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### EDUCATION

- 2001- PhD, *Islamic Studies*, **Centre for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations, University of Birmingham, UK**. Dissertation: “Muslim Opinions of the Political Rights of Christians: A Case Study of the Lebanese ‘*Ulamā*’: 1975-1979.
- 1993 - MDiv, **Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminary**  
St. Paul, Minnesota
- 1989 - BA, *Cross-Cultural Studies/Middle Eastern Studies*, **Capital University**  
Columbus, Ohio

### PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2016-present *Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations*, The Duncan Black Macdonald Center for Christian-Muslim Relations, **Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut**
- 2007-2016 *Associate Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations*, **LTSP**
- 2015-2016 *Vice President for Planning, Assessment, and Administration*, **LTSP**
- 2007-2015 *Director of Graduate Studies*, **Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
- 2004-2007 *Director of the Center for Middle East Christianity*, **Evangelical (Presbyterian) Seminary of Cairo**  
Cairo, Egypt
- 2003-2007 *Coordinator of Graduate Studies*, **ETSC**  
*Assistant Professor of Middle Eastern Christianity / Comparative Religions*  
Cairo, Egypt
- 2000-2007 *Lecturer in Islamic Studies*, **Dar Comboni Institute of Arabic Studies**  
Cairo, Egypt
- 1999-2003 *Pastor*, **St. Andrew’s United Church of Cairo**  
Cairo, Egypt
- 1998 *Visiting Lecturer in Islamic Studies*, **Near East School of Theology**  
Beirut, Lebanon
- 1994-1997 *Pastor*, **Zion Lutheran Church**  
Ridgefield, New Jersey

### GRANTS AND PROJECTS

- “Engaging Public Theology in a Multi Faith Context: Building on Theological Education that Forms and Shapes Faithful and Sensitive Leaders for a Public Church,” September 2011 – September 2012. (Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada.)
- “Developing a Holistic Academic environment for International Students in a Seminary Graduate Program: Cross Cultural Advising, Support, and Classroom Pedagogy,” March 2009 –

October 2010. (Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion)

### **Current Academic Research Projects:**

*Christian-Muslim Relations 1500-1900 (CMR1900)*. Section editor of a bibliographic history on Christian-Muslim Relations by E.J. Brill.

[<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/ptr/departments/theologyandreligion/research/projects/CMR1900/CMR1900.aspx>]

*19<sup>th</sup> century American Protestant Missions to the Middle East*. Research into the cultural and missiological views of Lutheran missionaries on Islam and the Oriental Churches in the Middle East.

*An Intellectual History of Islam in America*. Research into the creation of an American Orientalist view of Islam by American authors.

*History of the Arab Church*. Research into various developments in the Arab communities of late antiquity through the present.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books:**

*The Reformation and Islam: The Muslim World Special Edition* [Journal. Guest Editor.] forthcoming October 2017.

*The contested origins of the 1865 Arabic Bible: Contributions to the nineteenth century Nahḍa*. Leiden: Brill, 2015.

*Currents in Theology and Mission: Mark W. Thomsen and God's Cruciform Mission* [Journal. Guest Editor.] January-February 2015.

*Christian-Muslim Relations in the Lutheran and Anglican Communion: Historical Encounters and Contemporary Projects*. Joe Duggan, David D. Grafton, and Jason Craige Harris, eds. Palgrave Pivot: Basingstoke, UK, 2013.

*Piety, Politics and Power: Lutherans Encountering Islam in the Middle East*. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock, 2009.

*The Christians of Lebanon: Political Rights in Islamic Law*. London: I.B. Tauris, 2004.

### **Chapters of Books:**

“Christians and Muslims in the Americas.” In *The Routledge Handbook of Christian-Muslim Relations*. Ed. David Thomas. New York: Routledge. (forthcoming, 2017.)

“Enforced migration: An Atlantic narrative in Christian-Muslim Relations.” In *Bibliographic History: Christian-Muslim Relations*. Vol. 11. General Eds. David Thomas and John Chesworth, eds. Leiden: Brill, 2016: 49-67.

“He Ascended into Heaven: Samuel Zwemer’s critique of the Ascension and Return of Jesus in the Day of Judgment in Islam.” In *Jesus and the Resurrection: Reflections from Christians in Islamic Contexts*. Ed. David Singh. Oxford: Regnum Books, 2014: 79-99.

