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### ***Education***

- *Ph.D.* in Religion and Society, concentration Psychology and Religion, Drew University, Madison, NJ, 2002. Awarded Distinction for interdisciplinary Dissertation: *Analyzing a Violent God-Image: A Psychohistorical Introduction to the Work and Life of Eugen Drewermann.*
- *M.Phil.* in Psychology and Religion, Drew University, Madison, NJ, 1997. Awarded Distinction for Comprehensive Exams: History and Theory of Psychology and Religion, The Work of Erik H. Erikson, The Frankfurt School, Eugen Drewermann's Archetypal Hermeneutics in Relation to Major Thinkers of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Hermeneutical Theory.
- *M.Div.* at the Theologisches Seminar der Evangelisch-Methodistischen Kirche (Theological Seminary of the United Methodist Church), Reutlingen, Germany, 1992.
- *Ecumenical Fellow*, World Council of Churches. Comparative Studies in Psychology and Theological Ethics comparing Freud and R. Niebuhr on ethics, Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA, 1992-93.

### ***Teaching Competency and Interest (selected topics)***

- **Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapy, Psychoanalysis, and Marriage & Family Therapy:** Introductory and advanced courses • Introduction to Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapy • Theory of Marriage and Family Therapy • Clinical Practicum • Loss and Mourning • Case consultation • Human Growth and Development • Psychology of Religion • Object Relations Theory • Quantitative & Qualitative Research Methods • God-Images, Human Culture, and the Unconscious • Psychology, Neurology, and Religion • Socio-Cultural Dimensions • Psychopathology • Pastoral/Clinical Diagnosis • Clinical Supervision • Personality Theories • Ethics of Clinical/Pastoral Practice and Research • Vocation and Appraisal
- **Pastoral Theology/Ethics:** Theological Anthropology • God, Congregations, and Contemporary Culture • Theology of Evil • Moral Philosophy • Theological Hermeneutics

### ***Teaching Experience***

#### **Academic Positions**

- Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care & Counseling, and Director of the Masters in Arts in **Mental Health Counseling**, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN, July 2009 – present.
- Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Care & Counseling, Colloquium Leader and Thesis Advisor, Doctor of Ministry Program in Pastoral Care & Counseling, Drew University, Madison, NJ, Summer 2004-2010.

- Assistant Professor of Pastoral Counseling (Adjunct), Fordham University, Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education, 2005-2007.
- Coordinator and Academic Advisor, Doctor of Ministry Program in Pastoral Care & Counseling, Drew University, June 2002-2008.
- Adjunct Professor of Psychology and Religion, Caspersen School of Graduate Studies, Drew University, 2004.

## Courses

- ***Psychopathology and Assessment*, Christian Theological Seminary, Spring 2012.**
- ***Practice and Context of Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapy*, Christian Theological Seminary, Spring 2012.**
- ***Self in the Family*, Christian Theological Seminary, Fall 2011.**
- ***God, Congregations, and Contemporary Culture*, D.Min. course, Christian Theological Seminary, Summer/Fall 2011.**
- *Psychopathology, Appraisal and Pastoral Care*, Christian Theological Seminary, Spring 2011.
- *Basic Research Methodology*, Christian Theological Seminary, Spring 2011.
- *God-Images, Human Culture and the Unconscious*, Christian Theological Seminary, Fall 2010.
- *Introduction to Pastoral Psychotherapy*, Christian Theological Seminary, Spring 2010.
- *Vocation and Appraisal*, Christian Theological Seminary, Spring 2010.
- *Basic Research Methodology*, Christian Theological Seminary, Fall 2009.
- *Professional Project in Pastoral Care & Counseling*, Colloquium Leader, Doctor of Ministry Program in Pastoral Care & Counseling, Drew University, Fall 2008-present.
- *Research Methods in Pastoral Counseling*, Fordham University, Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education, Spring 2006 and Spring 2007 (blended online & classroom course).
- *Basic Skills in Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Direction*, Fordham University, Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education, 2 sections, co-taught to provide close supervision of triad practice exercises, Fall 2006.
- *Human Growth and Development*, Fordham University, Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education, Fall 2005.
- *Professional Project in Pastoral Care & Counseling*, Colloquium Leader, Doctor of Ministry Program in Pastoral Care & Counseling, Drew University, Fall 2004-Spring 2006.
- *Psychological Perspectives on Religion and Violence*, Drew University Caspersen School of Graduate Studies, Spring 2004.
- *Theories & Methods for Evaluating Change in Pastoral Care and Counseling*, co-taught with Dr. Arthur Pressley, Doctor of Ministry Program in Pastoral Care & Counseling, Drew University, Summer 2004.
- *Theory and Methods*, co-taught with Dr. Arthur Pressley, Doctor of Ministry Program, Drew University, Summer 2003.
- *Perspectives on the Individual*, CORE Program, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, NJ, two sections each semester, Spring and Fall 1998.
- *Introduction to Moral Philosophy*, Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ, Fall 1997.

