

Mark D. Johns

Curriculum vitae

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Teaching specialties: Media studies, media production, public relations

Research interests: social impacts of new communication technologies; online social networking systems; intersections of media, religion, and culture; research ethics

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Mass Communications **2000**

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMM. IOWA CITY, IOWA

Scholarly emphases were on mass communication theory and media research methods. Dissertation research was a qualitative study of media use by a number of congregations, faith groups, and religious institutions in a selected locale, titled For God and the Channel Surfer: Religious Leaders' Decisions Concerning Media Use.

Master of Arts, Communication Studies **1995**

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

Coursework concentrated on mass communication theory, research methodology, and media effects research. My thesis, The Rhetoric of Secondary Orality in Christian Homiletics: Effects of Electronic Media on Preaching, allowed me to synthesize new learning in communication theory with nearly 20 years of experience as a communicator in ministry.

Master of Divinity **1978**

NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (NOW LUTHER SEMINARY) ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

This graduate degree provides the basic preparation for parish ministry, with emphasis on development of public speaking and written composition skills. Elective subjects included those focused on the interaction of electronic media and the religious culture.

Bachelor of Arts **1974**

MIDLAND LUTHERAN COLLEGE (NOW MIDLAND UNIVERSITY) FREMONT, NEBRASKA

My undergraduate major was Social Science, a composite major stressing history, sociology, and economics.

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor **2006-present**

Head of the Department of Communication **2006-2011**

Assistant Professor of Communication **1999-2006**

LUTHER COLLEGE DECORAH, IOWA

Duties include teaching a full load of three courses per semester in introductory and upper level courses in public address, general communication, media studies and public relations, as well as Paideia Capstone. Specific courses:

Appointed as Director, Nottingham Program (UK) 2011-12, including COMS 339 – Media in Europe*

COMS 132 – Public Address (each semester through Spring, 2005)

COMS 133 – Introduction to Mass Media (each semester, sometimes multiple sections)

COMS/REL 239 – Religion & Media (January 2006)[†]

COMS 239 – Rethinking Freedoms of Religion, Speech & Press (January 2011)*

COMS 246 – The Internet in American Life (alternating years)*

COMS 258 – Media Production Concepts (alternating years)*

COMS 339 – Journalism and Media in China (abroad, January 2010)*

COMS 354 – Persuasion Theory (alternating years)

COMS 463 – Communication & Public Relations (alternating years)*

COMS 464 – Advanced Research Methods--Internet Research (Spring 2006)*

PAIDEIA Capstone – Ethics & Vocation (January Term 2004)[†]

PAIDEIA Capstone – Media Law & Ethics (Fall, 2006)[†]

PAIDEIA II – Understanding Contemporary Britain (Fall, 2011)

*New course designed by me [†]Team-taught course

EMPLOYMENT (Continued)**Graduate Teaching Assistant / Adjunct Instructor in Mass Communication**

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

1997-1999

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

IOWA CITY, IOWA

Duties included regular weekly class meetings with discussion sections of 25-30 students each, designing and grading of written assignments and tests, assisting at lecture, occasional lectures, creating and maintaining class web pages. In the Fall of 1998 I was asked by the faculty of the JMC School to conduct a workshop for them on appropriate design and use of course web sites. In Spring of 1999 I was appointed Research Assistant to the Editor of Journalism and Mass Communication Monographs, in addition to teaching duties. In Spring of 1999 I was also awarded the Murray Grant for Dissertation Research.

Courses taught:

Social Scientific Foundations of Communication (TA, Fall '97 & Spring '98)

Social Scientific Foundations of Communication (Adjunct, Summer '98 & '99)

Communication and Public Relations (TA, Fall '98)

Media and Consumers (TA, Spring '99)

Senior Pastor**1985-1997**

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

Position required superior oral and written communication skills on a daily basis for the preparation and delivery of weekly oral presentations, weekly teaching responsibilities with both youth and adults, supervision of the editing of a weekly newsletter and other occasional publications, and maintenance of the congregation's World Wide Web homepage.

Communication-related accomplishments:

! Member, Churchwide Advisory Committee, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America [ELCA] Communication Department, 1996-2005

! Author of several components of nationwide resources on communication (see Publications, below), 1997.

! Presenter, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America national Communication Consultation, 1996, 1997, 2000.

