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CURRENT POSITIONS

Benson Family Chair in Business and Economic History, Pacific Lutheran University,
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Professor of History, Department of History, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma,
Washington, 98447

Innovation Studies Program Chair, Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, Pacific Lutheran
University, Tacoma, WA, 98447

EDUCATION

Ph. D. History, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, 2001. Program focus was
Early Modern Europe, with supporting fields in Early Medieval, Late Medieval, and
Tudor/Stuart England. Dissertation: *Theology, Ritual, and Confessionalization: The Making
and Meaning of Lutheran Baptism in Reformation Germany, 1520-1618*. This 400-page
dissertation used Lutheran baptism as a vehicle for assessing the religious, political, and
cultural values of German Lutherans during the Protestant Reformation.

M.A. History, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, 1996.
Program featured coursework and study in the Late-Medieval, Renaissance, and Reformation
fields. Language study and reading exams in Medieval Latin and German.

B.A. Computer Science, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington, 1985.
Program emphasized software development, mathematics, and writing. Minor in History.
Core requirements satisfied through interdisciplinary Integrated Studies program (Core II).

Leadership Seminar, Pacific Lutheran University, 2010-2011. A year-long (for credit) course
for mid-level managers and faculty leaders at PLU. Coursework emphasized successful
management strategies, human resource training, conflict resolution, strategic planning, and
leadership.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington

Seventeen years of university teaching experience in large and small classroom settings (both
PLU and University of Washington). Noted as an innovative student mentor and teacher;

experienced with a variety of classroom teaching and assessment strategies, student-faculty research, teaching with technology, interdisciplinary work, and study abroad.

Benson Family Chair in Business and Economic History, Dept. of History, 2016-

Holder of an endowed chair designed to encourage interdisciplinary approaches to history, business, economics, and technology at PLU. Reduced teaching load to support research, curriculum development, organizing an annual lecture, and administering student-faculty research fellowships. Duties began Spring 2016.

Innovation Studies Chair, Division of Interdisciplinary Programs, 2017-

Program director for a new interdisciplinary minor in Innovation Studies. Foundation courses in the minor build essential skills to help students understand the process of innovation in historical and ethical contexts, and to learn fundamental concepts in economic theory, art & design, communication, and business management. A concluding seminar requires that students work in teams to envision their own innovative solutions to pressing problems, strategic opportunities, and ethical concerns. There are currently 11 academic units and 20 faculty members participating in the program.

Halvorson is a co-founder of the program and he will teach several courses in his role as Benson Family Chair, including Hist 248 Innovation, Ethics, and Society; Hist 346 History of Innovation and Technology; and Inov 350 Innovation Seminar.

Professor of History, Dept. of History, 2017- (Associate Professor, 2009-2017; Assistant Professor, 2005-2009).

Courses offered include History 107: Western Civilizations I; International Honors 111: Authority and Discovery; History 227: The Vikings; History 247: American Business and Economic History, 1877-present; History 260: Early Modern Europe; History 301: Historical Methods; History 323: Middle Ages; History 324: Italian Renaissance; History 325: European Reformations; History 332: Tudor England (abroad and in Tacoma); History 346: History of Innovation and Technology; History 497/499: Seminar (capstone). Also taught a special topics course entitled "Introduction to Windows Programming" (CSCE 487) for the Computer Science department in J-term 2015.

Part-time Instructor, Dept. of History, Pacific Lutheran University, 1998-2005

History courses offered included History 107: Western Civilization I; History 332: Tudor/Stuart England; History 324: The Renaissance; History 111: Medici Florence (Freshman Experience). International Core and Honors program courses offered include INTC 111: Authority and Discovery; INTC 247/248: Twentieth Century Mass Movements; and Honors 115/190: Identity, Community, Legacy, and Faith.

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

Teaching in Department of History before and after graduation from UW Ph.D. program.

Instructor, HIST 498D: Early Modern Spirituality—Western Christianity in Transition, 1300-1600, Spring 2001 & Autumn 2002

Led two research seminars for graduating History majors. Courses met weekly and emphasized reading, discussion, historiography, and the preparation of a major research paper.

