Greetings:

The ELCA Justice for Women Program is pleased to present the first annotated bibliography of Lutheran women scholars in religion, in the United States! Knowing how challenging it can be in our research and writing to find other Lutheran scholars outside of our immediate professional circles, Justice for Women has endeavored to create one field of access to the works of Lutheran women scholars in biblical, theological and religious studies. It is our hope that this bibliography will serve as a great resource for all persons interested in identifying the tremendous scholarship by Lutheran women and will support academic, professional, and personal research in multiple ways.

Since research databases, such as ATLA, do not readily yield results that identify scholarship by Lutheran women, this bibliography is greatly needed to assist individual scholars, to edify the ELCA as a whole, and to display the corpus of work that Lutheran women contribute to the academy.

And what an impressive list we have begun to develop! There is, indeed, a vast fund of wisdom that exists among us, and certainly there are more Lutheran women voices yet to be heard. Persons still wishing to submit an annotated bibliography may do so by filling out the online form below. At regular intervals throughout the calendar year, the bibliography will be updated to include new submissions.

About the bibliography

This bibliography is annotated, and divided into seven broad sub-disciplines: Theology, Biblical studies, Church History/Historical Theology, Ecclesiology and Ecclesial Life, Ethics, Worship, and Pastoral Care/Theology. There is also a place for “Miscellaneous” publications by Lutheran women which may not fall so neatly into any of these categories.

Users will find everything from academic, theological writings to monographs, works from popular literature, sermon-starters, devotionals, and bible study guides. Many writings specifically relate to Lutheranism, and many do not.

Additionally, listings range from some of the earliest works by Lutheran women, to forthcoming works, not yet published.

For your convenience, each listing is also broken down into publication type: “Books”, “Chapters in books”, “Journal articles,” etc. Very soon, we will develop a means for you to perform a simple search in order to more easily locate the kind of information you may be looking for.
This is only stage one of our project. We expect this document to grow over time into a robust resource and research tool. For now, peruse freely, submit additional works at any time using the form found on this webpage, and please share with your colleagues.

Sincerely,

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Theology

Books

Betcher analyzes our world and God's embodied presence in the light of her own disability and the insight it affords. When released from the “ideology of normalcy,” disablement, she claims, has revealed powerful alternative understandings of the body and body politic, in Scripture, in the actions of Jesus, in the healing work of the Spirit at work in the world.


A revisioning of theology and reinterpretation of sin and redemption in relation to class realities in American society, drawing on insights of political, liberation, feminist and Lutheran theology.

Brame, Grace. *Faith, the Yes of the Heart.* (Minneapolis, Augsburg Books, 1999).

Drawing on the Bible and the Christian tradition—including writers like Martin Luther, Henri Nouwen, Dorothee Soelle, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Evelyn Underhill—Brame presents a clear and inspiring study of the Christian life. She explores such vital issues as the relationship between believe and faith, how we live what we believe, finding God in our suffering, and how God lives through us.


A collection of primary texts regarding children and childhood from six major religions of the world, including Judaism and Christianity. Each of the six chapters, edited by specialists, focuses on one religious tradition and includes an introduction and a selection of primary texts ranging from the ancient to the contemporary.


A collection of essays by leading biblical scholars on child-related themes in particular books of the Bible. Contributors take a variety of approaches, including historical, literary, and theological and disclose a range of perspectives on children and child-adult relationships and responsibilities.


Collection of essays by seventeen scholars who explore the views of selected Christian theologians on children and childhood. Essays critically examine the works of influential theologians ranging from the early church to the present, such as Augustine, Chrysostom, Aquinas, Luther, and contemporary feminist theologians. Bibliography includes primary and secondary texts.


A selection of writings by the 19th century German theologian, J. G. Herder.


The first full-length feminist study of Bonhoeffer, this volume uses lenses of gender and trauma in exploring Bonhoeffer’s implicit and explicit conceptions of the human self and its life-giving Christian formation. It also includes extended orientation to his spirituality more broadly. Taking seriously Bonhoeffer’s own social location helps us read his spiritual experience and his capacity for resistance to evil with much more nuance and grace.


Julian’s Showings, the first extant book written by a woman in English, is an essential work of Christian theology, exploring questions of suffering, human brokenness, and the immeasurable, personal mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ through highly original trinitarian and poetic lenses. This book introduces readers to Julian through forty “days,” each including a substantive selection from Julian, biblical quotations, questions for reflection and journaling, and prayer suggestions.

Despite the massive growth of the military industrial complex in the U.S., the sacred canopy of war as ‘a necessary sacrifice’ obfuscates the pernicious reality of U.S. war-culture. This book theologically explores and ethically interrogates sacrificial frameworks and assumptions that electrify and normalize war-culture in the post-9/11 period of the U.S. It questions whether theological sacrificial frameworks may be rehabilitated, and if it is possible to “detranscendentalize” war.


This book aims to construct a feminist theology of the cross, giving hope to those who are searching for courage and strength, amidst suffering and pain. While the symbol of the cross cannot be recovered by women without a recognition of its abuse, I maintain that often the difference is not recognized between abuse of the cross and an essentially abusive theology of the cross.


It is true in the study of religion that to understand one's own tradition truly one must inhabit another's deeply. Kristin Johnston Largen in this exciting volume takes the reader on such a pilgrimage into Buddhism, to ultimately address what we as Christians might mean by salvation.


Reveals how Christian understanding of creation can be brightly lit by contemporary scientific insights and approached analogously by examining musical creativity. Included are relevant selections on an accompanying CD. Composition, fugal arrangement, rhythm and tempo, jazz improvisation — they all shed light on Christian convictions about creation.
Pellauer, Mary D. *Toward a Tradition of Feminist Theology: The Religious Social Thought of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Anna Howard Shaw.* (Brooklyn, N.Y.: Carlson, 1991).


A collection of concise answers to basic questions like in order to generate discussion about how feminism and Christianity can challenge each other and can even work together in the twenty-first century. Situated firmly in the third wave of feminist activism and scholarship as well as in contemporary Christian theology, Riswold addresses issues such as race, class, gender, and sexuality with an affirmation of tradition alongside a push for change.

Riswold, Caryn D. *Two Reformers: Martin Luther and Mary Daly as Political Theologians.* (Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books, 2007).

This book examines a series of surprising parallels between two key reforming figures in the Christian theological tradition and suggests that the two are in fact engaged in the same task: political theology. The sixteenth-century Reformation and second wave feminism are viewed through the pioneering work of Luther and Daly here to further establish the political content and consequence of these theologians.


In order to adequately address the issues of atonement and christology, we must understand how it is that we think about the relationship between God and the human being. The way in which we understand and interpret the life and death of Jesus and his role within that relationship then impacts our theology of the sacraments, particularly the eucharist.

Schneider, Carolyn. *“I Am a Christian”: the Nun, the Devil, and Martin Luther.* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010).

This book explores a story that Martin Luther told to encourage people in despair. In the story a woman resists the devil’s temptation to despair with the words “I am a Christian.” Part one of the book examines what that confession meant to Luther and why it was important to him. Part two investigates the woman’s identity. Part three applies the story to modern forms of despair.

Studies the ways Christians have read six biblical narratives about sexual violence, using biblical commentary, homilies, and devotional writings as a window into the history of the church’s attitudes about rape. Schroeder analyzes the patterns of Christian interpretation, from the early church through the Reformation, and shows that traditions of interpretation are often more disturbing and horrifying than the texts themselves.


A faculty book exploring different ways spirituality is thought and modeled in seminary education – editing, and two articles.

Stjerna, Kirsi Irmeli. *No Greater Jewel: Thinking about Baptism with Luther.* (Minneapolis, Augsburg Fortress, 2009).

In *No Greater Jewel* Luther's teaching of baptism is unfolded in light of specific issues arising around Lutheran practices and understanding of baptism today. Includes questions for discussion.


The first of its kind, this book is a systematic representation of Lutheran feminist, womanist, and mujerista theologies. The book focuses on central themes that Luther addressed and that are representative of Lutheranism today, including justification by grace through faith and Luther's theology of the cross.

Thompson, Deanna. *Crossing the Divide: Luther, Feminism and the Cross.* (Fortress Press, 2004).

Equally committed to the insights of Luther’s theology of the cross and feminist theology, I seek in this book common ground on issues of suffering, abuse, atonement, reform, ethics, and the import of Jesus, all of which culminates in a constructive proposal for a feminist theology of the cross.


This exciting volume gathers theologians and historians who have thought through critical and constructive issues regarding the meaning of the cross for today’s Christians. Following an expert introduction to the issues and options by editor Marit Trelstad, each author addresses the Christian symbol of the cross in the context of current theological, sociological, political, or environmental issues.
Chapters in Books:


Betcher assumes Spivak’s challenge towards archaeology of the invisible powerlines of ‘globalicities.’ After opening out the gestural articulations of civility, Spivak’s renovation of western anthropology is assumed as key to theological geographies hoping to counter urban grids of fear.


Thinking with and through disability experience (as itself a yoke or harness for spiritual practice) and comparative theological conversation might occasion the redeployment of [S]pirit as a "yoga" or "yoke" (the words share the same Sanskrit root) of generosity so as to address the raw aches of our precarious existence to which the urban disposition of the planet now exposes us.