“The Death of Christ on a Cross: A 19th Century Lutheran-CMS Missionary Pamphlet.” In Joe Duggan and David D. Grafton, eds. *Muslim-Christian Relations in the Lutheran and Anglican Communion: Historical Encounters and Contemporary Projects*.

- Palgrave Pivot: Basingstoke, UK, 2013: 21-39.
- “Violence and the Perception of the Other.” In *Making Peace With the World: The Role of the Gülen Movement in the Task of Eco-Justice* by Heon Kim and John Raines, eds. Newcastle On Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2012: 19-30.
- “The Word Made Book – Translating the Van Dyck Arabic Translation of the Bible and Arab Christian views of *wahy*.” In *Jesus and the Incarnation: Reflection of Christians from Islamic Contexts*. Ed. David Singh. Oxford: Regnum Books, 2011: 79-95.
- “Northern Africa.” *The Atlas of Global Christianity*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2009: 122-124.
- “Let the Feasting Begin.” In *Opening the Gifts of Christmas: Practicing the Angelic Gifts of Faith, Hope, Charity, and Love*. Eds. Jennifer Basye Sander and Famie C. Miller. Kansas City: Andrew McMeel Pub. 2005.

### **Published Articles:**

- “Making Room at the Table: Lutheran Ministry in a Religiously Plural America,” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* (forthcoming 2017).
- “Christian Ministry within a Religiously Plural America: The Importance of Christian-Muslim Relations within Theological Education,” *Currents in Theology and Mission* 1 (January-February 2015): 50-8.
- “The First Lutheran Missionaries in the Church Missionary Society in Palestine: 1851-1898.” *Aram* 25 (2013): 43-65.
- “The Politics of Pre-Islamic Arab Christianity in Contemporary Western Scholarship,” *Theological Review* vol. 34, no. 1 (April 2013): 3-21.
- “The Arab *Shaykh*: authority in Christian and Muslim communities, and questions of social-political reform.” *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 23:1 (January 2012): 19-30.
- “Defining the term *Jihād* in the Arabic New Testament: Contested Arab Christian Identity Within the contemporary Islamic environment of the Middle East.” *Islam and Christian Muslim Relations* 22:3 (July 2011): 235-48.
- “Reading Their Book of Faith: North American Muslims and their Interpretations of the Qur’an in the Post 9/11 Era,” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 48/3 (Fall 2009): 257-66.
- “The Arabs of Pentecost: Greco-Roman Views of the Arabs and their Cultural Identity.” *Theological Review* 30/2 (2009): 183-201.
- “An Early American Lutheran Perspective of Islam: Lewis Eichelberger and his Sources.” *Journal of the Lutheran Historical Conference*. Proceedings of the 2008 Lutheran Historical Conference, Wagner College, Staten Island, New York, October 11-14, 2008. 181-196.
- “Jon Keith-Falconer, Scholar-Missionary to Arabia: an appraisal of a method from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to Post 9/11.” *Bulletin of Missionary Research*. 31, no. 3 (July 2007): 148-152.
- “Coptic Church.” In *Encyclopedia of Missions and Missionaries*. New York: Routledge, 2006.
- “Is it time for a new Mission Paradigm in the *Pax Americana*?” *Cross-Currents in Theology*, Lutheran School of Theology 32:5 (October 2005): 348-354.
- “A Survey of the Use of Scripture in the current Israeli-Palestinian conflict,” *Word & World* 24:1 (Winter 2004): 29-39.
- “The ‘*asabiya* of African-American Muslims and an American Christian Response,”

- Missiology: An International Review*, vol. XXXI, no. 4 (October) 2003: 449-458.
- “The ‘Religious Secularism’ of Lebanon and the United States: A discussion between Lebanon’s Secular debate and Madison’s principles of Pluralism,” *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* (Fall 2002): 31-57.
- “Eyes Turn to the East,” *The Lutheran*, January 2002.
- “Pilgrims Progress,” *The Lutheran*, April 2000.