! Member, volunteer communication production staff, ELCA Churchwide Assembly, 2001, 1997, 1995, & 1991

! Chair, Northeastern Iowa Synod Communication Task Force, 1994-95, 1988-89

! Member, Commission for Communications, Ecumenical Ministries of Iowa, 1991-1993

! Member, Region 5 ELCA Communications Consultation, 1988-1989

! Producer, Lutheran Church in America National Youth Gathering video, 1985

Associate Pastor**1983-1985**

ARLINGTON HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

This position also required superior oral and written communication skills for regular preaching, weekly teaching of adults and youth, editing of a monthly newsletter, and supervision of a weekly radio broadcast of the Sunday worship services.

Communication-related accomplishments:

! Converted weekly, hour-long live broadcast of worship to 30-minute edited production suited to radio

! Member, Minnesota Synod Lutheran Church in America [LCA] Mass Communications Task Force, 1983-1985

Pastor**1978-1983**

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

IOWA FALLS, IOWA

This position also required superior oral and written communication skills for weekly preaching, weekly teaching of adults and youth, and editing of a monthly newsletter.

Communication-related accomplishments:

! Produced regular 5-minute program on local radio broadcast station

! Producer, LCA National Youth Gathering video, 1981

! Produced Iowa Synod LCA stewardship A/V materials, 1980

EMPLOYMENT (continued)**Production Assistant****1977-1978**

KTCA / KTCI - TV

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

This part-time position involved supervision of on-air programming operations, air TD, logging, recording of voice-overs, and supervision of volunteers at these public VHF/UHF stations.

Camera Operator**1975**

KSTP - TV

ST. PAUL/MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

This full-time position involved both studio and EFP camera operation, maintenance of video and audio production equipment, and set-up of studio lighting, for a major-market network affiliate.

Engineering Technician**1974-1975**

KTCA / KTCI - TV

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

This part-time position involved operation and maintenance of 2-inch quad and 3/4-inch U-matic videotape equipment, tape editing, air playback, tele-cine operation, operation of camera control units for studio camera (video set-up and shading), and transmitter control at these public VHF/UHF stations.

PUBLICATIONS—BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS

An edited book, Online Social Research: Methods, Issues, and Ethics, co-edited with Sarina Chen and G. Jon Hall, published in 2004 by Peter Lang Publishers. (In addition to editorial duties, I am primary author of one chapter and co-author of two additional chapters in this volume.)

A book, Called to Lead: A Handbook for Lay Leaders, was published by Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, September 2002. This is a resource book, commissioned by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, designed to teach congregational leaders the basics of small group communication and effective meeting skills.

A book, Our Context: Exploring Our Congregation and Community, was published by Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, March 2002. This is a resource book, commissioned by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, designed to teach congregational leaders the basics of social research and fundamental communication theory as a foundation for parish planning.

A book, Go Public! Developing Your Plan for Congregational Evangelism, published by Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, March 1998. This is a resource book, commissioned by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, designed to teach congregational leaders the basics of public relations and advertising.

A study guide, The Telling Congregation: Assessing Your Congregation's Communication Evangelism, was published by the Division for Congregational Ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and distributed to over 11,000 ELCA congregations nationwide July 1997. <http://archive.elca.org/evangelizingchurch/congregations/assesscomm.html>

A brochure, The Gospel On-Line: Evangelism Through the Internet, was published by the Division for Congregational Ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and distributed to over 11,000 ELCA congregations, July 1997.

PUBLICATIONS—REFEREED ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

A chapter, "Voting 'present': Religious organizational groups on Facebook," was included in Digital religion, social media and culture: Perspectives, practices and futures (Digital Formations Series, volume 78), edited by Pauline Hope Cheong, Peter Fischer-Nielsen, Stefan Gelfgren & Charles Ess. Published February 2012 by Peter Lang.

A review of Haring, K. (2007) Ham radio's technical culture, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press appeared in New Reviews in Cyberculture Studies (<http://rccs.usfca.edu/booklist.asp>) September 2009.

A chapter, "Media of mass communication," was included in Pierce, T. (2009) The evolution of human communication: From theory to practice. Oshawa, ON: EtrePress (pp. 151-184).

A paper, Profile updated: The presentation of identity on facebook.com, co-authored with Kirsten Boettner, Emily Powers & Michael Lindsay (see Collaborative Research, below) was published in the Iowa Journal of Communication, 39(1) Fall 2007).