Modernity, environmental degradation and the pull of people towards larger cities disrupts the human psyche, developing an ‘attachment disorder,’ where trust becomes near impossible. Religions and faith, typically, have been devoted to the ‘safeguard[ing of] trust.’ In this context, Luther’s notion of *sola fide* is engaged as the author argues that faith is the practice that teaches us to ‘navigate through our fears.’


Betcher engages a psycho-theological history of Spirit, that concept by which Christianity has often escaped the tug of gravity. By opening out the aversions to ground that have been carried in theologies of spirit, Betcher hopes to release Spirit in and for ‘organic transcending.’ When the Spirit gets grounded, we may then circulate our life love as groundswell rather than transcendental updraft.


Betcher considers how Jemima Wilkinson, the first American female utopian leader, having leaned into surrounding industrial socio-economic anxieties and into the energies of religious
apocalypse, attempted to open out a communitarian economics and to create a social structure or ‘living room’ amenable to the dislocated by making ‘Spirit’ mean otherwise.


Betcher considers the religious use of ‘disablement’ and how the metaphor, when imbricated with Spirit, figures into modern, Western, Christian and cultural eschatology, social justice and ecclesiology, and even scientific and economic, practice.


Bloomquist, Karen. In Women in a Strange Land, edited by Clare Fischer, et al. (Fortress, 1975)


Explores Bonhoeffer’s views on gender – a shadow side of his thinking – both as his theology shifts under Hitler and in glimpses of potential breakthroughs in the conspiracy/prison period. Its use of literary genre analysis provides a lens for retrieving a more life-giving Bonhoefferian view of gender.

Traces the context, content, and key insights of Life Together for 21st century readers, noting connections to neo-monasticism, to discussions of “real vs. virtual” community, and to the ecological context of our contemporary life together.


Explores Bonhoeffer’s theology of human embodiment, developing five primary insights on the Christian significance of the body and refracting the discussion through the experience glimpsed in the 2009 film “Precious.”


Both gender and spirituality are incredibly complex realities, difficult to define yet reaching to the core of human and Christian life. This essay articulates multiple layers and aspects of the meaning of gender within the overarching framework of the Christian experience of God. A concluding section sketches implications of such exploration for the study of spirituality.


Gibson’s movie, The Passion of the Christ, among other important issues, triggered questions of authenticity, interpretation and the use of sources. My aim in this article is twofold: first of all, to examine Gibson’s use of sources, of biblical as well as extra-biblical origin; secondly, to provide a theological reading of Gibson’s interpretation of the passion story.

Acknowledging the growing religious pluralism in the Americas, LaHurd discusses the worth of interfaith dialogue, strategies for conducting such dialogue effectively, and ways the Bible can serve witness and dialogue with religious others.


In many recent progressive theo-ethical discussions of the erotic, freedom has become the preeminent theme in articulations of sexual relationships. In this essay I submit that when considering the creator God in relation to the erotic, something is missing if only freedom is emphasized. The God of love, who creates all things, not only loves freely but faithfully as well.


The chapter presents an introduction to the history of Islam, the religion's basic beliefs and practices, and Islam's encounter with Christianity and modernity.


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This introduction explains the context of a short work Luther wrote in response to the capture of Thomas Müntzer after the slaughter of peasants at Frankenhausen in 1525. He presents Müntzer as a “false prophet” who fomented armed rebellion in the name of God. He inserts some of Müntzer’s letters and warns people not to follow such leadership.


This article brings science and theology into conversation by looking at the Human Genome Project through the lens of theological anthropology. For example, the biblical portrayal of Wisdom as the creative logic of the universe can absorb the insights into the connection of all life gained from the study of DNA, and Wisdom’s embodiment in Jesus can challenge the discriminatory use of DNA.

Thompson, Deanna. “Letting the Word Run Free: Luther, Romans, and the Call to Reform” In *Reformation Readings of Romans*. (T & T Clark, 2008).

This article examines how Luther’s early theology mines the resources of Romans to advocate for a theology of freedom and how that message reaches the masses more through preaching than his theological treatises.

Thompson, Deanna. “Martin Luther,” In *Empire and the Christian Tradition*, (Fortress, 2007).

This chapter is a biography of Martin Luther as seen through the lens of the politics of empire. I suggest that Luther’s reimagining of religious freedom leads to a theology of resistance with respect to ecclesial and imperial authorities of the day, a theological perspective that unfortunately Luther himself does not always follow.

This article utilizes my work on reimagining Christian vocation in terms of friendship rather than servanthood. I suggest that even though friendship seems too mundane a relationship to resist the politics of empire, it can be a surprisingly powerful mode of relation for cross-cultural connection and resistance to the powers that be, both within and outside of the church.

Thompson, Deanna. “Becoming a Feminist Theologian of the Cross.” In Cross Examinations. (Fortress, 2006).

This article is a condensed version of argument made in Crossing the Divide.

**Journal Articles**


In this article, the author argues that modernity developed theological notions of ontological defect into scientific and medical pathology such that ‘The Fall’- now borne in cultural norms as well as scientific paradigms- marginalizes differing somatic capaciousness.


From the location of disablement, the author wonders whether the term “body” can itself be a term of totalization. Flesh is suggestively tried on as a locus that might bridge the feminist and disability agendas.


Betcher considers biblical and theological representations of the physics of Spirit, including miracles, if also the politics of compassion, as related to bodies exhibiting disabilities. The essay suggests another way of reading the miracle texts so as to disturb the optics of modern realism, especially their social effects.

The article focuses on critical theories and constructive postcolonial, postmodern Christianities. Where some apply deconstructive theory so as to simply purport a renewed Jesus agnosticism, Betcher suggests that Christology should be regarded as resurrection competency.


Focuses on the consideration of technology as transcendence in the writings of feminist historian Donna Haraway and the influence of Christian millennialism in technoscience so as to challenge out the hidden “transcendentalism” hiding within technobioscientific resolves.


This review essay critically engages several recent publications under the broad rubric of ‘religion and disability studies’ that attempt to speak religious critique with and through the subject position of people with disabilities.


This essay proceeds by exploring the wisdom, even authority, of bodies that admit suffering, namely, the socially abjected bodies of the disabled. What seems to the cultural eye the physical obstinacy of disability suggests rather a religious, philosophical, and/or cultural rejection, namely, an undigested or inadmissible awareness that to live will involve us in physical and/or psychic suffering.


Focuses on the biocentric scope of Christian theology. Emphasis on the metaphoric registration of Spirit as bird, earth, wind and water; the absence of pneumatology in the Western Christian theology; and consideration of Spirit as the confessional confidante for disagreeing with the nature of nature.


Bunge, Marcia J. “Feminism in Different Voices: Resources for the Church,” *Word & World* (Fall 1988).


This essay contributes to an invited panel reflecting on the future of the discipline of Christian Spirituality; I assert the necessity of an ecological perspective framing everything we do.


In this article and the following one, I explore what it might mean to name Bonhoeffer’s experience of the Christian life a “Christmas” spirituality. Both pieces were developed out of lectures given in fall 2006. This first piece explores Bonhoeffer’s conception of the self and its particularity and formation, with reference to discernment, and was originally presented to a symposium of the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning in Boston; the Christmas motif frames the piece for this ecumenical audience but is not fully developed.


This essay makes available a central portion of *Reading from the Underside of Selfhood*, cited above: its tracing of Bonhoeffer’s conception of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ through a feminist lens.


Explores the affective, even erotic, heart of Paul Gerhardt’s (and, more broadly, Lutheran) spirituality through the text of one of his hymns: “Warum sollt ich mich denn grämen.” Locating the hymn within the traditions of mystical love poetry and communally embodied song, the article asserts that recovery of such hymns can provide an authentically Lutheran contribution, full of theological and poetic richness, to the repertoire of heart-focused worship songs so popular today.


Originally presented as a response to a lecture given by Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in 2006, this essay contributes in its own right to the conversation on Lutheran spirituality nourished by the last three decades of Finnish Luther scholarship around questions of theosis. It explores these motifs with a particular
focus on desire, eros, and intimacy as neglected dimensions of an authentically Lutheran spirituality.


This second essay takes further the “Christmas” motif as a metaphor of Bonhoeffer’s Lutheran spirituality. Condensed from lectures given at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, CA, and Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Ontario, it focuses on the last five years of Bonhoeffer’s life and the intensifying of the incarnational heart of his experience of Jesus Christ in the face of not only profound suffering and evil, but the radiance of love.


This article explores ten strategies – some counter-intuitive – by which I see Bonhoeffer engaged in resisting various dimensions of the Nazi worldview and complicity with evil. It includes implications for our own resistance and context.


Discernment refers to the complex practice of learning, as an individual or community, to attend to the voice and leading of the Spirit in one’s own life and context. This practice was central to Bonhoeffer’s spirituality as he sought to remain attentive to God’s presence and guidance in the unprecedented and morally chaotic world of Nazi Germany. This essay traces central elements of Bonhoeffer’s experience of discernment as an initial contribution to a broader Lutheran understanding of this practice.


Provides a Lutheran definition of spirituality and introduces readers to the academic study of Christian spirituality.


This article first explores and exposes the interpenetration of the ethos, institutions, and culture of militarism in the United States’ culture at large. Second, the article investigates the rhetoric and practices of sacrifice that run like a current between war-culture and popular understandings of Christianity in the United States. Frameworks of sacrifice animate war-culture and simultaneously mask its operations with a sacred canopy.

What would we say about the losses associated with war if we did not describe them as sacrifices? How is this experience influenced by narratives of Jesus’ cosmic sacrificial self-giving? This article explores the electrical exchange of sacrificial frameworks in U.S. war-culture and popular Christian understandings and practices to ask: Is there a way to rehabilitate understandings of sacrifice in Christianity without aiding and abetting war?


First, this article summarizes the findings of a comprehensive resource, *Torture and Democracy*, by Darius Rejali, as a corrective for the current state of confusion and concealment in the United States with respect to the persistence of torture. Second, it theologically responds a) by reflecting on victims of torture as “nonpersons” in light of theological anthropology, and b) by addressing how sacrificialism in religion influences social assumptions about torture.


This article draws on analysis of the “logic of masculinist protection,” outlined by Iris Marion Young to describe the security regime that emerged in the United States following Sept. 11, 2001. Young’s analysis is brought to bear to explore Augustine’s writing on war. I probe how “necessity” and “sacrifice” in Christian ethics and theology wittingly/unwittingly undergirds the logic of masculinist protection in just war culture.


The language of “sacrifice” in official U.S. government communications was strategically utilized to generate support for the Iraq war in the American public following Sept. 11, 2001. I explore victimage rhetoric and framing, and feminist theological criticisms of Christian atonement metaphors to argue that familiar religious connotations of sacrificial language created a frame with deep emotional resonance that encouraged quietistic support for war.


This article analyzes viewer response to *The Passion of the Cross*, focusing on how viewers interpreted the film’s dominant atonement images, in order to explore just how these images
operate in popular culture, how they influence values, practices and beliefs, and to question the social impact of the discourse of violence and redemptive dynamics imbedded in the religious images themselves.


This article explores the shift taking place on college campuses regarding religious and spiritual beliefs, through analysis of the findings of a “spirituality survey” at Goucher College in 2003-2004.


Reflections and analysis of pedagogical strategies co-teaching “Feminism and Families.” Students studied the structural bases of women’s poverty and experiences of domestic violence, and philosophical and theological analyses of poverty and violence. This study was embodied through service by students and faculty at a local transitional housing facility for women survivors and their families.


This article highlights the key issues in the ongoing debate about the meaning of the cross of Jesus Christ within feminist theological literature in the United States.

Bess in *Breaking the Waves* (1996) and Sister Helen in *Dead Man Walking* (1995) have often been interpreted as Christ-figures. By taking a closer look at these two women’s stories I question on both feminist and theological grounds what constitutes a true female Christ-figure in films.


An exploration of the rich New Testament basis for the doctrine of the Trinity, against philosophical or even mathematical treatments of the doctrine in typical Trinity Sunday sermons.


A translation of Luther’s previously untranslated 1518 Theses on the remission of sins, with a brief introductory note.


A proposal for a Lutheran understanding and practice of hagiography.


A multi-level essay exploring the theological meaning and spiritual impact of various racial depictions of Jesus.


An exploration of the life of and traditions about Mary, mother of God, from the dedication of Jesus in the temple through her many “sorrows.”


A response to a Catholic perspective opposed to the ordination of women, underscoring the trinitarian, christological, and anthropological reasons for ordaining women.


A personal story of a young Lutheran woman making peace with Mary, the mother of God, and in the process finding her vocation to ministry.

A personal testimony combined with doctrinal argument about the importance and relevance of the doctrine of presdestination for Christian faith today.


An exploration of how the birth of the baby boy Jesus to the woman Mary can offer insights toward the end of the “war between the sexes.”


Augustine’s understandings of order and sex are interwoven themes throughout his theological work. While Augustine moved beyond a strict body-soul dualism to retain sex as a part of God’s created order, sex after the Fall became for Augustine a theological concept as a symbol, evidence, and paradigm of disordered sinfulness. This move has left a historical legacy that has caused much suffering to those who seem to fall outside Augustine’s order.


The essay consults interfaith encounters, diverse biblical portrayals of God, and theological responses to religious pluralism to answer the question of how a Christian can both be faithful to the Gospel and respond to persons of other religious traditions with respect, friendship, and shared social action.


This article describes introductions to the Holy Qur'an for non-Muslims, as well as resources for comparing parallel stories in the Qur'an and Bible and for exploring classical and modern Qur'anic exegesis.


In the face of ongoing ethnic and political conflicts worldwide, reading and discussion of scripture across religious boundaries is one strategy for defusing antagonisms. Drawing upon the author's experience with both biblical interpretation and dialogue among Jews, Christians, and Muslims, this essay describes potential benefits and hazards of such interfaith reading and provides practical suggestions for initiating this form of dialogue encounter.

Examining such texts as Jesus and the Samaritan woman in John 4, this essay surveys biblical treatments of the ethnic and religious "other" to provide resources for a current day hermeneutics of dialogue.


LaHurd summarizes the global history of Muslim-Christian interaction, explores issues that can help or hinder future relations and cooperation among Muslims and Christians in the United States, and provides an appendix of resources for guiding such encounters.


In light of scriptural and theological traditions, LaHurd compares the concepts of repentance and forgiveness in Islam and Christianity, as well views of human sin and God's response in each.


Reflecting on her own encounters with Arab Muslim women, LaHurd describes theoretical principles and present day diverse realities to illuminate some modern issues for Muslim women, youth, and families.


In the process of reviewing Jon D. Levenson's 1993 *The Death and Resurrection of the Beloved Son*, LaHurd raises questions about the lenses through which Jewish and Christians scholars interpret each other's biblical texts.


In contrast to popular misunderstandings of Islamic principles of warfare and of the concept of *jihad*, the article examines the layers of meaning of "peace" in Islam and the classical rules for external warfare in Islamic scripture and tradition.

The essay compares and contrasts the stories and significance of the Abraham figure in the scripture and traditions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam and proposes how Abraham can be both a divisive and unifying factor for contemporary dialogue and relations.


Referring to her own experience teaching in Roman Catholic universities and with ecumenical relations and dialogue, LaHurd examines the significance for Lutherans of the papacy of John Paul II and Cardinal Ratzinger's 2005 election as Pope Benedict XVI. Also considered are magisterial theology and the 1999 Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification.


Riswold, Caryn D. “*Imago Dei* and *Coram Mundo:* Theological Anthropology for Human Life Today, or The World is the Woman.” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* 8:1 (January 2008).

Riswold, Caryn D. “Two Reformers: Martin Luther and Mary Daly as Political Theologians?” Political Theology 7:4 (October 2006).


Riswold, Caryn D. “From a Babylonian Captivity to the Otherworld: Martin Luther and Mary Daly.” Currents in Theology and Mission 24:1 (February 1997).


This article is addressed to those who work for justice and see no results. It pursues the question of why Jesus does not set John the Baptizer free from captivity. My answer is that Jesus enters into captivity, too, in order to work from the inside out, breaking the very system itself that continuously imprisons people. This approach looks like weakness, but it is strength.


This article presents Luther’s advice to those tempted to despair, especially by a bad conscience: Do not weigh your good and bad actions to determine your worth in God’s eyes, but remember your baptism into Christ.


This article is related to my book “I Am a Christian”. It recounts the stories of two medieval nuns, one succumbing to the temptation to harm herself, and the other fighting such despair by confronting the devil with Christ. It gives the example of a modern Christian woman using the second nun’s strategy to deal with the difficult emotions expressed in self-harm.

This guide, intended for use in adult Sunday school, examines the history of Jerusalem and its significance for Jews, Christians, and Muslims. It brings participants up to the present trouble and injustice in Jerusalem, leading them through a theological analysis of the situation and concluding with encouragement and practical tips to work for a just peace for Jerusalem.


This article explains how Athanasius used Middle Platonic ideas of Form to present Jesus as the ideal Form of Humanity, in which Christians participate through faith. In such participation, the image of God that had been lost by sin, is restored forever because it is divinized in Christ, and thus it is eternal and indestructible.


This article reminds readers that the church is not a place but the body of Christ connected across the globe. It describes the hopes and fears of Palestinian Christians and calls the rest of the church to respond to this hurting member.


Schroeder examines the writings of medieval women who characterize the devil as a violent misogynist. Schroeder argues that violence against male or female bodies is an attack by the Evil One. The doctrine of the resurrection is God’s affirmation of the goodness of the human body and a promise of healing in this life and at the bodily resurrection.


Using the writings of medieval women who were devoted to the Eucharist, Schroeder urges contemporary Lutherans to embrace an incarnational Eucharistic theology that affirms the goodness of the body.


Article, based on a public lecture, on Luther’s radical read on the matriarchs and their theological role.


Reflections on the roots and possibilities of spirituality “with” Luther.


An article on the challenges and promises of teaching Luther and the Lutheran confessional texts in a seminary setting.


An article analyzing the phenomenon of sleep-preaching and introducing Helena Konttinen.


An article on Birgitt’s theology of Mary and theological reflection on the redemptive function of motherhood.