## Clinical Practicum Groups

- ***Continuous Case Seminar*, Christian Theological Seminary, Spring 2012.**
- ***Intake*, Christian Theological Seminary, Fall 2011.**

- *Live – Interdisciplinary*, Christian Theological Seminary, Spring 2011.
- *Continuous Case Seminar/Transference-Countertransference*, Christian Theological Seminary, Spring 2011.
- *Training of Clinical Supervisors in the Psychotherapy & Faith Program*, Christian Theological Seminary, Jan. 21, 2011.
- *Continuous Case Seminar/Transference-Countertransference*, Christian Theological Seminary, Fall 2010.
- *Money and Therapy*, Practicum Workshop, Aug. 9, 2010, Christian Theological Seminary.
- *Transference & Countertransference*, Practicum Workshop, Aug. 2, 2010, Christian Theological Seminary.
- *Transference-Countertransference*, Christian Theological Seminary, Spring 2010.
- *Cultural Diversity and Competence*, 2 sections, Christian Theological Seminary, Fall 2009.
- *Intake*, Christian Theological Seminary, Fall 2009.

### **Online Teaching Training**

- CADE (Competency Assessment in Distributed Education) Online Teaching Training, 6-week online seminar, using Blackboard, Summer 2006 Training. JesuitNET.

### **Tutorials**

- Tutor, Contemporary German to graduate students, Drew University, 1995-2000.
- Tutor, Biblical Greek, Theological Seminary of the UMC, Reutlingen, Germany, 1990-1992.

### ***Clinical Training and Experience***

- **Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Indiana, Sept. 2011 – present.**
- **AAMFT Approved Supervisor course, Summer 2011.**
- Nationally Certified Psychoanalyst. Training completed in 2005. National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis (NPAP), New York, NY. Training: 1999-2005.
- Supervisory Training. National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis (NPAP). 2006.
- New York State Licensed Psychoanalyst in private practice. 2005-present.
- Psychoanalyst in Training, private practice under supervision, NPAP, 1999-2005.
- Pastoral Counselor, Grace Counseling Center, Madison, NJ. 1999-2009.
- Group Supervision on Individual, Family and Couples Therapy, received at Grace Counseling Center, 1995-2009.
- Group Supervision, on Individual, Family and Couples Therapy, led by Dr. Arthur Robbins, Founder of the Art Therapy training institute, The Institute for Expressive Analysis, NY, 2002-2009.
- Pastoral Counselor in Training, Grace Counseling Center. 1995-1999.
- Clinical Pastoral Education, four units, with focus on Family Systems Theory and Practice, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC. 1993-1994.

### *Pastoral Experience and Work*

- 3-week class “Dispelling the God Delusion,” Christ Church, United Methodist, Park Avenue, New York, New York, May 2008.
- Pastor, Trinity United Methodist Church, North Bergen, NJ, a diverse urban community near New York City. 2002-2004.
- Ministry of Pastoral Prayer during Eucharistic services, Christ Church United Methodist, New York, NY, 2007-2009.
- Director, Community Education Program for Religious Congregations, Grace Counseling Center, Madison, NJ. 1996-2005. Led and co-led dozens of workshops integrating psychological insight with theological wisdom in congregations, community organizations, and for ministry students.
- Hospital Chaplain, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC, 1993-1994.
- Extension Ministry, Pastoral Counseling, South German Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, 1992-present.
- Internship, Salvation Army Outreach and Soup Kitchen, Hamburg, Germany, 1991.
- Supervised Ministry, United Methodist Church, Pforzheim, Germany, 1987-1988.

### *Academic Publications and Presentations*

#### **Publications**

##### Books

- *Religie zonder angst en geweld: Hoofdlijnen van Eugen Drewermanns theologie van de menselijkheid. Skandalon, Netherlands, Oct. 2011 (Dutch translation of *Gott ohne Angst*).*
- *Gott ohne Angst. Einführung in das Denken Eugen Drewermanns* [God without fear: Introduction into the Thought of Eugen Drewermann]. Patmos-Verlag, Germany, 2010.
- *A Violent God-Image: An Introduction to the Work of Eugen Drewermann*. New York, London: Continuum International Publishers, 2004; reissued in paperback, 2006.

