

## Curriculum Vitae

### **Rev. Daniel J. Peterson, Ph.D.**

#### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California  
Systematic and Philosophical Theology (May, 2005)  
Dissertation: *The Hidden Heterodoxy of the Hidden God*  
Advisor: Dr. Ted Peters  
Outside Reader: Dr. Cyril O'Regan, University of Notre Dame  
Oral Comprehensive Examination, Passed with Distinction

Visiting Research Student, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana (Fall, 2003)

M.Div., Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California  
Theology (May, 2000)  
Theodore E. Bachman Student Prize for Excellence in History of Theology  
Ordained Minister, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

M.A., University of San Francisco, San Francisco, California  
Theology (May, 1997)  
Emphasis in Biblical Studies

B.A., Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, California  
English; minor in Religious Studies (June, 1994)  
President of Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society), President of English Club,  
Member of Theta Alpha Kappa (Religious Studies Honor Society)

#### **TEACHING COMPETENCIES**

Primary: Systematic Theology  
Philosophical Theology  
Mysticism (Western)  
Lutheranism (Martin Luther, Lutheran Heritage, Lutheran Theology)  
Lutheran Confessions  
Reformation History and Theology

Secondary: Philosophy, Ancient and Contemporary  
Biblical Literature, Culture and History  
Comparative Theology  
Catholic Spirituality and Jesuit Education  
Western Civilization (Ancient, Medieval, and Modern)

## **PUBLISHED BOOKS**

*Resurrecting the Death of God: The Origins, Influence, and Return of Radical Theology* (with Michael Zbaraschuk), State University of New York Press, 2014.

*Tillich: A Brief Overview of the Life and Writings of Paul Tillich*, Lutheran University Press, 2013.

## **PUBLISHED BOOK CHAPTERS, ARTICLES AND REVIEWS**

"Paul Tillich and the Death of God: Breaking the Confines of Heaven and Rethinking the Courage to Be," in Russell Re Manning, ed., *Retrieving the Radical Tillich: His Legacy and Contemporary Importance*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.

"Beyond Deep Incarnation: Rethinking Christology in Radical Lutheran Terms," *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, Fall, 2014, pp. 240-249.

"The Kenosis of the Father: Affirming God's Action at the Higher Levels of Nature," *Theology and Science*, Vol. 11, Iss. 4, 2013, pp. 451-454.

Review of *God and the New Atheism* by John Haught, *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, Fall, 2012, pp. 254-256.

Review of *Theology the Lutheran Way* by Oswald Bayer, *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, Winter, 2009, pp. 390-392.

Review of *Heretics for Armchair Theologians* by Justo Gonzalez and Catherine Gunsalus Gonzalez, *Lutheran Quarterly*, Fall, 2009, pp. 351-353.

"We Preach Christ Crucified: Rejecting the Prosperity Gospel and Responding to Feminist Criticism Using Luther's Second Theology of the Cross," *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, Summer, 2009, pp. 194-201.

"Jacob Boehme and Paul Tillich: A Reassessment of the Mystical Philosopher and Systematic Theologian," *Religious Studies*, Fall 2006, pp. 225-234.

"Speaking of God after the Death of God," *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, Fall, 2005, pp. 207-226.

"A Review of Reviews: William James and the Centennial Anniversary of *The Varieties of Religious Experience*," *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, Winter, 2002, pp. 310-313.

## **SELECTED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

"Beyond 'Deep Incarnation': Exploring the Radical Lutheran Heritage of Complete Divine Kenosis." Paper presented at the Centre for Naturalism and Christian Semantics Copenhagen Consultation in "Incarnation and other Forms of Incarnation," December, 2013.

"Jesus Christ as the Site of God's 'Demise': A Radical Lutheran Christology for the None Zone." Paper presented at the Pacific Lutheran University Lutheran Studies Conference, September, 2013.