An article on the creation and purpose and nature of Eve in the thought of Augustine of Hippo. (in Finnish)


An article reflecting on the theology of Birgitta of Sweden. (in Finnish)

An article discussing the opportunities with studying theology in USA. (in Finnish)


A column making the case for the urgent contribution of feminist theology in the church. (in Finnish)


An article re-evaluating the significance of Birgitta of Sweden as a 14th century female mystic, a church leader and a visionary theologian. (in Finnish)


An article discussing the importance of feminist perspectives in theological work. (in Finnish)

Thompson, Deanna. “Luther, Feminism, Friendship and the Future” In Dialog (Fall 2010)

This article recounts my journey of becoming a Lutheran feminist theologian. Drawing on insights from both Lutheran and feminist traditions, I propose a shift in Christian vocation imagery from that of servant to friend, arguing that the call to friendship includes subverting global structures of domination. I end with an invitation to join the expanding conversation about how Lutheran and feminist frameworks address the needs of our contemporary world.

Thompson, Deanna. “Hoping for More,” (Fall 2010, article on Duke University’s Faith and Leadership website, http://faithandleadership.com/content/hoping-for-more)

This article also addresses the challenge of hoping for more—both in this life and the next—while facing a stage IV cancer diagnosis.
Williams, Ritva H. “Homosexuality and the Bible – An ELCA Lutheran Scholar’s Perspective” pp. 5-6 in *Journal of Theological and Justice Opinion*, Volume 1, Issue I, Winter 2004; Churches United of the Quad Cities Area.

This is an op-ed piece arguing for a critical traditionalist hermeneutic that avoids both literalism and liberalism in reading the biblical texts most frequently used to condemn homosexuality.

**Book Reviews/Endorsements**


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Current notions of nationhood, communal identity, territorial entitlement, and collective destiny are deeply rooted in historic interpretations of the Bible. Interweaving elements of history, theology, literary criticism, and cultural theory, the essays in this volume discuss the ways in which biblical understandings have shaped Western - and particularly European and North American - assumptions about the nature and meaning of the nation.

Betcher, Sharon. “‘Paradise Highway’: Of Global Cities and Postcolonial Reading Practices,” epilog to *Calling of the Nations: Biblical Hermeneutics, Colonial & Postcolonial Pre-Occupations*, edited by Mark Vessey, Sharon Betcher, Harry Maier, and Robert Daum consequent to a Green College Interdisciplinary lecture series (University of Toronto, 2010).

Consider how, in Vancouver, the sacred texts of different traditions must and can be read through postcolonial hermeneutics, given the ways in which religio-ethnic communities now reside one beside each other along “Paradise Highway.”

Livesey, Nina E. *Circumcision as a Malleable Symbol*. (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2010).

Through a detailed evaluation of treatments of circumcision in the primary authors of the second century BCE to the first century CE, Livesey demonstrates that there is no common or universally recognized meaning for the Jewish rite of circumcision. The meaning of circumcision is contingent upon its literary context.


Introduction both to ways women are presented in biblical texts and to methods for interpreting biblical texts. Appropriate for congregational groups or as supplementary reading in college settings.

This is an adult, devotional study on Paul’s Letter to the Philippians that reflects on four paradoxes that reside within the text (Joyful Sorrow, Individual Community, Masterful Slave, Downward Ascent). Each chapter opens with a contemporary story that connects the reader with the theme of the chapter, and each chapter connects with the one it follows. Using insights from current theological and social-scientific methods to explore Paul’s letters, as well as issues as contemporary as economic concerns, Hurricane Katrina and the 2008 Presidential race, the authors guide the reader from Paul’s historical situation to their present reality.


This 4-session Bible study uses four paradoxes as lenses to look at Paul's letter.


Provides accurate, concise, and easy-to-understand introductions to each of the 39 books of the Old Testament and 27 books of the New Testament. Each description discusses the book's purpose, approximate date of composition, authorship, contents, and distinctive features. Also included are introductions to larger sections of the Bible, such as the major and minor prophets.


Provides an introduction to the Bible and Lutheran perspectives that guide understanding of Scripture. This book explores four methods of Bible study, then applies each method to four Scripture texts. Two assessment tools also aid reflection and discussion about Bible usage, needs, and hopes.


Williams, Ritva H. *The Bible’s Importance for the Church Today.* (Augsburg Fortress, Lutheran Voices Series, April 2009)

This book is about remembering why our ancestors in faith wrote the Bible and recovering its importance for the church today. I seek to provide an alternative to literalism and liberalism by integrating ancient perspectives with contemporary scholarship so that we can once again claim the Bible as a means of grace that forms, informs, transforms and reforms the faith of individuals and communities.


I explore the roles of stewards, prophets, keepers of the word in the ancient Mediterranean cultures in order to demonstrate how early church leaders in the first and second centuries drew on these roles to subvert dominant power structures, justify innovation, create and preserve the emerging traditions of and about Jesus. This study draws on anthropological insights to critically assess Greco-Roman and early Christian sources.

**Chapters in books**


Commentary on New International Version. Includes extensive introductory material, including theological relevance.


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Argues for limited usefulness of Psalm 132 in theological reconstructions of ancient Israel.

LaHurd reflects on the implications of Paul's sacramental theology in 1 Corinthians 11 for current day ecumenical relations and for joint mission as the spiritual body of Christ.


Taking account of the religious perspectives of contemporary Arab Christian women and LaHurd's own observations of women's lives in Yemen, this chapter reinterprets Luke 15 in dialogue with other feminist and anthropological readings and finds new insights into women's roles and informal power as displayed in the parables of lost sheep, lost coin, and lost son.


Applying reader response criticism and ritual studies, LaHurd examines Jesus' encounter with the Gerasene demoniac in Mark 5. Mark's portrayal of Jesus is illuminated by analysis of such ritual elements as liminality, exorcism, and the categories of clean and unclean.


Drawing on the work of anthropologist Mary Douglas, I define purity rules as symbolic expressions of a group’s identity and core values. Reading Mark 7:1-23 through this lens demonstrates that Jesus and the Pharisees are both concerned about the purity of personal and social bodies, but differ in their assessment of what threatens that purity and how best to preserve the body’s wholeness and integrity.


In this essay I contend that the Greco-Roman system of patron-broker-client relations shaped early church structures in important ways, even when the language of patronage was not explicitly used. This is especially evident in Ignatius of Antioch’s letter to the Ephesians in
which he ascribes various functions to bishops that most resemble the role of brokers of heavenly goods in a system of divine patronage.


This essay integrates cultural anthropological insights about life in the ancient Mediterranean world with traditional historical critical methods for reconstructing the life of Jesus. As I assess the historicity of Matthew’s birth narrative, I ask how its claims would have been understood by the 1st century Judeans in the text and who produced the text, specifically, would claims for virginal conception make sense to them?

**Journal Articles**

Hinlicky-Wilson, Sarah. “Plato was wrong” and “God on the loose.” *Christian Century* (December 28, 2004).

Lectionary reflections on John 1 and a psalm.


Suggests that arguments within biblical-heritage religions are often between those whose greatest fear is fall into chaos and those whose greatest fear is oppression from tyrannical forces. The Bible reflects corresponding arguments within ancient Israel and the nascent church. The use of biblical texts often functions to fuel those arguments rather than to resolve them.


The article traces the history of Lutheran women’s Bible studies in the United States back to the late 1800s, reports reflections of contemporary Bible study authors and participants, and analyzes the role of biblical critical methods and Lutheran theology in such studies.


In response to McVann's "Reading Mark Ritually: Honor-Shame and the Ritual of Baptism," this essay summarizes McVann's application of Victor Turner's ritual model and assesses support for McVann's thesis about Jesus' status transformation in Mark's gospel, while raising larger questions about the functioning of ritual in relation to boundaries and the experiences of reading and hearing narrative texts.


Drawing on personal interviews with six Arab Christian women living in the United States, the article reinterprets the Luke 15 parables in light of the women's own responses to the parables and their experiences of life in the modern contexts of Egypt and Lebanon.


This article is an expansion and updating of the chapter described above in *The Daemonic Imagination* edited by Detweiler and Doty.


The essay answers the question of how and when biblical critical methods can be used in combination and ways in which the texts themselves encourage shifts from one method to another. The particular test case is George Kennedy's rhetorical analysis of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7.

Livesey contributes to the scholarly arguments that Paul was never anything other than a Jew. She demonstrates that at the point where Paul seems most likely to have stepped from Judaism into Christianity (Phil 3:5-21), Paul’s language reveals an abundance of parallels to the well-known Greco-Roman motif of self-mastery common to the writings of his Jewish contemporary Philo.


This essay contributes to the scholarly view that in his Dialogue with Trypho, Justin is centrally concerned with the creation of distinct Christians and Jews. By using treatments of circumcision as a test case and engaging Justin’s Dialogue rhetorically and stylistically – by commenting upon not only the structure of his arguments including aspects pertaining to sound such as breath-measures but also upon his choice of words and biblical references – Livesey documents the distinction making process and provides supporting material often lacking in the scholarship on Justin.


This article is similar in genre to an encyclopedia entry. Livesey characterizes Justin as a Christian philosopher and highlights topics such as his understanding of Christ and demons. She discusses Justin’s articulation of early Christian practices and his rather lengthy engagement with Jews and Jewish issues.


Describes themes in the creation theology of the Wisdom books of the Old Testament and the Psalms.


Explores the God speeches at the end of the book of Job and connects them to earlier parts of the book, focusing on views of creation in the God speeches.


