

# Lucinda Allen Mosher, Th.D.

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## Education

- Th. D. 2002      General Theological Seminary (New York City)
- Dissertation: *The Marrow of Worship and the Moral Vision: Ethical Dimensions of Anglican and Islamic Classical Supplication Literature.*
  - Concentration: ethics, interfaith relations, dialogue theory and practice, with particular emphasis on the Anglican conversation with Islam; supported by coursework at General Theological Seminary, New York University, Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University, Hebrew Union College, City University of New York Graduate School, and supervision by Christian and Muslim ethicists.
  - Research languages: Arabic, German, Greek, Spanish.
  - Fellowship: Episcopal Church Foundation.
- STM 1998      General Theological Seminary (New York City)
- Thesis: *Luther, Islam, and the Omnipotence of God: Divine Predeterminism and Human Free Will versus Divine Mercy and Divine Wrath.*
- M. A. 1992      Hartford Seminary (Hartford, CT)
- Concentration in Lay Ministry; coursework in Islamic Studies. Christian-Muslim Relations.
  - Major project: *Religion & Society: Compassionate Action in Five Major Faith Traditions.*
- M. Mus. Ed. 1972      Lowell State College (now UMASS-Lowell)
- B. Mus. 1969      Boston University (Boston, MA); *magna cum laude*

## Related Preparation

- 1995      Clinical Pastoral Education
- 1993-1995      Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut Ministry Education and Exploration Program

## Teaching Competence

- Christian Theology and Ethics
- The World's Religions/America's Religious Diversity
- Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations; Religions of Abraham
- Spiritual Caregiving
- Critical Interpretation
- Music

## Teaching Experience

### University; Seminary

- 2010-present      Faculty Associate in Interfaith Studies, Hartford Seminary (CT): Director, Multifaith Chaplaincy Program; Coordinator/instructor, annual Religious Diversity Leadership Workshop (since 2012. Plus 2011 pilot seminar on Religious Leadership in an Interfaith World); courses: Christian-Muslim Encounter: The Theological Dimension; Understanding and Engaging Religious Diversity; Chaplaincy Models and Methods; The Christian Mosaic: an introduction to Christianity for Muslim leaders; Renewal of Muslim Theology: "A Common Word" and the Theology of Compassion (co-taught with Ingrid Mattson). Adjunct Professor (2010-2011).

- 2005-2012 Adjunct Professor of Theology, Ecumenical Theological Seminary (Detroit, MI); principal course: Experiencing Religious Diversity.
- 2002-2012 Lecturer II, University of Michigan-Dearborn; course: The Worldviews Seminar: A Survey of America's Religious Diversity.
- 2008-2010 Adjunct Professor, New York Theological Seminary Doctor of Ministry Program, Multi-Faith Track; principal courses: Culture, Identity, and Leadership; Critical Interpretation.
- 2001-2009 Adjunct Professor, General Theological Seminary (NYC); courses: Christian-Muslim Relations; Abrahamic Dialogue; Understanding America's Religious Diversity; Art, Culture, and the City
- 2008-2010 Adjunct Professor of Theology, Fordham University (New York, NY); courses: Faith & Critical Reason; Classic Islamic Texts; Sacred Texts of the Middle East.
- 1998-2003; 2009 Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies, St. Francis College (Brooklyn, NY); courses: World Religions; The Christian Tradition; Islam.
- 2008 Lecturer, College of Saint Elizabeth (Morristown, NJ) Center for Theological and Spiritual Development Summer Institute; course: Faith in the Neighborhood.
- 2004 Adjunct Professor, Mercer School of Theology (Garden City, NY); course: Christian Ministry in Multi-religious America.
- 2003 Visiting Professor, School of Theology of the University of the South (Sewanee, TN); course: Anglican Responses to Islam: Intersections, Understandings, Possibilities.
- 2001 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Humanities, The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art (NYC); course: World Religions.