Instructor, HSTEU 401: The Reformation, Autumn 2000 & Autumn 2002

Developed and taught two upper-division courses on the Protestant Reformation, featuring lectures and readings in the Continental and English Reformations. 40-50 students.

Instructor, HSTEU 301: Early Modern Europe, Autumn 1999

Developed and taught an upper-division course on Early Modern European History, featuring lectures and readings in Renaissance and Reformation periods. Supervised one Teaching Assistant and provided periodic evaluation. 75 students.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH TRAINING AND ARCHIVAL EXPERIENCE

Reading knowledge of German and Latin. Additional language training in Spanish and Norwegian.

Herzog August Bibliothek, 1998, 1999, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2011 Wolfenbüttel, Germany. In 1998 and 2004, Halvorson visited the HAB as a guest scholar and completed research in the library's extensive rare book holdings. In 1999, Halvorson visited the HAB for 3 months as a recipient of the Günther Findel Fellowship for Dissertation Research. In 2007, he returned with a 3-month research and travel fellowship funded by the HAB and the Government of Lower Saxony. In July 2008, Halvorson returned using funds from a PLU Regent's Award.

German Archives

Archival experience in Landeskirchliches Archiv Braunschweig, Niedersächsisches Staatsarchiv Wolfenbüttel, and Stadtarchiv Hildesheim.

University of Cambridge

During Summer, 2011, Halvorson conducted sabbatical research at the University of Cambridge, England, working especially in the Matthew Parker rare book and manuscript library at Corpus Christi College. Completed additional research in UC libraries in Jan. 2013.

Rare Book School, University of Virginia, Summer 1994, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Course: Descriptive Bibliography and Early Printed Books. Advising Professor: Terry Belanger.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Published books (History):

Michael J. Halvorson, *The Renaissance: All That Matters* (London: Hodder and Stoughton / New York: McGraw-Hill, 2014). This trade/academic book is a “scholarship of integration” project that examines the European Renaissance movement from its beginnings in Italian city/states to later cultural, political, and scientific developments in France, Spain, England,

and Germany. The *All That Matters* series is designed for trade (general) and classroom (textbook) audiences, and introduces important historical and contemporary topics.

Michael J. Halvorson, *Heinrich Heshusius and Confessional Polemic in Early Lutheran Orthodoxy* (St. Andrews Studies in Reformation History, Ashgate Publishing, England, 2010). Academic research monograph that investigates the life and times of an important German Lutheran superintendent and polemicist. One of the few English-language studies that investigates pastors, universities, and confessional conflict during the period known as “early Orthodoxy” (1577-1601) in late Reformation Europe. Peer reviewed.

Michael J. Halvorson and Karen E. Spierling, eds., *Defining Community in Early Modern Europe* (St. Andrews Studies in Reformation History, Ashgate Publishing, England, 2008). Includes sixteen peer-reviewed essays by historians including the introduction “Definitions of Community in Early Modern Europe,” (co-authored with Karen Spierling). Peer reviewed.

Robert P. Ericksen and Michael J. Halvorson, eds., *A Lutheran Vocation: Philip A. Nordquist and the Study of History at Pacific Lutheran University* (Tacoma, WA: Pacific Lutheran University Press, 2005). *Festschrift* of essays in honor of PLU Prof. Philip Nordquist. Halvorson managed the publication of this book by hiring editors, proofreaders, layout, and design services, and overseeing printing, marketing, and sales.

Western Civilizations, Testing Guide for Instructors (co-author with Michael Prah), W.W. Norton (New York, New York), 2005. Companion volume for history teachers that use the popular textbook *Western Civilizations*, 15th Edition (W.W. Norton).

Michael Halvorson, ed., *Loharano (The Water Spring): Missionary Tales from Madagascar*, by Antonette Nilsen Halvorson, 2nd ed. (Seattle, WA: Warren & Howe Publishers, 2003). Revised and expanded edition of a notable Lutheran missionary memoir, originally published by Augsburg Publishing (Minneapolis) in 1946.

Western Civilizations, Testing Guide for Instructors (co-author with Robert Stacey, Steven Kreis, Maarten Ultee, and Geoffrey Clayton), W. W. Norton (New York, New York), 2002, ISBN 0-393-97941-5. Companion volume for history teachers that use the popular textbook *Western Civilizations*, 14th Edition (W.W. Norton).