A review of Thurlow, C., Lengel, L. and Tomic, A. (2004). Computer mediated communication: Social interaction and the internet. London: Sage appeared in New Reviews in Cyberculture Studies (<http://www.com.washington.edu/rccs/booklist.asp>) May, 2006.

A paper, "The Amazing First Century of Electronic Media" was published in the Iowa Journal of Communication, 37(2) Fall 2005.

A paper, "Unique and Ordinary Problems in Internet Research" is in press with the Iowa Journal of Communication, 37(1) Spring 2005.

A paper, "Empiricism in Cyberspace: The New Iowa School goes Online," co-authored with Shing-Ling S. Chen, was published in Vol. 25 (2002) of Studies in Symbolic Interaction, an annual book.

Two brief entries were accepted for inclusion in the Encyclopedia of New Media, Steve Jones, Ed., Sage Publications, 2002.

A revised version of a paper co-authored with Dr. Shing-Ling Chen of UNI, "Cyberspace as a Public Sphere" was published in the Iowa Journal of Communication, 33(2) 2001.

A paper, The Virtual Pet Ate My Homework, was published in the Iowa Journal of Communication, 31(2) Fall 1999.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Served as Guest Editor of an issue of the Symbolic Interaction (the journal of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction) 33 Number 4 – Fall, 2010).

An article, "Going off to college – No more!" was published in the online edition of Lutheran Partners, 26(2) March/April, 2010 (the professional journal for rostered leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America).

Author of several components of the "Book of Faith" adult study materials published by Augsburg Fortress Publishers of Minneapolis, 2008.

Contributor to *The Lutheran Handbook for Pastors* and *The Christian Handbook for Pastors*, both published by Augsburg Fortress Publishers, July 2006.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (continued)

Served as Guest Editor of an issue of the Iowa Journal of Communication (Volume 37 Number 1 – Spring 2005). The Journal received the Outstanding State Journal Award from the Central States Communication Association, April, 2006.

Author of the Leader Guide and contributor to the Workbook for *The Lutheran Course*, an adult study, published by Augsburg Fortress Publishers, December 2005.

An article, "Modern Media and the Sermon," was published in Lutheran Partners, 20(6) Nov./Dec. 2004 (the professional journal for rostered leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America).

Several items have been published in Agora (a Luther College publication): Chapel Talk for Spring, 2000; "First Impressions of Luther" for Winter, 2000; "J-Term Memories" Winter, 2004. "Reflections on China" for Fall 2005.

"A Side-by-Side Comparison of the FT-847 and the IC-910H," AMSAT Journal, September/October 2001.

"Going Public" Lutheran Women Today, July/August 1998.

"Open doors, welcome strangers: Build a building policy," Voices of Congregational Life (publication of the ELCA Division for Congregational Ministries), Summer 1996, pp. 5-6.

PRESENTATIONS OF CONFERENCE PAPERS

A paper, "Facebook as a Tool for Religious Fund-raising and Support by Religious Organizations" was presented at the Eleventh International Conference of the Association of Internet Researchers at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, October 2010.

A revised version of the paper, "Voting 'present': Religious organizational groups on facebook.com" was presented at the "Church and Mission in a Multireligious Third Millennium" international conference at the IT University of Aarhus, Denmark, January 2010.

A paper, "From Dean to Obama: The Internet in Presidential Politics" was presented at the Tenth International Conference of the Association of Internet Researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, October 2009. Also participated in an invited round-table on symbolic interactionism as a theoretical foundation for internet research.

A paper, "Voting 'present': Religious organizational groups on facebook.com" was presented at the Ninth International Conference of the Association of Internet Researchers at the IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark, October 2008.

A paper, "The Virtualized Other: Presentation of Identity on facebook.com" at the Eighth International Conference of the Association of Internet Researchers at the Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada, October 2007.

An invited panel presentation, "Who Owns the Internet? A Case Study of Research Clashing with Online Community," was presented as part of a pre-conference workshop on research ethics prior to the Sixth International Conference of the Association of Internet Researchers in Chicago, IL, October 2005.

A paper, "The Institutional Review: Research Ethics, the Law, and Power Politics" at the Fifth International Conference of the Association of Internet Researchers at the University of Sussex, England, September 2004.