## Related Experience

- 2013 Instructor, S.C.U.P.E. (Seminary Consortium on Urban Pastoral Education) three-day workshop, *Engaging Faith in the Neighborhood*.
- 2009 Field Education Supervisor, Princeton Theological Seminary; completed necessary supervisory training; arranged and oversaw a varied interreligious field work experience.
- 2008-2013 Adjunct Professor, Empire State College (NY); evaluator for students seeking life-experience credit in religion and music.
- 2004-present Lecturer, St Peter's Lutheran Church (NYC) Adult Forum: three- to five-week series on Christian theology or interreligious understanding, two or three times annually.
- 2004-2007 Faculty (part-time), The Collegiate School (NYC); principal course: World Religions.
- 2000-2001 Graduate Assistant in Systematic Theology and Ethics, General Theological Seminary (NYC); duties included presentation of new material (Ethics); grading papers and tests (Theology); leading discussions and tutoring (both).
- 1998-2000 Tutor, General Theological Seminary; teaching-team for required M. Div. seminar; duties included leading small-group discussions, one-on-one work with and formal evaluation of students.
- 1977-1996 Faculty, Pomfret School (Pomfret, CT); Music Director and Chapel Organist (1977-96); Religion instructor (1990-96); Religion Department chair (1993-96); courses: World Religions, Ethics, Bible.

## Related Experience

### Conference Coordinator

- *Hidden In Plain Sight: Pleasures, Policy, and Politics of Muslim Women and Their Bodies*, a project of Muslim Women's Institute for Research and Development (NYC), held by The Interchurch Center (NYC) October 2010: advised all aspects of planning; moderator for proceedings at.
- *Islam in Turkey Today*, Columbia University Middle East Institute, November 2007: advised all aspects of planning, devised schedule for, supervised this international conference with multiple sponsors; secured all panelists and moderators; participated as a moderator and panelist.

- *Women in Religion in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, The Interchurch Center (NYC), October 2006: advised all aspects of planning, particularly with regard to multireligious issues; hired all panelists; devised schedule; edited proceedings for publication; event MC.

## Interreligious Relations Consultant

### Active Clients (alphabetical order)

*Baptist Medical Center* (Jacksonville, FL): Since 2011; Member, Pastoral Advisory Group for Clinical Pastoral Education program.

*Building Bridges Seminar* (Washington, DC): Since 2012; Assistant Academic Director; editing seminar proceedings for publication; pedagogical strategic planning; dialogue participation and facilitation.

*Episcopal Church Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations* and other national offices (NYC; 1999–2011; 2013): Consultation; workshops; writing.

*Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut* (since 2013): interfaith relations instructor.

*Episcopal Diocese of New York Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations Commission* (1997–2006; chair, 2000–2006): dialogue advisor (since 2013).

*Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations Commission* (since 2013): interfaith relations strategic planning

*National Disaster Interfaiths Network* (NYC): Since 2010; strategic planning; authoring, editing educational resources.

*Network of Inter Faith Concerns of the Anglican Communion* (London, UK): Since 2003; general assistance.

*Peace Islands Institute* (NYC): Since 2011; strategic planning; lecturing on interreligious concerns)

*Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education* (Chicago): Since 2012; strategic planning; development of interfaith education initiatives)

*The Tanenbaum Center for Inter-religious Understanding* (NYC): Since 2003; advisor for curriculum development and other projects.

### Past Clients

*Auburn Seminary Center for Multifaith Education* (NYC): 1999–2013; Senior Fellow, 2011 to 2013; coordination, co-facilitation of colloquia for seminary professors; researcher for national study of multi-faith education in training of religious leaders)

*Beginning With Children Foundation* (NYC; 2003-2005): Institutional Review Board ethicist with regard to educational research projects.

*Calhoun School* (NYC; 2007-2012): religious diversity issues.

