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### *Experience*

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN**, Mequon, Wisconsin. Jan 2004-present.

Associate Professor of History

*Courses taught include: Worldviews, American History, Modern Middle East, History of Christianity, Latin American History, Wisconsin Political History, Christians and Politics, American Elections History.*

Chair of the Faculty (elect), August 2010 –

Chair, Faculty Development Committee, August 2005 – August 2006 (member 2004);  
August 2007-present

Chair, Faculty Governance Committee, August 2006 – August 2007

Faculty Parliamentarian, 2004 – August 2006

**CONCORDIA COLLEGE – NEW YORK**, Bronxville, New York. 2000-2004

Assistant Professor of History

Chair, Division of History, Languages and Religion, 2001 – 2003.

Chair, Department of History, 2000 – 2003.

Director, Concordia Fellows (Honors) Program, 2000-2003.

Co-Chair, Pre-Law Program, 2001 – 2003.

Chair, Student Life Committee, 2001 – 2003

**NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**, Evanston, Illinois. 1997-2000

Teaching Assistant, Department of History

### *Education*

**Teacher Colloquy, CONCORDIA COLLEGE – NEW YORK**

Lutheran teacher certification December 2003.

**Ph.D., NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Evanston, Illinois.** June 2003

Area of specialization: Religion and Politics in Postwar America.

Minor field of study: Soviet History.

Dissertation title: "Pastors and Politics: The Conservative Movement in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, 1956-1981."

Committee members:

Michael Sherry, Ph.D. Professor of American History, Northwestern University

Josef Barton, Ph.D. Associate Professor of American History, Northwestern University

Martin E. Marty, Ph.D. Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus, University of Chicago, Director of the Public Religion Project

Nancy MacLean, Ph.D. Associate Professor of American History, Northwestern University

**M.A., NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, June, 1997**

Master's Thesis: "Arthur Vandenberg and the Triumph of Internationalism: The Republican Mackinac Conference of 1944"

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, Mequon, Wisconsin. 1986-1990, 1994**

Degrees: Bachelor of Arts in History, awarded August, 1994

Bachelor of Arts in Business/Marketing, awarded May, 1990

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, Milwaukee. 1994**

Degree: Credits transferred to Concordia University, Mequon

Senior Honors Thesis: "The Augustinian Heritage of Dr. Martin Luther's Theology"

### ***Academic Awards and Recognition***

Lutheran Schools Association's "2002 Rookie Teacher of the Year"

Duesenberg Fellow, The Luther Institute, Washington DC, 2005-2006. See below (Academic Life)

### ***Memberships***

American Academy of Religion

Lutheran Historical Conference

Organization of American Historians

Women's Leadership Institute, CUW; supporting member

## ***Publications and Presentations (in reverse chronological order)***

### **Books**

*Power, Politics, and the Missouri Synod: A Conflict that Changed American Christianity* (Fortress Press, Spring 2011).

### **Articles and Studies**

Lutheran Political Attitudes Revisited, December 2009.

"Beware of Feds bearing gifts," *Small Business Times*, 15 January 2010.

"Democracy in peril," *Small Business Times*, 4 January 2010.

Lutheran Political Attitudes Revisited; a follow-up study of 1,000 Lutheran clergy and their political attitudes. Results published at [www.cuw.edu/Departments/lutheransurvey](http://www.cuw.edu/Departments/lutheransurvey)

"Make MPS accountable by fixing the accounting," *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, 1 September 2009.

"When Takers Outvote Makers," *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, 8 August 2009.

"Beware the next wave of hidden taxation," *Small Business Times*, 5 August 2009.

"Liberty-loving Gen-Yers will reshape politics," *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, 14 April 2009.

"Accountability czar could restore faith in government," *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, 30 May 2009.

"Conservatives need the mainstream press," *Small Business Times*, 14 May 2009.

"Conservatives need to put Limbaugh in his place," *Small Business Times*, 4 March 2009.

"Incumbency repels change in Washington," *Small Business Times*, 12 November 2008.

"Incumbents' rule isn't change," *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, 5 November 2008.

"Editorial: Burkee for Congress," endorsement by *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* editorial board, 5 September 2008.

"Independence Day lessons still ring true," *Small Business Times*, 3 July 2008.

