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**EDUCATION**

* Doctor of Philosophy, Educational Leadership, Teaching, Learning and Development 2018, Trident University International, Cypress, California.
* Master of Education, Teaching (Biology emphasis), 2003, Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, with high distinction.
* Master of Education, Secondary Administration, 2007, Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, with high distinction.
* Bachelor of Arts, Biology, 1997, Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska, with high distinction.
* Bachelor of Science, Secondary Education, Biology and Mathematics, 1996, Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska, with high distinction.

# LICENSURE

* Nebraska Educator’s Certificate/Permit; Standard Administrative Certificate; Specialization Areas: Biology 7-12, Mathematics 7-12, Principal 7-12. Expiration: August 31, 2024 (renewal pending).

# ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

* Director of Dual Credit and School Partnerships, Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, 2022-present.
* Director of Middle Level Education, Director of Student Teaching, Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, 2009-2022
* Adjunct Instructor of Education, including Human Relations, Educational Psychology, Methods, Middle Level Theory and Psychology, Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, 2005-2009.
* Science Teacher, including middle school and high school life, physical and earth sciences; Dual Credit Instructor through Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska; Middle School Cross-Country Coach, Faculty Social Coordinator, Lincoln Lutheran Jr./Sr. High School, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1999-2005.
* Biology and Math teacher, Cheerleading Coach, Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1998-1999.
* Science teacher, 7-12 Sciences, including Biology, Chemistry, Physical Science, Human Anatomy and Physiology, Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach, Cedar Bluffs Jr./Sr. High School, Cedar Bluffs, Nebraska, 1997-1998.
* Visiting Instructor of Math, teaching Math 101, Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska, 1997.

# PRESENTATIONS and PUBLICATIONS

* The Concordia Mission Institute, Summer Conference 2024, Concordia, Missouri, *Partnership Through Relationship Development.* 2024
* Best Practices in Ministry Conference 2024, Phoenix, Arizona, *Faith Integration, a New Perspective; Emotional Intelligence, Why it Matters*! 2024
* LCMS Iowa District East, Professional Development Presentation, *Faith Integration, a New Perspective.* 2023
* Immanuel Lutheran School, Perryville, Missouri, pre-service professional development presentation, *Crash Course in Young Adolescence.* 2023
* Lutheran Education Association Convocation, *Faith Integration, a New Perspective; Emotional Intelligence, Why it Matters*! 2022.
* Missouri District Teachers Conference, *Emotional Intelligence, Why it Matters!,* 2021.
* Missouri District Teachers Conference, *Crash Course in Young Adolescence; Emotional Intelligence, Why is Matters!,* Virtual conference, 2020.
* Missouri District Family Ministry Conference, *Emotional Intelligence, Why it Matters!,* Virtual conference, 2020.
* Lutheran Education Association Convocation, *Crash Course in Young Adolescence First Years of Teaching: Sharing and Bonding!; Emotional Intelligence, Why it Matters*! 2019.
* Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools, Heartland Summit Conference, *Scheduling for Collegiate Success,* 2019
* Dissertation: TRADITIONAL AND BLOCK SCHEDULING: A COMPARISON OF COLLEGE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE LEVELS OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS WHO REPORT DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC SCHEDULING PLANS, 2018
* Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools Heartland Summit, *Faith Integration among Students: A New Perspective*, 2018.
* Lutheran Education Association Convocation, *Crash Course in Young Adolescence, First Years of Teaching: Sharing and Bonding!, Emotional Intelligence, Why it Matters*! 2019.
* Iowa District Lutheran Teachers Conference, *Crash Course on Teaching Young Adolescents…and Loving Them!*, 2017
* Ministry of Education of Belize, Train the Trainer Workshop, *Strategies for Diverse Learning Styles*, 2017
* Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools Annual Conference, *What’s Your Succession Plan?* 2017
* “Top Ten Ways for Teachers to Help Encourage Students to Consider Professional Church Work Careers.” Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools Journal, Winter 2016.
* Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools Heartland Summit, *The Future of Church Work*, 2016
* Lutheran Education Association Convocation, *Crash Course in Young Adolescence*, and *First Years of Teaching: Sharing and Bonding!* 2016
* Northern Illinois – Southern Wisconsin Lutheran Teacher’s Conference, Rockford Lutheran High School, *Crash Course on Teaching Young Adolescents…and Loving It!* and *Cognitive Development – What’s Normal for the Middle School Mind?* 2016
* Ministry of Education of Belize, Train the Trainer Workshop, *Emotional Intelligence for Improved Instruction and Relationship Building*, 2016
* Northern Illinois – Southern Wisconsin Lutheran Teacher’s Conference, Rockford Lutheran High School, *Crash Course on the Middle School Student Mind*, 2015
* Ministry of Education of Belize, Train the Trainer Workshop, *Supervision of Instruction and Frameworks for Teaching – the Danielson Approach*, 2015
* Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools Heartland Summit, *Preparing Lutheran Teachers -* *What do your schools need in new teachers?* 2014
* Lutheran Education Association Convocation, *Maximizing the Student Teacher Experience,* and *Wordpress: Classroom Blogs, Sites and Online Portfolios*, 2013
* Plum Creek Children’s Literacy Festival, *First Year Elementary School Teacher Panel*, 2010.
* “Learning from the Best: Growing Greatness in the Christian School.” Gene Frost, Grand Rapids, Michigan: Christian Schools International; Colorado Springs: Association of Christian Schools International, 2007. A Book Review. *Issues in Christian Education*, Vol. 42, No. 1. Spring 2008
* Nebraska District LCMS Teachers’ Conference, *Developing a Cross-Departmental Science Fair,* 2003.