### **Dictionary / Encyclopedia Entries:**

- “Van Dyck Bible,” *Oxford Islamic Studies Online*, forthcoming 2017.  
[<http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com>]
- “Archibald Alexander,” “Josiah Brewer,” “George Bush,” “Lewis Eichelberger,” “Washington Irving,” “James, Lyman Merrick,” “William Ambrose Shedd,” “Eli Smith,” “Johan Michael Wansleben,” *Biographical Dictionary: Christian Muslim Relations 1500-1900*. Vol. on North America. [CMR II:  
<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/ptr/departments/theologyandreligion/research/projects/CMR1900/CMR1900.aspx>] (forthcoming 2018)

### **Web Based Publications:**

- “Walking along the Margins: Reflections on the contested imperatives of Jihād and Mission among Christian and Muslim Communities.” October 2016.  
[<http://www.hartsem.edu/2016/11/prof-david-d-grafton-describes-life-along-the-margins/>]
- David D. Grafton LTSP blog posts [<http://ltsp.edu/DavidGrafton>] (No longer available.)
- “A Critical investigation into the Manuscripts: of the “so-called” Van Dyck Bible,” *Cairo Journal of Theology* 2 (2015): 56-64 [<http://journal.etsc.org/2015/david-d-grafton-a-critical-investigation-into-the-manuscripts-of-the-so-called-van-dyck-bible/>].
- “The Identity and Witness of Arab Pre-Islamic Arab Christianity: The Arabic Language and the Bible,” *HTS Teologiese Studie/Theological Studies* (Vol 70, No 1 (2014), [<http://www.hts.org.za/index.php/HTS/article/viewFile/2726/4794>].
- “Apples to Apples or Apples to Dates? The Muslim critique of Christian Scriptures,” and “Conquest and Violence: The Christian critique of Muḥammad,” *Consensus: A Canadian Lutheran Journal of Theology* 35:1 (2014).  
[<http://scholars.wlu.ca/consensus/vol35/iss1/>].
- “Coptic-State Relations: Looking Back to Look Forward,” *Cairo Journal of Theology* 1 (2014) [<http://journal.etsc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Cairo-Journal-of-Theology-1-2014-v1.pdf>].
- “American Muslims,” *The Lutheran*, January 2013.  
[http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article\\_id=11185](http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=11185).
- “German Lutherans and Assimilation: Lessons in the Current Atmosphere of Islamophobia,” *The Journal of Lutheran Ethics* (May/June 2011)  
[<http://www.elca.org/JLE/Articles/209>].
- “The Youth Revolution in Egypt and the Church’s Response,” *The Journal of Lutheran Ethics* 11, no. 2 (March/April 2011) [<http://www.elca.org/JLE/Articles/225>].
- “‘The Arabs’ in the Ecclesiastical Historians of the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Centuries: The Effects on Contemporary Christian-Muslim Relations.” *HTS Teologiese Studie/Theological*

- Studies* 64/1 (2008): 177-92  
[\[http://www.hts.org.za/index.php/HTS/article/viewFile/14/11\]](http://www.hts.org.za/index.php/HTS/article/viewFile/14/11).
- “Searching for the truth in the Da Vinci Code,” *The Lutheran Magazine*, June 2006  
[\[http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article\\_id=5937\]](http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=5937).
- “Considering Donkeys.” *The Lutheran*, March 2005.  
[\[http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article\\_id=5214\]](http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=5214).
- “Din wa Dawla: Egyptian Views of American Secularism,” *Association of American Muslim Social Scientists*, September 2004 [\[http://amss.net/33finalpapers.html\]](http://amss.net/33finalpapers.html).
- “A Place of Pilgrimage.” Sermon for the sixth week of Lent (March, 2004).  
[\[http://www.elca.org/dgm/lent/week6.html\]](http://www.elca.org/dgm/lent/week6.html).
- “Views from Cairo,” A Time of War. A ten-day reflection on the beginning of the Iraq War for *The Lutheran*, March 20 - April 1, 2003.  
[\[http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article\\_id=5135\]](http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=5135).