PRESENTATIONS OF CONFERENCE PAPERS (continued)

A revised version of the paper, "Research Paparazzi in Cyberspace: A Feminist Communitarian Approach to Online Research Ethics" co-authored with Sarina Chen, was presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Miami, FL, November 2003.

A revised version of the paper, "Surviving the IRB Review: Institutional Guidelines and Research Strategies" co-authored with G. Jon Hall and Tara Lynn Crowell, was presented at the Fourth International Conference of the Association of Internet Researchers in Toronto, Ontario, October 2003.

Two papers, "Surviving the IRB Review: Institutional Guidelines and Research Strategies" co-authored with G. Jon Hall and Tara Lynn Crowell, and "Research Paparazzi in Cyberspace: A Feminist Communitarian Approach to Online Research Ethics" co-authored with Sarina Chen, were presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society in Chicago, April, 2003. Also, discussant for a panel, "Narrative and Applied Research."

A paper, "BeliefNet: Community or Commerce?" was presented at the Third International Conference of the Association of Internet Researchers held in Maastricht, the Netherlands, October 2002.

A paper, "Religious Resistance: Reluctance Among Clergy to Utilize Media" was presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Atlanta, GA in November, 2001. I also served as respondent for the panel "Symbolic Interaction and Communication Technology" at this conference.

A paper, "For God and the Channel Surfer: Religious Leaders' Decisions Concerning Media Use" (based on my dissertation research) was presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Seattle, WA, November, 2000.

A paper, "The Rhetoric of Secondary Orality in Christian Homiletics: The Effects of the Electronic Media on Preaching" (based on my thesis) was presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in Jerusalem, Israel, July 1998.

A paper, "Computer Communication as Secondary Literacy" was presented at the Midwest Sociological Society conference in Des Moines, Iowa, April 1997.

A paper co-authored with Dr. Shing-Ling Chen of UNI, "Cyberspace as a Public Sphere" was presented at the Midwest Sociological Society conference in Chicago, Illinois, April 1996.

A paper, "The Ecunet Community of StarTrek Viewers" was presented at the Midwest Sociological Society conference in St. Louis, Missouri, March 1994.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Paideia Text and Issues Lecture, a Luther College faculty lecture series, *Virtual, Mediated, and Actualized Communities: How Will the Media of Mass Communication Define Community in the Digital Age*, delivered September 2001.

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

A paper, "Profile Updated: The Generalized Other and Presentation of Identity on facebook.com," was co-authored with three students in my Advanced Research Methods class and was presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in San Antonio, TX, November, 2006. The paper was later published (see above).

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH (continued)

Several of my students have had papers accepted for NCUR in recent years. Most recently (2005), Julie Van Scoy, a paper on media effects across generations; and (2004) Kaia Nordal, a paper comparing and contrasting the marketing and admissions recruitment efforts of three different colleges/universities; and Jenny Jepsen, a survey of college undergraduates regarding uses and gratifications associated with reality TV programs.

“Outcasts and Offenders: A Content Analysis of Network News Broadcasts” by Gregory T. Thornton, was a paper produced as a result of a student/faculty collaborative project in the summer of 2001.

RECOGNITIONS

Invited to serve as Guest Editor of an issue of the Symbolic Interaction (the journal of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction) 33 Number 4 – Fall, 2010).

Recipient of “Distinguished Alumni Award,” Midland Lutheran College, April 2009.

Invited to serve as Guest Editor of an issue of the Iowa Journal of Communication (Volume 37 Number 1 – Spring 2005). The Journal received the Outstanding State Journal Award from the Central States Communication Association, April, 2006.

My article, "Modern Media and the Sermon," published in Volume 20, Number 6 (Nov./Dec. 2004) of *Lutheran Partners*, was awarded Honorable Mention in the "Best Feature" division of the annual awards of the Associated Church Press, April 2005.

Selected as a participant in the National Communication Association's Second National Doctoral Honors Seminar at the University of Illinois, July, 1999.

Initiated into Kappa Tau Alpha, the National Honor Society in Journalism and Mass Communication, by the Leslie G. Moeller Chapter at the University of Iowa, March, 1999.