*Dialogue Project, The* (Brooklyn, NY; 2001-2010): strategic planning)

*Interchurch Center, The* (NYC) Office of the President & Executive Director (2005-2007): Conference coordination and follow-up, materials development, coordination of collaboration with Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, strategic planning.

*Interfaith Education Initiative*, a project of the national Episcopal Church (2002, 2004): Website, educational materials development; workshops)

*La Guardia Community College Difficult Dialogues Project* (Long Island City, NY; 2007): Religious diversity lecture-tour for faculty)

*National Council of the Churches of Christ Interfaith Office* (NYC; 1997-2008): materials development, strategic planning, grant-writing.

*Neighbor-Faith Project, The* (NYC; 2003-2005): Parish-based interreligious education.

*New York Disaster Interfaith Services* (NYC; 2004-2006): Board of Directors development; data-base development.

*Religions For Peace–USA* (NYC): Interim Director, September 2008-August 2009; intermittent consultant in prior years.

*Tri-Faith Initiative* (Omaha, NE): Since 2012; strategic planning, curriculum development)

*Trinity Church/St. Paul's Chapel* (NYC): Adult forum presenter, Lent 2004; coordination of multireligious participation in 9/11/06 memorial service and for Trinity Institute 2008)

*Unity Productions Foundation* (DC; 2010-11): Coordinator: curriculum development for NEH-funded project *Dialogue in the Humanities*; panelist, documentary discussions.

### Consultant (Other areas)

The Episcopal Church Foundation (2010; 2012): research; database development

Church Publishing Company, NYC (1998): music and text typesetting, story-board design for *El Himmario* (ecumenical Spanish hymnal project)

### Church Work Abroad

Participant, *Building Bridges* Seminar, a gathering of Muslim and Christian scholars selected and convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Doha, Qatar (2011)

Participant, International Consultation of the Anglican Communion Network of Interfaith Concerns, Bangalore, India (2003)

Research, education, public speaking in Uganda at the invitation of the Church of Uganda Provincial Education Office (1998)

Christian education instructor and organist/music director, St. James American Church, Florence, Italy (1988-89)

### Papers & Presentations

- 2013 Seminary Consortium on Urban Pastoral Education  
Three-Day Workshop: “Engaging Faith in the Neighborhood”—
- 2013 National Workshop on Christian Unity (Columbus, OH)  
Lecture: “Toward Our Mutual Flourishing: the context and content of The Episcopal Church's Theological Statement on Interreligious Relations (2009)”
- 2012 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)  
Address: “Meeting the Familiar Yet Strange: Strategies for Introducing American Christians to Jesus and Mary as Muslims Know Them” for session on *Reading in Tandem: Pedagogical and Hermeneutical Issues in Analyzing Parallel Bible and Qur'an Texts with Lay Persons and Students*
- 2012 Baptist Medical Center (Jacksonville, FL)  
Address: “Perspectives on Loss in Multireligious America”
- 2012 Tri-Faith Initiative (Omaha, NE)  
Address: “For the Sake of Peace and Gladness: understandings and practices of forgiveness in the Jewish, Christian, & Islamic Traditions
- 2012 St George Forum (For George Island, FL)  
Address: “Christian-Muslim Understanding”
- 2011 NIFCON Conference on “The Presence of Faith: A Century of Anglican Engagement with World Religions” (Lambeth Palace, London, UK)  
Address: “Toward our mutual flourishing: the Episcopal Church, interreligious relations, and theologies of religious manyness”
- 2011 Faith Fest Owensboro (KY) Community Roundtable presenter on “Interfaith Dialogue in the Neighborhood”; Trinity Church (Owensboro, KY) guest preacher and Adult Forum presenter on “Toward Our Mutual Flourishing: The Episcopal Church's teaching on interreligious relations and dialogue”
- 2010 G20 Dialogue Among Civilizations, Cultures, and Religions (Iksan, Korea)  
Address: “Interreligious Relations: History, Obstacles, Opportunities”
- 2010 American Islamic College (Chicago):  
Lecture: “Common Words Between Us”

