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PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth: December 1, 1974
Marital Status: Married to Rev Kara Kristen Root, B.A., MDiv
Children: Owen Andrew (seven years) Maysy Lydia (four year)

PRESENT POSITION

Associate Professor of Youth and Family Ministry Luther Seminary, St. Paul Minnesota
(with tenure) in the Olson Baalson chair

EDUCATION

2006 **Doctor of Philosophy** (Princeton Theological Seminary)
Department: Christian Education, Practical Theology
Comprehensive Exams:
-History and Theory of Practical Theology
(Schleiermacher, Browning, Heitink, Anderson, and
methods of interdisciplinarity)
-Dogmatic Theology and Practical Theology
(the theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer)
-History and Theory of Christian Education
(the catechism in the Reformation era, 20th century
Christian Education theory, and social psychological
perspectives on the family)
-Social Theory and Practical Theory
(Gramsci and Marxist thought, Freire, Ricoeur)
-Psychology and Practical Theory
(Erikson and postmodern understandings of the life cycle)

Dissertation Topic: A Critical and Constructive Examination of
Relational/Incarnational Youth Ministry: Toward a Social
Relational Practical Theology

Dissertation Committee: Kenda Dean (chair), Richard Osmer,
Gordon Mikoski

- 2001 **Master of Theology** (Fuller Theological Seminary)
Area: Practical Theology
Supervisor: Ray S. Anderson
Thesis: “Pop Culture: Friend or Foe? A Theological
Anthropological Hermeneutic.”
- 2000 **Master of Divinity** (Fuller Theological Seminary)
Concentration: Adolescence, Family and Culture
- 1997 **Bachelor of Art** (Bethel College, St. Paul Minnesota)

DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION

- Attend Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), South Minneapolis, Minnesota

MINISTRY AND WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2010-Present **Assisting Preacher/Confirmation Teacher**
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2006- 2007 **High School Leader** (Volunteer)
Grace Trinity Community Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2004- 2006 **Research Fellow** (Faithful Practices Project)
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey
- 2004- 2005 **Confirmation Teacher** (volunteer)
Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, Princeton, New Jersey
- 2001-2002 **Gang Prevention Counselor**
Asian Youth Center, Multi-Cultural Program,
Gang Prevention Unit, San Gabriel, California
- 1998-2000 **Youth Outreach Associate** (Junior and Senior High)
Glendale Presbyterian Church, Glendale, California
- 1998-1999 **Young Life Staff, Urban Junior High Leader**
Glendale, California
- 1994-1997 **Young Life Staff, Junior High Director**
Woodbury, Minnesota

BOARDS, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AWARDS

- Member International Academy of Practical Theology (voted in 2010)
- Wabash Research Fellowship, 2009
- Participant, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Pre-Tenure in Theological Schools 2008-2009
- Finalist, *Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry* for outreach book of the year (youth outreach category), *Outreach Magazine*
- Advisory Board, *The Journal of Student Ministries*
- Editorial Board, *Word and World*
- Academic Board, *Journal of Youth and Theology* (International)
- Editorial Board, *Connect: Journal of Youth and Family Ministry* (ELCA Youth Ministry Network)
- Member *International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry*
- Member *International Bonhoeffer Society*
- Member *Association of Youth Ministry Educators*
- Member *ELCA Youth Ministry Network*
- Princeton Doctoral Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2002-2006
- Th.M. Thesis awarded superior rating

PUBLICATIONS AND INSTITUTIONAL LECTURES

Books:

Relational Verite: Pastoral Ministry as Persons. Downers Grove, IL: IVP. (under contract, anticipated release 2013)

Thinking Theologically in Youth Ministry Series (authoring full series)

Youth Ministry and Theology. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. (under contract, anticipated release 9/2012)*

Youth Ministry and the Cross. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. (under contract, anticipated release 9/2012)*

Youth Ministry and Scripture. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. (under contract, anticipated release 1/2013) *

Youth Ministry and Eschatology. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. (under contract, anticipated release 1/2013)

Anak-ank Korban Perceraian. Malang: Literatur Saat. 2011. (Indonesian-language edition of *The Children of Divorce*)

The Theological Turn in Youth Ministry. Co-authored with Kenda Creasy Dean. Downers Grove, IL: IVP. 2011.

Children of Divorce: The Loss of Family as the Loss of Being. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic Press. 2010

The Promise of Despair: The Way of the Cross as the Way of the Church. Nashville: Abingdon Press. 2010.

Relationships Unfiltered: Help for Youth Workers, Volunteers, and Parents on Creating Authentic Relationships. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. 2009.

Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry: From a Strategy of Influence to a Theology of Incarnation. Downers Grove, IL: IVP. 2007.

