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Education

- 2001 Ph.D. (*With Distinction*), Historical Theology, Drew University, Madison, NJ
(Dissertation title: "To Love and Praise the Fathers: Patristic Methodology in the Theology of Martin Chemnitz" – details the Lutheran use of the Church Fathers in 16th century theology)
- 1997 M.Phil., Drew University, Madison, NJ
- 1989 S.T.M. (*With Distinction*), Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
- 1988 M.Div., Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
- 1984 B.A. (*Cum Laude*), Philosophy major, European history minor, Eastern College, St. David's, PA

Graduate Research at Bodleian Library, Oxford University, and at the Cambridge University Library, Cambridge, UK

Research Projects, Papers, and Conferences: Lead Researcher in The Duffy's Cut Research Project (www.duffyscutproject.com); subject of Smithsonian Channel/RTE/Tile Films TV documentary: http://www.smithsoniannetworks.com/site/smithsonian/show_duffycut.do, and <http://www.rte.ie/tv/hiddenhistory/duffyscut.html>); Koinonia Journal Forum, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1993; Muhlenberg Conference, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, 1996; Duffy's Cut courses at Immaculata University, Immaculata, PA, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008; 2009; 2010; 2011

Co-Director, Co-Founder, the Duffy's Cut Research Project, 2002-present

Awards

"Award of Commendation," Concordia Historical Institute, November 2010.

Employment

- 2007-Present Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church, Whiting, NJ (I am an ordained Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; ordained 1989)
- 1994-2007 Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Freehold, NJ
- 1989-1994 Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Jersey City, NJ
- 1988-1989 Benjamin Sadtler Teaching Fellow, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
- 2001- Present Archivist, NJ Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Vice President of the Board, Lutheran Archives Center at Philadelphia
- 2000-2007 Instructor, Diakonia NJ Adult Education Program (Church history and theology)

Publications

- “Carl Krepper, American Pastor and Nazi Saboteur,” *Lutheran Quarterly*, vol. XXIII (2009): 388-405.
- “Revisiting Carl Krepper, American Pastor and Nazi Saboteur,” *Lutheran Quarterly*, vol. XXIV (2010): 474-475.
- “George Mortimer Pullman,” *Great Lives from History: Inventors and Inventions* (Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 2009):
- “John Stevens,” *Great Lives from History: Inventors and Inventions* (Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 2009)
- The Ghosts of Duffy’s Cut* (Westport, CT, and London: Praeger, 2006).
- “St. Anthony of the Desert Begins Ascetic Life,” *Great Events from History: The Ancient World* (Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 2004): 870-872.
- “Era of the Nine Saints,” *Great Events from History: The Ancient World* (Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 2004): 959-961.
- “Duffy’s Cut Marker Dedication,” *The Keystone*, Vol. 37/4: 14.
- “Martin Chemnitz’s Enchiridion: Practical Pastoral Patristics,” *Lutheran Forum*, 36/2 (2002): 28-29.
- “Episcopacy, Episcopalians, and the E.L.C.A.: ‘This Willingness Will Be Our Defense’,” *Lutheran Forum*, 34/1 (2000): 11-12.
- “Nicholas Ridley,” *Dictionary of World Biography*, Vol. III, *The Renaissance* (Chicago and London: Fitzroy Dearborn, and Pasadena and Englewood Cliffs: Salem Press, 1999): 654-656.

“John Eliot,” *Dictionary of World Biography*, Vol. IV, *The 17th and 18th Centuries* (Chicago and London: Fitzroy Dearborn, and Pasadena and Englewood Cliffs: Salem Press, 1999): 435-438.

“Principles for a Christian Civic Responsibility,” *Lutheran Forum*, 32/1 (1998): 41-43.

“How to Revise the Concordat,” *Dialog*, 37/3 (1998): 229-230.

“Robert Vaux and Martin Chemnitz: An Anglican-Lutheran Encounter,” *Anglican Theological Review*, LXXVIX/1 (1997): 38-44.

“Do Lutherans Have the Courage of Their Episcopal Convictions?” *Dialog*, 35/4 (1996): 306.

“Martin Chemnitz on Five Characteristics to be Sought After in a New Bishop,” *Lutheran Forum*, 29/2 (1995): 14-15.

“An Ecclesiological Approach to Christian Ethics,” *Koinonia*, 6/1 (1994): 49-59.

“A Teaching Episcopate,” *Dialog*, 33/2 (1994): 146-147.

“Martin Chemnitz and the Eastern Church: A Christology of the Catholic Consensus of the Fathers,” *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly*, 38/1 (1994): 73-86.

“Martin Chemnitz’s Perichoretic Ecclesiology,” *Lutheran Forum*, 27/1 (1993): 41-43.

Reviews

History: Review of New Books, 29/3 (2001): 26; 28/1 (1999): 42; 27/3 (1999): 124.