Describes the importance of lament, particularly the need to speak to and not just about God,
in the book of Job and in the life of faith.

Schifferdecker, Kathryn. “‘And Also Many Animals’: Biblical Resources for Preaching about Creation.” *Word and World* 27:2 (Spring, 2007).

Discusses issues in preaching about creation and describes texts that might be used in such preaching.


Schroeder examines the biblical and Greco-Roman background for John of Patmos’s vision of a woman clothed with the sun, crowned with twelve stars, standing on the moon in Revelation 12. Appropriating elements of pagan imagery, John of Patmos argues that Israel, not the goddesses of Greco-Roman mythology, is the true queen of heaven.


This article is intended to provide readers with an easily accessible overview of the concept of social memory, its roots in the work of Maurice Halbwachs, and the various ways that it is being used by biblical scholars to understand the history of the Bible and the nature of its contents.


In this article I lay out the contours of a Lutheran critical traditionalist hermeneutic that is ethically accountable while paying attention to the meaning of biblical texts and how they serve Christ’s mission. I use this hermeneutic to critique Robert Gagnon’s reading of Romans 1:18-32 and to offer an alternative reading of the same text.

Williams, Ritva H. “Social Memory and the *Didache,*” *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 36 (Spring 2006/1) 35-39.

This article explores the *Didache* as a written artifact of social memory documenting the socialization program of a particular network of Israelite Jesus people. Drawing on the work of sociologist Jeffry Olick, I demonstrate that the *Didache* establishes among non-Israelite recruits by incorporating a specific Jesus group memory genre, the sayings of Jesus, into a more widely known Mediterranean memory genre, the two ways discourse.

This article demonstrates how using cultural anthropological insights about ancient Mediterranean life enhances a contemporary reading of biblical texts. The interaction of Jesus and Mary occurs within the context of honor-shame cultures at the nexus of gendered space (ordinarily private space becomes temporarily public for a wedding), reliance on patronage networks for access to goods and services, and unique character of mother-son relations.


In this article I demonstrate the utility of the cultural anthropological models in the exegesis of a difficult text. Here the role of women in honor-shame cultures in which there is not only a gendered division of labor but also gendered space helps us understand and evaluate Paul’s argument for the veiling of women who pray and prophesy in the assembly.

**Book Reviews**


Church History/Historical Theology

Books


In addition to a historiography of usury scholarship, explanation of the economic and historical contexts of early Christian writings on usury and biblical and philosophical attitudes regarding usury and lending, this monograph considers the financial and salvific implications of usury in select sermons of fourth century Greek authors Basil the Great and his younger brother Gregory of Nyssa.


Explores the theological underpinnings of ancient Christian theophany interpretation regarding polemic and the formation of Christian identity, the relationship between vision and spiritual transformation, and theological claims about knowing God through creation. Argues that Augustine’s challenge to traditional claims that Christ appeared in the Old Testament theophanies demonstrates the critical and creative capacity of early Christian authors to adapt and transform exegetical traditions.


This thorough and lively overview of Christian history in the United States, from colonial times to the present, is informed by both classical and recent scholarship and is written for the non-specialist. Unlike many histories, Koester offers ample coverage of Protestant, Evangelical, and Roman Catholic developments. Includes black & white illustrations, maps, glossary, and other study aids.

Olson, Jeannine E. Deacons and Deaconesses through the Centuries. (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1992)


In her study of patristic, medieval, and Reformation commentators who dealt with the stories of the rapes of Dinah (Genesis 34), the Levite’s concubine (Judges 19), and David’s daughter Tamar (2 Samuel 13), Schroeder argues that most interpreters, with the remarkable exception of Luther and a handful of other exegetes, misread the biblical narratives and blamed the victims for their own rapes.


A textbook, introducing central theological texts and their significance for/in the Reformations.

Stjerna, Kirsi. Martin Luther, the Bible, and the Jewish People, with Brooks Schramm. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. (Forthcoming, 2012.)

A textbook, with introductions and notes to Luther’s texts, in light of Luther’s theological development, exegetical work, and Jewish history.


A new edition, in Finnish, of the textbook “Women and the Reformation” (see below).


A study of Luther’s theology of baptism, in light of historical, spiritual and ecumenical concerns, for a general audience, with study questions (“Lutheran Voices” series”).


A textbook, introducing several women in their leadership roles and with their theological interests, as well as offering a look at women’s gains and losses with the Reformations.


Chapters in Books

Ihssen, Brenda Llewellyn. “‘That which has been wrung from tears’: Usury, the Greek Patristics and Catholic Social Teaching,” In Reading Patristic Social Ethics: Issues and Challenges for 21st Century Christian Social Thought. Edited by Johan Leemans, Brian Matz and Johan Verstraeten. CUA Studies in Early Christianity (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University Press, 2010).

Having brought together an international collection of patristic scholars and ethicists at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, editors Leemans, Matz and Verstraeten present in this collection peer reviewed essays written and presented at the 2007 Expert Seminary on Reading Patristic Social Ethics.


This compendium is a collection of select patristic writings that address issues of social justice, issues of concern for both the ancient and modern world, including: slavery, abuse, health and usury, to name a few. Each chapter includes a written explanation of the importance of the issue during the time of the patristics, and explains how they worked with issues of social justice within their sermons and theologies. Further, each chapter includes an annotated bibliography of both primary and secondary source material on each topic. Finally, each chapter concludes with select translated passages on each topic.


Augustine’s anti-Manichean writings indicate a growing appreciation for the history of Israel as a witness to the one God. In particular, his exegetical response in the massive Contra Faustum demonstrates how a more serious engagement with the history of Israel shaped his theology.


Olson, Jeannine E. ”Education and Vocation in the Swiss Reformation.” In Education and Vocation in the Reformation. (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House). Forthcoming.

Olson, Jeannine E. “Calvin’s Theology of Church and Society and Its Reception.” In *Calvin’s Theology and Its Reception*. Edited by Todd Billings and John Hesselink. (Westminster-John Knox Press.) In press.


Olson, Jeannine E. "Response to How One Genevan Reacted to Calvinist Preaching: The Case of Benoite Ameaux" and "Response to Viret, Calvin and the State." In *Calvin and the State: Papers and Responses Presented at the Seventh and Eighth Colloquia on Calvin and Calvin*


Arcangela Tarabotti, a seventeenth-century Venetian nun, forced into a Benedictine convent against her will, wrote a protest against the involuntary monastic enclosure of women entitled *Paternal Tyranny*. In what may be the earliest extant example of a woman’s exegesis of Judges 11, Tarabotti argues that the tragic sacrifice of Jephthah’s daughter was less violent than imprisoning women in convents for their entire lives.


Schroeder argues that the earliest martyrdom accounts sensitively acknowledged the sexual assault of Christian martyrs. Later accounts, written after persecution had ceased, stressed the inviolability of the virgin martyr, who remained passive and was protected by Christ, her jealous bridegroom. Thus the literary virgin martyr who was truly faithful could not be raped against her will.


An article introducing perspectives and material rising from women studies as pertinent to inclusive assessment of Luther’s theology and Reformations.


An article comparing Katharina Zell’s and Luther’s interpretation and use and theological emphasis with Psalm 51.

An article interpreting the changes in women’s spirituality during the Reformation and women’s theological contributions in what ensued.


Self-explanatory: laying out the task for the book/writers in search for a shared language and interests in the territory called “spirituality.”


An article reflecting on spirituality based on Luther’s theology and experience.


A case study: what is “spiritual” – implicitly or explicitly - about teaching these subjects.


An article interpreting the life and contribution of Katharina Luther.


Study of Birgitta of Sweden and Julian of Norwich.


Article introducing feminist critique of traditional God-language.

**Journal Articles**


This essay explores ways in which sources might demonstrate closer congruence than has previously been considered of the infamous iconoclast Emperor Leo and the theology of the iconoclasts to the iconodule position. Hagiographic, historical and legal sources are consulted to consider the context within which Leo’s position will emerge; second, through analysis of select theological documents of both iconoclasts and iconodules—texts roughly contemporary with Leo’s actions against icons—this essay addresses how structures held as ‘iconic’ by the iconoclasts are understood within the theology of the iconodules in a manner similar to the iconoclasts, and concludes with a call for a reconsideration of the iconoclastic and heresiarch titles which Leo has borne, in addition to that of “emperor.”


This article considers the two “Lives” of St. John the Almsgiver, a seventh-century Patriarch of Alexandria. Unlike the average life of a saint, St. John’s two biographies are alarmingly tame, and normal elements of such literature—miracles, ascetic works, divine visions—are conspicuously absent. But careful attention to the largely-ignored Lives of St. John reveals that through the defense of doctrine and care for the poor, this bishop sought to transform the city of Alexandria and redeem it for an Empire balanced on the threshold of political and religious chaos.


Significant features in Gregory of Nyssa’s sermon Contra usurarios indicate
that the younger brother of St. Basil the Great did not merely imitate the latter’s earlier contribution on the destructive and corrosive nature of usury. Gregory’s homily has an internal integrity that sets it apart from Basil’s Homilia in psalmum 14. Though they used common themes when writing about usury—theft, falsehood, anxiety, enslavement, heavenly usury, and the natural world—Basil and Gregory approached these themes differently, were inspired and influenced by different Scripture and philosophy, and had different motives.