Articles and Chapters:

“Children of Divorce.” *Youthwork*, Vol. 2, Issue 8, August 2011. pp. 24-26.

“A Theological Mashup of The Civil Wars ‘Poison and Wine’ and Kierkegaard.” *Next-Wave: Church and Culture Ezine*, Issue 145, March 2011.

“Did the TV Kill Meaning? Screens, Disneyland, and Goat Poop.” *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, Vol. 25, No. 8, October 2010. Pp. 15-18. (adapted excerpt)

“Identity in a Digital Age.” *Word & World*, Vol. 30, No. 3, Summer 2010. pp. 241- 246. (reprint)

“From an Incarnational Model of Ministry to Being Ministers of the Incarnate One: Or Justin Versus Jan.” *The Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church, and Culture* 2009, Princeton Theological Seminary Institute for Youth Ministry, 2010. pp. 1-7.

“Encounter with the Transcendence of God: The Shape of Faithful Place-Sharing for Youth Ministry.” *The Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church, and Culture* 2009, Princeton Theological Seminary Institute for Youth Ministry, 2010. pp. 1-10.

“Why Church Kids Must Go Bad.” *Youth Specialties Online*. April 2010.

“Attack of the Zombies: Why Community and Belonging are Harder to Construct.” *Fuller Youth Institute E-Journal*, Vol. 4, Issue 4, April 2010. (adapted excerpt)

“Doubt as the Curriculum for Confirmation.” *Immerse: A Journal of Faith, Life and Youth Ministry*, Preview Issue, March/April 2010. pp. 10-15.

“The Promise of Despair.” *Lutheran Partners Magazine*, March/April 2010.

“Who Am I? Adolescent Identity in a Digital Age.” *YouthWorker Journal*, Vol. 26, No. 3, January/February 2010. pp. 36-38.

“What Are We Doing in These Mountains?: Outdoor Youth Ministry Trips and the Theology of the Cross.” *Connect: Journal of Youth and Family Ministry*, Winter 2009. pp. 7-10

“A New Generation Demands New Categories for Theology and Ministry.” *Next-Wave: Church and Culture Ezine*, Issue 127, July 2009.

“A Theology of the Cross and Ministry in Our Time: How Do You Call a Thing What It Is When You Don’t Know What the Thing Is?” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, Vol. 48, No. 2, Summer 2009. pp. 187-193

“A Call to See and be Near: Relationships and Youth Ministry.” *Presbyterian Record: National Magazine of the Presbyterian Church in Canada*, Vol. CXXIII, No. 6, June 2009. pp. 18-21.

“God’s Hiddenness, Absence, and Doubt: The Theology of the Cross as Theological Directions for Youth Ministry.” *Journal of Youth and Theology*, Vol. 8, No. 1, April 2009. pp. 60-76.

“Practical Theology: What is it and How Does it Work?” *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, Vol. 7, No. 2, Spring 2009. pp. 55-72.

“The Youth Ministry Mission Trip as Global Tourism: Are We OK With This?” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, Vol. 47, No. 4, Winter 2008. pp. 314-329.

“Further Illusions of Postmodern Youth Ministry: An Affirmation and Response to David White” *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, Vol. 7, No. 1, Fall 2008. pp. 77-90.

“PowerPoint in Preaching? Yes...but!” *Word & World*, Vol. 28, No. 4, Fall 2008. pp. 421-424.

“When Truth is a Lie: Fox TV’s ‘Moment of Truth’ game show.” *The Christian Century*. Vol. 125, No. 16, August 12, 2008. pp. 20-23.

“Jesus Overcomes the World by Suffering With It.” *Matters of the Heart: Amor Ministries’ Quarterly Newsletter*. Summer 2008. (reprinted and adapted)

“The TV Show *Lost* and Eschatology.” *Next-Wave: Church and Culture Ezine*, Issue 114, June 2008. (featured on the Emergent Village community email)

“The Problem with Relational Ministry: Truly Entering into Kids’ Pains, Fears, Dreams, and Joys.” *The Journal of Student Ministries*, Vol 3, No 3, May/June 2008. pp. 10-13.

“What is Hip Hop?” *The Thoughtful Christian: Faithful Living in a Complex World*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox. April 2008. (Included written leader guide)

“Youth Ministry as Discerning Christopraxis: A Hermeneutical Model.” *Journal of Youth and Theology*, Vol. 6, No. 1, April 2007. pp. 9-30.

“Discipleship: Is Sin Such a Bad Thing?” *Question for Life: Luke’s View* (Akaloo Series). Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Press. 2007. (with Kara Root)

“Youth Ministry as an Integrative Theological Task: Toward a Representative Method of Interdisciplinarity.” *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, Vol. 5, No. 2, Spring 2007. pp. 33-50.