Published articles (History):

Michael J. Halvorson, short essays and dictionary entries on the topics “Charles V”, “Georg v. Brandenburg-Ansbach”, “Gustav Vasa”, “Holy Roman Empire”, “Joachim II”, “Peace of Augsburg”, “Philipp of Hesse”, “Smalcald War”, “Thirty Years War”, and “Tilemann Heshusius” in Timothy J. Wengert, ed., *Dictionary of Luther and the Lutheran Traditions* (Ada, MI: Baker Academic Press, 2017).

Michael J. Halvorson, “German Lutheran Centennial Dramas,” *Lutheran Quarterly* 30 / 3 (2016): 276-306. Peer-reviewed.

Michael J. Halvorson, “Baptismal Ritual and the Early Reformation in Braunschweig,” *Archive for Reformation History*, 102 (2011): 59-86. Peer-reviewed.

Michael J. Halvorson, "Lutherans Baptizing Jews: Examination Reports and Confessional Polemics from Reformation Germany," in Michael J. Halvorson and Karen E. Spierling, eds., *Defining Community in Early Modern Europe* (Ashgate, 2008), 183-204. Peer-reviewed.

Michael J. Halvorson, "Jews and Jesuits in a Confessional Age: Heinrich Heshusius and the Boundaries of Community in Hildesheim," *Sixteenth Century Journal* 39/3 (2008): 639-55. Peer-reviewed.

Michael Halvorson, "Baptismal Ritual and Court Culture during the Late Reformation," *Lutheran Quarterly* 18 (2004): 405-34. Peer-reviewed.

Book reviews (History):

Book review of *Hometown Religion: Regimes of Coexistence in Early Modern Westphalia*, by David M. Luebke (Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Press, 2016); in *Lutheran Quarterly* 31, 352-355 (2017).

Book review of German language book about Martin Luther's protector, Frederick the Wise of Electoral Saxony: »Ein itzlichs Werck lobt seinen Meister« *Friedrich der Weise, Bildung und Künste*. By Bernd Stephan (Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2014); in *Lutheran Quarterly*, 2015.

Book review of *Martin Luther, The Bible, and the Jewish People: A Reader*, edited by Brooks Schramm and Kirsi I. Stjerna (Fortress Press, MN, 2012); in *Lutheran Quarterly*, 2013.

Book review of *The Curse of Ham in the Early Modern Era*, by David Whitford (Ashgate Publishing, 2009); in *Lutheran Quarterly*, Summer 2011.

Book review of *Living Dangerously on the Margins in Medieval and Early Modern Europe*, edited by Barbara A. Hanawalt and Anna Grotans (University of Notre Dame Press, 2007); in *Sixteenth Century Journal*, Summer 2010.

Book review of *The Impact of the European Reformation: Princes, Clergy and People*, edited by Bridget Heal and Ole Peter Grell (Ashgate Publishing, 2008); in *Lutheran Quarterly*, Summer 2010.

Book review of *A People's History of Christianity (Vol. 5), Reformation Christianity*, edited by Peter Matheson (Fortress Press, 2007); in *Lutheran Quarterly*, Spring 2008.

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington

Department Chair, Department of History, 2009-2011

Two-year planning and leadership responsibility for PLU Department of History, an academic unit that had seven fulltime faculty members, five part-time faculty members, 100 majors, and 30 minors (2009-2011). Duties included department governance, instructional

supervision, faculty affairs, student affairs, external communication, fiscal management, hiring and training, program assessment, speaker coordination, fundraising, and departmental development.

Michael Halvorson Publishing Services (Sole Proprietorship/Small Business), Seattle, Washington

Owner/Operator and Lead Writer, 1994-present

Author or co-author of 33 books about computer programming and high technology published by Microsoft Press and Course Technology Inc. (now Cengage Learning). Prepared book proposals; conducted market research; hired and managed part-time employees to do writing, testing, and administrative work; leased office space and prepared business and tax documents; developed and reviewed publishing agreements; planned speaking and conference engagements. In addition to providing royalty-based and contract work-for-hire editorial services, the business designed and produced software training videos and documentation for Microsoft Corporation. Most recent book published was *Microsoft Visual Basic 2013 Step by Step* (Redmond, WA: Microsoft Press, 2013), a Windows programming and Visual Studio tutorial.