Explores early Christian (2nd through 4th century) exegetical claims that Christ appeared in the Old Testament, arguing that similar “audacious hermeneutical leaps” created continuity in periods of theological and spiritual crisis. However, managing such threats of discontinuity often created further problems.


Explores how early and medieval Christian authors defined female identity paradoxically, both identical to the male in spiritual dignity and inferior socially, ecclesiually, and spiritually. The tension created by this paradox yielded both constructive and destructive results historically.


Explores different forms of ancient Christian (2nd to late 4th century) interpretation of Galatians 3:28, considering views on baptism, asceticism, and social hierarchy.


Examines how Augustine challenged ancient Christian claims that Christ appeared in the Old Testament theophanies of Genesis and Exodus, arguing that his developing Trinitarian theology reframed Christological exegesis.


Olson, Jeannine E. “The Care of the Poor in Calvin’s Geneva.” Forthcoming in a Korean journal.


Olson, Jeannine E. "Advocacy: Civic or Church Responsibility?" *Concern* 26, no. 6 (July 1984): 4-5.


In their treatment of the horrific story of the rape of the Levite’s concubine by the men of Gibeah, Reformation-era commentators said that the “natural” rape of the woman was preferable to the “unnatural” rape of her husband, who had been threatened by the townspeople. Several Protestant writers claimed that her gang rape and death was divinely ordained justice for adultery against her husband.


Examining the writings of two medieval German women and a nineteenth-century African-American Shaker preacher, Schroeder explores women’s use of the biblical figure of Wisdom to authorize female writing and preaching.


Italian Franciscan tertiary Angela of Foligno (c. 1248-1309) reported several visionary experiences on the February 2 Feast of the Purification. Schroeder argues that Angela used the story of Virgin Mary’s presentation of her child Jesus in the temple as a metaphor for Angela’s offering of herself and her spiritual sons (Franciscan priests) to the deity.


Schroeder shows how Hildegard’s theological writings about the Holy Spirit were well-integrated with her scientific theories about the four elements (earth, air, fire, and water).
and medieval thoughts about the bodily “humors.” The Holy Spirit is described as having—and providing to faithful Christians—the propitious qualities associated with the right combination of air, fire, and water.


In contrast to other church fathers who tolerated wife-beating and encouraged women to remain in abusive marriages, John Chrysostom argued that a man should not use physical violence against his wife for any reason whatsoever.


Unlike patristic and medieval commentators who harshly condemned Jacob’s daughter Dinah (Genesis 34) for her own rape, Martin Luther interprets the story from the perspective of a loving father who is saddened by the grave injury done to his young daughter.


Schroeder explores the role of friendship in the life of Flemish Cistercian nun Beatrice of Nazareth (1200-1268). Friendship was a source of spiritual support and encouragement in monastic settings. Spiritual friends would also pray for one another to have visionary experiences on predetermined feast days, creating a climate of expectation surrounding church festivals.


Marguerite of Navarre (1492-1549), queen of the country of Navarre and sister to the king of France, wrote a literary anthology, the Heptameron, which contains numerous stories about priests who abused their office to sexually violate or harass women. In the Heptameron, Marguerite warns laypeople to be cautious in their dealings with priests, and she encourages noble people to use their influence to protect victims.

Encyclopedia Entries


An overview of medieval development of the theology of angels and of Reformation critiques.

An overview of the post-biblical development of the theology of angels in patristic Greek and Latin sources.


**Book Reviews**


Olson, Jeannine E. Bouwsma, William. John Calvin: A Sixteenth Century Portrait. Theological

Olson, Jeannine E. Janz, Denis. Luther and Late Medieval Thomism: A Study in Theological Anthropology. Church History 56, no. 3 (September 1987): 395-96.


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Ecclesiology and Ecclesial Life

Books


Two Lutheran theologians, male and female, model in their writing and over 15 years of team teaching, a leadership style which builds trust, nurtures community and empowers congregations. The book covers topics from ecclesial foundations, to relational ethics and assets-based ministry. It explores power and partnership, congregational systems, spirituality, stress and the creative use of time, all towards honoring people and growth in wisdom.


A collaborative writing project of the professors of Christian Education at the ten Lutheran Seminaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, this book shows how education and evangelism, often pitted against one another, must go together. To carry out goals of evangelical outreach, education is essential, and education which is alive needs to spring forth in a vital sharing of the Good News.

Everist, Norma Cook. *Open the Doors and See All the People: Stories of Church Identity and Vocation*. (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2005)

This compact book of stories from the author’s visits to congregations across the entire country invites people to reflect upon the nature of the Church and how congregations are called and equipped for God’s mission. She unfolds Lutheran theology inductively so that readers, having been drawn into compelling adventure, come back home and see people with new eyes.


Rarely are books about conflict written by women theologians. This book provides a theological core for seven responses to conflict: avoidance, confrontation, competition, control, accommodation, compromise and collaboration, showing positive as well as negative uses of each. Part One examines images, types and patterns of conflict and helps people look at their personal histories of conflict and potential leadership roles.

Based on the ecclesiological foundation of the gift of being teachers and learners together, this book addresses providing a trustworthy learning environment, methods, faith development, lifelong learning, confirmation ministry, teacher training, and the public vocation of educational ministry. It has an underlying Lutheran viewpoint for ecumenical use in parish, college and seminary.


The authors, the faculty of Wartburg Theological Seminary, demonstrated the unity of the church in its diversity. A peer among them, Professor Everist encouraged authors in content and process to deepen their differences, not hide them, thus modeling how the church can be the body of Christ in the midst of its greatest challenges. As difficult as it is, we need one another.


Professor Everist invited 25 diverse women engaged in the full range of parish ministry to show how they lead and serve, using the themes of “Trusting God,” “Liberating Christians,” “Living Vocation,” and “Nurturing Community.” The theological questions arise from the contextual realities as the women exercise ministerial leadership in the public world.


The Reformation concept of the “Priesthood of all Believers” has yet to be fully realized. These Lutheran scholars, a lay man and a clergy woman, provide a Trinitarian approach to the question of “What in the world is God doing?” Using a variety of styles and methods, they help people reflect on and be empowered for ministry in daily life.


This book presents a unique blend of theological reflection on listening, new and tested research on listening as it relates to church leadership, and suggested forms of listening education and skills assessment in a continual effort to locate and understand listening as the heart of effective and faithful ministry.


This highly anticipated resource establishes the importance of children's education to the life of today's faith communities. A very readable textbook, it presents foundations for education in the faith, explores contexts in which contemporary faith is nurtured, and suggests practical helps for creating programs that work in congregations.

Moe-Lobeda explores what it means for the ELCA to play a role in public life today. Sections focus on what it means to be a public church, obstacles to being a public church in public life, power for being public church, and providing public leadership. For the followers of Jesus, the "way of living" in public is a gift of God to the church.


Perspectives on the office of bishop in the global Lutheran church, papers from the Luther Colloquy 2000 at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, PA – editing and epilogue.

Stortz, Martha. *Blessed to Follow: The Beatitudes as a Compass for Discipleship.* (Minneapolis, Augsburg Fortress, 2008)

Each chapter in *Blessed to Follow* is structured around a similar pattern: appeal to experience; biblical stories; Jesus: the one blessing and the one blessed; disciples: blessed to be a blessing; practice: the blessing made real. Includes questions for discussion and additional resources.

**Chapters in Books**


Grindal, Gracia. "The Role of Women in Seminary Life." In *Thanksgiving and hope: the histories of beginnings and endings, people and passions, convictions and conflicts, faith and fervor over more than 125 years of theological discussion and education which formed Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.* edited and designed by Fred Gonnerman (Luther Seminary: Northfield Publications, 1998) 83-91.


**Journal Articles**


Grindal, Gracia. "Confirmation Embraced (...if done right)," *Word & World* (11/4 1991) 404-406. (Face to Face)


A detailed study of Orthodox arguments against the ordination of women in the past 50 years, matched with an account of the rebuttal offered by the 20th century French Orthodox theologian Elisabeth Behr-Sigel, concluding that patriarchy and radical feminism share the same flawed assumptions about gender.


Consideration of 10 arguments in favor of infant communion, and reasons why they fail to commend the practice to American Lutherans in the 21st century.


Invitation to follow the author and her husband’s re-enactment of Martin Luther’s pilgrimage from Erfurt to Rome, 500 years after the fact.


An exegesis of Luther’s use of the joyful exchange motif in “The Freedom of a Christian,” followed by the application of that motif to the practice of infant baptism, ethics, and ecumenism.


Arguments in favor of staying within the ELCA while dissenting from the churchwide assembly vote in 2009.

A review of the development of ecumenical liturgies, such as the Lima Liturgy, with theological critique and suggestions for the future.


Suggestions for responding to the sexuality study and ministry proposals to be voted on at the 2009 ELCA churchwide assembly.


A satire of typical arguments against the ordination of women, in the form of a supposed letter from one medieval abbess to another, responding to the fear that God went astray in conferring the apostolic office on men.


A reflection on the excising of military imagery from church, and reasons to maintain it.


An autobiographical account of life in the church, with some comments on ecclesiology.


Some reflections on growing up Lutheran and what an adult decision to remain Lutheran means.


A brief analysis of the ELCA’s third Sexuality Study, followed by recommendations for responding to the discovery that American Lutherans are biblically illiterate.