- 2010 Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago Global Conversation Luncheon Series:  
Lecture: “Appreciative Conversation: Nine Years of the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Building Bridges Seminar”
- 2010 Episcopal Church Women (Diocese of Chicago) Fall Forum:  
Lecture: “Common Words Between Us: Christians and Muslims”
- 2010 Niagara Foundation (Chicago) Evening Lecture Series: Lecture: “Religious Diversity and Interdependence: Obstacles and Opportunities for People of Faith”
- 2010 Marble Collegiate Church (NYC): Adult Education Series  
Lectures: “Faith Meets Action: Becoming the Body of Christ”; “Loving Our Neighbors: A Theology of Interreligious Understanding”
- 2010 St John’s Cathedral (Jacksonville, FL): Annual Retreat  
Weekend Workshop: “Being the Body of Christ”; “Being a Cathedral”
- 2010 Trinity Church Wall Street (NYC): Spa for the Soul Quiet Meditation Series  
Day-long Workshop: “Image & Imagination: Interreligious & and the Visual Arts”
- 2009 The Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding of Sacred Heart University Colleagues in Dialogue: Forgiveness in a Post-Holocaust World (NYC)  
Lecture: “For the Sake of Peace and Gladness: Practices of Forgiveness in the Christian and Jewish Traditions”
- 2009 National Workshop on Christian Unity (Phoenix)  
Lecture: “Common Words Among Christians and Muslims: Christian Response: Limits and Possibilities”
- 2007 New York University Muslim Student Center (NYC)  
Panelist: “Addressing Islamophobia”
- 2007 La Guardia Community College, Long Island City, NY  
Lecture-tour: “The Religious Diversity of Flushing, NY”
- 2007 Abraham’s Table Dialogue, Turkish Cultural Center (NYC)  
Paper: “The Concept of Neighborliness in Christianity”
- 2006 International Nursi Studies Conference on Resurrection and Theodicy, Istanbul, Turkey  
Paper: “Lā Siyyamā: Nursi’s Treatise on al-Hashr in Mathnawi al-Nuriye”
- 2006 North American Maritime Ministry Association Annual Meeting, Newark, NJ  
Address: “Chaplains Working in Unity Amidst Diversity: Christian Openheartedness Toward Religious Difference”
- 2005 North American Academy of Ecumenists Annual Meeting, Flushing, NY  
Lecture-tour: “The Religious Diversity of Queens, NY”
- 2005 Spirituality Conference of the Istanbul Foundation for Islamic Science and Culture, Istanbul, Turkey  
Paper: “The Spirit of Worship and the Result of Sincere Belief: Nursi’s Mathnawi al-‘Arabi al-Nuri as a handbook for the contemplative life”
- 2005 Conference, “Treasure in a Garden: Christian Witness in a Multi-Faith Land,” Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago  
Paper: “Religious Diversity and Interdependence: Obstacles and Opportunities for People of Faith: Response to Charles Kimball”
- 2004 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX (“Additional Meeting”)  
Paper: “The Marrow of Worship and Said Nursi’s Moral Vision: A consideration of supplication in the Risale-i Nur”
- 2002 Columbia University Seminar on Studies in Religion, NYC  
Paper: “The Concept of Ihsan—the doing of the beautiful”
- 2002 North American Academy of Ecumenists Annual Meeting, Lansdowne, VA  
Paper: “Professing Christ in a Religiously Plural Society: Ecclesial Implications from an Anglican Point of View”

