006

Member, Department of Theology Targeted Search Committee, Spring 2006

Faculty Participant, LUC EVOKE Course Offerings since September 2005

Faculty Participant, LUC Writing Intensive Course Offerings since September 2005.

Faculty Advisor, LUC Chapter of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) since September 2005

Department of Theology Representative, LUC College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Academic Council since April 2005

Member, Department of Theology Events and Colloquia Committee, 2004-2005

Member, Bioethics Minor Advisory Committee since September 2004

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Session Convener, “Dirty Hands Revisited: Morality, Torture, and Abu Ghraib,” a paper given by Scott Paeth at the Society of Christian Ethics (SCE), Dallas, Texas, January 5, 2007

SCE Facilitator, Breakfast with an Author Session, Jennifer Harvey, ed., *“Disrupting White Supremacy from Within: White People on What We Need to Do,”* Miami, FL, January 2005

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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| <i>Journal of Lutheran Ethics</i> Editorial Council | Since 2006 |
| The Association of Teaching Theologians of the ELCA | Since 2006 |
| The American Society of Bioethics and the Humanities (ASBH) | Since 2004 |
| Lutheran Women in Theological Education | Since 1998 |
| Lutheran Ethicists (ELCA) | Since 1998 |
| The American Academy of Religion (AAR) | Since 1997 |
| The Society of Christian Ethics (SCE) | Since 1997 |
| Phi Beta Kappa | Since 1990 |
| The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)* | Since 1988 |
| *Prior to 1988, member of the American Lutheran Church (ALC) | |
| Phi Kappa Delta (a national forensics fraternity) | Since 1986 |

PAST TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Seminary Tutor, New York, NY | 1999–2004 |
| Patterns of Preaching, Barbara K. Lundblad, UTS, Spring 2004 | |
| History of Christian Ethics, Larry L. Rasmussen, UTS, Spring 2001 & 2002 | |
| Christian Ethics, Richard Snyder, New York Theological Seminary (NYTS), Spring 2000 | |
| Social Theory/Analysis, Lester Ruiz, NYTS, Spring 2000 | |
| Foundations in Christian Theology, James H. Cone, UTS, Fall 1999 | |
| Weill Medical College Tutor, New York, NY | Spring 2003 |
| Medicine Patient Society II-Medical Ethics, Joseph J. Fins, MD | |
| Division of Medical Ethics of the Weill Medical College of Cornell University | |
| University of California Teaching Assistant, Berkeley, CA | Fall 1995 |
| Introduction to Feminist Theory, Trinh T. Minh-ha | |
| Undergraduate Teaching Assistant and Tutor, Northfield, MN | 1987 – 1990 |
| Teaching assistant and tutor for the St. Olaf Spanish Department | |

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE

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| Co-Editor, <i>Union Seminary Quarterly Review</i> (USQR), New York, NY | 2001-2004 |
| Assistant to the UTS Pastor, New York, NY | 2000–2002 |
| Administrative Assistant, UTS Development Office, New York, NY | 1997–1999 |

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| Chaplain Intern, Marin General Hospital Greenbrae, CA | 1995-1996 |
| Catholic Community Services Employee, Seattle, WA | 1990-1993 |
| Homecare Supervisor and Lobbyist | |
| Lutheran Camp Counselor, Big Timber, MT | Summer 1990 |
| Christikon, an ELCA outdoor ministry program | |

PAST SERVICE

Seminary Leadership and Participation 1993- 2004
 Member of the UTS White Anti-Racism Group; Member of the UTS Presidential Search Committee (1997-1999); Vice-President of the PLTS Student Association; Member of the PLTS Steering Committee overseeing the Self-Study Report for re-accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS); Participant in a joint PLTS Faculty - Student Committee to revise the M.Div. curriculum

Conference Planner 2001-02, 2004
 Co-Planner of the 2004 Lutheran (ELCA) Ethicist Meeting in Chicago, IL (January 7-9, 2004), "Distinctive Lutheran Contributions to Bioethics"

Planner and Host, in conjunction with the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) of Ramadan Community Iftar and Panel Discussion at UTS (December 6, 2001), "Preparing for Peace" and "Acts of Courage: Faith Based Activism," panel discussion and workshops at UTS (April 30th, 2002)

Coordinator for "Conversation and lecture with Trinh T. Minh-ha," an event co-sponsored by UTS, Barnard College Women's Studies Dept., Barnard's Center for Research on Women, and Columbia's Institute for Research on Women and Gender, held March 2001

LANGUAGES

Reading and Speaking Fluency in Spanish