A review of the Joseph Fiennes film about Luther’s early life.


A reflection on why some people are drawn to esoteric and gnostic versions of Christianity.


A reflection on the meaning of the cross as jewelry.

An analysis of several classic works of fantasy fiction and how they require magic itself to end.


A reflection on the death of the author’s grandfather


An analysis of several classic works of fantasy fiction and how they require magic itself to end.


A humorous look at the psychological evaluation process leading to candidacy for the ordained ministry.


A narrative theology approach to communicating the gospel to young adults.


Holt-Woehl describes the education practices of three congregations for children with developmental disabilities. All three are currently inclusive of people with developmental disabilities, both children and adults, in the education programs and life of their congregations. The author also contemplates, amid the complexity of congregational culture, how including people with developmental disabilities in religious education contributed to the creation of an inclusive congregation.
Books


Bloomquist, Karen L., ed. *God, Creation and Climate Change: Spiritual and Ethical Perspectives* (LWF Studies, 2009)


Bloomquist, Karen L., and Musa Panti Filibus, eds. *So the poor have hope and injustice shuts it mouth.* (LWF, 2007)


Ten Lutheran ethicists explore Lutheran emphases, themes, and approaches to offer their account of Lutheran ethics as a way of life in today's world. Writing in dialogue, they raise foundational concerns of biblical and theological sources and norms, of Christian freedom and responsibility, of call and social witness, of justice and formation in prayer. This is an excellent resource for classrooms, group discussion, and individual study, and includes a comprehensive bibliography.

Bussert, Joy K. *Battered Women: From Suffering to Empowerment.* (LCA: New York, 1985)


Despite the massive growth of the military industrial complex in the U.S., the sacred canopy of war as ‘a necessary sacrifice’ obfuscates the pernicious reality of U.S. war-culture. This book theologically explores and ethically interrogates sacrificial frameworks and assumptions that electrify and normalize war-culture in the post-9/11 period of the U.S. It questions whether theological sacrificial frameworks may be rehabilitated, and if it is possible to “detranscendentalize” war.

Moe-Lobeda shows how the advent of globalization places a new horizon on the spiritual quest but, at the same time, has caused an enervation of people's sense of moral agency. What can I, one person, do to affect such a massive and systemic shift? The classic Christian contemplative tradition, she argues, can ignite critical vision and creative resistance to the seemingly inevitable march of globalization.

**Chapters in Books**


This chapter challenges the long-standing tendency for Lutheran theology and ethics to be defined by white voices. Hearing the voices of African American Lutheran women in the constructing an ethical theology, findings suggest a “moderating ethical process” as a way to understanding more fully the process by which African American Lutheran women for ethical deliberation and responses. A Lutheran womanist ethic grounded both in Lutheran theological claims and the lived experiences of Lutheran African American women is proposed.

**Journal Articles**


An argument that chastity is more empowering to women than promiscuity.


An exegetical and personal exploration of infertility and adoption.

Hinlicky-Wilson, Sarah. “Sex, the Law, and Faith.” Lutheran Forum 36/2 (Summer 2002).

A commendation of the classic biblical and traditional Christian ethic regarding sexuality.


A reflection on the ongoing estrangement between the races.


An argument against the Catholic position on contraception.


The recommendations on ministry policy made by the Task Force for the ELCA Studies on Sexuality and coming before the 2009 Churchwide Assembly have provoked disparate responses from differing constituencies within the ELCA. In this article I propose to describe, through a case study, the ways in which the actual recommendations of the task force represent a compromise between two opposing sides.


I argue for a helpful criterion in defining marriage that honors this foundational social relation yet does not exclude persons from it according to their "form." God’s call should not be determined according to a static social order that is often defined
according to human understandings of physical form. Instead, God's call to serve our neighbor is the Lutheran criterion that should structure the many relationships in which humans live, including marriage.


What is the bound-conscience and what does it have to do with deciding whether or not the ELCA should accept for ordination gay and lesbian persons in long-term, monogamous, faithful relationships? In this article, I ask whether or not we might do better to speak of a "liberated conscience" as opposed to a "bound" one in relationship to this question.


The article summarizes the strengths and weaknesses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on the occasion of the church's 20th anniversary, highlights the increasing diversity in the denomination, and emphasizes the importance of the strong ecumenical work that continues to take place, both nationally and internationally. Commitments to social justice, global connectedness and economic stewardship are also discussed.


In the aftermath of the first Persian Gulf War, the authors describe economic and political characteristics of the Arab Middle East, the effects of that 1991 conflict, and Arab aspirations for change. Also explored are potential positive roles for American churches and Christians.


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Drawing from her published writings, editor Lisa Dahill here selects forty inspiring passages from Julian's work that help illustrate God's love and compassion for all. The book begins with a short introduction to the life of Julian and then offers forty chapters, each of which includes a reading from her writings, related Scripture passages, questions to ponder, journal-reflection exercises, and a prayer.


This short volume is part of the Worship Matters series designed for personal or small-group use. Written primarily though not exclusively for Lutherans, it introduces readers to 14 practices of contemplative prayer whose use helps open more fully the experience and depth of liturgical worship. The volume, which centers in the experience of endless and intimate divine love poured out in Jesus Christ, can thus be read either for deeper understanding of liturgy and worship or for orientation to the practice of contemplative prayer in a variety of forms.


The book presents both the biography and work of women hymn writers from Scandinavia, two from Denmark, two from Norway, two from Sweden, with a concluding chapter on what the author herself learned about the writing of Lutheran hymn from her study.


A series of hymn texts on the weekly lectionary Gospel texts of Series C.

Grindal, Gracia, ed. *40-Day Journey with Martin Luther*. (Minneapolis, Augsburg Books, 2008)
Drawing from the vast collection of Luther’s sermons and other works, editor Gracia Grindal here selects forty inspiring passages that raise profound truths about faith and life. Includes a short introduction to Luther’s life, journal-writing exercises and daily prayers. A rich resource for personal meditation or small group discussion. An inspiring companion anytime. Ideal for traveling through the seasons of Advent and Lent.


A new translation of Linka Preus’ diary, with her sketches, re-discovered and annotated by Grindal. They show some of the first pictorial images of the founding of the Lutheran churches, especially the woman’s world, among the Norwegian Americans and some of the Missouri Synod as the two traditions intersected.


A series of hymn texts on the weekly lectionary Gospel texts of Series B.


A series of hymn texts on the weekly lectionary Gospel texts of Series A.


A collection of poems on life in the Midwestern Lutheran world.


Helps on understanding the life and origin of some of our greatest Lutheran hymns.


A workbook on how to write hymn texts in English.


A collection of hymn texts drawn from life, Scripture and other great Lutheran hymn writers.


A collection of poems on life in the Upper Midwest parsonage.


A chapbook of poems.


Commentary on the Revised Common Lectionary texts for Year A (Easter through Christ the King Sunday). Intended to aid the preacher in exegesis for sermon preparation.


Each day the journey begins with a biblical verse, followed by a brief reflection on that verse. Following the daily reflection you will journey, explore and find meaning through meditation, questions to ponder, prayer.


Based on the Beecher Lectures at Yale Divinity School this book explores how biblical texts mark our times in history and how our times mark the texts. Three texts are explored in depth: the Shunnamite woman in II Kings 4, the rich man who comes to Jesus in Mark, and the Ethiopian eunuch baptized on a desert road in Acts 8.


This small book is a companion for the 40-day journey in Lent. Sundays engage the gospel texts appointed for Year C. Weekdays deal with a variety of Lucan texts. Each text is read twice: first response is in the voice of someone in the biblical text, the second response is from an imagined contemporary person.

This Lenten devotional includes reflections for each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday for Year C of the lectionary. Traveling on Holy Ground includes a Bible citation, a brief Bible reading, a meditation, and a short prayer. It is intended for individual use and geared toward adults.


Matthew’s resurrection story pictures an angel rolling away the stone and sitting down on it, transforming the stone of death into a resurrection pulpit. The image of stones moves through the book with a focus on how to help preachers tend to and move through resistance from listeners.


This book invites the reader to see how God's word can become the crux not only of the sermon but of the worship service as a whole. The preached word, then, and the liturgical event within which preaching is located become integral to each other. This book invites the reader to explore how-through God's word-preaching informs and is, in turn, supported by the worship event as a whole.


In recent years, pressure has come upon North American society to jettison the Christian funeral and opt instead for the services of a funeral business. Quivik helps the reader explore the deeper meaning of the Christian funeral so that the resources of private businesses in the burial event can be put to their proper use.


Explores why Christians have different ways of looking at time, at how the life of the church is ordered and organized by days, weeks, seasons, and years. It provides detailed information about Sundays, festivals, seasons and commemorations as well as daily prayer.


This unique textbook not only lays out the religious-studies framework of a contemporary understanding of worship, it also offers a full history of Christian worship in each historical period, including the American experience. Addresses ongoing issues in our understanding of Christian Worship (gender, authority, ethics, skepticism) and places them into an explicitly cross-religious framework with Islam, Judaism, and other religions.

Enjoy enriching reflections on ashes, treasure, mountain, outsider, clothing, battle, water, and many more. Each day's devotion includes a biblical citation, meditation, prayer, Bible reading, and hymn text.


