

# TIMOTHY K. SNYDER

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Current Appointment

2014 — ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR OF THEOLOGY & SPIRITUALITY  
Wartburg Theological Seminary  
Course: Spirituality and Discipleship in Daily Life (Spring 2015)

### Education

*In progress* PHD, THEOLOGICAL STUDIES, BOSTON UNIVERSITY  
Track: Practical Theology/Church & Society  
Readers: Prof. Mary Elizabeth Moore and Prof. Nancy Ammerman

2011 MA, THEOLOGY & MINISTRY, LUTHER SEMINARY  
Thesis, with distinction: "This is the House of Mercy and Welcome To It: An Ethnographic Exploration of Concrete Ecclesiology & Theological Otherness." Readers: Prof. Christian Scharen, Prof. Andrew Root, Dr. Eileen Campbell-Reed.

2008 BA, THEOLOGY, TEXAS LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY  
Adviser: Prof. Norman Beck

### Ministerial Experience

2013 — DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION  
Faith Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA

2010–2012 FOUNDING DIRECTOR & MINISTER OF OUTREACH  
The Heights Center for Hope & Hope Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN

2007–2009 MISSION DEVELOPER & SYNODICALLY-AUTHORIZED MINISTER  
The Netzer Co-Op, A Mission of the SW Texas Synod. Austin, TX

### Awards and Honors

2014–2016 DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP The Louisville Institute  
Vocation of the Theological Educator  
Stipend & regular seminars

2014 RESIDENCY Collegeville Institute  
"Writing for the Broader Public"

2013	COOLIDGE FELLOW	Auburn Seminary & Cross Currents In partnership with Columbia University/Union Theol. Seminary
2012–2014	EDUCATIONAL GRANT	Ev. Lutheran Church in America Stipend for doctoral studies
2012–2015	DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP	Center for Practical Theology Full tuition & stipend

### **Areas of Specialization**

Modern and contemporary theologies — especially Bonhoeffer, Tillich and theologies of practice; congregational life; spirituality/spiritual formation; ecclesiology; religion and social change; American religion.

### **Teaching and Research Assistantships**

Spring 2015	EDITORIAL ASSISTANT	Prof. David Jacobsen, Homiletical Theology Project. Homiletical Theology: Preaching as Doing Theology
2014—	RESEARCH ASSISTANT	Prof. Nancy Ammerman, StudyingCongregations.org
2013–2015	TEACHING ASSISTANT	Prof. Steven Sandage, Boston University School of Theology Courses: Psych. of Marriage & Families; Theories of Human Develop.
2011–2012	TEACHING ASSISTANT	Prof. Mary Sue Dreier and Prof. Lois Malcolm, Luther Seminary Courses: Reading the Audiences; Starting New Missional Ministries; Transforming Congregations for Mission
Fall 2011	GRADUATE ASSISTANT	Prof. Christian Scharen, Luther Seminary Ecclesiology & Ethnography Research Group Learning Pastoral Imagination
Spring 2011	TEACHING ASSISTANT	Prof. Christian Scharen, Luther Seminary Course: Alternative and Contemporary Worship

### **Publications**

#### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Overture and Variations on an Unsettled Theme: Musical Insights Into Emerging Christianity” with April Stace Vega in *Currents in Theology and Mission* (April 2015)

“The Ethnographic Turn in Theology” in *The Other Journal* (May 2014).

“Footnote No. 3: Cautionary Notes on Dehumanizing Perpetrators” in *CrossCurrents*, 64:1 (March 2014).

“Curating Worship, Culture and The Church,” *Lutheran Forum*, Summer 2011.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Possibility of Conflict” in *The Emerging Church: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, Michael Clawson and April Stace Vega, eds. Pickwick Publications, forthcoming 2015.

“Improvising with Tradition: A Case (Self) Study” in *The Hyphenateds: How Emergence Christianity is Re-Traditioning Mainline Practice*, Phil Snider, editor. Chalice Press, 2011.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

Gerado Marti and Gladys Ganiel, *The Deconstructed Church: Understanding Emerging Christianity* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014) in *The Review of Religious Research* (forthcoming)

Andrew Root, *Christopraxis: A Practical Theology of the Cross* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2014) in *International Journal of Practical Theology* 18:2 (Fall 2014)

David Stowe, *No Sympathy For the Devil: Christian Pop Music and the Transformation of American Evangelicalism* (University of North Carolina Press, 2011), in *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture* (Spring 2014).

Pete Ward, *Perspectives on Ecclesiology and Ethnography* (Grand Rapids: W. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2012) in *Ecclesial Practice* (Fall 2013)

#### PUBLICATIONS FOR THE CHURCH & BROADER PUBLIC

“The Theological Hijacking of Religious Freedom” (Op Ed), *Religion Dispatches*, April 28, 2015.

