

## Rev. David W. Loy, Ph.D.

### Research Interests (Theology)

Doctrine of vocation  
Church, state, and public life

### Areas of Competence (Philosophy)

Hegel's political philosophy (AOS)  
Political philosophy  
Ancient Greek philosophy

### Education

Ph.D. in philosophy, St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, December 2003  
Dissertation: "From Greek *Polis* to Modern State: Hegel's Critique of Ancient Greek Ethical Life," directed by Dr. James Bohman

M.Div., Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, July 2003

Lutherische Theologische Hochschule, Oberursel, Germany, 2000–2001

Johann-Friedrich-Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 2000–2001

B.A. in philosophy, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, May 1993  
Graduated *summa cum laude*  
Graduated as Christ College Scholar (interdisciplinary honors college)

Eberhard-Karls-Universität, Tübingen, Germany, 1991–92

### Leadership Training

LECNA Fellows Leadership Training Program. 2021-2022 Cohort.

### Grants Received

\$750 Grant from Acton Institute, 2021

\$96,000 Grant from the Kern Family Foundation for Faith, Work and Economics, 2018

### Awards

Concordia Historical Institute Award of Commendation for editorial work on Walther,  
*American-Lutheran Pastoral Theology*, 2018

E. J. Otto Memorial Scholarship, Concordia Seminary, May 2003

Walter C. Dissen Scholarship, Concordia Seminary, March 2000

James Collins Memorial Scholarship, St. Louis University, March 1998

Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honorary Society, May 1993

Lumina Award, Valparaiso University, April 1992

Lutheran President's Scholar, Valparaiso University, 1989–1993

## **Full-Time Employment History**

**2011–present.** Concordia University Irvine. Professor of Philosophy, Theology, and Ethics  
Assistant Professor (2011), Associate Professor (2015), Full Professor (2019)  
Over 15 different graduate/undergraduate courses taught in multiple departments  
Teaching and course development in various modalities (online, hybrid, and face-to-face)  
Supervision of M.A. in Theology theses  
Lead Professor for CPhi 200, July 2015–July 2021  
Harry and Caroline Trembath Research Professor in Confessional Theology, 2019–2020

### *Administrative Appointments*

Dean, Christ College, Concordia University Irvine, July 2022–present

Director of Ministerial Formation, Concordia University Irvine, January 2023–present  
Oversee LCMS church vocations programs  
Provide direction and leadership for church vocations program directors

Associate Dean, Christ College, Concordia University Irvine, July 2018–June 2022  
Recruit and oversee adjunct faculty for Christ College  
Lead evaluation and development of graduate and undergraduate programs  
Oversee all academic matters (course staffing and scheduling, coordination with other academic departments, assessment, advising, student appeals, etc.)

Director, FaithWorks Center at CUI, July 2018–present  
Manage \$96,000 grant funding from Kern Family Foundation  
Promote the Vocation and Ethics initiative for professional graduate programs  
Oversee outreach on topics related to vocation, ethics, faith, work, and economics

Assistant Dean, Christ College, Concordia University Irvine, July 2016–June 2018  
Recruit and oversee adjunct faculty for Christ College  
Assist Dean with assessment, curriculum evaluation and development  
Lead course scheduling and staffing; coordinate with other departments for service courses (nursing, healthcare administration, OBD, etc.)  
Handle student drop/add requests, advising needs, substitution requests, etc.

Director of Undergraduate Curriculum, Christ College, July 2013–June 2016  
Schedule and staff Christ College courses; coordinate with other departments for service courses (nursing, healthcare administration, OBD, etc.)  
Assist Dean with curriculum evaluation and development  
Manage curricular content for undergraduate catalogs  
Handle student drop/add requests, advising needs, substitution requests

### *Committee Work*

Cross-Cultural Ministry Center Executive Committee, August 2018–present  
Program Review Academic Task Force, Concordia University Irvine, Spring 2019

Chairman, Convocation Committee, Concordia University Irvine, Oct. 2012–Dec. 2018  
Service on 25 search committees (nine in Christ College, sixteen external committees)  
Service on 6 ad hoc university committees  
Service on 9 ad hoc college committees (assessment, etc.)  
Participation in occasional meetings of other committees (student success, retention, nursing advisory board, Townsend Institute advisory board) and admissions events