### **Book Reviews:**

- Minorities and the Modern Arab World*. Laura Robson, ed. (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2016). (forthcoming, *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*)
- Muslim-Christian Relations in Late Ottoman Palestine*. Erik Reas (London: IB Tauris, 2016): *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* vol. 28, no. 1 (January 2017): 112-114.
- Translating the Bible into Arabic: Historical, Text-Critical and Literary Aspects*. Sara Binay and Stefan Leder, eds. (Beirut: Orient-Institut, 2012): *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 135 no 2 (Apr - Jun 2015):401-403.
- Old Islam in Detroit. Rediscovering the Muslim American Past*. Sally Howell (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014). *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 26 no. 4 (Oct 2015): 526-527.
- The Qur'an in Christian-Muslim dialogue: historical and modern interpretation*. C.J. Block (New York: Routledge, 2013). *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, 26 no. 1 (Jan 2015):107-109.
- The Cambridge Companion to American Islam*. Juliane Hammer & Omid Safi, eds. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013). *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* vol 25, no. 4 (Oct 2014): 546-547.
- Conflict, Conquest, and Conversion*. Eleanor H. Tejirian and Reeva Spector Simon. (New York: Columbia University Press, 2012): *Church History* 83 no 2 (Jun 2014): 446-448.
- Hindiyya, Mystic and Criminal, 172-1798: A Political and Religious Crisis in Lebanon*. Bernard Heyberger. Translated by Renée Champion. (Cambridge: James Clarke & Co., 2013): *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 46 (2014): 397-399.
- Embracing the Divine: Passion and Politics in the Christian Middle East*. Akram Fouad Khater. (Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2011): *The Historian*, 75, no. 3 (2013), 548-49.
- The Coptic Papacy in Islamic Egypt 641-1517*. Mark N. Swanson. (New York: The American University in Cairo Press, 2010): *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, 35, Issue 1 (Jan 2011), 52.
- Humanity Before God: Contemporary Faces of Jewish, Christian and Islamic Ethics*. William Schweiker, Michael A. Johnson and Kevin Jung, eds. (Minneapolis, Minn.: Fortress Press, 2006): *Currents in Theology and Mission* 37 no 1 (F 2010), 49.
- A Common Word: Muslims and Christians on Loving God and Neighbor*. Miroslav Volf, Ghazi bin Muhammad, and Melissa Yarrington. (Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans, 2010): *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 45, No. 2 (Spring 2010): 315.
- That All May Believe: A Theology of the Gospel and the Mission of the Church*. Carl E. Braaten. (Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, 2008): *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 64, no. 2 (April 2010): 216-218.

- The Theology of Tariq Ramadan: A Catholic Perspective.* Gregory Baum. (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2009): *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 45, no. 1 (Winter 2010): 149.
- Torture is a Moral Issue: Christians, Jews, Muslims and People of Conscience Speak Out.* George Hunsinger, ed. (Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans, 2008): *Currents in Theology and Mission*, 36 no 4 (Ag 2009), 298-299.
- Islam and the Secular State: Negotiating the Future of Shari‘a.* Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na‘im (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 2008): *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 43:4 (Fall, 2008): 631-2.
- The Wrath of Jonah.* Rosemary Radford Ruether and Herman J. Ruether (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002): *Hervormde Theological Studies Journal* 62:2, 2006.
- Following Muhammad: Rethinking Islam in the Contemporary World.* Carl W. Ernst (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2003): *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 73, no. 2, 2005.
- The Everlasting Hatred: The Roots of Jihad.* Hal Lindsay (Murrieta: Oracle Pub. House, 2003): *Word & World* 24:1 (Winter) 2004.
- Islam, Modernism and the West.* Gema Martín MuZoz, ed. (London: IB Tauris, 1999): *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 13:2, 2002.
- Political Islam and the United States.* Maria Do Céu Pinto (Reading, UK: Ithaca Press, 1999): *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 12:4, 2001.
- Lebanon.* Eyal Zisser (London: IB Tauris, 2000): *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 12:1, 2001.
- Islam.* Jamal J. Elias (London: Routledge, 1999): *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 10:3, 2000.