- 2002 Anglican Society Annual Meeting, NYC  
Paper: “Anglicanism and Islam: Then and Now”
- 2002 Episcopal Church Foundation Fellows Forum, Philadelphia  
Paper: “Commonweal, Accountability, and Christian-Muslim Relations in Light of September 11, 2001”
- 2000 Fifth International Symposium on Bediuzzaman Said Nursi, Istanbul, Turkey  
Paper: “The Marrow of Worship and Said Nursi’s Moral Vision: A consideration of supplication in the Risale-i Nur in light of the narrative ethics paradigm of James William McClendon Jr.”
- 2000 Center for Jewish-Christian Studies and Relations, NYC  
Paper: “The Marrow of Worship: Islam and Prayers of Supplication”
- 1998 Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue of the National Conference of Community and Justice—Greater New York Region, NYC  
Paper: “Heaven, Hell, and Hope: Toward an Eschatological Theology for Interfaith Dialogue”

### Related Presentations

Ecclesial and secular venues in CT, FL, IL, KY, MI, NE, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, TN, TX, UK, Turkey (1999–present): Workshops, sermons, lectures on America’s religious diversity; Abrahamic issues; Christian theology, dialogue, Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations; mysticism; other interfaith topics (including intersections between the arts and interfaith concerns).

### Publications

#### Books

*Death, Resurrection, and Human Destiny: Christian and Muslim Perspectives: A record of the eleventh Building Bridges Seminar convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Kings College London and Canterbury Cathedral, 23-25 April 2012*, co-editor with David Marshall (Georgetown University Press, forthcoming 2014).

*The Community of Believers: Christian and Muslim Perspectives: A record of the twelfth Building Bridges Seminar, hosted by Georgetown University at the School of Foreign Service in Qatar, 27-29 May 2013*, co-editor with David Marshall (Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, forthcoming 2013).

*Prayer: Christian and Muslim Perspectives: A record of the tenth Building Bridges Seminar convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, 17-19 May 2011*, co-editor with David Marshall (Georgetown University Press, forthcoming 2013).

*Toward Our Mutual Flourishing: The Episcopal Church, Interreligious Relations, and Theologies of Religious Manyness* (Peter Lang, 2012).

*Faith in the Neighborhood: Loss* (Seabury, 2007).

*Faith in the Neighborhood: Praying: Rituals of Faith* (Seabury, 2006).

*Faith in the Neighborhood: Belonging* (Seabury, 2005).

*An Introduction to Your Neighbors’ Religions* (Long Island Multi-Faith Forum and Auburn Seminary, 1998).

*Religion and Society: The Role of Compassion, Selfless Service, and Social Action in Five World Faiths*; preface by Ibrahim Abu-Rabi’; (Council for Religion in Independent Schools, 1998).

#### Chapters

“A Decade of Appreciative Conversation: The ‘Building Bridges’ Seminars Under Rowan Williams” in *Death, Resurrection, and Human Destiny: Christian and Muslim Perspectives*, David Marshall and Lucinda Mosher, editors (Georgetown University Press, forthcoming 2014).

“Conversations in Qatar” *The Community of Believers: Christian and Muslim Perspectives*, Lucinda Mosher and David Marshall, editors (Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, forthcoming 2013).

“Conversations in Qatar” in *Prayer: Christian and Muslim Perspectives*, David Marshall and Lucinda Mosher, editors (Georgetown University Press, forthcoming 2013).

“Renewing Our Pledge: The Episcopal Church’s Engagement with Islam and Muslims,” in *Christian-Muslim Relations in the Lutheran and Anglican Communions: Historical Encounters and Contemporary Projects*, edited by David Grafton, Joseph Duggan, and Jason Craige Harris (Palgrave, 2013).