*Miscellaneous service to the church*

Regular preaching and teaching in area congregations  
Advisory Representative, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Convention, 2016, 2019, 2023 (member of floor committee on theology and culture)  
Advisory Delegate, Pacific Southwest District Convention, 2022  
40+ theological and colloquy interviews for DCEs and Lutheran Teachers

**2003–2011.** Sole Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church, Bolivar, Missouri  
Plan and carry out preaching, teaching, and pastoral care  
Conduct parish administration in cooperation with lay leaders

*Service to the church*

Voting Pastoral Delegate, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Convention, 2007, 2010  
Secretary, Floor Committee 2 (Theology and Church Relations), 2009 Missouri District Convention  
Circuit Counselor, Springfield (Missouri) Circuit, June 2009–May 2011  
Zone Counselor, LWML, April 2009–April 2011  
Circuit Program Chairman, Springfield (Missouri) Circuit, May 2005–September 2009  
Circuit Forum Treasurer, Springfield (Missouri) Circuit, September 2003–September 2009 Springfield (Missouri)

*Service to the community*

Bolivar Area Ministerial Alliance, September 2003–May 2011  
Healthy Families, Healthy Homes Community Healthy Marriage Initiative, Bolivar, Missouri, June 2004–May 2011

- Founding chairman/president (incorporation and 501c3 status granted 2008)
- Served as president, vice-president, and treasurer
- Prepared and promoted Community Marriage Policy for clergy, February 2008
- Conducted relationship education programs, February 2007–May 2011

Board Member, Polk Co. Community Ctr., Bolivar, Missouri, February 2005–May 2011

- President, June 2007–May 2011
- Secretary/Treasurer, October 2005–June 2007

Board Member, Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation, Springfield, Missouri, December 2008–December 2009

- Finance Committee member

## Publications

### *Books Published*

Editor, *Faith at Work: Christian Vocation in the Professions*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2024.

### *Articles Published (peer reviewed)*

- “Called By Whom and How? Reflections on the Structure of Vocation.” *Concordia Journal* 49, no. 1 (Winter 2023): 35–46.
- “Luther, Vocation, and the Search for Significance.” *Lutheran Quarterly* 35 (2021): 50–72, Responses by Robert Benne, Suzanne Hequet, and Kiara Jorgenson. Available at [http://www.lutheranquarterly.com/uploads/7/4/0/1/7401289/35.1\\_loya.pdf](http://www.lutheranquarterly.com/uploads/7/4/0/1/7401289/35.1_loya.pdf).
- “Hegel’s Critique of Greek Immediacy.” *Hegel Bulletin* 42, no. 2 (2021): 157–79. doi:10.1017/hgl.2018.27. (Originally published by Cambridge University Press online, Dec. 26, 2018.)
- “Confession of a Lutheran University.” *Concordia Theological Journal* 7, no. 1 (Winter 2020): 60–76. Available at [https://www.cuw.edu/academics/schools/arts-and-sciences/\\_assets/theological-journal/2020\\_v7i1-Winter/journal.pdf](https://www.cuw.edu/academics/schools/arts-and-sciences/_assets/theological-journal/2020_v7i1-Winter/journal.pdf).
- “What the Gospel Does: Three Ways of Applying the Gospel Concretely.” *Concordia Journal* 36, no. 1 (Winter 2010): 21–31.

### *Translations Published*

- Editor, *American-Lutheran Pastoral Theology*, by C. F. W. Walther, translated by Christian Tiews (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2017).
- “C. F. W. Walther’s Concept of Missions,” by Volker Stolle, in *Missio Apostolica* 10, no. 1 (May 2002), 38–40.
- “Kant’s Idea of Peace and the Philosophic Concept of a World Republic,” translation of “Kants Friedensidee und das rechtsphilosophische Konzept einer Weltrepublik” by Matthias Lutz-Bachmann, in *Perpetual Peace: Essays on Kant’s Cosmopolitan Ideal*, ed. James Bohman and Matthias Lutz-Bachmann (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1997).