“Is Jesus Magic? Healing and the Cross.” *The Journal of Student Ministries*. Vol. 1, No 6, March/April 2007. Pp.44-47.

“Is Theologically Rigorous Youth Ministry an Oxymoron?” *The Journal of Student Ministries*, Vol. I, No 5, Jan/Feb 2007. pp. 30-33.

“Re-Examining Relational Youth Ministry.” *Connect: Journal of Youth and Family Ministry*. February 2007. pp. 3-5. (reprinted and abridged)

“The Doctrine of Sin: Death, Dehumanization, & Broken Community.” *The Journal of Student Ministries*, Vol. I, No 3, Sept/Oct 2006. pp. 40-44.

“Practical Theology and Social Ethical Action in Christian Ministry: Implications from Emmanuel Levinas and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.” *International Journal of Practical Theology*, Vol. 10, Issue 1/2006. pp. 53-75.

“Reexamining Relational Youth Ministry: Implications from the Theology of Bonhoeffer.” *Word & World*, Vol. 26, No. 3, Summer 2006. pp. 269-276.

“Relationality as the Objective of Incarnational Ministry: A Reexamination of the Theological Foundations of Adolescent Ministry.” *Journal of Youth and Theology*, Vol. 3, No. 1, April 2004. pp. 97- 113.

Book Reviews:

Book Review of Smith, Christian. *Lost in Transition: The Dark Side of Emerging Adulthood*. London: Oxford University Press. 2011. In *The Christian Century*, Vol 128, No 20, October 4 2011. pp. 36-37.

Book Review of Haynes, Stephen and Hale Brandt, Lori. *Bonhoeffer for Armchair Theologians*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox. 2009. In *Lutheran Quarterly*, Vol 25, No 2, Summer 2011. pp. 198-200.

Book Review of Schliesser, Christine. *Everyone Who Acts Responsibly Becomes Guilty: Bonhoeffer's Concept of Accepting Guilt*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox. 2008. In *Lutheran Quarterly*, Vol 24, No 2, Summer 2010. pp. 216-218.

Book Review of Taylor, Charles. *A Secular Age*. Cambridge, MA: Belknap. 2007. In *Word & World*, Vol 30, No 1, Winter 2010. pp. 111-113.

Book Review of Ward, Peter. *Participation and Mediation: A Practical Theology for the Liquid Church*. London: SCM Press. 2008. In *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, Vol 8, No 1, Spring 2009. pp. 113-115

Book Review of Rollins, Peter. *The Fidelity of Betrayal: Toward a Church Beyond Belief*. Brewster, MA: Paraclete. 2008. In *Word & World*, Vol 29, No 3, Summer 2009. pp. 310-313.

Book Review of Rosner, Brian S. *The Consolation of Theology*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans. 2008. In *Word & World*, Vol 29, No 2, Spring 2009. pp. 206-209.

Book Review of Clark, Chap; Powell, Kara. *Deep Justice in a Shallow World*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. 2007. In *Journal of Youth and Theology*, Vol 7, No 2, November 2008. pp. 88-91.

Book Review of Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. *Conspiracy and Imprisonment 1940-1945: Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works, Volume 16*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. 2006. In *Lutheran Quarterly*, Summer 2008. pp. 230-232.

Book Review of Rolnick, Philip A. *Person, Grace, and God*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans. 2007. In *Word & World*, 28/3, Summer 2008. pp. 334-336.

Book Review of Jacobson, Rolf A. (Editor) *Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffey Dictionary of Theological Terms*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Press. 2008. In *Journal of Student Ministries*, Vol, 3, No 4, July/August 2008. pp. 41.

Book Review of Hastings, John Thomas. *Practical Theology and the One Body of Christ: Toward a Missional-Ecumenical Model*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans. 2007. In *Journal of Youth and Theology*, Vol 7, No 1, April 2008. pp. 97-99

Book Review of Swinton, John and Mowat, Harriet. *Practical Theology and Qualitative Research*. London: SCM Press. 2006. In *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, Vol 6, No 2, Spring 2008. pp. 112-115

Book Review of Wuthnow, Robert. *After the Baby Boomers: How Twenty- and Thirty-Somethings are Shaping the Future of American Religion*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. 2007. In *Word & World*, 28/2, Spring 2008. pp. 230-232.

Book Review of Brueggemann, Walter. *Mandate to Difference: An Invitation to the Contemporary Church*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox. 2007. In *Theology Today*, Vol. 65, No. 1, April 2008. pp. 97-100.

Book Review of Volf, Miroslav. *The End of Memory: Remembering Rightly in a Violent World*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans. 2007. In *Word & World*, 28/1, Winter 2008. pp. 114-118.