### **ACADEMIC COURSES TAUGHT**

- DI-632 *Forced Migration and Refugee issues: Christian-Muslim Dialogue for Public Engagement*, Hartford
- HI-539 *Children of Abraham: Explorations in Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations*, Hartford
- HI-613 *Christians on the Edge of Empire: Christians of the Middle East*, Hartford
- HI-613 *History of Christian-Muslim Relations*, Hartford Seminary
- BBT570 *Fortunes of Zion: American Christianity, the Bible and the Middle East* (Team taught with Dr. Wilda Gafney), LTSP
- HCH235 *Christians on the Edge of Empire: The Communities and Theologies of Non-Chalcedonian Christians* (Team taught with Dr. Jayakiran Sebastian), LTSP
- HCH336 *Christian-Muslim Engagement in North America*, LTSP
- HCH 335 *Jesus and the Bible in Islam*, LTSP
- HCH676G *Theological Issues in the History of Christian-Muslim Relations*, LTSP
- HCH678G *Children of Abraham: Explorations in Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations*, LTSP
- HCH860G *Postcolonialism and the Church: Orientalism, Occidentalism, and Mission*, LTSP
- SDM710G *DMin Collegial Seminar*, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.
- CH 581 *Middle East Christianity I – Origins to the Rise of Islam*, Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, Egypt.
- CH 582 *Middle East Christianity II – From the Rise of Islam to 1800*, ETSC
- CH 583 *Middle East Christianity III – From 1800 to the Present*, ETSC
- NT 389 *The Bible in Christian-Muslim Encounter*, ETSC
- Inter-Faith Dialogue*, Dar Comboni Institute of Arabic Studies, Cairo, Egypt
- Contemporary Islam in Middle East and North Africa*, Dar Comboni; Near East School of Theology, Beirut, Lebanon.

### **ACADEMIC PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

“Christianity in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA): social-political communities and the

- modern Middle East,” Georgetown University, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, 22 April 2017.
- “Exotic Images of Late Ottoman Palestine: The beginnings of an American Biblical Orientalism,” *American and Muslim Worlds circa 1500-1900 Conference*, University of Pennsylvania, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, 31 March 2017.
- “Qur’anic recitation or soccer practice? The challenges and opportunities for Muslim religious leaders in American civil society.” Respect Graduate School, Bethlehem, PA. 25 February 2017.
- “Walking along the Margins: Reflections on the contested imperatives of Jihād and Mission among Christian and Muslim Communities,” *Hartford Seminary*. November 2, 2016.
- “Lutheran Ministry in a Religiously Plural Context,” *SEPA Bishop’s Convocation*, October 17, 2016.
- “Christian-Muslim Relations in North America,” *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*, Scholar-in-Residence Program, 9-16 October, 2016.
- “Countering Violent Extremism: A conversation about conflict, religions and building communities of peace.” Panel Discussion. *LTSP*. April 3, 2016.
- “Religion and Identity in the Middle East: the rise of Islamic radicalism,” Five-week Adult Learning Series, *LTSP*, March-April 2016.
- “The ideal *Ummah* and the real *Tawa’if*: The Plurality of American Muslim Communities and Christian-Muslim Relations in North America.” Presentation at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 27 January 2015.
- “Americans, the Bible and the Middle East.” Five week Adult Learning Series, *LTSP*, January-February 2015.
- “Christian-Muslim Relations: Tension Points and their Opportunity for Dialogue,” Middle Eastern Dialogue Symposium, *Dialogue Institute, Temple University*, 17 March 2014.
- “What do you say of Muḥammad? Christian-Muslim Relations and Islamic Studies in a Lutheran Seminary?” Region VII ELCA Bishops Conference, 15 March 2014.
- “Middle Eastern Christians — betwixt and between.” Response to AAR Middle Eastern Christianity Group Panel. American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, 23 November 2013.
- “Apples to Apples or Apples to Dates? The Muslim critique of Christian Scriptures,” “Conquest and Violence: The Christian critique of Muḥammad,” “Location, Location, Location: Christian-Muslim Relations in Context.” Keynote Lecturer on Christian-Muslim Relations for the 2013 Lutheran Seminary at Saskatoon, Canada, Saskatoon, Canada, 9-10 May 2013.
- “*Ishmael, the founder of their nation...*: The politics of pre-Islamic Arab Christianity in Contemporary Western Scholarship,” The Near East School of Theology, Beirut, Lebanon, 24 January 2013.
- “The Death of Christ on a Cross”: A 19<sup>th</sup> Century Lutheran-CMS Missionary Pamphlet: from Published Tracts to the Internet and Social Networking Sites,” Society of Anglican-Lutheran Theologians, San Francisco 17-18 November 2011.
- “For God and *which* Country?: Lutheran Pietists and their role in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Anglican Mission Societies in the midst of the “Eastern Question”, 1825-1898, Aram Conference: Western Missions in the Levant, Oriental Institute, University of Oxford, 18-20 July 2011.
- “Religion and Identity in the Middle East,” Scholar-in-Residence at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Phoenixville PA, March 5-6, 2011.
- “Social Discontent in Egypt and the Middle East,” Upper Dublin Lutheran Church, and LTSP Public Presentation, February 15 and 18, 2011.
- “The Bible and Qur’ān as Scripture: A Comparative Approach,” LTSP Fall Forum, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. [<http://ltsp.edu/fallforum>].
- “Violence and the Perception of the Other.” *Making Peace with the World: The Role of the Gülen Movement in the Task of Eco-Justice*, Temple University, November 4th, 2010 [<http://www.fgulenconference.org/Welcome.html>].