### *Papers Presented (peer reviewed)*

- “Times Out of Time: Ecstatic Experiences, Freedom, and Vocation,” Association of Lutheran College Faculties Conference. Irvine, California. September 30-October 1, 2022.
- “What is Ethical Risk?” February 24, 2017, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Conference, Dallas, Texas.
- “Professional Formation with Luther and Cicero,” October 1, 2016, ALCF Conference, Mequon, Wisconsin. Sectional presentation.
- “Lutheran Identity in Professional Graduate Degree Programs,” May 25, 2016, LCMS Theologians’ Conference, Orange County, California. Sectional presentation.
- “Crossing Out Sin: Three Ways to Preach the Gospel More Concretely,” November 11, 2008, Missouri District Professional Church Workers’ Conference, Osage Beach, Missouri.

“Plato on False Belief about the Object of Desire,” with Dr. Scott Berman, April 7, 1995, Collaborations: A Graduate-Student-Faculty Conference, Carbondale, Illinois.

“The Good, the Just, and the City: the Basis for Plato’s Critique of Democracy,” February 25, 1995, Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, Tennessee.

*Articles Published (not peer reviewed)*

“To Be Known as I Know Myself: Identity, Politics and the Gospel.” *Issues in Christian Education* 48, no. 3 (Summer 2015). <http://issues.cune.edu/the-lgbt-disputes-teaching-and-practice-in-the-church-2/the-lgbt-disputes-teaching-and-practice-in-the-church/>

“Worship and the Catechism.” *Worship Concord Journal* 2, no. 5 (May 2010). [worshipconcordjournal.wordpress.com/2010/05/01/worship-and-the-catechism/](http://worshipconcordjournal.wordpress.com/2010/05/01/worship-and-the-catechism/)

*Papers Presented (not peer reviewed)*

“Bad IDEA? Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Light of the Gospel.” Making Disciples for Life Conference. St. Louis, Missouri. October 10, 2022.

“Called By Whom and How? Reflections on the Structure of Vocation.” 2021 Trembath Lecture. Concordia University Irvine. January 30, 2021. <https://www.cui.edu/academicprograms/christcollege/trembath/2021-lecture>

“Hospitality, Confession, and the Role of the School in the Life of the Church,” November 21, 2016, session 1 of three-part strand (other presenters were Dr. Peter Senkbeil and Mr. Ron Van Blarcom), Pacific Southwest District Lutheran Educators’ Conference, La Quinta, California.

“A Christian Response to Homosexuality,” August 19, 2015, Crean Lutheran High School and Concordia University Irvine Joint Faculty Meeting.

“The Sharing Of Information Regarding Pastoral Misconduct: When It Should Be Shared, When It Should Not Shared, With Whom It Should Be Shared, And How Much Of It Should Be Shared,” April 26, 2011, Springfield and Joplin Joint Circuit Pastors’ Conference, Hope Lutheran Church, Republic, Missouri.

“Crossing Out Sin: Three Ways to Preach the Gospel More Concretely,” March 11, 2008, Springfield Circuit Pastors’ Conference, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lebanon, Missouri.

“The Reformation Heritage of Life: Cherishing Life at Every Stage,” October 28, 2006, Springfield Circuit Convocation, Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield, Missouri.

“Reconstructing Worship,” February 8, 2005, Springfield Circuit Pastors’ Conference, Faith Lutheran Church, Springfield, Missouri.

*Book Reviews Published*

*Vocation: The Setting for Human Flourishing* by Michael Berg. Irvine, CA: New Reformation Publications, 2020. Forthcoming in *Concordia Journal*.

*What Is My Calling? A Biblical and Theological Exploration of Christian Identity* by William Klein and Daniel Steiner. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2022. Forthcoming in *Concordia Journal*.

*Calling in Context: Social Location and Vocational Formation* by Susan L. Maros. Downer’s Grove, IL: IVP Academic 2022. Forthcoming in *Lutheran Quarterly*.