Lutheran Quarterly, X/2 (1996): 195-196; IX/2 (1995): 215-216; IX/1 (1995): 95-96.

Lutheran Forum, 35/3 (2001): 36; 32/2 (1998): 52-53.

Pro Ecclesia, V/3 (1996): 379-380.

Media Experience

Subject of, and Consultant for, the forthcoming Smithsonian/RTE/BBC/Tile Films television documentary “The Men of Duffy’s Cut”: <http://www.tilefilms.ie/indev.htm>.

Subject of, and Consultant for, the Smithsonian/RTE/Tile Films television documentary “The Ghosts of Duffy’s” (2006), http://www.smithsoniannetworks.com/site/smithsonian/show_duffycut.do, (nominated for Best Single Documentary by the Irish Film & Television Academy, 2007, <http://www.irishfilmboard.ie/news.php?id=499>; nominated for Best Factual Documentary by the Celtic Media Festival and Awards, 2007).

Guest Speaker at the Irish premiere of “The Ghosts of Duffy’s Cut at the “The Stranger Than Fiction Documentary Film Festival” at the Irish Film Institute, Temple Bar, Dublin, (September 29, 2006), <http://www.iftn.ie/search/?act1=record&aid=73&rid=4279936&sr=1&only=1&force=1&tpl=archnews>.

Subject of Main Line Video Guide, “Duffy’s Cut,” <http://mainlinevideoguide.com/duffyscut.html>.

Radio Interviews –

BBC Radio Foyle “Mark Patterson Show,” March 29, 2012

BBC Radio Foyle “Mark Patterson Show,” January 19, 2012

BBC Radio Foyle “Breakfast With Sarah Brett” November 2, 2011

http://195.188.87.10/northernireland/radiofoyle/features/features_duffys_31aug10.shtml

BBC Radio Ulster “Good Morning Ulster,” November 2, 2011

BBC Radio Foyle “Mark Patterson Show,” September 28, 2010

BBC Radio Foyle “Duffy’s Cut Railroad Deaths -- The Sarah Brett Show” August 31, 2010;

http://www.bbc.co.uk/northernireland/radiofoyle/features/features_duffys_31aug10.shtml

Highland Radio (Donegal) “The Sean Doherty Show,” August 17, 2010;

BBC Radio Foyle “Mark Patterson Show,” May 20, 2009;

BBC Radio Foyle “News at One,” March 24, 2009;

http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00jdqcz/News_at_One_24_03_2009/

RTE “Morning Ireland,” March 27, 2009

http://www.rte.ie/news/2009/0327/morningireland_av.html?2515598,null,209;

Highland Radio (Donegal) “The Shaun Doherty Show,” March 25, 2009;

Enda McClafferty on the **BBC Radio Foyle's "The Morning Programme,"** (on the continued work at the Duffy’s Cut site), Wednesday August 22, 2007;

Wendy Austin on **BBC Northern Ireland’s “Good Morning Ulster,”** (on the continued work at Duffy’s Cut);

Frank Mitchell on **U105 Radio** (Ireland), Thursday, September 28, 2006 (for the Irish premiere of “The Ghosts of Duffy’s Cut”).

Television Interviews –

HMCTV, Hershey’s Mills TV 20, Deedy Reynolds, 3 part interview, (March 2007)

KWY TV (Philadelphia),

Mass Grave Mystery Unraveling (August 4, 2006)

[http://cbs3.com/topstories/East.Whiteland.Main.2.302276.html;](http://cbs3.com/topstories/East.Whiteland.Main.2.302276.html)

Update (Summer 2005)

[http://kyw.dayport.com/launcher/9197;](http://kyw.dayport.com/launcher/9197)

Marker Dedication Ceremony (June 18, 2004)

<http://kyw.dayport.com/launcher/9753>

Newspaper and Magazine Interviews – a sample of articles includes the following:

Irish Central – “Murder in a time of cholera remembered as Duffy’s Cut Irish victims finally reburied,”

Kerry O’Shea (March 10, 2012)

<http://www.irishcentral.com/news/Murder-in-a-time-of-cholera-remembered-as-Duffys-Cut-Irish-victims-finally-reburied-142179803.html#ixzz1xhhQJxaL>

Irish Central – “Duffy’s Cut archaeologists search for descendants of murdered John Ruddy: *Seeking information on the Ruddy family who share a rare genetic trait*,” Kate Hickey (December 11, 2011) <http://www.irishcentral.com/news/Duffys-Cut-archaeologists-search-for-descendants-of-murdered-John-Ruddy-135237548.html#ixzz1xhi4uucw>

Irish Central – “Newly unearthed remains at Duffy's Cut offer new information on Irish laborers - New info on murdered Irish railroad workers is uncovered,” Antionette Kelly (October 17, 2011) <http://www.irishcentral.com/roots/Newly-unearthed-remains-at-Duffys-Cut-offer-new-information-on-Irish-laborers-131945108.html#ixzz1xhk0u6bQ>