# SERVICE INVOLVEMENT

* Saint Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia, Missouri, Board of Trustees, 2024-present.
* Great Plains Lutheran Educators Conference development and planning, 2023.
* Saint Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia, Missouri, Capital Campaign Director, 2022-present.
* Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools Heartland Summit Conference development and planning, 2022.
* Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, Higher Learning Commission Criterion 4 Committee Member, 2021
* Accreditation Visit Team, Parkview Christian School, Lincoln, Nebraska, 2021.
* Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, Professional Development Committee, 2021-present.
* Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, Assessment Committee, 2021-present.
* National Lutheran Schools Accreditation (NLSA) Team, Lutheran High School Northeast, Norfolk, Nebraska, 2020.
* Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, Strategic Enrollment Planning, Marketing, Recruitment, and Research Committee, 2020-2022.
* St. John Lutheran School Board (secretary), 2019-2022.
* National Lutheran Schools Accreditation (NLSA) Visitation Team, Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, 2018.
* Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools Heartland Summit Conference development and planning, 2018.
* Nebraska State Department of Education Accreditation Folio Reviewer, 2017-present.
* Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools Heartland Summit Conference development and planning, 2016.
* Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, Church Work Recruitment Committee, 2015-present.
* Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, Faculty Sponsor for *Concordia Association of Students in Education (CASE)*, Nebraska, 2015-2022.
* Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools Heartland Summit Conference development and planning, 2014.
* Saint Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia, Missouri, Board of Trustees, 2013-2022, Secretary 2016-2022.
* National Lutheran Schools Accreditation (NLSA) Visitation Team, Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, 2018.
* Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, Marketing Conduit, College of Education, 2010-2015.
* St. John Lutheran Church, Concordia Student Ministry Board Member, 2010-2022
* Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, Faculty Sponsor for *Students With Families*, 2009-2013.
* Saint Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia, Missouri, Alumni Board Member, 2004-2010, President 2008-2010.
* St. John Lutheran Church, Worship Board, 2004-2007.
* *Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools*’ Leadership Development Series Candidate, 2003.
* Lincoln Lutheran Spiritual Advisory Committee Member, Family Building Sub-Committee Chair, Lincoln, Nebraska, 2002-2005.
* Lincoln Lutheran LHighTs (faculty council) secretary, Lincoln, Nebraska 2001-2003.
* Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, Alumni Council, Networking Committee Chair, 2001-2004.
* Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, Graduate Council, Graduate Student Representative, 2000-2001.
* Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, Football Statistician, 1999-present.

# REFERENCES

* Dr. Annette Anschutz, Director of Graduate Early Childhood Education, Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, [annette.anschutz@cune.edu](mailto:annette.anschutz@cune.edu); 402.643.0342
* Mr. Rob Cooksey, Head of Schools, Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha, [cookseyr@concordiaomaha.org](mailto:cookseyr@concordiaomaha.org); 402.990.1406
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* Dr. Cary Stelmachowicz, Retired, Former Executive Director and Principal, Lutheran High School of Kansas City, MO, [cstelmac@lhskc.com](mailto:cstelmac@lhskc.com); 816.241.5478
* Dr. Bernie Tonjes, Retired, Former Director of Field Experiences and Dual Credit, Part-Time Psychology Instructor for Concordia University Nebraska Dual Credit at Lutheran High School, St. Charles, MO, [tonjes@lhssc.org](mailto:tonjes@lhssc.org); 402.613.7977

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