- Leading Lutheran Higher Education in a Secular Age: Religious Identity, Mission, and Vocation at ELCA Colleges and Universities* by Brian Beckstrom. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, 2020. *Lutheran Quarterly* 36, no. 4 (Winter 2022): 488–490.
- Luther, Bonhoeffer, and Public Ethics: Re-Forming the Church of the Future*, edited by Michael P. DeJonge and Clifford J. Green. Lanham: Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, 2018. *Lutheran Quarterly* 34, no. 1 (Spring 2020): 106–108.
- The Dialectics of Secularization: On Reason and Religion* by Joseph Ratzinger and Jürgen Habermas, edited by Florian Schuller. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006. *Concordia Journal* 37, no. 4 (Fall 2011): 336–38.
- God's Joust, God's Justice: Law and Religion in the Western Tradition* by John Witte, Jr. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2006. *Concordia Journal* 35, no. 3 (July 2009): 336–37.
- The New Measures: A Theological History of Democratic Practice* by Ted A. Smith. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007. *Concordia Journal* 35, no. 3 (July 2009): 331–32.
- Why Politics Needs Religion: The Place of Religious Arguments in the Public Square* by Brendan Sweetman. Downers Grove: Intervarsity Press, 2006. *Concordia Journal* 34, no. 4 (October 2008): 348–49.
- The Way That Leads There: Augustinian Reflections on the Christian Life* by Gilbert Meilaender. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2006. *Concordia Journal* 34, no. 4 (October 2008): 347–48.
- Evangelicals in the Public Square: Four Formative Voices on Political Thought and Action* by J. Budziszewski. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2006. *Concordia Journal* 34, no. 4 (October 2008): 346–47.
- The Captivation of the Will: Luther vs. Erasmus on Freedom and Bondage* by Gerhard Forde, edited by Steven Paulson. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005. [www.concordiatheology.org](http://www.concordiatheology.org), July 21, 2008.
- The Americanization Process in the Second Generation: The German Lutheran Matthias Loy (1828–1915) Caught Between Adaptation and Repristinization* by George C. Fry and Joel R. Kurz. Studies in Religious Leadership, vol. 2. Lewiston, N.Y.: Edwin Mellen Press, 2005. [www.concordiatheology.org](http://www.concordiatheology.org), July 21, 2008.
- Preaching with Variety: How to Re-Create the Dynamics of Biblical Genres* by Jeffrey D. Arthurs. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2007. *Concordia Journal* 34, no. 3 (July 2008): 231–32.
- Evil and the Justice of God* by N. T. Wright. Downers Grove: IVP Books, 2006. *Concordia Journal* 34, no. 3 (July 2008): 239–40.
- God, Marriage, and Family: Rebuilding the Biblical Foundation* by Andreas J. Köstenberger and David W. Jones. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2004. *Concordia Journal* 33, no. 4 (October 2007): 411–12.
- Die Gegenwartsbedeutung der Katechismen Luthers*, edited by Norbert Dennerlein, Klaus Grünwaldt, and Martin Rothgangel. Gütersloh: Gütersloher Verlagshaus, 2005. *Lutheran Quarterly* 21, no. 3 (Autumn 2007): 363–64.

*The following reviews were published online but have since disappeared.*

- Recovering Theological Hermeneutics: An Incarnational-Trinitarian Theory of Interpretation*, by Jens Zimmermann. At [www.concordiatheology.org](http://www.concordiatheology.org), July 14, 2009.
- The Many Faces of Evil: Theological Systems and the Problems of Evil*, by John S. Feinberg. At [www.concordiatheology.org](http://www.concordiatheology.org), July 14, 2009.
- Longing to Know: The Philosophy of Knowledge for Ordinary People*, by Esther Lightcap Meek. At [www.concordiatheology.org](http://www.concordiatheology.org), July 14, 2009.
- Leading the Small Church: How to Develop a Transformational Ministry*, by Glenn C. Daman. At [www.concordiatheology.org](http://www.concordiatheology.org), July 14, 2009.
- Eat This Book: A Conversation in the Art of Spiritual Reading*, by Eugene Peterson. At [www.concordiatheology.org](http://www.concordiatheology.org), July 14, 2009.
- The Self-Giving God and Salvation History: The Trinitarian Theology of Johannes von Hofmann*, by Matthew Becker. At [www.concordiatheology.org](http://www.concordiatheology.org), July 14, 2009.
- The Struggle to Reclaim the Liturgy in the Lutheran Church: Adiaphora in Historical, Theological, and Practical Perspective*, by James Alan Waddell. At [www.lutheranforum.org](http://www.lutheranforum.org), November 24, 2008.