AFFILIATIONS

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC)

Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)

Iowa Communication Association (ICA) (member of executive committee, 2002-2004)

Religious Communication Association (RCA)

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI) (coordinator for SSSI sessions at NCA, 2003)

CONSULTATION

Invited to be keynote speaker, ELCA Lifelong Learning Partners national conference, Phoenix, AZ, March, 2011.

Invited to be keynote speaker and workshop leader, Cedar River Conference, Northeastern Iowa Synod ELCA, spring adult education event, Evansdale, IA, March 2010.

Asked to serve as convener of the Doctoral Colloquium of the Tenth International Conference of the Association of Internet Researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, October 2009.

Workshop leader, newsletter design, Southeastern Minnesota Synod ELCA communication event, Owatona, MN, August 10, 2006.

CONSULTATION (continued)

Facilitator, church council leadership training event, First Lutheran Church, Decorah, IA, Northeastern Iowa Synod ELCA, February 25, 2006.

Invited as speaker and facilitator, church council leadership training event, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Downers Grove, IL, Metropolitan Chicago Synod ELCA, April 2-3, 2005.

Invited to be keynote speaker and workshop leader, North Carolina Synod ELCA "E-vent" for congregational communication evangelism leaders, Catawba College, Salisbury, NC, February 12, 2005 (unfortunately, event was canceled last minute due to logistical problems).

Chair of the Review Committee, Carl Couch Award for Internet Study (an annual student award program sponsored by the Carl Couch Center for Social and Internet Research), 2001-present.

Reviewer, Iowa Journal of Communication, 1999-present.

Reviewer, Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication, 2006.

Reviewer, Symbolic Interaction, 2003, 2008, 2011, 2012

Reviewer, Journal of New Media, 2002.

Reviewer, Journal of Communication Inquiry, 1998-1999.

Reviewer, Internet Inquiry: Conversations About Method (A.N. Markham & N.K. Baym, Eds.) book manuscript for Sage Publications, Inc., 2009

Member of the Communication Advisory Committee of the ELCA (1996-2003).

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMUNITY SERVICE INVOLVEMENT**SERVICE ACTIVITIES SINCE COMING TO LUTHER:**

Appointed Director, Luther College Study Centre, Nottingham, UK, 2011-2012.

Named Director of the Carl Couch Center for Internet Studies, September 2002- present. (Served as Associate Director, 2001-2002).

Dean (group leader) for Concordia College (Moorhead, Minn.) Global Language Village program in Beijing, China, July 2007, and in Jiaxing, Zhejiang Province, China, July 2006.

Participant (teaching English) in Weifang, Shandong Province, China, July 2005.

Participant in the LIS internal communication study, Fall 2007.

Appointed by the President to be one of the campus Harassment Officers, 2003-2006

Appointed by the Dean to the Academic Technology and Learning Resources Committee, 2003-2006

Assisted Dean of Students, Ann Highum, with two, two-hour orientation events for potential Vocation grant applicants annually in March, 2004 - 2009.

Elected to the Community Assembly, and appointed to its Co-curricular Activities Committee, 2003-2004.

Invited by the Associate Dean to participate in the Faculty Mentors project, 2003-2008

Asked by the Sense of Vocation project to co-lead a half day seminar for students, 2003

Participant in the Luther PARTNERS program, presenting to high school students at Decorah High School, 2002; South Winnesheik High School, 2004, Turkey Valley High, 2006.

Media Production Staff volunteer, ELCA Churchwide Assembly, Indianapolis, IN, August 2001; at Milwaukee, WI in 2003; Orlando, FL in 2005, in Chicago, 2007 and again in Minneapolis, 2009. I was able to refresh my television production skills by working hands-on with broadcast quality television equipment and a professional crew during the entire week-long Assemblies.

**BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMUNITY SERVICE INVOLVEMENT
SERVICE ACTIVITIES SINCE COMING TO LUTHER (continued):**

Represented the College at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America national Communication Consultation in Chicago, August 2000, and again August 2002. I attended these events, and carried out leadership responsibilities as a session leader and plenary convener, as part of my ongoing role as a member of the Communication Advisory Committee of the ELCA.

Member of the Communication Advisory Committee of the ELCA (1996-2003). This group of six lay persons plus three clergy and one synodical Bishop is appointed by the Church Council of the ELCA to advise the Director for Communication of the ELCA and the Communication Department staff in their long range goals and daily operations.