“Lā Siyyamā: Nursi’s Treatise on al-Hashr in Mathnawi al-Nuriye,” in *Theodicy and Justice in Islamic Thought: The Case of Said Nursi*, edited by Ibrahim Abu-Rabi and Bilal Kuspinar (Ashgate, 2010)

“The Spirit of Worship and the Result of Sincere Belief: Nursi’s *Mathnawi al-‘Arabi al-Nuri* as a handbook for the contemplative life,” in *Spiritual Dimensions of Said Nursi’s Risale-I-Nur*, edited by Ibrahim Abu-Rabi’ (SUNY Press, 2008)

“The University of Michigan-Dearborn Worldviews Seminar,” co-authored with Claude F. Jacobs, Ph.D., in *Teaching Religion and Healing*, edited by Linda Barnes (Oxford University Press, 2006)

“The Marrow of Worship and the Moral Vision: Said Nursi and Supplication,” in *Islam at the Crossroad: On the Life and Thought of Bediüzzaman Said Nursi*, edited by Ibrahim Abu-Rabi’ (SUNY, 2003)

## Journals

“The Episcopal Church and Religious Manyness: steps toward a theology” in *Anglican Theological Review* 96:1 (Winter 2014)

Guest editor. Special Issue on Multifaith Education, *Teaching Theology & Religion*, 16:4 (October 2013)

“Meeting the Familiar Yet Strange: Strategies for Introducing American Christians to Jesus and Mary as Muslims Know Them” in *Teaching Theology & Religion*, 16:4 (October 2013)

“Toward the Development of Virtuous Circles: the Building Bridges Seminar under Rowan Williams” in *Salaam Journal*, Delhi, India (April 2013)

“Walking Deliberately Into Difference: a theology for enabling interreligious understanding” in *Anglican Theological Review*, 93:4 (November 2011)

“Vitriol and Virtue: Reflections on US Christian-Muslim relations during the summer of 2010” in *Christian-Muslim Digest* (November 2010)

*Appreciative Conversation: The Archbishop of Canterbury’s “Building Bridges” Seminars*

(<http://repository.berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/Mosher-Building-Bridges-Article.pdf>. Last accessed: 25 May 2010)

“Let ‘God’ Be ‘God’” (co-authored with Parvez Ahmed) in *altmuslim* (27 January 2010)

<http://www.altmuslim.com/a/a/a/3526>; in *The American Muslim* (26 January 2010):

[http://www.theamericanmuslim.org/tam.php/features/articles/let\\_god\\_be\\_god/0017878](http://www.theamericanmuslim.org/tam.php/features/articles/let_god_be_god/0017878)

*Renewing Our Pledge: Reflections on A Common Word Between Us and You from The Episcopal Church*, Third Sunday in Lent (24 February) 2008 (a document promulgated by the Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations Office of The Episcopal Church)

“Models and Methods of Continuing Education for Christian Ministry in the Religiously Plural Context” in *Teaching Theology & Religion*, 9:2 (April 2006)

“It’s Not Just One Thing! Reflections on Christian-Muslims Relations in Post-9/11 New York” in *Interreligious Insight* 3:4 (October 2005)

## Reviews

For *The Muslim World* (October 2013): *Islam and Christianity: Theological Themes in Comparative Perspective* (University of California Press, 2011).

For *The Anglican Theological Review* (July 2007): *Kabbalah: A Brief Introduction for Christians* by Tamar Frankiel (Jewish Lights, 2006).

For *Reviews in Theology and Religion* 13:4 (September 2006): *Aspects of Islam* by Ron Geaves (Georgetown University Press, 2005).

For *Religious Studies Review* 32:2 (April 2006): *Whose Holy City? Jerusalem And The Future Of Peace In The Middle East*, by Colin Chapman. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2005).

For *Religious Studies Review* 30:2 & 3 (April & July 2004): *Islam In Context: Past, Present, and Future*, by Peter G. Riddell and Peter Cotterell (Baker Academic, 2003).

For *Interreligious Insight* 1:2 (April 2003): *The Conference of the Birds: The Selected Sufi Poetry of Farid ud-Din Attar* (Frances Lincoln, 2002).

## **Travel**

Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, England, France, divided Germany (East & West), Korea, India, Israel & West Bank, Italy, Poland, Portugal, USSR, Luxembourg, Morocco, Qatar, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Turkey, Uganda.

## **Membership**

American Academy of Religion

Society of Anglican and Lutheran Theologians

## **References**

Available upon request