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington

Employee #850 hired at Microsoft in 1985 with positions of increasing responsibility including:

Localization Project Manager, March 1992 to October 1993

Managed translation team responsible for localizing the Visual Basic for MS-DOS 1.0 Compiler in the German and French languages. In addition to scheduling and overseeing all aspects of the translation, Halvorson developed translation glossaries and software tools to aid in the localization process. Regular employee review and budget responsibilities.

Acquisitions Editor, Microsoft Press, February 1990 to March 1992

Responsibilities included acquiring and managing publishing projects for Microsoft Press, the book-publishing arm of Microsoft Corporation. Acquired 1/3 of Microsoft Press book list for three years, managing approximately 20 titles per year; started and managed several new series as well as best-selling authors (Dan Gookin, author of *DOS for Dummies*). Duties included examining industry hardware and software trends, conducting market research, writing book specifications, evaluating book proposals, contacting and managing independent authors, determining author compensation, preparing contracts, writing marketing and sales materials, representing Microsoft Press at industry trade shows, and arranging for translation through foreign publishers.

Senior Technical Editor, Microsoft Press, November 1987 to February 1990

Trained Technical Editors for book editing, worked with publishing personnel to troubleshoot problems and improve process efficiency and book quality, developmentally edited incoming projects, and prepared "golden master" companion disks.

Technical Editor, Microsoft Press, November 1985 to November 1987

Responsible for technical accuracy of books and materials published by Microsoft Press. Duties included working closely with authors, editors, production personnel, and technical sources from book conception to successful completion. Project Management duties included tracking all editorial and production folders through the publishing process, managing the flow of manuscript between editors, authors, proofreaders, artists, and typesetting personnel, supervising free-lance manuscript editors and technical reviewers, maintaining schedules, and insuring manuscript integrity and quality.

Technical Writer

Between 1986 and 1991, Halvorson co-authored five books about computer software for Microsoft Corporation as part of his regular duties.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES AND SERVICE WORK, PLU

As a PLU faculty member, Halvorson has served terms on the Campus Life Committee (ongoing), Campus Ministry Committee (ongoing), Innovation Studies Committee (ongoing), Scandinavian Studies Committee, Pinnacle Society / Leader of Distinction Award Selection Committee (ongoing), Long-Range Planning Committee, International Core Committee, and International Honors Committee.

The following list of projects highlights additional contributions to the faculty and students of the University:

Organizer and chair, Innovation Studies faculty working group, responsible for bringing a proposal for a new minor in Innovation Studies to the PLU community (Fall 2016). Proposal for new minor and two new courses submitted to EPC in October, 2016. Led a Fall Faculty Conference panel discussion on the new minor on Sept. 1, 2016. Program approved in April/May 2017.

Appointed to the position of Faculty Associate, PLU Online Learning Team, in 2016, with duties related to recruiting new faculty members to the PLUTO program and providing support and consultation for online education initiatives. Halvorson has also taught three online courses for PLU between Summer 2015 and Summer 2016, and presented materials about online teaching to the Spring 2015 Board of Regents.

Participated in several faculty search committees at PLU, including a Computer Science search (Computational and Data Science), a School of Business search (Strategic Management), an IHON Director search, a Classics faculty search, and numerous History department searches.

Presented work as part of an ad-hoc retention strategy group (2014-2015), including writing articles on student retention strategies for campus newsletters (eg. "Tracking Student Success with an Academic Progress 'Dashboard'").

Co-authored a white-paper on promoting faculty scholarship within the University (with Neil Yakelis) as part of the PLU 2020 planning process.

Participated in a 2020 Student Market Study Committee with Admissions Office (2009).

Participated in year-long Wild Hope faculty seminar (2006-2007).

OTHER SERVICE AND NON-PROFIT BOARD WORK

Council of Editorial Advisors, *Lutheran Quarterly* (an imprint of Johns Hopkins University Press)

Position: Editorial Advisor, 2016-

Appointed by the *Lutheran Quarterly* Editors and Board of Directors for a 6-year term as an editorial advisor. Responsible for reading journal submissions and relaying comments and recommendations back to the *LQ* editors, and other duties as required. Responsible for insuring that publications reflect the highest level of academic quality and otherwise satisfy the mandate of *LQ* and Johns Hopkins University Press.