Book Review of Stepp, Laura Sessions. *Unhooked: How Young Women Pursue Sex, Delay Love and Lose at Both*. New York: Riverhead. 2007. In *Journal of Youth and Theology*, Vol. 6, No. 2, November 2007. pp. 105-108.

Book Review of Anderson, Ray. *An Emergent Theology for Emergent Churches*. Dowers Grove, IL: IVP Press. 2006. In *Journal of Youth and Theology*, Vol. 6, No. 1, April 2007. pp. 99-102. (with James Hampton)

Book Review of Bass, Diana Butler. *The Practicing Congregation: Imagining a New Old Church*. Herndon, VA: The Alban Institute. 2004. In *Word & World*, 27/1, Winter 2007. pp. 118-120.

Book Review of Marquardt, Elizabeth. *Between Two Worlds: The Inner Lives of Children of Divorce*. New York: Crown Publishers. 2005. In *Journal of Youth and Theology*, Vol. 5, No. 2, November 2006. pp. 91-93.

Book Review of Balmer, Randall. *Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory: A Journey into the Evangelical Subculture in America* (4th edition). New York: Oxford University Press. 2006. In *Journal of Youth and Theology*, Vol. 5, No. 2, November 2006. pp. 102-104.

Book Review of Osmer, Richard. *The Teaching Ministry of Congregations*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press. 2005. In *Word & World*, Vol. 27, No. 4, Fall 2006. pp. 453-456.

Book Review of Webb-Mitchell, Brett. *Christly Gestures: Learning to be Members of the Body of Christ*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans. 2003. In *Journal of Youth and Theology*, Vol. 5, No. 1, April 2006. pp. 99-101.

Book Review of Smith, Christian. *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers*. London: Oxford Press. 2005. In *Journal of Youth and Theology*, Vol. 2 No. 2, November 2005. pp. 111-114. (with James Hampton)

Book Review of Detweiler, Craig & Taylor, Barry. *A Matrix of Meaning: Finding God in Pop Culture*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books. 2003. In *Journal of Youth and Theology*, Vol. 2 No. 2, November 2005. pp. 117-118.

Book Review of Smith, Christian. *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers*. London: Oxford Press. 2005. In *Presbyterian Today*, July/August 2005 pp. 28.

Book Review of Reid, Alvin L. *Radically Unchurched: Who They Are and How to Reach Them*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications. 2002. In *Princeton Theological Bulletin*, Vol. XXIV, No. 3 pp. 396-398.

Presentation of Academic Papers and Institutional Lectures:

“Divine and Human Action in American Youth Ministry Literature” Presented at The International Association of Practical Theology, Amsterdam, July 2011. (seminar)

“Reflections on Divine and Human Action as the Core of Youth Ministry” Presented at Det Teologiske Menighetsfakultet, Research Conference on Youth Ministry, Oslo, Norway, October 2010.

“God’s Hiddenness, Suffering, and Doubt: Theological Directions for Youth Ministry,” Presented at Misjonskolen, Stavanger, Norway, October 2010.

“Exploring a Forgotten Method of Relating Theology and the Social Sciences: Examining Bonhoeffer’s *Sanctorum Communio* for its Theological Interdisciplinary Implications” Presented at Surprised by God Conference, Utrecht, Netherlands, June 2010.

“Divorce, Young People and Youth Ministry: The Loss of Family as the Loss of Being” Presented at the Does Shape of Families Shape Faith? Conference, Chicago, May 2010.

“From an Incarnational Model of Ministry to Being Ministers of the Incarnate One” and “Encounter with the Transcendence of God: The Shape of Faithful Place-Sharing for Youth Ministry” Presented at Princeton Theological Seminary, Institutional Lectures on Youth, Church, and Culture, April 2009. (Keynote)

“Relational Youth Ministry and Experiencing the Transcendence of God” Presented at Det Teologiske Menighetsfakultet, Research Conference on Youth Ministry, Oslo, Norway, March 2009.

“The Power of Human-to-Human Relationships: A Paradigm of Social Relational Transformation” Presented at King’s College London, London, England, March 2009.

“God’s Hiddenness, Suffering, and Doubt: Theological Directions for Youth Ministry,” Presented at the International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry Conference, Cambridge, England, January 2009. (Keynote)

“Youth Ministry as Discerning Christopraxis: A Hermeneutical Model,” Presented at the International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry Conference, Cambridge, England, January 2007.

“Youth Ministry as an Integrative Theological Task,” Presented at the Association of Youth Ministry Educators, Denver, Colorado, October 2006. (Keynote).

“Adolescence and Social Relationality: Examining the Profundity of the Incarnation.” Presented at the International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry Conference, High Leigh, London, England, January 2005.