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EDUCATION

Ed.D.	1995	COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY TEACHERS COLLEGE in conjunction with UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (Religion and Education)
Th.M.	1987	HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL (Christianity and Culture)
M.Div.	1982	ANDOVER NEWTON THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL
B.A.	1976	HOLLINS UNIVERSITY (Biology)

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Ordained to the Christian Ministry, Metropolitan Boston Association, United Church of Christ
1983

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SEABURY-WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Evanston, IL:

Director of Congregational Development and Professor of Practical Theology

Coordinate Seabury-Western's participation in the Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Development program offered in collaboration with Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, CA and the ACTS Doctor of Ministry in Preaching program offered with six other Chicago-area seminaries. Serve as Program Advisor for all Seabury DMin students, work with each in Thesis Proposal development and serve as Thesis Advisor and Reader for select students. Teach courses on the doctoral and masters level such as "Congregations in the 21st Century," "Ministry in a Multi-Faith America," "Making Mission Possible in Tough Times: Nonprofit Management and Community Development," and "Implications of the Emerging Church Movement for Established Congregations."

2009- present

ORGANIZATION OF THE NORTH EAST, Chicago, IL:

Community Organizer

Related to various member organizations and individuals on Chicago's north lakefront around issues of health care, homelessness, and housing. Organized tenants in 300 + apartment building with "slum landlord" in order to preserve quality affordable housing in the Uptown neighborhood.

2008-2009

MCCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Chicago, IL

Adjunct Faculty

Taught courses in the Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry Program (a collaborative program of McCormick, the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, and Catholic Theological Union)

and advised D.Min. students in the Education for Witness concentration.

2008-2009

MEADVILLE/LOMBARD THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL, Chicago, IL:

Angus MacLean Associate Professor of Religious Education

Taught graduate level courses in the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degree programs. Courses included: "Formative Figures in Practical Theology and Religious Education;" "Transformative Education: Liberation Theology and Critical Pedagogy;" "Religious Education in a Multi-Faith America;" "Arts of Ministry: Justice, Ministry and Advocacy;" "The Church and the Changing Family," and "The Congregation as Learning Community (integrating congregational studies, theology, and educational practices in ministry)." Responsible for assigned administrative duties which have included revision of the faculty handbook and the student academic policy handbook, organization of the January 2006 Convocation on "Non-Violent Communication," recruitment and training of Modified Residency Program Field Advisors, and co-coordination of religious education feasibility study.

1992-2008

Associate Dean for External Affairs

Represented school at monthly Hyde Park Deans' Meetings, at quarterly meeting of Association of Chicago Theological Schools' Deans and at quarterly meetings of ACTS Common Council of Presidents and Deans and co-chaired Reaccreditation Self-Study Committee. 2001-2003

Director, Sophia Lyon Fahs Center for Religious Education

Directed programs of the Fahs Center, assisted in the planning of Meadville/Lombard's Winter Institute continuing education offering, oversaw procurement and bibliographic cataloguing of the Angus MacLean Collection of religious education resources, assisted in promotion and publicity of Center activities, initiated research projects in religious education, and supervised professional and student staff

1992-1999

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, New York, NY:

Coordinator, Local Immersion Project, Globalization of Theological Education. Organized nine-day intensive educational experience in New York City for faculty and students and facilitated theological reflection and group process 1991-1992

Teaching Assistant, with Professor William Bean Kennedy, Religion and Education 1988-1990

Lecturer, "Introduction to Religious Education" 1989

UNITED CHURCH BOARD FOR HOMELAND MINISTRIES, New York, NY:

Communications Coordinator, designed and created educational resource materials, edited newsletter, coordinated communications and media relations, and developed fundraising efforts for United Church of Christ AIDS Ministry, as well as worked with Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, and Unitarian organizations to establish the AIDS National Interfaith Network 1987 - 1990

FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL (UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST), Cambridge, MA:

Minister of Education 1983-1987

PUBLICATIONS

"Spreading the 'Good News,' Responding to the Challenges," in *Essex Conversations: Religious Education Philosophy for the Twenty-first Century*, edited by Cynthia Breen and Judith Frediani. Boston: Skinner House Books, 2001.