Professional Societies

Halvorson has been a member of the American Historical Association, Society for the History of Technology, Sixteenth Century Society, Society for Reformation Research, Economic History Association, Friends of the Herzog August Bibliothek, and Phi Alpha Theta (the national History honors society).

St. Anne School / Bishop Blanchet High School, 2008-2016

Assistant Track Coach

Helped coach middle school and high school athletes and taught the fundamentals of running and field events (typically March-May each year). Coaching includes regional and state competitions and working as a member of a major high school athletics program. Recruiting athletes to PLU a secondary part of this work.

Seattle Seachordsmen, Seattle, Washington, 2013-

Chorus Member

Member of a Seattle-area a cappella chorus that sings Barbershop-style music. This 50-person organization is active in the community raising money for youth music programs, community healthcare, homeless organizations, and other causes. The chorus, along with Halvorson's quartet, "Waiting for the Interurban", regularly sing at sporting events (Seattle Mariners and Seattle Sounders), community events, and choral contests throughout the Pacific Northwest region.

In 2015, Halvorson's quartet "Waiting for the Interurban" received the Best of Show Novice Quartet Award at the Barbershop Society of America Division II Competition in Federal Way. In October, 2017, they competed at the District Barbershop Harmony Championships for the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada Region.

Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, 2012-2014

Church Council Member

Assisted in general planning, financial review, policy decisions, program development, and hiring (calling) members of the pastoral team.

Compass Housing Alliance, Seattle, Washington

Position: Board of Directors, 2001-2010

Halvorson was a board member for nine years at Compass Housing Alliance (formerly The Compass Center), a non-profit organization that serves homeless and low-income men, women, and children in Seattle and King County. From 2003 to 2005, Halvorson served as Vice President of the board, and from 2005 to 2007, as President of the board (when the organization opened its new downtown Seattle facility). Compass Housing Alliance provides food, emergency housing, banking, and hygiene services to over 8,000 people a year. The Compass Center receives funding from city, county, state and federal governments, along with faith organizations, the United Way, and private philanthropy (Gates and Allen foundations, etc.).

Fundraising and management best-practices were always a major responsibility. Between 2001 and 2010, Compass Housing Alliance's annual budget grew from \$4 million to \$11 million and the organization went through two mergers, along with numerous building programs and successful partnerships with foundations, governmental agencies, and individual donors. Between 2006 and 2009, Halvorson helped plan the organization's first fund-raising auctions (each grossed some \$250,000), and served as a regular event MC.

College Board Review Panel, 2005-2006

Served as a paid curriculum and testing advisor for the Center for Educational Policy Research (CEPR) on behalf of the College Board. In consultation with other historians, Halvorson identified the content that should be taught, the habits of mind students should develop, and the teaching methods that should be used in a full-year, entry-level, college European History course sequence that exemplifies "best practices."

Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, 2003-2005

For three years Halvorson was Technical Advisor to the President and a non-voting member of the Executive Council of the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, an interdisciplinary organization dedicated to the study of the sixteenth century. As part of his responsibilities, Halvorson evaluated new technology, helped to organize the Fall conference, and managed the society's web site.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Served as MC and faculty organizer for the PLU event, "A Conversation with Brad Tilden, CEO Alaska Airlines," October 17, 2017. The event showcased PLU's interdisciplinary approach to the business and economic history of the airline industry, and it involved a panel of five faculty members, alumni, employees of Alaska Airlines, and students from 10 classes.

Delivered five public lectures in September and October 2017, related to Luther's *Ninety-Five Theses* and early Protestant reform movements. The talks were connected more broadly to the 500-year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation that has generated interest in the subject. Locations included University House, Seattle, WA; Richmond Beach Lutheran Church, Shoreline, WA; Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Stanwood, WA; Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, Seattle, WA; Calvary Lutheran Church, Federal Way, WA.

Served as PLU Opening Convocation Faculty Speaker, Sept. 5, 2017 on the topic “Making the Most of Your PLU Education”.

