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**Vita**

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| **personal details** |

Date of Birth: December 1, 1974

Marital Status: Married to Rev Kara Kristen Root, B.A., MDiv

Children: Owen Andrew (eleven years) Maisy Lydia (eight years)

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| **present position** |

*The Carrie Olson Baalson Associate Professor of Youth and Family Ministry Luther Seminary, St. Paul Minnesota* (with tenure)

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| **Education** |

2006 **Doctor of Philosophy (**Princeton Theological Seminary)

#### Department: Christian Education, Practical Theology

 Comprehensive Exams:

-History and Theory of Practical Theology (Schleiermacher, Browning, Heitink, Anderson, and methods of interdisciplinarity)

-Dogmatic Theology and Practical Theology

(the theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

-History and Theory of Christian Education

(the catechism in the Reformation era, 20th century Christian Education theory, and social psychological perspectives on the family)

-Social Theory and Practical Theory

(Gramsci and Marxist thought, Freire, Ricoeur)

-Psychology and Practical Theory

(Erikson and postmodern understandings of the life cycle)

Dissertation Topic: A Critical and Constructive Examination of Relational/Incarnational Youth Ministry: Toward a Social Relational Practical Theology

Dissertation Committee: Kenda Dean (chair), Richard Osmer, Gordon Mikoski

2001 **Master of Theology** (Fuller Theological Seminary)

#### Area: Practical Theology

Supervisor: Ray S. Anderson

Thesis: “Pop Culture: Friend or Foe? A Theological Anthropological Hermeneutic.”

1. **Master of Divinity** (Fuller Theological Seminary)

### Concentration: Adolescence, Family and Culture

### **Bachelor of Art** (Bethel College, St. Paul Minnesota)

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| **denominational affiliation** |

* Member Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), South Minneapolis, MN

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| **ministry and work experience** |

2015-present **Youth Group Leader**

 Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

2010-2013 **Assisting Preacher/Confirmation Teacher**

 Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

2006- 2007 **High School Leader** (Volunteer)

 Grace Trinity Community Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

1. 2006 **Research Fellow** (Faithful Practices Project)

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey

2004**-** 2005 **Confirmation Teacher** (volunteer)

#### Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, Princeton, New Jersey

* 1. **Gang Prevention Counselor**

Asian Youth Center, Multi-Cultural Program,

Gang Prevention Unit, San Gabriel, California

* 1. **Youth Outreach Associate** (Junior and Senior High)

Glendale Presbyterian Church, Glendale, California

* 1. **Young Life Staff, Urban Junior High Leader**

Glendale, California

1994-1997 **Young Life Staff, Junior High Director**

Woodbury, Minnesota

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| **Grants, Boards, professional organizations and awards** |

* Appointed to the Joy and Adolescent Faith and Flourishing (JAFF) Advisory Board of the *Theology of Joy and the Good Life* project based at the Yale Center for Faith & Culture
* Awarded John Templeton Foundation grant ($1.18 million) “Science for Youth Ministry: The Plausibility of Transcendence.” (Principal Project Leader)
* *Bonhoeffer as Youth Worker* finalist for biography of 2014 *Foreword Reviews*’INDIEFAB Book of the Year Awards
* *Bonhoeffer as Youth Worker* awarded Biography and Youth Ministry book of 2014 by Hearts and Minds books
* *The Relational Pastor* awarded Pastoring book of 2013 by Hearts and Minds books
* Awarded John Templeton Foundation, $185,000 planning grant, “Science for Youth Ministry.”
* Advisory board *Youth Worker Journal*
* *Taking Theology to Youth Ministry* awarded Youth Ministry book of 2012 by Hearts and Minds books
* *The Theological Turn in Youth Ministry* received the Award of Merit from Christianity Today’s 2011 book awards
* Editorial Board, *Journal of Family & Community Ministries* (Baylor University)
* Member International Academy of Practical Theology (voted in 2010)
* Wabash Research Fellowship, 2009
* Participant, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Pre-Tenure in Theological Schools 2008-2009
* Finalist, *Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry* for outreach book of the year (youth outreach category), *Outreach Magazine*
* Editorial Board, *Word and World*
* Academic Board, *Journal of Youth and Theology* (International)
* Member *International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry*
* Member *International Bonhoeffer Society*
* Member *Association of Youth Ministry Educators*
* Member *ELCA Youth Ministry Network*
* Princeton Doctoral Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2002-2006
* Th.M. Thesis awarded superior rating

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| **publications and Institutional Lectures** |

**Books:**

*Faith-Formation in a Secular Age:* Responding to the Church’s Obsession with Youthfulness (Volume 1 of the Ministry in A Secular Age Series). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic. (releases August 2017)

*The Grace of Dog: A Boy, a Black Lab, and a Father’s Search for the Canine Soul.*  New York: Convergent. (releases June 2017)

*Bonhoeffer as Youth Worker: A Theological Vision for Discipleship and Life Together*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker. 2014.