"Joint Campaign and Fundraising Activities," legal Advisory Opinion issued by Federal Elections Commission covering joint fundraising, joint advertising and administrative costs, joint personnel expenses, and payment methods for joint campaign and fundraising activities. Issued 6 December 2007. In *Record*, Federal Elections Commission, 28 January 2008 (Volume 34, Number 1), 18-19.

Peter Slevin, "Democrat, Republican Gang Up on Incumbent," *Washington Post*, 6 October 2007

"Evangelical Directions in American Lutheranism," paper and presentation submitted to Christians in Political Science Conference, Wheaton College, June 2007.

"Looking for bipartisanship in Washington? On financial deceit, it's already here," with Jeff Walz, *The Hill*, 16 April 2007.

"\$50 a barrel – a price that harms the climate and energy efficiency," with Jeff Walz, *San Francisco Chronicle*, 9 February 2007.

"Anyone but a Bush or a Clinton," *Los Angeles Times*, 22 January 2007.

"Adiaphora and Lutheran Citizenship," with Tim Goeglein (Deputy Director, White House Office of Public Liaison) and Dr. Jeff Walz. Tri-District Pastor's Conference (Atlantic, New England and New Jersey), October 31 – November 1, 2006, Woodloch

Pines, Pennsylvania

“Evangelical Directions in Modern American Lutheranism,” paper and presentation to the Lutheran Historical Conference, Columbia, SC, October 11-14, 2006

“A Spending Spree That Can’t Go On,” *Wisconsin State Journal*, January 8, 2006, B2

“Bush, Kerry and the Christian Voter,” with Dr. Jeff Walz. *The Lutheran Witness*, October 2004. Cover story; pages 6-10.

“Intelligence Information Recalls ‘Missile Gap’ Gambit,” *USA Today*, January 28, 2004. Page 13A.

Editor, *Prelude: The Journal of the Concordia Fellows Program*, Volume I, Issue 1. May 2003.

“Race and Politics in the Modern LCMS,” with Dr. Kathryn Galchutt, Spring 2003.

“Dangerous Rhetoric,” *Gannett News Service*, December 7, 2000.

### **Public Presentations**

“Does America Need an Economic Bill of Rights?” Televised appearance on *Fourth Street Forum*, Milwaukee Public Television/MPTV, 14 January 2010.

“Health Care Forum.” Participation in panel discussion on health care reform hosted by Concordia Bioethics Institute, 12 November 2009.

“Tough Times/Bold Solutions: Is Obama Wisconsin’s Hope?” Televised appearance on *Fourth Street Forum*, Milwaukee Public Television/MPTV, 22 January 2009.

“Future of American politics after 11/04/08,” speech to *World Future Society*, 19 November 2008.

“What’s Good For America? A More Perfect Union.” Televised appearance on *Fourth Street Forum*, Milwaukee Public Television/MPTV, 30 October 2008.

Televised appearance on *International Focus*, Milwaukee Public Television/MPTV in concert with University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee’s Institute of World Affairs. 29 August 2007.

“Evangelical Directions in American Lutheranism,” paper and presentation submitted to Christians in Political Science Conference, Wheaton College, June 2007.

“Adiaphora and Lutheran Citizenship,” with Tim Goeglein (Deputy Director, White House Office of Public Liaison) and Dr. Jeff Walz. Tri-District Pastor’s Conference (Atlantic, New England and New Jersey), October 31 – November 1, 2006, Woodloch Pines, Pennsylvania

“Evangelical Directions in Modern American Lutheranism,” paper and presentation to the Lutheran Historical Conference, Columbia, SC, October 11-14, 2006

“The November Election in Local Context,” CUW campus forum with Charlie Sykes and Evan Zeppos. November 13, 2006

“Morality and Health Care Politics,” 2007 Parish Nursing Conference, CUW, August 2007

“Women ‘in Service to Christ in Church and Community,’” CUW campus, 2005-2006. Series of four forums: “Women in the LCMS,” “Women in Academia,” “Women at Work and at Home,” and “The Legacy of Modern Feminism.” Faculty Development Committee.

“Christians and the Supreme Court.” With Dr. Jeff Walz. Kansas District, Hosted by Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wichita. October 14-16, 2005.