Delivered two public lectures at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, Seattle, about Martin Luther and Lutheranism: “Luther's Early Life and Spiritual Formation”, Sept. 25, 2016, and “Key Lutheran Reforms (and why they lasted 500 years)”, Oct. 2, 2016.

Delivered a public presentation on the topic “The Economy of Renaissance Europe”, May 9, 2016, Garfield Book Company, Tacoma. Presentation was for the Road Scholar LIFE series, a community-based continuing-education group connected to PLU.

Delivered a public presentation entitled “Jewish-Christian Relations in Sixteenth Century Germany” as part of the 2015 Lutheran Studies Conference *Tikkun Olam: The Legacy and Future of Jewish – Christian Relations*, PLU campus, September 24, 2015.

Planning participant for a conference entitled “Teaching Luther at an ELCA College”, June 15-17, 2015, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. This “consultation” was designed for faculty at ELCA-related universities in the United States that might offer course content on Luther. In addition to panel planning and logistics, I delivered two talks at the consultation—the first, “Theoretical Approaches to Martin Luther” was designed to facilitate faculty discussion; the second, “The Electronic Luther: Teaching and Scholarship Resources for the 21st-century” was offered as an after-dinner lecture for faculty and guests at the conference.

Delivered two public lectures as an invited scholar at the 2015 Danish-American Cultural Association Retreat at the Menucha Center, Corbett, Oregon (June 26-28, 2015). Lecture titles were “The Renaissance in Europe – Humanists, Artists, and Innovators” and “The Renaissance in Denmark – Triumphs in Art, Literature, and Science”.

Served as moderator and discussant at the Thor Heyerdahl 100-Year Anniversary Symposium, held on the PLU campus on November 2, 2014. Co-organized by the Thor Heyerdahl Institute (Larvik, Norway).

Delivered a guest scholar presentation for a Concordia Publishing Board of Directors Retreat, June 12-13, 2012, Santa Fe, NM. Presentation title was “Planning for the Future: Innovation and Social Media Technology”. Also served as a paid technology and innovation consultant for the board’s planning sessions.

Delivered a conference paper, “The Psalms as Polemic? Anti-Catholic Propaganda in Lutheran Sermons on the Psalter during the Early Age of Orthodoxy”, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Montreal, Canada, October 10, 2010.

Panel discussant, *Luther and the Hungry Poor*, Pacific Northwest Regional American Academy of Religion meeting, April 24, 2009.

Chair of the panel “Christian-Jewish Encounters in the Sixteenth Century”, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, Mo., October 24, 2008.

Co-organizer and chair of three panel sessions, “Defining Community in Early Modern Europe I-III”, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Minneapolis, MN, October 25-28,

2007. Several of the papers were subsequently revised and published in a 2008 edited volume co-authored by Halvorson.

Delivered a conference paper, "Helmstedt University and the Promotion of Lutheran Orthodoxy in the Late Reformation," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 27, 2006. Also organized the panel "From Insurgency to Orthodoxy: Universities in the Protestant Reformation, 1520-1600" at the same conference.

Discussed a preliminary 'work in progress' paper, "An Innovative Adaptation of Luther's Catechism in Late Reformation Hildesheim," at the North American Luther Forum, April 29, 2006, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN.

Delivered a conference paper, "Lutherans Baptizing Jews: Conversion Reports and Confessional Polemics from Late Reformation Germany", Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Toronto, Canada, October 31, 2004. Co-organizer of the panel "Conversion and Confessional Propaganda in the Reformation".

Presented a public lecture, "Lutherans, Jesuits, and Jews: Confessional Conflict in Late Reformation Hildesheim", PLU History Seminar in Honor of Dr. Phil Nordquist, Tacoma, Washington, October 15, 2004.

Delivered a conference paper, "Baptism and Court Culture: Christening Practices in German Protestant Courts on the Eve of the Thirty Years' War", Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 1, 2003.

Delivered a conference paper, "Tensions in Lutheran Baptismal Theology and Reform", Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, San Antonio, Texas, October 25, 2002.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Faculty Excellence Award, Scholarship Category, Pacific Lutheran University, 2010. Award is given to one or two PLU faculty members each year for excellence in academic research.