*Christopraxis: A Practical Theology of the Cross*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. 2014.

*The Relational Pastor: Sharing in Christ by Sharing in Each Other*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP. 2013

*Unpacking Eschatology in Youth Ministry.* Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. 2013. (The Theological Journey Through Youth Ministry Series)

*Unpacking the Bible in Youth Ministry.* Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. 2013. (The Theological Journey Through Youth Ministry Series)

*Taking the Cross to Youth Ministry*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. 2012. (The Theological Journey Through Youth Ministry Series)

*Taking Theology to Youth Ministry.* Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. 2012. (The Theological Journey Through Youth Ministry Series)

*Anak-ank Korban Perceraian*. Malang: Literatur Saat. 2011. (Indonesian-language edition of *The Children of Divorce*)

*The Theological Turn in Youth Ministry*. Co-authored with Kenda Creasy Dean. Downers Grove, IL: IVP. 2011.

*Children of Divorce: The Loss of Family as the Loss of Being*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic Press. 2010

*The Promise of Despair: The Way of the Cross as the Way of the Church*. Nashville: Abingdon Press. 2010.

*Relationships Unfiltered: Help for Youth Workers, Volunteers, and Parents on Creating Authentic Relationships*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. 2009.

*Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry: From a Strategy of Influence to a Theology of Incarnation*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP. 2007.

**Articles and Chapters:**

“The Hidden and Overlooked Discussions of Children in *Sanctorum Communio* and *Act and Being*” *The Bonhoeffer Legacy: Australian Journal of Bonhoeffer Studies,* Vol. 3, Issue 2, 2015. pp. 41-58.

“Regulating the Empirical in Practical Theology: On Critical Realism, Divine Action, and the Place of the Ministerial” *Journal of Youth and Theology,* 15, 2016. pp. 44-64.

“Teaching at the Intersection of Faith and Science” (with Erik Leafblad) *Youthworker Journal*, July/August 2015. pp. 27-29.

“Youth and the Posthuman: Personhood, Transcendence, and Siri” (with Erik Leafblad) *Word & World*, Vol. 35, No. 2, Spring 2015. pp. 126-133.

“Theology Isn’t Enough: Bonhoeffer, Dead Dogs and a Ten-Year-Old’s Tears” in Csinos, David M & Bray, Melvin *Faith Forward: Re-Imagining Children’s and Youth Ministry*. Kelowna, BC: Copperhouse. 2015. pp. 47-54.

“Young Life Together” *Christian Century,* Vol. 132, No. 4, February 2015. pp. 26-27.

“Stop Worrying About the Millennials” *Christianity Today*, Vol. 59, No. 1, January/February 2015. pp. 30-36.

“The Cross in Transition: Exploring the Theology of Adolescence” *Praxis,* Issue 2, Autumn/Winter 2014. pp. 4-9.

“Why Theology isn’t Enough for Youth Ministry: Bonhoeffer, Dead Dogs and a 10-year-old’s Tears” *YouthWorker Journal,* November/December 2014. pp. 26-25.

“Dietrich Bonhoeffer the Youth Worker” *Youthwork*, October 2014. pp. 16-18.

“Take it From Bonhoeffer: There is No ‘Christian Youth’” *Duke Divinity School: Faith & Leadership*, September 2014.

“Youth Culture: A Theological Examination for the Sake of Ministry with Young People” in Nash, Sally and Whitehead, Jo *Christian Youth Work in Theory and Practice*. London: SCM Press. 2014. pp. 34-44.

“Evangelical Practical Theology” In Cahalan, Kathleen; Mikoski, Gordon. *Opening the Field of Practical Theology.* Rowman & Littlefield. 2014.

“Youth Ministry as a Magical Technology: Moving Toward the Theological” *Catalyst*, Vol. 40, No. 1, November 2013. pp. 1-3.

“The Incarnation, Place-Sharing, and Youth Ministry: Experiencing the Transcendence of God” *Journal of Youth Ministry*, Vol. 12, No. 1, Fall 2013. pp. 21-36.