- “North American Images of Muslims,” New Jersey Synod Assembly, May 8, 2010.
- “Contested Arab Christian Identity within the contemporary Islamic environment of the Middle East: Redefining the term *Jihād* in the Arabic New Testament.” *American Academy of Religion*. Montreal, Canada, November 7-10, 2009.
- “Revising the 1865 Van Dyck Arabic Bible? Struggles with issues of *wahjy* and communal identity in the Middle East.” *Cambridge Symposium on Middle Eastern Studies: Knowledge and Language in Middle Eastern Societies*. Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, October 18-19, 2008.
- “An Early American Orientalist Lutheran Perspective of Islam: Lewis Eichelberger and his Sources.” *2008 Lutheran Historical Conference*. Wagner College, Staten Island, New York, October 11-14, 2008.
- “North American Christians and Islam,” Seven Session Series at Upper Dublin Lutheran Church, April, 2008.
- “Religion and Identity in the Middle East: How do we Americans make sense of things?” Scholar-in-Residence at Reformation Lutheran Church, Media, PA, March 8-9, 2008.
- “The 1928 International Missionary Conference in Jerusalem: Lessons for Christian-Muslim Relations Today,” Northeast Region Spring Meeting, Evangelical Missiological Society, February 23, 2008.
- “The Arabs” in the Ecclesiastical Historians of the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Centuries: The Effects on Contemporary Christian-Muslim Relations.” Public Convocation Lecture, The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, May 7, 2007.
- “The Arabs of Pentecost: Greco-Roman Views of the Arabs and Cultural Identity.” Public Lecture for the Center of Middle East Christianity, Cairo, Egypt, 1 May 2006.
- “Theological Challenges in Christian-Muslim Relations.” Four-day seminar of the Sudanese Council of Churches, Khartoum, Sudan, 24-28 April 2006.
- “American Cultural Roots of Christian Zionism.” Fellowship of Middle East Council of Churches, Amaan, Jordan, 31 March 2006.
- “The Book of Revelation within the Arab Political and Cultural Context.” Paper presented (*in abstentia*) Dar al-Thaqafa Conference, Alexandria, Egypt, 22 November 2005.
- كيان و دور الكنيسة في المجتمع العربي [The Identity and Role of the Church in Arab Society], Evangelical Theological Synod of the Nile Pastor’s Continuing Education Conference, March 23, 2005.
- “Din wa Dawla: Egyptian Views of American Secularism.” 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of Association of American Muslim Social Scientists, George Mason University, September 24-26, 2004.
- “The Self-Perception of America and the American role in the Middle East, in light of Scripture.” Evangelical Theological Seminary, January 22, 2004.
- “Israel/Palestine and the Biblical Hermeneutics of American Christians.” Evangelical Theological Seminary, October 14, 2003.
- “The Exodus in our Faith Tradition.” Three lectures and site visit to sites in the Sinai. Included, “*Pilgrimage in the Christian Tradition: Egeria’s 4<sup>th</sup> Century Experience*,” “*Description of Ascent and Sites of Jebel Musa*,” “*The Monastery of St. Catherine’s as a Christian Holy Site*,” and “*The ‘Secularization’ of the Pilgrimage*,” October 25-26, 2002.
- “Western Missions in the Middle East in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century (An Historical, Theological and Practical Perspective).” Middle East Mission Personnel of the Scottish Presbyterian Church, Cairo, Egypt, Fall 2000.
- “The ‘*Asabiyah*’ of African-American Muslims and an American Christian Response.” Near East School of Theology, Beirut, Lebanon, December 1998.
- “*Dhimm*♣s ‘wielding the sceptre’: Christians in the government under the Umayyads and ‘Abbasids (661-850).” British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, Selly Oak, England, July 1998.