"Transcendence Abandoned: Kenosis in Christ and Torah as a New Foundation for Progressive Jewish-Christian Dialogue" (with Beatrice Lawrence). Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion Northwest Regional Meeting, May, 2011.

Keynote Presenter, "Radically Incarnate: God, World and Church" (with Karen Bloomquist). 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial Holden Theological Symposium, Holden Village, September, 2011.

Respondent, "Original Sin and Everyday Protestants: The Theology of Reinhold Niebuhr, Billy Graham, and Paul Tillich in an Age of Anxiety." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November, 2009.

"Violent, Frozen or Aloof? Responding to Three Criticisms of Tillich's Doctrine of God." Paper presented at American Academy of Religion Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting, April, 2009.

Respondent, "Luther and the Hungry Poor." American Academy of Religion Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting, April, 2009.

"Hidden in the Splinters: Putting Luther's Theology in the Crosshairs," Pacific Lutheran University Religion Department University Lecture, March, 2007.

"Finding the Hidden God: Anticipating the Turn from Self to Other in Tillich's Theology." Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November, 2006.

"Jacob Boehme and Paul Tillich: A Reassessment of the Mystical Philosopher and Systematic Theologian." Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November, 2004.

## **CURRENT WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*Grace after God: Radical Lutheran Theology for a Post-Religious Age*

*How to Beat a Bible Bully: A Self-Defense Guide for Non-Fundamentalist Christians and the Spiritual but Not Religious*

## **PREVIOUS TEACHING/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

Faculty Director, Faith and the Great Ideas Core Learning Program, Seattle University (Spring, 2015-present)

Fulltime Instructor, Seattle University (Fall, 2009-present)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Pacific Lutheran University (Fall, 2005-Summer, 2009)

Adjunct Instructor, Chapman University College (Summer, 2005)

Teaching Assistant, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (Fall, 2000-Spring, 2005)

Teaching Assistant, San Francisco Theological Seminary (Spring, 2004)

Teaching Assistant, Graduate Theological Union (Summer, 2001; Summer, 2003)

Research/Grading Assistant and Tutor, University of San Francisco (Fall, 1996-Spring, 1997)

## COURSES TAUGHT

Theology:	Systematic Theology Doctrine of God Christology Theological Anthropology Comparative Theology Mysticism/Mystical Theology Mysticism and Heresy Paul Tillich Søren Kierkegaard
Reformation:	Lutheran Confessions Lutheran Heritage Martin Luther Reformation History
Christian Scriptures:	Religion/Literature in the New Testament
Western Civilization:	Prehistory-Early Modern Europe French Revolution-World War I Humanistic Foundations of Education
Practical Theology:	Ignatian Discernment Jesuit Education

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Midwest Independent Publishers Association Annual Book Awards, Winner in Religion/Philosophy for *Tillich: A Brief Overview of the Life and Writings of Paul Tillich*, Lutheran University Press, June, 2014.

Seattle University, Continuing, Online, and Professional Education (COPE), Online Course Design Program Cohort, January, 2014

Pacific Lutheran University, Innovative Teaching Grants with Rev. Dr. Joann Carlson Brown, November, 2006; Rev. John Vaswig, November, 2006; Dr. Paul Ingram, October, 2006.

Graduate Theological Union, AAR Travel Grant, Fall, 2004, for presentation of paper on Paul Tillich and Jacob Boehme at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion.

Evangelical Church of Germany, Goethe-Institute Full-Tuition Scholarship, Summer, 2002, for the study of German language and culture (dispensed by Luther Seminary).

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Doctoral Studies Educational Grant, 2001-2004, for the study of theology with the intent to teach or enter ministry.