“Evangelicalism, Personalism, and Encounters with the Person of Jesus: A Rejoinder” *Journal of Youth Ministry*, Vol. 12, No. 1, Fall 2013. pp. 57-67.

“Relationships in Youth Ministry.” In *Trinitarian Conversations, Volume 2: Interviews with 15 Theologians*. Azusa, CA: CreateSpace Publishing. 2013. pp. 350-389.

“Weird Together: How Our Brains are Connected.” *Christian Century,* Vol. 130, No. 7, April 3, 2013. pp. 32-34.

“Tourists or Missionaries? Theological Questions You Need to Answer Before Your Group’s Next Mission Trip.” *YouthWorker Journal*, March/April 2013. pp. 24-27.

“Just Wait: Thought on Youth Ministry and Advent.” *Duke Divinity School: Faith & Leadership*, December 2012.

“What’s Youth Ministry For, Anyway?” In Devries, Mark. *Letters to a Youth Worker*. Brentwood, TN: CYMT Press. 2012. pp. 59-64.

“Stop Calling Them Students.” *Immerse Journal*, Vol. 3, Issue 4, November/December 2012. pp. 21-25.

“Fading from the Family Portrait.” *Christianity Today*, Vol. 56, No. 7, July/August 2012. pp. 70-73.

“A Screen-Based World: Finding the Real in the Hyper-Real.” *Word & World*, Vol. 32, No. 3, Summer 2012. pp. 237-244.

“Divorce, Young People and Youth Ministry: The Loss of Family as the Loss of Being.” *Journal of Youth Ministry*, Vol. 10, No. 1, Fall 2011. pp. 67-84.

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“Youth Ministry Doesn’t Exist: Which is Why We Need It All the More.” *Immerse Journal*, Vol. 2, Issue 4, November/December 2011. pp. 32-35.

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“Did the TV Kill Meaning? Screens, Disneyland, and Goat Poop.” *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, Vol. 25, No. 8, October 2010. Pp. 15-18. (adapted excerpt)

“Identity in a Digital Age.” *Word & World*, Vol. 30, No. 3, Summer 2010. pp. 241- 246.

“From an Incarnational Model of Ministry to Being Ministers of the Incarnate One: Or Justin Versus Jan.” *The Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church, and Culture* 2009, Princeton Theological Seminary Institute for Youth Ministry, 2010. pp. 1-7.

“Encounter with the Transcendence of God: The Shape of Faithful Place-Sharing for Youth Ministry.” *The Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church, and Culture* 2009, Princeton Theological Seminary Institute for Youth Ministry, 2010. pp. 1-10.

“Why Church Kids Must Go Bad.” *Youth Specialties Online*. April 2010.

“Attack of the Zombies: Why Community and Belonging are Harder to Construct.” *Fuller Youth Institute E-Journal*, Vol. 4, Issue 4, April 2010. (adapted excerpt)

“Doubt as the Curriculum for Confirmation.” *Immerse: A Journal of Faith, Life and Youth Ministry*, Preview Issue, March/April 2010. pp. 10-15.

“The Promise of Despair.” *Lutheran Partners Magazine*, March/April 2010.

“Who Am I? Adolescent Identity in a Digital Age.” *YouthWorker Journal*, Vol. 26, No. 3, January/February 2010. pp. 36-38.

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“A Theology of the Cross and Ministry in Our Time: How Do You Call a Thing What It Is When You Don’t Know What the Thing Is?” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, Vol. 48, No. 2, Summer 2009. pp. 187-193

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“God’s Hiddenness, Absence, and Doubt: The Theology of the Cross as Theological Directions for Youth Ministry.” *Journal of Youth and Theology*, Vol. 8, No. 1, April 2009. pp. 60-76.

“Practical Theology: What is it and How Does it Work?” *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, Vol. 7, No. 2, Spring 2009. pp. 55-72.

“The Youth Ministry Mission Trip as Global Tourism: Are We OK With This?” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, Vol. 47, No. 4, Winter 2008. pp. 314-329.

“Further Illusions of Postmodern Youth Ministry: An Affirmation and Response to David White” *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, Vol. 7, No. 1, Fall 2008. pp. 77-90.

“PowerPoint in Preaching? Yes…but!” *Word & World*, Vol. 28, No. 4, Fall 2008. pp. 421-424.

“When Truth is a Lie: Fox TV’s ‘Moment of Truth’ game show.” *The Christian Century.* Vol. 125, No. 16, August 12, 2008. pp. 20-23.

