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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Historical Theology, January 2012

Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri

Dissertation: “Mothering the Fatherland: Basilea Schlink’s Ecumenical Sisterhood of Mary and her Anti-Nazi Theology of Intercessory Repentance”

Summary: In 1947, Basilea Schlink (1904-2001) founded the Ecumenical Sisterhood of Mary. Along with the small faction of German Protestant leaders adopting a collective understanding of national guilt following World War II, she called for Germany’s true Christians to repent for their nation’s sins in the Holocaust. Schlink arrived at this view by integrating ideas of collective national identity derived from her reading of the Old Testament and from German nationalism. The repentance Schlink advocated was intercessory in nature, as she and the sisters did penance as priests for the sins of their nation. In the process, she elevated the spiritual status of women in post-war Germany and embraced Catholic forms of piety. She expressed these themes in writing, in the practices she implemented in her sisterhood, and in the artwork she commissioned.

Graduate Certificate, University Teaching Skills, January 2012

Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri

Graduate Certificate, Clinical Health Care Ethics, July 2011

Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri

M.Div., Contemporary Culture, 2006, *cum laude*

Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

B.A., Religion and German, 2001, *magna cum laude*

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

High School Co-Enrollment, 1995-1997

Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio

Study Abroad

Unitätsarchiv, Herrnhut, Germany, Summer 2010

Humboldt-Universität, Berlin, Germany, Spring 2000

Université de Nantes, Nantes, France, Fall 1999

Goethe-Institut, Mannheim, Germany, Summer 1998

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow, Fall 2011 – present

Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey

Journey of Transformation, a comparative introduction to the purpose of the individual in world religions and classical philosophy for freshmen; *Christianity and Culture in Dialogue*, a survey of conflicting religious, philosophical, social, and political worldviews for sophomores; *Honors Colloquium on Classical Civilizations*, a team-taught course for freshmen, immersing them in primary texts from the ancient Mediterranean world juxtaposed with India and China.

Theology Instructor, Fall 2010

Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri

Christian Beliefs for undergraduates

Language Instructor, 2006 – 2009

Freelance, St. Louis, Missouri

Theological French and German for graduate students

Theology Instructor, Summer 2003

Christian Leadership Institute, Accra, Ghana

Doctrines of God and Revelation for graduate students

Language Instructor, Fall 1999

Lycée Notre Dame de Rezé, Nantes, France

Conversational English for high school students

Courses Prepared (selected)

Introductory undergraduate: *Journey of Transformation*

Honors Colloquium on Classical Civilizations

Introduction to Religion

Introduction to Theology

Introduction to Global Christianity

Intermediate undergraduate: *Christianity and Culture in Dialogue*

Christian Beliefs

Religion in America

Christianity in Africa and the Middle East

Advanced undergraduate: *World Religions and Science-Fiction*

Luther, Loyola, and Elizabeth: Christianity in Early Modern Europe

Research Seminar in the History of Global Christianity

Introductory graduate: *Doctrines of God and Revelation*

Intermediate graduate: *The Protestant and Catholic Reformations*

Teaching Interests

The history of Christianity, especially in the early modern and modern eras; global Christianity; cross-cultural encounters; race, gender, and geography in identity formation; world religions; religious responses to suffering; spirituality; religion and science; inter-religious dialogue; ecumenism; Catholic-Protestant boundary crossing; religion in the arts and popular culture; comparative ethics.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

Monograph

Mothering the Fatherland: A Protestant Sisterhood Repents for the Holocaust. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014. (under contract)

Articles

“A More Brotherly Song, a Less Passionate Passion: Abstraction and Ecumenism in the Translation of the Hymn ‘O Sacred Head Now Wounded’ from Bloodier Antecedents.” *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 82, no. 4 (2013): 779-811.

“Trust, Repentance, and Apocalyptic Zionism: Basilea Schlink and the Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary Respond to War.” *Magistra: A Journal of Women’s Spirituality in History* 17, no. 2 (2011): 21-31.

“An Imaginary Israel in Contemporary Germany: The Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary’s *Kanaan*.” *Australian Religious Studies Review* 23, no. 2 (2010): 173-190.

“Cotton Mather’s Scientific Method for Prayer.” *Theology and Science* 7, no. 2 (2009): 175-187.

“Recovering the Theology of the Negro Spirituals.” *Credo ut Intelligam: Graduate Theological Bulletin* 1 (2007): 1-11.

“Paul Gerhardt.” *Perspectives from the Pages of Church History* feature for radio broadcast through *Historical Renewal* (2004).

Chapter in an Edited Volume

“Inverting the Eagle to Embrace the Star of David: The Nationalist Roots of German Christian Zionism.” In *Christian Zionism in Contemporary Perspective*. Edited by Göran Gunner and Robert O. Smith. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2014.