“Christians, Citizenship and Civil Dialogue.” With Dr. Jeff Walz. 2005 Eastern Region Pastors’ Conference, English District. October 3-4, 2005. Ocean City, New Jersey.

“Roberts as Constitutional Ruler: High Court Bane or Blessing?” With Dr. Jeff Walz, Dr. Brad Condie and student participation. September 14, 2005. Concordia University Wisconsin.

“From Pearl Harbor to 9/11: America Transformed,” presentation to the *Mequon-Thiensville Rotary Club*, December 7, 2004.

“Church, State and Morality.” With Dr. Jeff Walz. Spring Regional Pastors’ Conference of the Eastern District, May 3-4, 2004. Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

“Lutherans and the Gay Marriage Debate.” With Dr. Jeff Walz, Northwest District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, Seattle Circuit. Messiah Lutheran Church, Marysville, Washington. April 30-May 2, 2004.

“Christians and the 2004 Presidential Election.” Series of 19 public debates with Dr. Jeff Walz (CUW, Political Science) on the Christian credentials of President George W. Bush and Senator John F. Kerry. Most debates took place in Lutheran churches throughout South Wisconsin. The final debate took place on Concordia’s campus, November 1, 2004.

“Abortion, Health Care and the 2004 Election,” CUW Parish Nursing Conference, October 2004.

“St. Louis 2004: How Did We Get There and What Does This Mean?” Presentation to the English District Pastor’s Conference, September 21-22, 2004. With CUW President Patrick Ferry.

“Controversies in Teaching the Word,” Teaching the Word Conference, August 2004. Hosted by the Concordia Bible Institute

“The Politics of Higher Education in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS),” Association of Lutheran College Faculty Conference, Roanoke, Virginia, October 3-4, 2003.

Organized and moderated public forum, “Is Racial Profiling Ever Justified?” October 15, 2002. Panelist, “Christians, the UN and Iraq.” Public forum at Concordia College – New York, November 2002.

“The Paradox of Public Education,” *Concordia New Yorker*, April 2001.

“Lutherans Respond to the AIDS Crisis,” The Luther Institute, 29 April 2001.

Organized and moderated public forum on “Alternatives in Public Education,” February 2001.

### ***Conferences Attended***

Lutheran Historical Conference, Charleston, SC, October 2008  
 Paper and presentation, “Evangelical Directions in Modern American Lutheranism”  
 Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, May 2006  
 Association of Lutheran College Faculties Conference, Roanoke, VA, August 2003  
 Paper and presentation, “The Politics of Higher Education in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS)”

## ***Church Work and Community Service***

Member, First Immanuel Lutheran Church (FIL), Cedarburg, WI.

Special Task Force on Accountability, Milwaukee Public Schools Board of Education. March-July 2009.

Candidate for US Congress, 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, August 2007-September 2008. Runner-up in Republican primary, 9 September 2008.

Co-Founder, Responsibility in Washington ([www.responsibilityinwashington.org](http://www.responsibilityinwashington.org)). Its mission, "To demand a return to responsible leadership in the United States Congress and to educate and motivate Americans to hold their elected officials accountable."

Parliamentarian, LCMS South Wisconsin District Convention, June 2006

Stewardship Board, First Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cedarburg, Wisconsin. 2005 to present  
Worship leader, guitarist and vocalist, *Abundant Praise*, FIL's weekly contemporary worship service

Organizer and director, *The OUTPost*, FIL's ministry for Christians in their 20's (starts September 2005)

Compassion, International. Family supports two children.

"We Have So Much" fundraising campaign and mission trip to Tijuana, Mexico, Christmas 2002. Raised over \$10,000 to and escorted ten students to build home for impoverished family.

Member, Village Lutheran Church (VLC), Bronxville, NY. 2000-2003.

Worship Leader, guitarist/bass guitarist, *FaithWalk*, VLC's monthly contemporary service.

Vacancy preacher, Atlantic District of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, 2001-2003.

Big Brother, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Chicago. 1996-2000.

Volunteer, Life's Journey Ministries (LC-MS) East Harlem outreach. 1995-1996.  
Little League coach.

Chair, fundraising campaign for Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP), 1995-6. Raised \$10,000 for LAMP endowment funds.

## ***Family***

Married to Susan (Corona) Burkee, October 1991.

Children: Christian (age 12), Grace (age 10) and Lydia (age 7).