

EDUCATION:

Biola University, Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, CA Ph.D. 2023  
Educational Studies (*Aquila full academic scholarship*)

- *Coursework:* Qualitative and quantitative research methods; theological integration; Christian Higher Education teaching and learning; academic leadership and service.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO M.Div. 2011  
Pastoral Theology (*President's scholarship*)

University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA B.A. 2000  
Political Science – Public Policy (*cum laude*)

Foothill College, Los Altos Hills, CA A.A. 1998  
Speech Communication (*magna cum laude*)

CURRENT RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS:

Theology and educational psychology; *Anfechtungen/tentationes* (agonizing struggles) as continuing education and formation for ministers and servant leaders; psychosocial dynamics among clergy and law enforcement professionals, respectively; trauma, coping, religious coping, and posttraumatic growth in view of Luther's '*theologia crucis*' (theology of the cross) and resurrection theology; theological integration; qualitative and quantitative research methods.

MINISTERIAL, TEACHING, & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Law Enforcement Chaplain, CCISM 2022-  
North Central Washington Chaplain Foundation, Wenatchee, WA

Pastor 2022-  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School (LCMS), Wenatchee, WA

Vacancy (Interim) Pastor 2019-2022  
Our Saviour Lutheran Church (LCMS), Delano, CA

Adjunct Professor, Theology and Christian Leadership 2018-2021  
William Jessup University, Rocklin, CA

- BIBL 249 Art of Interpretation [Hermeneutics] – Moodle LMS, online
- LDRS 105 Intro to Leadership [Servant & Transformational Leadership], in-person
- LDRS 352 Contemporary Discipleship [Faith & Vocation] – Moodle LMS, online
- LDRS 498 Christian Leadership Capstone, in-person

Masters in Leadership (MAL program):

- LDRS 561 Team Leadership & Conflict Management – Moodle LMS, online

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MINISTERIAL, TEACHING, & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (cont.):

Pastor & Vicarage Supervisor Faith Lutheran Church & Preschool (LCMS), Fair Oaks, CA	2011-2018
Director of Advancement St. John's Lutheran Church & Schools (LCMS), Bakersfield, CA	2004-2007
Branch Manager and Division Director Robert Half International, Bakersfield, CA	2001-2004

PRESENTATIONS:

“Cumulative stress, trauma, and coping in Law Enforcement,” invited presentation for the Wenatchee Police Department Citizens Academy (Wenatchee, WA)	11/2023
“Trauma, coping and religious coping, and posttraumatic growth among LCMS pastors in the U.S.: Theology, Psychology, & Applied Insights,” invited plenary presentations for the LCMS Atlantic District Conference (Fishkill, NY)	10/2023
“Trauma, coping and religious coping, and posttraumatic growth among LCMS pastors in the U.S.,” invited presentation for the LCMS Board for National Mission (St. Louis, MO)	6/2023
“An overview of trauma, coping and religious coping, and posttraumatic growth among LCMS pastors,” invited presentation for LCMS NOW District Conference (Leavenworth, WA)	5/2023
“An introduction to agonizing struggles, coping and religious coping, and perceived posttraumatic growth among LCMS pastors in the United States,” invited presentation for LCMS NOW District Circuit 17 clergy (Omak, WA)	3/2023
“Exploring agonizing struggles, suffering, coping styles, and posttraumatic growth among LCMS clergy,” invited presentation for LCMS CNH District Circuit 5 clergy (Bakersfield, CA)	9/2021
“A Compassionate Conversation on Human Sexuality and Marriage,” invited presentation and teaching series for LCMS CNH District Circuits 4 & 19 clergy (Sacramento, CA)	9/2013

PAPERS & PUBLICATIONS:

(2024, *journal article in review*). A mixed methods exploration of personal agonizing struggles, coping and religious coping, and perceived posttraumatic growth among Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod pastors in the United States: Qualitative findings.

PAPERS & PUBLICATIONS (cont.):

(2023). *An exploratory study of personal agonizing struggles, coping and religious coping, and perceived posttraumatic growth among Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod clergy in the United States* (Publication No. 30485356) [Ph.D. dissertation, Biola University, Talbot School of Theology]. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global.

(2018). The pedagogy of faith. [Review of the book *The Pedagogy of Faith: Essays on Lutheran Education*, by B. Bull, Ed.]. *Christian Education Journal*, 15(3), 512-514.

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Peer reviewer, <i>Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy</i>	2024-
Certification, CISM, <i>International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF)</i>	1/2024
• CISM: Assisting Individuals in Crisis & Group Crisis Intervention	
Member, <i>International Co-Responders Alliance</i>	2023-
Graduate, <i>Tacoma-Pierce County (WA) Police &amp; Fire Chaplain Academy</i>	4/2023
Certification, <i>Billy Graham Law Enforcement Chaplain Training Program</i>	11/2022
• CISM: Assisting Individuals in Crisis ( <i>ICISF</i> )	
Graduate & commencement speaker, <i>Wenatchee Police Dept. Citizens Academy</i>	11/2022
Life Group leader, <i>St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)</i>	2021-22
Lead teacher, <i>Forged youth retreat, St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)</i>	9/2020
Volunteer, <i>St. John's Program for Real Change (Sacramento, CA)</i>	2019
Peer reviewer, <i>Christian Education Journal</i>	2018
Church leader, <i>Sacramento Steps Forward homeless outreach collaborative</i>	2015-18
Missional community leader & leadership developer, <i>Dwelling114</i>	2015-18
Congregational leader, <i>DOXOLOGY Speaking the Truth in Love conference</i>	8/2013
President's Task Force on Spiritual Life & Worship, <i>Concordia Seminary</i>	2009-10
Student Association Vice President, <i>Concordia Seminary</i>	2008-09
Co-Founder, <i>St. John's Endowment Fund (Bakersfield, CA)</i>	2004-05
Elder, <i>St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS) (Bakersfield, CA)</i>	2002-04
Director of Membership, <i>Bakersfield (CA) Breakfast Rotary Club</i>	2001-04
Intern, <i>White House, E-Commerce Working Group (Washington, D.C.)</i>	2000