“Jesus Overcomes the World by Suffering With It.” *Matters of the Heart: Amor Ministries’ Quarterly Newsletter*. Summer 2008.(reprinted and adapted)

“The TV Show *Lost* and Eschatology.” *Next-Wave: Church and Culture Ezine*, Issue 114, June 2008. (featured on the Emergent Village community email)

“The Problem with Relational Ministry: Truly Entering into Kids’ Pains, Fears, Dreams, and Joys.” *The Journal of Student Ministries*, Vol 3, No 3, May/June 2008. pp. 10-13.

“What is Hip Hop?” *The Thoughtful Christian: Faithful Living in a Complex World*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox. April 2008. (Included written leader guide)

“Youth Ministry as Discerning Christopraxis: A Hermeneutical Model.” *Journal of Youth and Theology*, Vol. 6, No. 1, April 2007. pp. 9-30.

“Discipleship: Is Sin Such a Bad Thing?” *Question for Life: Luke’s View* (Akaloo Series). Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Press. 2007. (with Kara Root)

“Youth Ministry as an Integrative Theological Task: Toward a Representative Method of Interdisciplinarity.” *The Journal of Youth Ministry,* Vol. 5, No. 2, Spring 2007. pp. 33- 50.

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“Is Theologically Rigorous Youth Ministry an Oxymoron?” *The Journal of Student Ministries*, Vol. I, No 5, Jan/Feb 2007. pp. 30-33.

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## “Practical Theology and Social Ethical Action in Christian Ministry: Implications from Emmanuel Levinas and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.” *International Journal of Practical Theology*, Vol. 10, Issue 1/2006. pp. 53-75.

## “Reexamining Relational Youth Ministry: Implications from the Theology of Bonhoeffer.” *Word & World*, Vol. 26, No. 3, Summer 2006. pp. 269-276.

“Relationality as the Objective of Incarnational Ministry: A Reexamination of the Theological Foundations of Adolescent Ministry.” *Journal of Youth and Theology*, Vol. 3, No. 1, April 2004. pp. 97- 113.

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Book Review Luhrmann, T.M. *When God Speaks Back*. In *Ecclesial Practices*, Vol 1, Issue 2, 2014. pp. 252-254.

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Book Review of Taylor, Mark Lewis. *The Theological and the Political: On the Weight of the World*. In *Word & World,* Vol 33, No 4, Fall 2013. pp. 420-422.

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Book Review of Chaves, Mark. *American Religion: Contemporary Trends*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. 2011. In *Word & World,* Vol 33, No 1, Winter 2013.

Book Review of Bradbury, Rosalene. *Cross Theology: The Classical* Theologia Crucis *and Karl Barth’s Modern Theology*. Eugene, OR: Pickwick. 2011. On *Center for Barth Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary Library,* 2012. (<http://libweb.ptsem.edu/collections/barth/reviews/theocruc.aspx?menu=296&subText=468&disclaimer=668>)

Book Review of Berger, Peter. *Between Relativism and Fundamentalism: Religious Resource for a Middle Position*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans. 2010. In *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, Vol 51, No 3, Fall 2012. pp. 254-255.

Book Review of Miller-McLemore, Bonnie. *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Practical Theology.* In *International Journal of Practical Theology*, Vol 16, No 2, 2012. pp. 410-413.

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Book Review of Tanner, Kathryn. *Christ the Key*. London: Cambridge University Press. 2010. In *Word & World*, Vol 32, No 1, Winter 2012. pp. 85-86.

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Book Review of Ward, Peter. *Participation and Mediation: A Practical Theology for the Liquid Church*. London: SCM Press. 2008. In *International Journal of Practical Theology*, Vol 15, No 1, 2011. pp. 137-139.

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*Bonhoeffer’s Concept of Accepting Guilt*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox. 2008. In *Lutheran Quarterly*, Vol 24, No 2, Summer 2010. pp. 216-218.

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Book Review of Ward, Peter. *Participation and Mediation: A Practical Theology for the Liquid Church*. London: SCM Press. 2008. In *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, Vol 8, No 1, Spring 2009. pp. 113-115

Book Review of Rollins, Peter. *The Fidelity of Betrayal: Toward a Church Beyond Belief*. Brewster, MA: Paraclete. 2008. In *Word & World,* Vol 29, No 3, Summer 2009. pp. 310-313.

Book Review of Rosner, Brian S. *The Consolation of Theology*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans. 2008. In *Word & World,* Vol 29, No 2, Spring 2009. pp. 206-209.