##### Articles & Book Chapters

- **Assessing Faith: Toxic vs. Beneficent Belief. In *Transforming Wisdom: The Practice of Psychotherapy in Theological Perspective*. Co-editors: Felicity Kelcourse and K. Brynolf Lyon. 2012. In preparation.**
- **Holy?: Re-Visioning God – A Sermon on Isaiah 6:1-8. *Encounter*. 2012. In press.**
- The Deadly Search for God: Absolute Aggression in the Heritage of the Bible. In *A Cry Instead of Justice: The Bible and Cultures of Violence in Psychological Perspective*. Kille, A. & D. Daschke, eds. T&T Clark, 2010.
- “Eugen Drewermann,” article in *The Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion*, ed. Blanton-Peale Institute, Springer Science & Business Media. 2009.
- On Being Wanted to Exist: A Spiritual Dimension in Pastoral Counseling and Psychoanalysis. *Pastoral Psychology* 55(6):701-710 (July 2007).
- On the Psychology of Violent Christian Fundamentalism: Fighting to Matter Ultimately. *Psychoanalytic Review* 10, no. 2 (April 2006), Special Issue on The Psychology of Fundamentalism and Terrorism, M. Eigen (Ed.).
- Pope Benedict XVI: The First Year. *Tikkun Magazine*, July/August 2006.

- Interview of Dr. Peter Gay, *Free Associations* Sept/Oct 2004, NPAP Members-In-Training Newsletter.

### Book Reviews

- Review of *Human development and faith: life-cycle stages of body, mind, and soul*. Ed. By Felicity B. Kelcourse. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press. In *Journal of Religion and Health* 45(2):287-288 (June 2006).

### **Conference Papers, Academic and Professional Presentations**

- **“Drewermanns radikale Thesen zu Gott und der Welt,” Urania Berlin, Germany, Oct. 13, 2011.**
- **“Drewermanns radikale Thesen,” Kinotheater Madlen, Heerbrugg, Switzerland, Oct. 11, 2011.**
- **“Religion as therapy for soul and society: Eugen Drewermann’s significance for pastoral care and psychotherapy,” Marnix College, Ede, The Netherlands. Respondents: Prof. Dr. Just van Es & Prof. Dr. Tjeu van den Berk, Oct. 8, 2011.**
- **“Psychoanalytic Diagnosis and Spirituality,” Indiana Society for Psychoanalytic Thought, May 9, 2011.**
- **“Healing God images in clinical and cultural practice that sanctify homophobia, antiabortion violence and immigration discrimination,” Workshop to be presented at the Annual Conference of the *American Association of Pastoral Counselors*, Phoenix, AZ, April 1, 2011.**
- “Trust as the Heart of the Reformation: Listening to a New, Transformative Voice from the Land of Luther”, invited by the Foundation for Lutheran Child and Family Services, the American Council on Germany, Christian Theological Seminary, the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Chicago, and the Indianapolis Conference of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA, Indianapolis, IN, Nov. 10, 2010.
- “Assessing Spirituality in Psychotherapy,” Guest Lecture, IUPUI Clinical Psychology Program, Indianapolis, IN, Nov. 4, 2010
- Lecture/Book Reading Tour July 2010 on *Gott ohne Angst* (“Taking the Fear out of God”):
  - Frankfurt, Christuskirche United Methodist, July 5, 2010.
  - Reutlingen, Theologische Hochschule of the United Methodist Church, July 6, 2010.
  - Stuttgart, Hospitalhof/Evangelische Akademie, July 7, 2010.
  - Offenburg, Lebenswege Series, July 8, 2010.
  - Freiburg, Katholisches Stadtdekanat and the Ecumenical Council of Christian churches (ACK Freiburg), with support from Evangelischen Erwachsenenbildung und the book store Herder & Thalia, July 9, 2010.
- “Healing Images of God,” Counseling workshop, Lifelong Theological Education, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN, April 30, 2010.
- “Healing Images of God in Clinical and Cultural Practice,” Workshop presented at the Annual Conference of the *American Association of Pastoral Counselors*, Indianapolis, IN, April 16, 2010.