Recent decades have witnessed the revival of the ancient liturgies of the Three Days — Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. In this book Ramshaw gives both history and many suggestions about how these services can enrich the worship life of your entire assembly.


Invites the entire worshipping assembly, lay and clergy, to understand and delight in the three-year lectionary. The study guide explains how the Revised Common Lectionary was developed and how the gospels, the first readings and the epistles are assigned. Further chapters describe many ways that the three readings affect the assembly's worship and the assembly itself.

Ramshaw, Gail. *Sing the Faith: Hymns to the Creator.* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2003)

In this five-session Bible study, the focus is on God as creator of the world and considers nature as a pattern of our lives, expressed in five traditional hymns, and their connection to the faith life of all believers.


This handbook helps sponsors take a fresh look at how they can support and nurture the newly baptized, whether child or adult.


Illuminates forty primary images from the three-year lectionary. With each of the images she considers related terms, exploring a total of nearly two hundred words and phrases in light of biblical history, typological relationships, poetic nuances, metaphoric meanings, and liturgical year connections.

Beginning with the appointed readings for Sunday, each day of the week suggests a biblical reading selected to relate to the Sunday readings. A brief summary phrase for each reading enables the reader to see the connections between all of the week readings and the Sunday readings.


Young children, ages 3-7, will be drawn to the many illustrations depicting their experiences of daily life and, at the same time, they'll learn the basic pattern and meaning of Sunday worship. Educators can explain Christian worship in a new light.

Ramshaw, Gail and Gordon Lathrop, eds. *Readings for the Assembly, Year A*. (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 1995)

Based on the NRSV and incorporating inclusive language for God, this volume mirrors *Lectionary for Worship* in format. Principles for revision are conservative and poetic in nature, carefully respecting the meaning and imagery of the original biblical text while attending to the sound of the readings in public proclamation.


A set of four sermon starters for the relevant lectionary texts.

**Chapters in Books**


This chapter shows that the debate over the “third use of the law” in preaching is alive and well and provides a brief summary of the history of the debate. It also encourages preachers to engage questions about the third use of the law and preaching, articulate their viewpoints, and examine their sermons in relation to these articulated viewpoints.

This new commentary focuses on preaching justice themes from lectionary texts. Each author deals with five texts: Gospel, Epistle, two Old Testament readings and two psalms. My essays are on the lectionary texts for the same Sunday in the three-year cycle: Proper 18: Years A, B and C.


“Homiletical Perspectives” for Year A: Proper 18 (Exodus 12: 1 – 14), Proper 18 (Psalm 149), and Proper 19 (Exodus 14: 19 – 31) These essays focus on texts that were omitted in the first volumes of *Feasting on the Word*.


Several Roman Catholic and Protestant women reflect on the paintings of Janet McKenzie. My chapter is on her intriguing work titled “In the Garden of Blessing.”


My chapter presses the question: whose narratives are important enough for preaching? Since most biblical texts are about men, including lectionary texts, preachers need to be intentional to hear the voices of women.


This is a revised resource with short entries by several authors defining topics related to homiletics.

My sermon, “Down by the Riverside,” is the Prologue to these reflections. The sermon was preached during the North American consultation of the WCC. This sermon is based on the Acts 16 story of Lydia’s encounter with Paul.


Each woman in this book writes about her process in developing a sermon. My chapter focuses on the sermon as a meeting place between the scripture text and the community text. In addition to the essay there is a sermon entitled “After Emmaus.”


Jesus asks this question to Simon at the dinner party interrupted by an unnamed woman (Luke 7). The question also refers to my experience preaching in a congregation years ago. A woman who had never heard another woman preach told me she has prepared herself by saying, “Just close your eyes and maybe you can forget it’s a woman is preaching.”


**Journal Articles**


Marcia Falk is a Jewish poet, scholar, and translator with a deep love for liturgical texts – particularly the *berakhot* or blessings at the heart of Jewish prayer – and a passion for their continuing life in Jewish contexts far removed from the ancient communities that originated
these forms. This article provides an introduction to Falk’s work and to broader questions of feminist recasting of traditional liturgical forms.


Grindal, Gracia. "Arts in the Church: Beautiful, But Also Faithful," *Word & World* (19/4 1999) 411, 413. (Face to Face)


Provides reasons for and begins to give guidance in preaching on social issues in ways that are theologically sound, biblically faithful, academically critical, and pastorally sensitive.


Although preaching is an oral/aural event, preachers often prepare sermons as they would write term papers. This three-part article offers are a few steps preachers can take in order to craft a sermon that is geared more toward the hearer's ear.

An assessment of how and why work with commentaries can be appropriated effectively and faithfully for the sake of preaching. The first point addresses attitude toward commentaries. The second concerns timing. And the third pertains to types of commentaries.


The article explores the appointed Gospel texts for the season of Easter season (Revised Common Lectionary). These texts provide an opportunity to talk about the surreal and confusing elements of an encounter with the risen Lord.


Lectionary reflections on the meaning of Christ’s resurrection and the command for Christians not to distinguish between foods.


The author draws from her experience as a pastor in a multicultural congregation to engage Ephesians 6:10-20. Facing tensions and struggled both in the world and in congregations require the whole armor of God for protection, survival, and thriving.


Article on the use of dance in Lutheran worship.

**Encyclopedias and Dictionaries**


**Book Reviews**


**Online Resources**


Hannan, Shauna K. “Commentary on Psalm 25:1-10 (First Sunday in Lent).” 

Hannan, Shauna K. “Commentary on Psalm 22:23-31 (Second Sunday in Lent).” 


Hannan, Shauna K. “Commentary on Isaiah 58:9b-14 (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost).” 
Pastoral Care and Theology

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This is a full scale disciplinary framework for pastoral psychotherapists/pastoral counselors at intermediate and advanced levels of clinical training and also for experienced pastoral counselors and psychotherapists in professional practice. It harvests the great potential of postmodern sensibilities to help, accompany, and support individuals, couples, and families in recognizing and healing especially painful psychic wounds, and/or longstanding patterns of self-defeating relationships to self and others.


In this groundbreaking book Pamela Cooper-White offers a new relational paradigm for pastoral assessment and theological reflection. She uses the caregiver's own responses and feelings as a primary instrument for deepening discernment and better care. She innovatively combines postmodern, psychoanalytic, and theological perspectives with illuminating case studies to illustrate this new use of the self in pastoral care, counseling, and psychotherapy.


In this comprehensive, practical, and gripping assessment of various forms of violence against women, Pamela Cooper-White challenges the Christian churches to examine their own responses to the cry of Tamar in our time. She describes specific forms of such violence and outlines appropriate pastoral responses.

Holt-Woehl, Hollie M. *Congregations as Trinitarian Communities: Accepting, Welcoming, and Supporting People with Chronic Mental Illness*. (Saarbrucken, Germany: VDM Verlag Dr. Mueller, 2009).

Holt-Woehl seeks to discover common characteristics of congregations that are accepting, welcoming, and supporting of people with mental illness. The work includes a literature review on congregations and mental illness as well as a study of six congregations. Author
discovered a common view, in each congregation, that every person is a child of God and gifted by God whether or not they have mental illness.


Drawing on a range of practical concerns and issues in worship life and pastoral care, Elaine Ramshaw shows how ritual can communicate care, and be shaped by care for the individual, society, and the world.


This book explains how racism, economic disadvantage, and the operation of distinctive African American beliefs, practices, and institutions impact the grief process. The narratives of this qualitative research project of African American individuals who have experienced the loss of a loved one suggest that traditional understandings of the bereavement are insufficient to explain African Americans’ unique experience of loss.

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This chapter, using the narrative of the author’s mother’s experience with historical and systemic trauma suggests that experience of grief and loss manifests itself in embracing the icon of the Strong Black Woman. The chapter highlights matters to be considered in understanding the complexity of grief, trauma, and loss as it relates to African American women. Implications for use by Pastoral Care providers and educators are given.

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The author describes the theological reflections of participants in response to the question how they thought their congregation came to be accepting, welcoming, and supporting of diversity or those with chronic mental illness. Themes include the priesthood of all believers/body of Christ, Holy Communion as a "Welcome Table" for all people, grace/gospel preaching, the theology of the cross, and simultaneously saint and sinner.

This article explores how racism is incorporated into narratives about a deceased family member. This qualitative research study reports on interviews of 26 African American about the life experience of deceased family members. Almost all the individuals interviewed talked about the ways the decease taught them to deal with racism. Findings suggest that a view of African American grief that is insensitive to racism in the African American experience may lead to unhelpful grief support or counseling.


This article reports on qualitative research project, in-depth ethnographic interviews and focus groups of African American caregivers during a stressful time in their family development – caregiving at the end of the life – and the grieving through the aftermath. Results suggest that formal care is complicated by the distrust that many African Americans hold toward the health care system. The findings also highlights the importance of hearing from African American families to gain an understanding of what services, including family therapy, and other psychotherapy that families will need during this process.


This article highlights the prevalence, correlates, and adverse consequences of alcohol and other drugs (AOD) used by African American women. Efforts to prevent substance use and the nature and effectiveness of treatment are addressed. Several complex issues and limitations that relate to African American AOD prevention and the treatment are addressed including the misinformed assumption of the homogeneity of the African American population.
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Miscellaneous

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