

Christian Association
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EDUCATION

Chicago Theological Seminary D.Min. 1988 and M. Div 1985 foci; pastoral counseling and reinvigorating the small church

Illinois State University, Normal Illinois, Sociology, MS focus; "Exposure to Religion and the Sexual Double Standard" 1983, and BS; Sociology with a minor equivalency in Sex Education, 1982

CURRENT POSITION

Christian Association, at the University of Pennsylvania, Executive Director 1989-2007

General Minister and President 2007-Present

Duties: Development of programming, advocacy, and facilitator of dialogue and sharing groups with a specific focus on women, sexual minorities, and sexuality concerns, coordination of local clergy, spiritual direction and counseling. Advising the Board on campus cultural issues, preaching, advocacy at public rallies, and performance as a means to make visible a Christian peace and justice presence.

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

Colfax Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor, Colfax, IL. 1984-1989, Ordained: Dec. 1985.

Served on writing team for the "Human Sexuality Study," of the Senate of the College of Professional Ministers, CCIW, Spring 1989

PAST EMPLOYMENT

Department of Sociology, Illinois State University, Administrative Assistant to the Chair, Director of Internship Program, and Undergraduate Advisor, Instructor, 1986-1989

Volunteer Services of Iroquois Co. a Program for the Elderly, Coordinator, Watseka, IL. 1974-1980

Duties included, financial and personal counseling, case work and public relations and teaching sexuality workshop for the aged entitled "Use it or Lose it"

WORKSHOPS and PROGRAMMING

Christian Sex Party, Program Coordinator and Facilitator, Lutheran and Episcopal Campus ministry, Temple University, September 2007, Philadelphia, PA

Developing a Successful Sexuality Ministry for Young Adults, a workshop of comprehensive summary of various ways to incorporate a sex-positive campus ministry, Episcopal Regional Campus ministers of the Eastern Seaboard Region, June 2007, Rehobeth, MD

Conversations on Sex the Church is Avoiding, a series of workshops to address spirituality and the sacred, University of Penn campus, Fall 2006 & Spring 2007

God as Eros, a four week series exploring the interweaving of passion (Eros), spirituality, peace, and justice, Tabernacle United Church, Fall 2005, Philadelphia, PA

Discovering God as Eros, A Biblical and Theological Study, a 12 week series exploring biblical and theological mandates for a new Christian sexual ethic, Spring 2005, Christian Association

Sacred and the Erotic, A four week series exploring the intersection of sexuality and spirituality, Spring 2004, Christian Association

Women's Erotic Empowerment Series, a six weeks intergenerational and multiracial discussion on women's erotic potential, Spring 2003, University of Penn

What Every Woman Should Know about Their Erotic Power, a four week series to explore women's spirituality, Fall 2002, University of Penn

Liberating our Sensual Selves, Faith Works Philly Style, Penn. S.E Conference of UCC, October 1992

PERFORMANCES

Vagina Monologues: One part "A Not So Happy Fact", University of Pennsylvania, February 2007

An Irreverent Journey: From Eggbeaters to Vibrators, one-woman performance at Philadelphia Fringe Festival, September 2006

Organizing founder of *The Madonna Mamas*, a feminist a capella trio singing songs of spirit and justice, 1997 to 2006.

Performed contemporary gospel concerts as one-woman shows in central Illinois 1974-1980.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Certified to teach *Our Whole Lives* sexuality curriculum grades 7-9 Spring 2005

"Jung and Celtic Symbolism," Ireland and the Jungian Institute of New York, Spring 2000

Penn Council for Relationship, Philadelphia PA. Completed one year of training in pastoral counseling in systems therapy, 1997

"Creative Writing" with Pat Schneider of Amherst Writers and Artists at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley CA. annually since 1996

PUBLICATIONS

"Using Bible Stories to Address Adolescent Sexuality Issues," *NOAPP NETWORK* Vol. 25, #1. 2005.

"Accompanied by God" (originally titled "Where Was God: A Survivor's Story" in *The Other Side*, Philadelphia, PA. October, 1994.

Guest Columnist for *Daily Pennsylvanian*, (Student Newspaper)

"Christianity's Sexual Quagmire" July 17, 2003, DP

"Breaking out to Find Our Identity" Feb 17, 1997, DP

"Straight Folks Have Closets Too" Oct 22 1996, DP

"Finding an Inclusive God" March 1993 DP

Contributor to the QPenn supplement sponsored by the LGBT Center at University of Penn

"When People of Faith condemn: A Christian Pastor Responds" Mar 17, 1999

"Is the Homosexual My Neighbor? Another Christian View" BGLAD supplement March 18, 1998

"I am Eros" (a poem in the Sexuality issue) *Disciple World*, Sept 2005.

"How Long, Oh Lord, Before We can Discuss Sexuality Gracefully?" editorial in "Connections" Metropolitan Christian Council, April 21, 1993

EDITING EXPERIENCES

CA Perspective and the Christian Advocate, Penn Alumni newsletters, 1989 to present:

Focus on *Sexuality: Gender*, Fall 2006. Focus on *Sexuality: Concerns for the Church*, Spring 2007.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS and BOARD EXPERIENCE

- Pennsylvanians for Responsible Sex Education, Philadelphia, PA Fall 2007
- African American Resource Center Board, University of Penn. 1997-to present
- Women's Center Advisory Board 1997-to present
- Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender Center, University of Penn, 1997-99, Co-chair 2000-2002
- Women of Faith, Philadelphia PA. 1997-98

RECOGNITION

Honored by the Lesbian and Gay Law Policy Center (now the Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights) for helping pass the Domestic Partnership Act in Philadelphia, 1994

Clergy Participant in Legislative Hearing on Emergency Contraception Bill, (#HB288) Harrisburg, 2007