- “God without Delusion in Clinical and Pastoral Practice”, invited keynote speaker (4 presentations), AAPC Regional Meeting of the Eastern & Northeastern Regions, Williamstown, MA, November 6-8, 2009.
- “Healing Images of God”, invited workshop at the Northeast regional cluster meeting, AAPC, Hartford Seminary, CT, April 3, 2009
- “Fundamentalisms and Religious conflicts at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century,” invited by Julia Kristeva to speak at the first Interdisciplinary Forum: Psychoanalysis, Belief, and Religious Conflicts: “First Conference – This Unbelievable Need to Believe,” Jerusalem, Israel, November 20-21, 2008.
- “Paranoia and the Politics of God,” invited workshop presented at the NAAP national conference on *Politics and Paranoia*, New York City, March 31, 2007.
- “The Deadly Search for God: Absolute Aggression in the Heritage of the Bible,” delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, *Psychology and Biblical Studies Section*, Philadelphia, PA, November 2005.
- “Violence, Fear, and God: Eugen Drewermann’s Interdisciplinary Analysis of Christian Violence,” delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, *Theology and Religious Reflection Section*, Philadelphia, PA, November 2005.
- “Resisting the Culture of Fear: Tools for Analyzing Violent God-Images in Clinical Practice.” Workshop presented at the Annual Conference of the *American Association of Pastoral Counselors*, Fort Worth, TX, April 2005. Moderated by Margaret Kornfeld.
- “Redeeming a Violent God-Image: Eugen Drewermann’s Contribution to a Theology of Nonviolence:” delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, *Religion and the Social Sciences Section*, Atlanta, GA, November 2003.
- “Major Themes in the Work of Eugen Drewermann:” delivered as Preparatory Graduate Colloquium for the 1999 Arlo Ayres Brown Lectures at the *Caspersen School of Graduate Studies*, Drew University, Madison, NJ, October 1999.
- “Beyond Historical Criticism: Eugen Drewermann's Psychological Hermeneutics:” delivered at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, *Psychology and Biblical Studies Group*, Orlando, FL, November 1998.
- “Embodying Hermeneutics: Eugen Drewermann's Depth Psychological Interpretation of Religious Symbols:” delivered at the 1998 Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, *Psychology of Religion Section*, New Brunswick, NJ, March 1998.

### *Media Interviews*

- **TV Interview “Providing Care and Counseling to Veterans and their Families,” NBC station WTHR Channel 13. Interviewer: Angela Cain. Aired Feb. 8, 2012.**
- **TV Interview “Providing Care and Counseling to Veterans and their Families,” WISH-TV. Interviewer: Deanna Dewberry. Aired live Jan. 29, 2012.**
- **Radio Interview on Interviewer: Terri Stacey. Aired Jan. 29, 2012.**
- **“Bringing the war home: Veterans face higher suicide risk,” *The Daily Journal*. Interviewer and Writer: Ryan Trares. Jan. 21, 2012. Article picked up by the Associated Press and appeared Jan. 27, 2011, as “Training aims to help treat veterans’ stress” in the online edition of the *Chicago Tribune*.**

- **TV Interview on dealing with trauma of the Aug. 14, 2011, Indiana State Fair tragedy and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11, WHMB-TV. Interviewer: Kelly Vaughn. Aired Sept. 19, 2011.**
- **TV Interview “Experts Warn of Emotional Reaction to 9/11 Anniversary,” ABC News station rtv6 The Indy Channel. Interviewer: Stacia Matthews. Aired Sept. 8, 2011.**
- **TV Interview on dealing with trauma of the Aug. 14, 2011, Indiana State Fair tragedy, PBS station WFYI, Show *Inside Indiana Business*. Host: Barbara Lewis. Aired Aug. 18, 2011.**
- Interview by Susan Miller, Columnist, *The Herald Bulletin*, “What Thankfulness looks like in the Workplace”, Nov. 24, 2010.
- TV Interview on Dealing with Depression in the Workplace during the Holidays, PBS station WFYI, Show *Inside Indiana Business*. Host: Barbara Lewis. Aired Nov. 19, 2010.
- Radio Interview on book *Gott ohne Angst* (“Taking the Fear out of God”), Radio Bremen – Nordwestradio, Show *Religion und Gesellschaft*, July 5, 2010. Aired Oct. 5, 2010.