Book Reviews

Antitheodicy, Atheodicy and Jewish Mysticism in Holocaust Theology: Atheodic Theologies After Auschwitz, by Daniel Osborn Garner. *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 20, no. 3 (2013): 410-12.

The Barmen Theses Then and Now: The 2004 Warfield Lectures at Princeton Theological Seminary, by Eberhard Busch. *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 20, no. 2 (2013): 182-4.

Wohnen, edited by Ulrich Dickmann and Wolfgang Christian Schneider. *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality* 12, no. 2 (Fall 2012): 314-16.

Controversies in Interreligious Dialogue and the Theology of Religions, by Paul Hedges. *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 19, no. 1 (2012): 89-92.

The German Discovery of the New World: Renaissance Encounters with the Strange and Marvelous, by Christine Johnson. *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 16, no. 4 (2009): 538-9.

Seeing Things: Deepening Relationships with Visual Artefacts, by Stephen Pattison. *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 16, no. 3 (2009): 458-60.

Editing

Credo ut Intelligam: Graduate Theological Bulletin, Saint Louis University, 2008 – 2010

Research Assistantships

Prof. Belden Lane, Historical Theology, Saint Louis University, 2007 – 2009

Prof. Hans Bayer, New Testament, Covenant Theological Seminary, 2006 – 2007

Research Interests

Collective guilt; ethics and genocide; the Cold War; the Holocaust; Jewish-Christian relations; Catholic-Protestant relations; post-World War II Protestant intentional communities in Europe; pilgrimage, travel, immigration, and religious meaning; prophecy, premonition, and mental illness; ethics and psychiatric care.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selected)

“Atoning for the Sins of the Fatherland: The Gendered Nationalism of the Ecumenical Sisterhood of Mary,” Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, November 2013.

“Salvation from Illusion, Salvation by Illusion: The Gospel According to Christopher Nolan,” Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, November 2013.

“Professors Profess: The Academic Vocation as Incarnational, Sacramental, and Evangelistic,” Annual Convention, College Theology Society, June 2013.

“Uprooting Where Others Sowed? Presbyterian and Moravian Missionaries in Russian Orthodox Alaska,” Spring Meeting, American Society of Church History, April 2013.

“Inverting the Eagle to Embrace the Star of David: The Nationalist Roots of German Christian Zionism,” Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, November 2012.

“Translation as Blood Loss: German Lutheran and American Presbyterian Variations on a Medieval Catholic Hymn,” Annual Convention, College Theology Society, June 2012.

“Putting John on Trial: Teaching Christology by Using the Classroom as a Courtroom,” Annual Meeting, Midwest American Academy of Religion, April 2011.

“A Rabbi and Twelve-Hundred Missionaries Walk into a Conference: Philo-Semitism and Anti-Semitism at Edinburgh, 1910,” Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, October 2010.

“An Imaginary Israel in Contemporary Germany: The Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary’s *Kanaan*,” Annual Conference, Communal Studies Association, October 2010.

“Trust, Repentance, and Apocalyptic Zionism: Basilea Schlink and the Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary Respond to War,” Triennial Meeting, Conference on the History of Women Religion, June 2010.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Core Course Content Expert and eBook Strategist, Spring 2013

Teaching, Learning, and Technology Center, Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey

Graduate Student Advisory Council Chairperson, 2009 – 2010

Department of Theological Studies, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri

Graduate Student Association Representative, 2009

Graduate School, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri

HONORS AND AWARDS

Saint Louis University:

University nominee, CGS/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award, 2013

Graduate Diversity Fellowship, 2007 – 2011

Comprehensive Doctoral Examination, Passed with Distinction, 2010

Jesuit Language Immersion Scholarship, 2010

Second Place Award, Excellence in the Humanities, Graduate Research Symposium, 2009

Edward L. and Rhelda Marbry Morgan, Ph.D., Book Scholarship, 2008

Covenant Theological Seminary:

Campus Leadership Scholarship, 2002 – 2006

Wake Forest University:

Joseph G. Gordon Scholarship, 1997 – 2001

Black American Scholarship, 1997 – 2001

V.F.W. Voice of Democracy Scholarship, 1997 – 2001

O'Flaherty Award for Departmental Excellence, Department of German and Russian, 2001

Departmental Honors in German, 2001

W. D. Sanders Scholarship, 1998

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Religion, member since 2008

American Society of Church History, member since 2010

College Theology Society, member since 2012; CTS Technology and Communications Task Force member and social media strategist 2013 – present

Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations, member since 2012

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality, member since 2008

LANGUAGES

German (fluent)

French (near fluent)

Spanish (conversational)

Koine Greek (reading)

Latin (reading)

Classical Hebrew (basic reading)