Issue Editor, *Liberal Religious Education*, "Youth and the Church's Ministry In Troubling Times," Fall-Winter 1998-1999.

"Sophia Lyon Fahs: Religious Liberal and Progressive Educator," in *Faith of Our Foremothers*, ed. Barbara Anne Keely. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1997.

Issue Editor, *Liberal Religious Education*, "Worship and the Arts," Spring 1995.

"Review of Richard M. Hare's *Essays on Religion and Education* (Oxford University Press, 1992)" in *Religious Studies Review*, Winter 1994.

"The Education of a Religious Educator," *Liberal Religious Education*, Spring 1993.

Assistant Editor, *NEW CONVERSATIONS* (AIDS : The Moral Imperative), Volume 12, Number 2 (Spring 1990).

"Living with AIDS: United Church of Christ Perspectives" and "Worship in a Troubling Time: An AIDS-Related Resource for the United Church of Christ," (United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, 1988).

Revolutionary Forgiveness: Feminist Reflections on Nicaragua, with the Amanecida Collective (Orbis Books, 1987).

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

ASSOCIATION OF THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS

Case Facilitator and Plenary Discussion Participant,
"Consultation on M.Div. Curriculum" October-November 2003

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Panel Keynote Speaker, "Embodied Faith: Theological Thinking in Congregational Life" June 2006
Panel Presenter, "Innovative Approaches to Religious Education" June 2003
Panel Presenter, "Nature, Spirit and Justice" June 2001

Respondent, Unitarian Universalist Scholars Program, "Religious Education and Change," paper presented by Linda Topp June 1997

MEADVILLE LOMBARD THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

Workshop Presenter, "Spirituality and Justice: Living One's Faith," Winter Institute/Continuing Education for Ministers February 2002

Workshop Presenter, "The Eco-Justice Context of Ministry and Education," Winter Institute/Continuing Education for Ministers February 1999

Keynote Presenter, "Faith, Hope and Struggle: Liberation Theology's Challenge to the Liberal Church," Winter Institute/Continuing Education for Ministers February 1994

Presenter, "Religious Education: The Valuing of Practical Knowledge," Dedication Service of the Sophia Lyon Fahs Center for Religious Education January 1993

Presenter, Liberal Religion and the Global Future: A Research Colloquium February 1992

CHRISTIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Indianapolis, Indiana

Participant, Consultation on Children's Faith Formation, Research Project Funded by the Lilly Endowment January 2002

FERRY BEACH CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER, Saco, Maine

Faculty, Advanced Youth Advisor Training, in collaboration with the UUA Youth Office July 7-13, 2001

CENTRAL MIDWEST DISTRICT, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION, ANNUAL MEETING, Springfield, Illinois

Workshop Presenter, "Theological Reflection and the Congregation as Learning Community" April 2001

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST URBAN MINISTRIES CONFERENCE, Chicago, Illinois

Workshop Presenter, "Transformative Religious Education in the Urban Congregation" March 2001

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST, Committee on Curriculum Research and Theory, Annual Meeting, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas

Presenter, "Teacher/Learner Relationships and Their Role in Effective Curriculum" February 2001

"ESSEX CONVERSATIONS," sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association Department of Religious Education, Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA), and the Sophia Lyon Fahs Center, Meadville/Lombard Theological School

Group Process Facilitator April 6-9, 2000

Paper Presenter and Group Process Facilitator, "Spreading the 'Good News,' Responding to the Challenges: Liberal Religious Education for the Twenty-first Century" April 8-11, 1999

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION ANNUAL MEETING

Paper Presenter, " Restoring Creation's Promise: Theological Education, Ecofeminist Pedagogy, and Community Practice for a Sustainable World," Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section in conjunction with the Religion and Ecology Group November 1999

Panel Moderator, "Ecological Feminism and the Global Challenge," Religion and Ecology Group November 1998

Panel Co-Organizer and Presenter, "Teaching and Learning Across Boundaries of Difference: Appropriation versus Mutual Respect, Dialogue and Collaboration," Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section
November 1997

CHICAGO CENTER FOR GLOBAL MINISTRIES WORLD MISSION INSTITUTE
Presenter, "Congregational Ministries and the Eco-Justice Challenge: Responses and Resources" April 1998

ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS FACULTY FORUM
Presenter, "What is Eco-Justice Pedagogy?" February 1998
Respondent, "Ecofeminism, Spirituality, and Justice: First and Third World Women," paper presented by Rosemary Radford Ruether October 1998

CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, "Pedagogy for A Just and Sustainable World" Conference
Panel Presenter, "The Chicago Theological Initiative: Innovative Graduate Programs in Theological Education and the Environment" November 1997

ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSORS AND RESEARCHERS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNUAL MEETING
Panel Presenter, "Engaging the Poetry, Prophecy, and Power of Foremothers in Religious Education: Sophia Lyon Fahs and Dorothy Jean Furnish" November 1997
Presenter, "Multicultural Education and the Church's Transformative Praxis" November 1995
Panel Presenter, "Protestant and Catholic Twentieth Century Approaches to Higher Education" November 1995
Panel Organizer and Presenter, "Journey Toward Wholeness: Public Healing and the Congregation" November 1993
Presenter, "Writing Local History: One Congregation's Efforts at Social Change" November 1991

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION AT SHELTER ROCK, Manhasset, New York, "Theology Colloquy."
Panel Presenter and Workshop Leader, "Caring for Our Children's Future: The Congregation's Role in Multicultural Religious Education" April 1994

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO DIVINITY SCHOOL
Guest Lecturer, "The Nature of Religious Education," three lectures, Field Education Practicum Course February-March 1994
Guest Lecturer, "Parish Religious Education Ministries: More Than Schooling," Field Education Practicum Course March 1993

PROFESSORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ON THE EASTERN SEABOARD ANNUAL MEETING,

Princeton Theological Seminary

Panel Presenter, "Practical Theology as a Way of Approaching the Task of Religious Education" April 1993

DISSERTATION TITLE

"Confronting Racism: The Riverside Church's Efforts at Social Change, 1969-1979"

HONORS

Participant, The ASSOCIATION of THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS
Workshop for Racial/Ethnic and White Women in Leadership October 2005

Participant, The ASSOCIATION of THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS
Workshop for Women in Leadership October 2002

Participant, WABASH CENTER for TEACHING and LEARNING
Consultation for Scholars in Religious Education, "Charting the Future of the Academic Field of Religious Education" October-November, 1998

Teaching Scholar, WABASH CENTER for TEACHING and LEARNING
Workshop on Teaching and Learning for Theological School Faculty 1997-1998

Participant, The ASSOCIATION of THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS
Seminar for Recent Recipients of the Doctorate, "Developing Your Role as a Scholar" March 1995

KAPPA DELTA PI (Honor Society in Education) 1989-1993

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY TEACHERS COLLEGE Scholarship 1987-1991

WILLIE CAMP YOUNTS Scholarship for promise in the field of religion, (HOLLINS COLLEGE) 1975

GRANT AWARDS

Unitarian Universalist International Concerns Funding Panel, for Theological School Faculty and Student Involvement in 2004 Parliament of World Religions, Barcelona, Spain 2004

Summer Scholar's Grant, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion 1998

E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation Grant for Research Project on Urban Youth Ministries 1995-1999

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Steering Committee Member, Committee on Curriculum Research and Theory, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. 1996- 2001

Steering Committee Member, "Essex Conversations," Gatherings designed to explore Unitarian Universalist religious education philosophy and future directions 1998-2000

Member, Constructive Theology Working Group 1997-2000

Steering Committee Member, The Chicago Theological Initiative for Eco-Justice Ministries 1996-2000

Steering Committee Member, Cooperative Doctor of Ministry Program with a Specialization in Religious Education, with Chicago Theological Seminary, McCormick Theological Seminary, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and Meadville/Lombard

1994-2000

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The Peoples Church of Chicago, Secretary, Board of Trustees 2005-2008
President, Board of Trustees 1997-2004
United Church of Christ Representative, Governing Council, Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center 1999-2003
Member, Association Council, Chicago Metropolitan Association, Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ 1997-2000
Member, All Saints Episcopal Church Women's Jail Ministry, Cook County Jail Women's Division 1996-2000

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Religious Education Association – Association of Professors, Practitioners and Researchers in Religious Education
American Academy of Religion