#### ***Research and Miscellaneous Academic Activities***

- **Editorial Board, *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, 2012-present.**
- Editorial Board, *The Psychoanalytic Review*, 2007-present.
- **Organizer and Moderator, “Providing Care and Counseling for Veterans and Their Families: Clergy and Mental Health Professional Conference,” co-sponsored by CTS, AAPC, and IU Health. Christian Theological Seminary, Feb. 10, 2012.**
- **Moderator, “Finding Convergence,” 2011 Saltsburg Lecture by Prof. Yong-Bok Kim, Chancellor, Asia Pacific Center for Integral Study of Life, Christian Theological Seminary, Sept. 29, 2011.**
- **Conference Observer, 2011 Lilly Theological Research Grants Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, scheduled for Feb. 25-27, 2011.**
- **Coordinator, Forum “Careers in Pastoral Care & Counseling,” planned for Feb. 24, 2011**
- Facilitator, invited, of a Forum on “God and Gay ... Can they go together” presented by the LGBTQ campus group ‘Affinity’, Christian Theological Seminary, Oct. 21, 2010.
- Roundtable Seminar for Newly Appointed Faculty, ATS, Pittsburgh, PA, Oct. 15-17, 2010.
- Facilitator, invited, of the Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation staff-faculty community meeting, Christian Theological Seminary, Sept. 18, 2009.
- Moderator, The New School for Social Research, New York City, of a Lecture entitled “Dying and Killing for Love: The Psychoanalytic Interpretation of Warfare,” Presenter: Richard Koenigsberg, PhD, Respondent: Sy Coopersmith, EdD, co-sponsored by NPAP, Jan. 2008.
- Invited Member of the *Psychology of Fundamentalism Seminar*, held monthly at John Jay College from 2006-2009, under the direction of Dr. Charles Strozier. The seminar consists of about two dozen leading scholars in research on the psychology of fundamentalism who share their work through presentations and discussions. The Free Press will soon publish a book of articles grown out of the seminar. 2006-2009.
- Member, Exploratory Research Committee, National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis, 2006-2009.

- The Drew University Newark Project. Conducted ethnographic research in an urban American context, headed by Dr. Karen M. Brown, 1995-1997.
- Faith in Action: Cross-Cultural Immersion in the Philippines, led by Dr. Arthur Pressley & Levi Bautista, 1996. Focus: Understanding (Neo)Colonialism.
- Coordinator and Interpreter, First U.S. Lectures by Dr. Eugen Drewermann, November 16-18, 1999. Theme: "Biblical Myth and Inner Experience: Why Theology Needs Depth Psychology." At *Union Theological Seminary*, New York, NY; *Princeton Theological Seminary*, Princeton, NJ; *Drew University*, Madison, NJ.
- Coordinator, Psychology and Biblical Studies Group Session "Depth Psychology and Exegesis: The Work of Eugen Drewermann," November 1998. Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Orlando, FL.

### ***Academic Awards and Honors***

- Ph.D. with distinction, 2002.
- M.Phil. and doctoral exams with distinction, 1997.
- Anthropological Research Grant, The Drew University Newark Project. The Project gathered ethnographic data on religious life in Newark, NJ. 1995-1997.
- Drew University Graduate Scholarship, 1994-1998.
- Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, 1996-1998.
- Merit Scholarship, Board of Higher Education and Ministry, The United Methodist Church, Nashville, TN, 1994-1998.
- 1st Prize, Essay Contest of the Drew University Multicultural Spring Forum, 1995.
- Ecumenical Fellowship, World Council of Churches, 1992-93.

### ***Miscellaneous Professional and Service Activities***

- Chair, Field V – Pastoral Theology and Psychology, Christian Theological Seminary, Spring 2011-present.
- Member, State of Indiana Suicide Advisory Committee, Fall 2010-present.
- Chair, Leadership Development Committee, AAPC Association level, 2009-present.
- Chair, Leadership Development Committee, Eastern Region AAPC, 2007-2009.
- Member, Leadership Development Committee, AAPC Association level, 2007-2009.
- Member, Program Committee, National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis, 2006-present.
- President, The Graduate Students' Association, Drew University, 1997-1998.
- Vice-President, The Graduate Students' Association, Drew University, 1996-1997.
- Student Convener for the Religion and Society Area, Drew University, 1995-1996.
- President, The International Students' Organization, Drew University, 1995-1996.
- Theological Library Research Assistant, Drew University Library, 1994-1997.
- Vocational Training, Public Administration, Sinn, Germany, 1983-1986.

### ***Language Proficiency***

- German (speak, read, and write with proficiency)
- French (read with a dictionary)
- Biblical Greek (read with a dictionary)
- Biblical Hebrew (read with a dictionary)



### *Academic and Professional Affiliations*

- Associate member, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), 2010-present.
- Fellow, American Association of Pastoral Counselors, 2005-present. Member, 2000-2005.
- Member, Society for Pastoral Theology, 2005-present.
- Member, American Academy of Religion, 1994-present.
- Member, Society for Biblical Literature, 1996-present.
- Member, National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis, 2006-present
- Member, National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis, 2006-present
- Member, Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group, AAR, 1995-present.