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Presidential Scholarship, 1997, for remission of tuition based on academic merit.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Board of Directors, North American Paul Tillich Society, 1999-2002, 2008-2010  
Faculty Advisor, Pacific Lutheran Theological Society, 2006-2009  
Faculty Advisor, Lutheran Student Movement, 2007-2009  
PLU Religion Department Campus Ministry Liaison, 2006-2007  
PLU Religion Department Co-Chair of Religion Major/Minor Events, 2006-2007

## **SELECTED THEOLOGICAL PRESENTATIONS FOR CONGREGATIONS/CLERGY**

“Glimpsing God: The Hidden Root of Human Hospitality.” Keynote Speech for Southwestern Washington Synod Assembly, Tacoma, Washington, May, 2014.

“Great Lutheran Theologians.” Series delivered at First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington, May, 2009; Church of the Apostles, Seattle, Washington, October, 2009; Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Kirkland, Washington, September, 2010; Hope Lutheran Church, Enumclaw, Washington, January, 2012; Mountain View Lutheran Church, Edgewood, Washington, March, 2012.

“The Luther We Never Knew.” Series delivered at First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington, September-October, 2007; Hope Lutheran Church, Enumclaw, Washington, October, 2009.

“Martin Luther and the Death of God.” Presentation given at Agnus Dei Lutheran Church, Gig Harbor, Washington, March, 2012; Faith Lutheran Church, Bellingham, Washington, April, 2012.

“Rediscovering Paul Tillich: How America’s ‘Most Dangerous Theologian’ of the Twentieth Century Can Help Us Today.” Presentation given at First Lutheran Church, Orland, California, June, 2013; Faith Lutheran Church, Chico, California, July, 2013; Agnus Dei Lutheran Church, Gig Harbor, Washington, September, 2013; Mountain View Lutheran Church, Edgewood, Washington, January, 2014; Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Kirkland, Washington, May, 2014; Mount Cross Lutheran Church, University Place, University Place, Washington, September, 2014.

“Christian Faith and the ‘New’ Atheism.” Series delivered at Agnus Dei Lutheran Church, Gig Harbor, Washington, September-October, 2010; Mountain View Lutheran Church, Edgewood, Washington, January, 2011; Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Kirkland, Washington, September, 2011.

“Sin—A Short History.” Series delivered at Hope Lutheran Church, Enumclaw, Washington, June, 2012.

“TheoRush: A Biblical Experience.” Four workshop presentations sponsored by Luther Seminary and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, delivered at Holden Village, Washington, May, 2008.

“Cross Perspectives: What Did Jesus’ Death Mean?” Series delivered at Mt. View Lutheran Church, Edgewood, Washington, February-March, 2008; Creator Lutheran Church, Bonney Lake, Washington, March, 2011; Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bellevue, Washington, March, 2012; Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Renton, Washington, March, 2013.

“From Mystery to History: New Testament Perspectives on the Resurrection.” Series delivered at Mt. View Lutheran Church, Edgewood, Washington, April-May, 2007; Creator Lutheran Church, Bonney Lake, Washington, April, 2011; Mount Cross Lutheran Church, University Place, Washington, May, 2013.

“Reading *Revelation*: Decoding the Bible’s Most Dangerous Book.” Series given at Creator Lutheran Church, Bonney Lake, Washington, November, 2007; Agnus Dei Lutheran Church, Gig Harbor, Washington, February, 2009; Messiah Lutheran Church, Auburn, Washington, January, 2013; Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Renton, Washington, April, 2013.

“Was Martin Luther an Evangelical Christian?” Series delivered at Mt. Cross Lutheran Church, University Place, Washington, September, 2007.

“Martin Luther and the ‘Secret’ Meaning of Scripture.” Series delivered at First Lutheran Church, Orland, California, July-August, 2005; Mountain View Lutheran Church, October-November, 2005; Mount Cross Lutheran Church, University Place, Washington, September-October, 2010; St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, Bellevue, Washington, October, 2013; Hope Lutheran Church, Enumclaw, Washington, February, 2014.

“Making Meaning Out of Misery: God and the Problem of Human Suffering.” Presentation delivered at John Muir Medical Center, March, 2001.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Academy of Religion  
North American Paul Tillich Society

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request