Contributor, “COLABORATE” Confirmation Curriculum and Study Bible. Sparkhouse (A Division of Augsburg Fortress), 2015.

“What the Surveys Don’t (and Can’t) Say About the Rise of the ‘Spiritual but not Religious’” (Op Ed), *Religion Dispatches*, July 21, 2014.

“Twitter and Tragedy: A Revamped American Religious Experience” (Op Ed), *Washington Post*, September 13, 2013. Also appeared on Religion News Service and Sojourner’s Blog; featured resource on homepage of Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, Georgetown University.

Regular Contributor: *The Lutheran: The Magazine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* (Quarterly); *Seminarium: Elements of Great Teaching*, Fortress Press (Quarterly).

#### SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Lives of Work Between Theological and Social Research,” at 2015 Ecclesiology and Ethnography Conference, St. John’s College, Durham University. September 15-17, 2015

“Cautionary Notes on Dehumanizing Perpetrators,” at the Religion and Ethics Section: Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, The American Academy of Religion. March 7-9, 2014.

“Remembering Newtown: A Case Study in Public-Practical Theology,” in Religion in America Section: Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, The American Academy of Religion. March 7-9, 2014.

“Experimentation & Assimilation: Collective Religious Identities in Settled and Unsettled Cultures” at The American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting: A session sponsored by the Ecclesiological Investigations Group. November 17-20, 2012. Chicago, Illinois.

“Popular Christianity in Sports Media: Tim Tebow as Self-Made Caricature of a Prophet,” (conference paper) with Kevin M. Snyder. A paper presentation at The Christian Evasion of Popular Culture Conference. November 1-3, 2012. Sponsored by Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa.

“Finding Our Feet with Them: Reconciliation Towards a More Ordinary Ecclesiology,” at The UK Conference on Ecclesiology and Ethnography. Sponsored by St. John’s College, Durham University and The Ecclesiology and Ethnography Research Group (US/UK). September 11-13, 2013. Durham, United Kingdom.

“Social Media as Convergent Practice: Why Social Media is Not Just Another Mission Field,” invited workshop at The Symposium on Youth and Mission, The Annual Meeting of the American Society of Missiology. June 2012. Chicago, Illinois.

“The Swell Season v. Former US Representative Anthony Weiner: A Comparative Case Study on Performative Relationality as Mediated Via Twitter,” at The International Conference on Digital Religion. January 12-15, 2012. Sponsored by The Center for Media, Religion & Culture, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

“Improvising with Tradition: Christian Identity, Creativity and Diversity in Practice,” Changing Contours of Christian Unity Panel at Changing Contours in World Christianity and Mission. November 5, 2010 at Boston College. Sponsored by the Boston Theological Institute, Boston, Massachusetts.

### **Professional Service to Church and Academy**

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| 2014 —    | STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER<br>Ecclesial Practices Program Unit, American Academy of Religion.   |
| 2013-2014 | CHAIR<br>Graduate Conference on Theological Research & The Church<br>Sponsored by The Center for Practical Theology at Boston University |
| 2012      | ASSESSMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE<br>Office of the Academic Dean, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN  |
| 2011-2012 | ADVISORY COUNCIL<br>The Center for Religion, Youth and Community Engagement<br>Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN                         |
| 2011-2012 | GRAD. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE & LIASON TO THE FACULTY<br>Student Council, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN                                   |

2008                      CONSULTANT  
The Emerging Ministry Strategy Team, Evangelical Outreach &  
Congregational Mission Program Unit, ELCA, Chicago, IL

2003-2006                ADVISOR  
The Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
The Board of the Lutheran Youth Organization, ELCA, Chicago, IL.

## **Professional Affiliations**

### SCHOLARLY GUILDS

American Academy of Religion, Society of Christian Ethics, Association of Practical Theology,  
Religious Educators Association, Ecclesiology and Ethnography Research Network

### INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Center for Practical Theology, Religion and Social Sciences Network

## **References**

### BOSTON UNIVERSITY DOCTORAL PROGRAM

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Dean & Professor of Theology and Education, School of Theology

Nancy T. Ammerman | [nta@bu.edu](mailto:nta@bu.edu)  
Professor of Sociology of Religion, College of Arts and Sciences & School of Theology  
Director, Graduate Division of Religious Studies

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Albert & Jessie Danielsen Professor of Psychology of Religion and Theology, School of Theology  
Professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences, College of Arts and Science  
Director of Research & Senior Staff Psychologist, The Danielsen Institute

### EXTERNAL REFERENCES

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Academic Dean & Professor of Contextual Theology, Wartburg Theological Seminary

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Vice-President for Applied Research, Auburn Seminary

Mary Sue Dreier | [marysue.dreier@lr.edu](mailto:marysue.dreier@lr.edu)  
Associate Professor of Pastoral Care & Missional Leadership  
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary