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EDUCATION

- Ph. D.** 1990-1996 **The Graduate School, Vanderbilt University**
Ph. D. in Religion and Personality, May 1996.
Dissertation: *By Creation of a New Experience: Dewey as Resource for Practical Theology.*
- M. Div.** 1977-1981 **Wartburg Theological Seminary,**
Dubuque, IA
M. Div. Thesis: *Called to Hope.*
- 1978-1979 **Wartburg Theological Seminary**
Denver House of Studies, Denver, CO
- B. A.** 1972-1976 **Concordia College,** Moorhead, MN
Awarded degree *summa cum laude*. Majors:
Psychology and Biology. Minor: Religion.

Completed quarter unit of Clinical Pastoral Education under the supervision of the late Chaplain Russ Connick at Glenwood St. Hospital School, Glenwood, IA in 1978.

- Ordained as pastor of the American Lutheran Church (now the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Dubuque, IA on June 14, 1981.
- Completed **Pastoral Counselor Specialist Program**, September 1994 through August 1995 at Pastoral Counseling and Consultation Centers of Tennessee.
- Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC), March 1998. Diplomate in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, April 2006.
- Licensed by the State of Tennessee as a Clinical Pastoral Therapist (LCPT), August 2005.

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor 2010-
in the Practice of
Pastoral Theology
and Counseling

**Vanderbilt University Divinity School
and Graduate Department of Religion**

Full-time Pastoral 2006-
Counselor

**A Talking Place Pastoral Counseling
Service, Brentwood, TN**

Full-time Pastoral Counselor	2002-2006	The Turning Leaf: A Pastoral Counseling Service , Brentwood, TN
Presiding Pastor	2002-2003	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church , Nashville, TN
Full-time Pastoral Counselor	1996-2001	Pastoral Counseling and Consultation Centers of Tennessee, Inc. Nashville, TN. Counseling with a wide variety of Clients, individuals, couples, families.
Part-time Faculty: Lecturer in Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Counseling	1995-2010	Vanderbilt University Divinity School and Graduate Department of Religion Nashville, TN
2017 (S)	Pastoral Theology for Transitions and Crises	Divinity School
	Theoretical Applications (Apps) for Practical Theology and Ministry	Divinity School
2016 (F)	Sexuality: Ethics, Theology, and Pastoral Practice	Divinity School
	Shame and Guilt	Divinity School
2016 (S)	Gender, Sexuality, and the Family: Challenges in Care and Counseling	Divinity School
	Clinical Seminar	Ph. D. Students Graduate Department of Religion
2015 (F)	Pastoral Care for Persons with Mental Health Disorders and Addictions	Divinity School
	Clinical Seminar	Ph. D. Students Graduate Department of Religion

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	Pastoral Theology for Transitions and Crises	Divinity School
2010 (F)	Sexuality: Ethics, Theology, and Pastoral Practice	Divinity School
	Pastoral Theological Methods for Ministry	Divinity School
2010 (S)	Gender, Sexuality, and the Family: Challenges in Care and Counseling	Divinity School
	Clinical Seminar	Ph. D. Students Graduate Department of Religion
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**Additional course listings from 1995-2008 available upon request.

Coordinator	1995- 2001	Pastoral Counseling Center of Clarksville, TN Coordinate center's intakes, staffing, marketing. Work with volunteer receptionist and advisory board.
Contract/Part-time	1993- 1995	Pastoral Counseling and Consultation Centers of Tennessee Counseling with a wide variety of clients: individuals, couples, families.
Pastor	1985- 1990	St. Paul's Lutheran Church (2200 baptized), Waverly, IA Served in a team ministry with two other pastors.
Associate Pastor	1981- 1985	St. Peter's Lutheran Church (1000 baptized), Dubuque, IA Served with a Senior Pastor.

PUBLICATIONS

- Flesberg, Evon O. "On the Pleasures of Owning Persons: The Hidden Face of American Slavery" by Volney P. Gay. Book Review, *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, April 2017.
- Flesberg, Evon O. "Read This Book," a review and recommendation by VDS faculty on VDS Voices, of "*Alone Together: Why We Expect **More** from Technology and Less from Each Other,*" by Sherry Turkle. *Spire*, March 2015.
- Flesberg, Evon O. "Peril: Is *Virtual* Being There *Real* Pastoral Care?" *Circuit Rider*, August/September/October, United Methodist Publishing House, 2014. [See ministrymatters.com/circuitrider]
- Flesberg, Evon O. *The Switching Hour: Kids of Divorce Say Good-bye Again*. Abingdon Press, 2008. Translated into Dutch and French in 2008; currently in Korean translation process.
- Flesberg, Evon O. "Giving My Lamb for You." *Lutheran Woman Today*, January/February 2006, 16-19.

Flesberg, Evon O. "Invisible Ministry at the Edge." Interview and article by Bob Sitze. *Making Christ Known*, 2003, 12.

Flesberg, Evon O. "At the Bedside: Perspectives on the Good Death." Interview and article by Victor Judge. *The Spire*, 2003, 25.

Flesberg, Evon O. Review of *Pastoral Care in Context: An Introduction to Pastoral Care*, by John Patton, *Religious Studies Review*, July 1994.

Flesberg, Evon O. Review of *Understanding Religious Conversion*, by Lewis Rambo, *Religious Studies Review*, July 1994.

Coordinated and edited "Women's Contributions to Theology and Ministry," an annotated bibliography for the Division of Theological Education and Ministry, which appeared in the October 1987 Unified Mailing of the former American Lutheran Church.

Sermons published in:

- Preaching Helps for Easter (Published in conjunction with *Currents in Theology and Mission*, 1985)

PRESENTATIONS

January 2017	"Psychodynamics in Peer Homiletic Coaching Review."
October 2016	"Multiply Intelligent Pastoral Counseling." Workshop presented for pastoral counselors at the AAPC Southeast Region's annual meeting.
September 2016	"Lutheran Accents in Specialized Pastoral Ministry: A Practitioner's Perspective" and "Presenters' Q & A Panel" Lecture and presenters' Q & A at Zion XVI, a triennial gathering of chaplains, pastoral counselors, and clinical educators of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
August-September	Dietrich Bonhoeffer: The Person, Political Context, and <i>Life Together</i> . Three separate adult forums at Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN.
June 2106	"The Healing Possibilities of Befriending in the Postmodern World." Workshop presented at Society for Pastoral Theology, (professors and others with interest in pastoral theology), meeting in Pasadena, CA.

- June 2016 “Shame, Guilt, and the Soul,” HopePark Church, Nashville, TN.
- April 2015 “Psychodynamics in Peer Homiletic Coaching.” Didactic presented on April 27. (April 27- May 1) as well as being a collaborative instructor for the week.
- September-
November 2014 “What’s Your Story? God’s Story and Our Story.” A ten week Adult Education lecture series studying the lectionary, illustrated by the art and informed by the lives of Gustave Doré, H.O. Tanner, Marc Chagall, William Blake, Jan Richardson, Phillip Parham, Eva Leo, and many others.
- August 2014 “Incarnating Grace and Virtual Relating: Why We Meet in Person When We Could Just Text.” Lecture given for Tennessee Association of Pastoral Counselors responding to Peter Rollins.
- June 2014 “Stigma Stinks—Extending God’s Grace and Mercy to the Mentally Ill” [given title]. I presented tools available to pastors, congregations, and laypersons to reduce the stigma of mental illness.
- May 2104 Led Adult Education class for Mental Health Awareness month. Five-part series using the video resource, “Mental Illness and Families of Faith: How Congregations Can Respond,” at Faith Lutheran Church in Lebanon, TN. The video is produced by Mental Health Ministries (www.MentalHealthMinistries.net), copyright 2008.
- March 2014 “Images and the Word,” Visio Divina and lectionary explorations for Adult Education during the Lenten Season at Faith Lutheran Church in Lebanon, TN.
- February 2014 “Mental Health (and our response to it as Christians)” [given title].” Presenter and panelist at Otter Creek Church, Nashville, TN.
- February 2014 “Mental Health Education Opportunities in the Congregation and Resources for Clergy,” Presenter for Middle TN ELCA clergy meeting in Lebanon, TN.
- January 2013 “When Did We Welcome You, Lord? Four Explorations of Hospitality” How can we welcome those who have experienced sexual or domestic abuse either personally or in their families (Childhood sexual abuse, date rape, marital violence) to Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN? [Class title and description] Presenter and panelist with Dr. John McClure.
- August 2012 “The Bluest of Blues: Pastoral Care and Domestic Violence,” Faith Leaders Coming Together to Address and End Domestic Violence in Our Communities—August 6-7. Emily Nourse (VDS alum) of Family and Children’s Service was coordinator.
- December 2011 “The Road to Emmaus: Journeying with Our Grief” (Part II), Three hour retreat for Faith Lutheran Church with Pastor Matt Steinhauer.

- September 2011 “The Road to Emmaus: Journeying with Our Grief”(Part I), Three hour retreat for Faith Lutheran Church with Pastor Matt Steinhauer.
- August 2011 “Spiritual Perspectives on Clinical Work: How Does *This* Therapist Integrate the Theological and Therapeutic? . . . I Have an APP for That!—Artistic Product and Process” for the annual meeting of the Tennessee Association of Pastoral Therapists (TAPT).
- May 2011 Radio Show Interview (1 hour)—Kidmin Volunteer Radio <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/cmconnect> with Wayne Stocks—Topic: *The Switching Hour: Kids of Divorce Say Good-bye Again*
- May 2011 “Prevent Bullying” Retreat (Five hours) featured the movie “Shout It Out!” directed by Bess O’Brien. Retreat co-authored and co-led with Eric Broeren (VU graduate and former student, now Associate for Pastoral Care) for students from the Pastoral Theology for Transitions and Crises course.
- April 2011 “Prevent Bullying” Retreat (Friday evening and Saturday morning) featured the movie “Shout It Out!”(2008), directed by Bess O’Brien. Retreat was co-created and co-led with Eric Broeren (VU graduate and former student, now Associate for Pastoral Care at Grace Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, TN). A follow-up educational piece to the Laramie Project play at Grace Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, TN.
- March 2011 Panelist/respondent to “The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later” play at Grace Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, TN.
- June 2010 Preacher for the opening worship of the Southeastern Synod Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and chaplain for the weekend in celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary of the Ordination of Women.
- November 2009 “The Switching Hour: Kids of Divorce Say Good-bye Again” Presentation sponsored by Thrivent Financial for pastors and congregational members in Atlanta, GA.
- September 2008 “The Liminal Lives of Children of Divorce: Pastoral Care Implications.” Presentation for Tennessee Pastoral Care Association with Ken Jackson, M.Div., J.D., (VU graduate, former student, and research assistant for *The Switching Hour: Kids of Divorce Say Good-bye Again*), Nashville, TN.
- April 2008 “The Switching Hour: Kids of Divorce Say Good-bye Again,” Workshop for the American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC) Association meeting, Norfolk, VA.

- October 2007 “The Youngest Road Warriors.” Workshop presented with Ken Jackson, M.Div., J.D. at the Southeast Region of AAPC at Kanuga in Hendersonville, NC.
- June 2007 “The Switching Hour: Kids Shuttling Between Parents,” Presented with Ken Jackson, Esq., M.Div. at Lunch and Learn, (for attorneys) sponsored by Legal Aid in Nashville, TN.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Pastoral Counselors
Society for Pastoral Theology
Tennessee Association of Pastoral Therapists