Tru TV: The Deaths at Duffy's Cut: Cholera or Cover-up? http://www.trutv.com/library/crime/notorious_murders/mass/deaths-at-duffys-cut/death-by-unnatural-causes.html

Irish Central – “Duffy’s Cut Victim to be Given a New Face,” Barry J. Whyte (September 25, 2010) <http://www.irishcentral.com/news/Duffys-Cut-victim-to-be-given-a-face-103779529.html>

Irish Central – “Mass Murder Now Suspected of Irishmen at Duffy’s Cut,” Cathy Hayes (August 17, 2010) <http://www.irishcentral.com/news/100872699.html>

Irish Central – “New Murder Victims Found at Duffy’s Cut,” Daniel O’Carroll (July 20, 2010) <http://www.irishcentral.com/news/Two-more-skulls-found-at-Duffys-Cut-98814919.html>

Irish Central – “Experts Close to Making New Find at Duffy’s Cut,” (June 29, 2010) <http://www.irishcentral.com/roots/Experts-close-to-making-new-find-at-Duffys-Cut-97376529.html>

Irish Central – “PA Mass Grave of Sick Irish Railroad Workers May Be Murder Scene,” Declan O’Kelly (August 19, 2009) <http://www.irishcentral.com/news/Pa-mass-grave-of-sick-Irish-railroad-workers-may-be-murder-scene-.html>

Irish Central – “**More Bodies Discovered at Irish Mass Grave in Duffy’s Cut**,” Kelly Fincham and Lauren Carroll (August 3, 2009) <http://www.irishcentral.com/roots/More-bodies-discovered-at-Irish-mass-grave-in-Duffys-Cut.html>

Londonderry Sentinel – “New evidence uncovered at ‘Duffy’s Cut’” (May 20, 2009) <http://www.londonderrysentinel.co.uk/news/New-evidence-uncovered-at-39Duffy39s.5284572.jp>

BBC News – “Secrets of Mass Grave Revealed,” Freya McClements (March 24, 2009) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/foyle_and_west/7961564.stm

Londonderry Sentinel – “Remains of immigrants found in Philadelphia,” Eamon Sweeney (March 24, 2009) <http://www.londonderrysentinel.co.uk/news/Remains-of-immigrants-found-in.5103551.jp>

Londonderry Sentinel – “Grisly find in Philadelphia,” Eamon Sweeney (April 1, 2009) <http://www.londonderrysentinel.co.uk/news/Grisly-find-in-USA.5130445.jp>

Asbury Park Press – “Relentless search for what remains,” Michelle Gladden (March 30, 2009)
<http://www.app.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=200990330001>

Philadelphia Inquirer – “Bones may be from 19th century grave site,” Kristin E. Holmes (March 25, 2009)
http://www.philly.com/philly/news/local/20090325_Bones_may_be_from_19th-century_gravesite.html

Belfast Telegraph -- "Mass grave may house immigrants," Clare Weir (Wednesday, August 22, 2007)
<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/northwest-edition/daily/article2884216.ece>

Inish Times -- "Left for a new life, dead within weeks" (June 13, 2007)
<http://www.inishtimes.com/2007/06/13/left-for-a-new-life-dead-within-weeks/>

Drew Magazine – “The Nameless,” (Spring 2007)
<http://www.drew.edu/magazine/default.aspx?id=12501>

Jeanie Johnson Newsletter – “Remembering Life for the Emigrants” (October 2006)
http://www.smithsoniannetworks.com/site/smithsonian/show_duffycut.do

News Transcript -- Local Minister to Discuss Mystery of Duffy's Cut,” Kathy Baratta (September 13, 2006)
http://newstranscript.gmnews.com/news/2006/0913/Front_Page/046.html

News Transcript – “Mystery of Duffy's Cut to be discussed at Church,” Claire Marie Celano (March 22, 2006)
http://newstranscript.gmnews.com/news/2006/0322/Front_Page/037.html

The Suburban Advertiser -- “173-Year-Old Main Line Mystery,” Alexis Grilli (June 1-7, 2005)
http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=14631522&BRD=1597&PAG=461&dept_id=188818&rfi=6

The Independent – “Project Seeks Answers to Immigrants’ Deaths,” Linda DeNicola (August 11, 2004)
http://independent.gmnews.com/news/2004/0811/Front_Page/026.html

Professional Experience

1995-Present	Member, Bishop’s Advisory Committee on Ecumenical Matters, NJ Synod, ELCA
2000-2001	Vice Chair Person, Monmouth County Human Relations Commission
1995-2003	Chaplain, Open Door Interfaith Food Pantry, Freehold, NJ
1992-1994	President, Hudson Lutheran Housing Corporation
1992-1994	Vice President, Villa Borinquen, Puerto Rican Lutheran Housing Corporation

Hobbies

Competition bagpipe player