## **CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIUMS:**



*American and Muslim Worlds*, University of Pennsylvania. March 30 – April 1, 2017.  
*Middle East Studies Association*, 2016, 2014  
*American Academy of Religion Annual Conference*, 2013, 2011, 2009, 2005.  
*Spring Conference*, The Lutheran Theological Seminary of Saskatoon, Canada, 7-10 May 2013.  
*Conference for Graduate School Program Directors and Deans*, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology & Religion, 30 September-2 October 2012.  
*Society of Anglican-Lutheran Theologians*, San Francisco 17-18 November 2011.  
*Aram Conference: Western Missions in the Levant*, Oriental Institute, University of Oxford, 18-20 July 2011.  
*Making Peace with the World: The Role of the Gülen Movement in the Task of Eco-Justice*, Temple University, November 4th, 2010.  
*International Symposium On Islam, Salvation, And The Fate Of Others*, The University Of Illinois, April 16-17, 2010.  
*2008 Lutheran Historical Conference*. Wagner College, Staten Island, New York, October 11-14, 2008.  
*Northeast Region Spring Meeting*, Evangelical Missiological Society, February 23, 2008.  
*Cambridge Symposium on Middle Eastern Studies: Knowledge and Language in Middle Eastern Societies*. Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, October 18-19, 2008.  
*33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of Association of American Muslim Social Scientists*, George Mason University, September 24-26, 2004.  
*The Third Woodbrooke-Mingana Symposium on Arab Christianity and Islam*, Woodbrooke, Birmingham, UK, 7-9 September 1998.  
*British Society for Middle Eastern Studies Annual Conference*, Selly Oak, England, July 1998.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

North American Section Editor for Brill, *Christian-Muslim Relations 1500-1900: A Biographical Dictionary Online*.  
 International Editorial Advisor, *Hervormde Theological Studies Journal* (University of Pretoria, South Africa) and *AOSIS OpenBooks Press* (University of Pretoria, South Africa)  
 Associate Editor, *The Muslim World* (Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut)

*Middle East Studies Association*  
*American Academy of Religion*, (past-steering committee member) Middle Eastern Christianity Steering Committee  
*Association of Teaching Theologians of the Church –ELCA*  
*Christians in the Middle East Network* (United Kingdom)

### **GENERAL PRESENTATIONS:**

“Biblical Characters in the Qur’ān”  
 “Introduction to Islam”  
 “Islamic Views of Jesus and Christians”  
 “Muslim Communities in America”  
 “Muslim-Christian Dialogue”  
 “North American Christians and Islam”

“Christianity of the ‘Middle East’”  
“Religion and Identity in the Middle East”  
“The Rise of Islamic Radicalism”  
“Women of the Bible in the Qur’ān”

### **LANGUAGES:**

Arabic (Reading, research and conversation)  
French (Reading and research)  
Greek (Reading and research)  
Hebrew (Research ability)

### **GUIDED & EXAMINED PhD DISSERTATIONS, MASTERS THESES, DMIN PROJECTS**

“Making Sense of the Divine: An Examination of the African Independent Churches’ Symbolic Theology as Embodied in their use of Old Testament Architecture, Sacred Spaces, Sacred Objects and Symbols.” PhD Dissertation. Humphrey Akogyeram, 2017, LTSP.  
“Christians and Muslims in Interfaith living: A look at how religion defines cultural values.” DMin. Canon William E. Schwartz, 2013, Nashota House.  
“In Search Of The *Imago Dei*: Just War and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Islamic Radicalism,” DMin. Wylie W. Johnson, 2010, LTSP.  
“The Effects of Christian Zionism on the Theological Views and Biblical Hermeneutics of the Egyptian Presbyterian Church in 1967,” MATS. Medhat S. Shaker, 2007, ETSC.  
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