#### *Bible Studies Published*

- The Parables Leaders Guide*. Edited by Brian Chisamore. LifeLight Bible Study series. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2013.
- 1 and 2 Kings Leaders Guide (lectures only)*. Edited by Brian Chisamore. LifeLight Bible Study series. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2013.
- Heaven and Hell Leaders Guide*. Edited by Brian Chisamore. LifeLight Bible Study series. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2012.
- 1, 2, 3 John Leaders Guide*. Edited by Brian Chisamore. LifeLight Bible Study series. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2012.

#### *Other Publications and Presentations*

- “Mapping God’s Love: Vocation in Christian Life.” Vocatio: High School. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. June 25, 2024.
- “Mapping God’s Love by Teaching Vocation.” Rocky Mountain District All Worker Conference. Breckenridge, Colorado. October 5, 2023.
- “Connected in Christ.” Bible study on John 15:18–27. Pacific Southwest District Pastors Conference. Cathedral Valley, California. September 27, 2023.
- “Lutheran Theology—It’s All About Jesus.” The Korean Ministry Conference of North America in LCMS. Moreno Valley, California. June 20, 2023.
- “Logos in Theological Education: Reflections and Invitations” with Steve Mueller. 2022 LCMS Theology Professors Conference. Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Illinois. May 25, 2022.
- “Reflections on Vocation.” *CUI Magazine*, Fall 2021, 10–11 (invited article).
- “Politics in a Cynical Age.” *Lutheran Witness*, November 2021, 15–17.

- Invited panelist, "Vocational and Theological Perspectives on Business." Liberty, Virtue, and Economics Summit. Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wisconsin. September 20, 2019.
- Contributor, *Devotions on the Small Catechism* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2019).
- Contributor, *Always Reforming: Reflections on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation*, ed. Steven P. Mueller (Irvine, CA: Concordia University Irvine, 2017).
- "Reformation for Whom?" *Issues in Christian Education* 51, no. 1 (Fall 2017).  
<https://issues.cune.edu/educating-the-congregation-for-reformation/editorial-reformation-for-whom/>
- "A Christian Response to Homosexuality." CUI Staff Lunch and Learn. July 15, 2015.
- "What Is the Theology of the Cross." Sidebar. *LEA Shaping the Future* (Summer 2014).  
<http://stf.lea.org/summer2014/feat1schumacher.html>.
- Interview about "Come, Lord Jesus." "Issues, Etc." July 12, 2011.
- "Come, Lord Jesus." *Lutheran Witness*, June/July 2011, 14–15. (Translated into Portuguese at <http://www.igreja.luterana.org.br/2011/08/oracao-da-mesa.html>).
- Interview about philosophy and theology. "Law and Gospel," KFUE AM Radio. May 26, 2011.
- Lecture, "A Lutheran View of Pastoral Care, or Why You Will See Me in the Hospitals, Long-Term Care Facilities, and My Members' Homes." Church Related Vocations Scholarship Colloquium, Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Missouri. April 25, 2011.
- Interview about "What the Gospel Does." "Studio A," KFUE AM Radio. March 18, 2010.
- Panelist, Plenary, "Impacts and Challenges of Family Relationships in Rural Communities" and Sectional, "Clergy Panel." Building the Foundation Fall Conference: Relationship Education in Rural Communities. Forest Institute, Springfield, Missouri, September 18, 2009.
- "The Great Christmas Wars." *Lutheran Witness*, December 2008, 8–11.
- Sermon, "A Confessing People: Preached for the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, June 25, 2006." *Lutheran Forum* 41, no. 2 (Pentecost/Summer 2007). 51–53.