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VOCATIONAL OBJECTIVE:

The formation of church leaders (lay and clergy) through a theological education that lives with and for the evangelical and ecumenical church through teaching, administration, and research and writing.

ORDAINED, Evangelical Covenant Church, 2003
BAPTIZED, Wesleyan United Methodist Church, Sioux Falls, SD, April 3, 1977

EDUCATION:

2009 **LUTHER SEMINARY** St. Paul, MN
Ph.D., Congregational Mission and Leadership (*received with distinction*)

Dissertation: "Missional Imaginations for Theological Education: Exploratory, Mixed-Model, Action-Oriented Research Mapping the Theological Identity and Organizational Readiness for Change across Five United States Theological School Systems Originating after 1945."

Summer 2006 **GOETHE-INSTITUT** Bremen, Germany
German Language Study, Certificate

2003 **NORTH PARK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY** Chicago, IL
Masters of Divinity

1999 **AUGUSTANA COLLEGE** Sioux Falls, SD
B.A. in English, Mathematics, and Secondary Education

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

2009-present **HARBERT COMMUNITY CHURCH** Sawyer, MI
Co-Pastor, with Rev. Lindsay A. Small

2010, 2012 **SEATTLE UNIVERSITY** Seattle, WA
Adjunct Professor

2008-present **WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY** Holland, MI
Adjunct Professor (2011-present)
Research Consultant (2008-2009, 2011-2012)

2007-2008 **ALLELON MISSIONAL SCHOOLS PROJECT**
Research Project Manager

2005-2009 **LUTHER SEMINARY** St. Paul, MN
Adjunct Professor (2007-2009)
Research Assistant for Dr. Craig Van Gelder (2005-2008)

2003-2009 **EXCELSIOR COVENANT CHURCH** Excelsior, MN
Associate Pastor

2001-2003 **DEERGROVE COVENANT CHURCH** Palatine, IL
Youth Pastor

1998-2000 **PRAIRIE HILLS COVENANT CHURCH** Sioux Falls, SD
Youth Minister

PUBLICATIONS:

Book Chapters

"Missional Theology for Schools of Theology: Re-engaging 'What is Theological about a Theological School?'" in Craig Van Gelder, ed., *Missional Church and Leadership Formation* (W.B. Eerdmans, 2009).

"Missional Ordered Ministry in the Evangelical Covenant Church: Moving toward Apostolic Imagination" in Craig Van Gelder, ed., *Missional Church and Denominations* (W.B. Eerdmans, 2008).

Journal Articles

"Successful Leadership in the Early Years of Ministry: Reflections on Leadership Formation in Theological Education" in *The Journal of Religious Leadership* 10, no. 1 (Spring, 2011).

"A Cross-Shaped Doxology: Overcoming Security—A Response to Randall Zachman's, 'The Radical Insecurity of Idolatry? Or of Faith?'" in Klyne R. Snodgrass, ed., *Ex Auditu: An International Journal on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture* (Wipf & Stock, 2008).

"Potential for Prophetic Dialogue: Toward a Contextual Missiology for the Evangelical Covenant Church in North America" in *The Covenant Quarterly* (August, 2008).

Book Reviews

Review of Craig Van Gelder and Dwight Zscheile, *Missional Church in Perspective: Mapping Trends and Shaping the Conversation* in *The Covenant Quarterly* (June 2012).

Review of Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, *Unexpected Destinations: An Evangelical Pilgrimage to Global Christianity* in *The Covenant Companion* (February 2012).

Review of Rob Bell, *Love Wins* in *The Covenant Companion* (June 2011).

Review of Colin Greene and Martin Robinson, *MetaVista: Bible, Church, and Mission in an Age of Imagination* in *Missiology: An International Review* (April 2009).

Review of Ted A. Smith, *The New Measures: A Theological History of Democratic Practice* in *Journal of Religious Leadership* (Fall 2009).

Review of Hannah Arendt, *The Origins of Totalitarianism* in *Journal of Religious Leadership* (Spring 2008).

TEACHING:

Leading Christian Communities, Western Theological Seminary, 2011, 2012
DMin Supervision, Western Theological Seminary, 2010, 2011, 2012
Missional Leadership, Seattle University, 2010, 2012
Leadership and Empowering the Laity, North Park Theological Seminary, 2011
DMin Research Methods for Theologians, Luther Seminary, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
Independent Study: The Holy Spirit and Vocation, Luther Seminary, 2008
Church Organization, Luther Seminary, 2008, 2009

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH:

2012 **COVENANT HOME ALTAR** Chicago, IL
Writer with Lindsay Small, May 19-26, 2012, "The Character of God"

2011 **GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE** Farmington Hills, MI
Workshop Presenter, Inaugural Lay Leadership Conference

2011 **PILGRIM PINES BIBLE CAMP** Swanzey, NH
Family Camp Speaker with Lindsay Small

2011 **MIDWINTER – EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH** Chicago, IL
Workshop Presenter, "Sensemaking in Congregations"
Workshop Presenter, "Reading Redemptively and Together with *God's Long Summer by Charles Marsh*"

2010 **EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH** Chicago, IL
Midwinter Revisioning Team Member

2009 **EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH** Chicago, IL
Participant, "Developing Leaders" Imagination Team – Refining the Mission Project

2008 **ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** Minnetonka, MN
Presented "Spirituality of the Missional Church"

2007-2009 **EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH** Chicago, IL
Compassion, Mercy and Justice (CMJ) iTeam - CHIC 2009

2004-2008 **TWIN CITIES COVENANT MINISTERIUM** Minneapolis, MN
Secretary

2004-present **YOUNG PIETISTS**
Co-founder *(Community of pastors and lay leaders committed to historic Pietism and its impact for cultivating compassion, mercy, and justice in local Covenant congregations)*

2004-present **THE NARTHEX – The Journal of the Young Pietists**
Co-editor/Co-founder

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE:

2011 **WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY** Holland, MI
Learning to Follow, Learning to Lead Project

2008 **WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY** Holland, MI
Cooper Memorial Research Project

2007 **CHURCH INNOVATIONS INSTITUTE** St. Paul, MN
Reading Team Member

2007 **CONCORDIA ACADEMY** Roseville, MN

"Missional Theology in Lutheran Secondary Education: Confessional, Relational, and Vocational"

2007	**FIRST COVENANT CHURCH of MINNEAPOLIS** Identity and Spiritual Discernment	Minneapolis, MN
2006-2007	**RICE CREEK COVENANT CHURCH** Identity and Spiritual Discernment	Shoreview, MN

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS:

Goethe Scholarship – German Language Study, 2006
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence Grant from the Evangelical Covenant Church - Competency, 2006 *(Grant funded work related to exploring the history of pietism throughout North-central Germany)*
Presidential Scholarship—North Park Theological Seminary, 2000-2003
President, North Park Seminary Student Association (2-terms), 2001-2003
Arie Galswyk Mathematics Scholarship – Augustana College, 1995-1999
Student Leader Scholarship – Augustana College, 1998

PROFESSIONAL/ECCLESIAL SOCIETIES:

American Academy of Religion (AAR)
Academy of Religious Leadership (ARL), *Steering-team member (2008-2012)*
American Society of Missiology (ASM)
Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture – *Ex Auditu*
Western Michigan Ministerium of the Evangelical Covenant Church
Young Pietists, co-founder
The Narthex, co-editor *(Journal of the Young Pietists)*

FAMILY:

Married since 2001 to Rev. Lindsay (Armfield) Small (Co-pastor, Harbert Community Church, Sawyer, MI. Ordained, Evangelical Covenant Church). Children: Micah James Small (2007) and Madeline Ada Small (2008).

PERSONAL INTERESTS:

Traveling; running and walking; Lake Michigan; exploring new neighborhoods
Blogging at www.pilgrimshome.blogspot.com

REFERENCES:*

Academic
Dr. Craig Van Gelder, *Dissertation Adviser and Professor of Congregational Mission, Luther Seminary*
Dr. Gary Simpson, *Professor of Systematic Theology, Luther Seminary*
Dr. Michelle Clifton-Soderstrom, *Associate Professor of Theology and Ethics, North Park Theological Seminary*

Denominational and Congregational
Rev. Richard B. Lucco, *Superintendent, Great Lakes Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church*
Rev. Judy Peterson, *Children's Pastor, Excelsior Covenant Church*
Bryce Baker, *Lay Leader, Excelsior Covenant Church*
Tom Talmo, *Former Church Chair, Excelsior Covenant Church*

Peer
The Rev. Dr. Dwight Zscheile, *PhD. Assistant Professor of Congregational Mission, Luther Seminary*

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