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Book Review of Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. *Conspiracy and Imprisonment 1940-1945: Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works, Volume 16*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. 2006. In *Lutheran Quarterly*, Summer 2008. pp. 230-232.

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## Book Review of Brueggemann, Walter. *Mandate to Difference: An Invitation to the Contemporary Church*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox. 2007. In *Theology Today*, Vol. 65, No. 1, April 2008. pp. 97-100.

## Book Review of Volf, Miroslav. *The End of Memory: Remembering Rightly in a Violent World.* Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans. 2007. In *Word & World*, 28/1, Winter 2008. pp. 114-118.

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**Presentation of Academic Papers and Institutional Lectures:**

“The Hidden and Overlooked Discussions of Children in *Sanctorum Communio* (and *Act and Being*)” Presented at International Bonhoeffer Congress, Basel, Switzerland, July 2016.

“Faith-Formation in a Secular Age” Presented as keynote at regional European Association for Youth Ministry Educators Conference, Amsterdam, 2016.

“Christopraxis” (plenary roundtable) Presented at The International Academy of Practical Theology, Pretoria, South Africa July 2015.

“Youth Ministry, the Church, and Melting of Identity” Presented at Regent College, Vancouver, May 2015.

“Regulating the Empirical in Practical Theology: On Critical Realism, Divine Action, and the Place of the Ministerial” Presented at International Association for Study of Youth Ministry Conference, London, January 2015.

“Science and Youth Ministry: Examining the Plausibility of Transcendence” Presented at International Association for Study of Youth Ministry Conference, London, January 2015.

“Science and Youth Ministry: Examining the Plausibility of Transcendence” Presented at Association for Youth Ministry Educators Conference, Washington DC, October 2014.

“Divine Action and Critical Realism in North American Practical Theology” Presented at NLA, Symposium on Ecclesiology and the Real Church: Methods and Frameworks, Bergen, Norway, February 2014.

Revis Lecture on Ministry, “Relationships, Youth Ministry, and the Action of God” Presented at Campbell University Divinity School, Buies Creek, North Carolina, September 2013.

Revis Lecture on Ministry, “Young People, the Church, and Identity” Presented at Campbell University Divinity School, Buies Creek, North Carolina, September 2013.

Oen Lecture, “Identity Construction, Young People, and the Church” Presented at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, November 2012.

Wallace Chapell Lecture, “Evangelism, Identity, and Young Adults” and “Meaning, the Church, and the Cross” Presented at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington DC, November 2012.

“Youth Ministry and Personhood” Presented at Det Teologiske Menighetsfakultet, Research Conference on Youth Ministry, Oslo, Norway, October 2012.

May McLoud Lecture, “The Pastor in Changing Times” Presented at the Center for Ministry, Uniting Theological College, Sydney, Australia, August 2012.

“Nature and Purpose of Practical Theology” Presented at NLA Høgskolen, Bergen, Norway, March 2012.

“The Incarnation and Place-Sharing” Presented at the Association of Youth Ministry Educators, Seattle, October 2011. (keynote)

“Divine and Human Action in American Youth Ministry Literature” Presented at The International Academy of Practical Theology, Amsterdam, July 2011. (seminar)

“Reflections on Divine and Human Action as the Core of Youth Ministry” Presented at Det Teologiske Menighetsfakultet, Research Conference on Youth Ministry, Oslo, Norway, October 2010.

“God’s Hiddenness, Suffering, and Doubt: Theological Directions for Youth Ministry,” Presented at Misjonshogskolen, Stavanger, Norway, October 2010.

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Examining Bonhoeffer’s *Sanctorum Communio* for its Theological Interdisciplinary Implications” Presented at Surprised by God Conference, Utrecht, Netherlands, June 2010.

“Divorce, Young People and Youth Ministry: The Loss of Family as the Loss of Being” Presented at the Does Divorce Shape of Families Shape Faith? Conference, Chicago, May 2010.

Youth, Church, and Culture Lecture “From an Incarnational Model of Ministry to Being Ministers of the Incarnate One” and “Encounter with the Transcendence of God: The Shape of Faithful Place-Sharing for Youth Ministry” Presented at Princeton Theological Seminary, April 2009. (Keynote)

“Relational Youth Ministry and Experiencing the Transcendence of God” Presented at Det Teologiske Menighetsfakultet, Research Conference on Youth Ministry, Oslo, Norway, March 2009.

“The Power of Human-to-Human Relationships: A Paradigm of Social Relational Transformation” Presented at King’s College London, London, England, March 2009.

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