Vocations retreat leader for 50 Luther student recipients of Lilly grant funds, October 2002. Filling in for the Vocations Director, who was on sabbatical, I planned and served as program leader for this 24-hour event held at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center, Lanesboro, Minnesota.

Assisted Campus Ministry by representing the College at a meeting of "youth ministry stake holders," at Northeastern Iowa Synod ELCA in Waverly, August 2002.

Co-leader, Oral Communication Faculty Workshop, July/August 2002. This workshop was conducted with two other faculty members from the Communication Department, and was designed to assist faculty in other disciplines to fulfill the "Goals for Student Academic Achievement" which state that Luther students will "...speak confidently and coherently in both formal and informal settings; listen with objectivity and empathy."

Presented an original lecture, Why Radio? on the history and current usage trends of the medium, to regional coordinators for the Lutheran Vespers radio program at an ELCA event in Chicago on October 27, 2001.

Working closely with Telnet Cable of Decorah, I developed an Internship program in video production, beginning Fall 2000 and continuing to 2002.

Participant, Faculty Workshop on Writing, May 2000.

Participant, Community of Faith and Learning workshop, August 2000.

Member, call committee for a new Campus Pastor, spring semester 2001.

Member, search committee for new Director of the Educational Talent Search program, March-June 2000.

Volunteer, KUNI/KHKE public radio stations, Cedar Falls, 1991-present. (1998-2003, wrote and recorded regular commentaries which ran during Weekend Edition morning news program across most of eastern Iowa, always with credit to Luther and KWLC.) Summer 1998, edited and read Saturday morning newscasts and ran the audio board during Weekend Edition.

Regular Chapel speaker (once or twice a semester, 1999-present).

Pulpit Supply – I make myself available to congregations in the Northeastern Iowa Synod as a Sunday supply preacher, filling in for vacationing pastors. I always announce and/or have included in the bulletin that I serve at Luther College.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO COMING TO LUTHER:
Professional Activities:

Chaplain, Cedar Falls Post, Iowa State Patrol, 1989-2011. Occasionally rode with Troopers on duty patrol, and assisted with death notifications to families of accident victims.

Recipient, Iowa Governor's Volunteer Award, 1996 and 2000, for volunteer chaplaincy to the Iowa State Patrol.

Nominee, Northeastern Iowa Synod Nominating Committee for Bishop, 1992

Voting member, ELCA Churchwide Assembly 1989

SERVICE ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO COMING TO LUTHER:

Professional Activities (continued):

Member, Northeastern Iowa Synod Council 1987-1989
Convention Manager & Co-Chair of Constituting Convention Planning Committee,
Northeastern Iowa Synod 1987
Member, Northeastern Iowa Synod Transition Team 1986-1987
Member, Iowa Transition Coordinating Committee 1986-1987
Synodical Church Council Benevolence Visitor 1984-1989
Delegate (shared alternate attendance) LCA Biennial Convention 1984
Member, Iowa Synod Executive Board 1982-83
Member, Board of Directors, Grand View College 1981-82
Member, then Chairperson, Iowa Lutheran Mid-Winter Youth Event Planning Committee
(ALC-AELC-LCA) 1980-83, 1985
Chairperson, Iowa Synod Social Ministry Explorations Task Force 1981
Member, then Chairperson, Iowa Synod Convention Planning Committee 1980-81
Member, Iowa Synod Youth Leadership School staff 1978-80, 1986

SERVICE ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO COMING TO LUTHER:

Community Activities:

Storm Spotter, Black Hawk County Civil Defense 1985-1996
President, Black Hawk Area Religious Coalition 1996-1997
Treasurer, Black Hawk Area Religious Coalition 1991-1993
Newsletter Editor, Northeast Iowa Radio Amateur Association 1989-1991
Member, Board of Directors, East Side Branch YMCA, St. Paul, MN 1983-1985
Co-Chairperson, East Side Ecumenical Summer Youth Outreach Program 1984
Member, then President, Iowa Falls Area Ministerial Association 1978-1983
Member, Iowa Falls Lions Club 1978-1983
Co-Chairperson, Ellsworth Municipal Hospital Volunteer Chaplaincy Program Steering
Committee 1981-1983
Recipient, Iowa Falls Jay-Cees "Outstanding Young Religious Leader" Award 1980