Twice nominated for the David T. Alger Service Award (faculty category) at Pacific Lutheran University for community service projects and work with homeless men and women in King County (April 2010 and April 2014).

Regents' Award, Pacific Lutheran University, 2008. Award funded library and archival research in Germany, July 2008.

Herzog August Bibliothek Research Fellow, Funded in part by the Government of Lower Saxony (Germany), May – August, 2007. Designed to fund rare book research and scholarship in Wolfenbüttel, Germany.

Wild Hope Faculty Seminar, 2006-2007, Pacific Lutheran University. Participated in year-long faculty development seminar with a group of faculty peers, and received a one-course teaching release to facilitate the work.

Excellence Award, Writing Category (technology)
2002, Society for Technical Communication, Seattle, Washington. Book: *Microsoft Visual Basic .NET Step by Step*

Günther Findel Fellowship for Dissertation Research
1999, Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, Germany

Maclyn P. Burg Fellowship for Dissertation Research
1998, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

Thomas M. Power Award for Excellence in Historical Writing
1996, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. Essay: *The Administration of Baptism in the German Reformation*.

Merit Award, Writing Category (technology)
1996, Society for Technical Communication, Seattle, Washington. Book: *Microsoft Visual Basic 4 Step by Step*.

Best How-To Book, Software Category (technology)
1989, Computer Press Awards, New York, New York. Book: *Learn BASIC Now*.
This prestigious award is presented once a year (in three categories) for the best computer book published in the United States.

TECHNICAL / COMPUTER BOOKS

Michael Halvorson is the author or co-author of 33 books about computers and technology published by Microsoft Press, Microsoft Learning, and Course Technology (Cengage Learning) between 1986 and 2013. Topics covered include operating systems (MS-DOS, Windows, and UNIX), programming languages, mobile phone development, and application software.

Books

Microsoft Visual Basic 2013 Step by Step (Redmond, WA: Microsoft Press, 2013). ISBN 978-0-7356-6704-4. For more information and comments, see <http://www.michaelhalvorsonbooks.com/Technology.html>.

Reception—From 2013 to 2015 this book was the top-selling self-study guide and textbook for the Microsoft Visual Basic 2013 Professional Edition software. As of late 2015 there were 37 customer reviews on Amazon.com for the book. (Average rating 3.8 out of 5.0 stars.) One example is the review by Terry L. West (August 9, 2015): “Excellent book on Visual Basic 2013. If you are not familiar with the .NET framework, this book will go a long way in helping you understand it. Once I started reading the book it was hard to put down. The author writes with an engaging style and gives plenty of examples that work...”

Start Here! Learn Microsoft Visual Basic 2012, Michael Halvorson, O’Reilly / Microsoft Press (Redmond, WA, 2012), ISBN 978-0-7356-7298-7.

Microsoft Visual Basic 2010 Step by Step, Michael Halvorson, Microsoft Press (Redmond, WA, 2010), ISBN 978-0-7356-2669-0.

Microsoft Visual Basic 2008 Step by Step, Michael Halvorson, Microsoft Press (Redmond, WA, 2008), ISBN 978-0735625372

Microsoft Visual Basic 2005 Step by Step, Michael Halvorson, Microsoft Press (Redmond, WA, 2005), ISBN 0-7356-2131-4.

Microsoft Visual Basic .NET Step by Step, Version 2003, Michael Halvorson, Microsoft Press (Redmond, WA, 2003), ISBN 0-7356-19050.

Microsoft Visual Basic 6.0 Professional Step by Step, Second Edition, Michael Halvorson, Microsoft Press (Redmond, WA, 2002), ISBN 0-7356-1883-6.

Microsoft Visual Basic .NET Step by Step, Michael Halvorson, Microsoft Press (Redmond, WA, 2002), ISBN 0-7356-1374-5.

Microsoft Office XP Illustrated Brief, Michael Halvorson and Marjorie Hunt, Course Technology Inc. (Cambridge, Mass., 2002), ISBN 0-619-01897-6.

Microsoft Works 2000/2001 Illustrated Complete, Michael Halvorson, Course Technology Inc. (Cambridge, Mass., 2002), ISBN 0-619-10903-3.

Microsoft Office XP Inside Out, Michael Halvorson and Michael Young, Microsoft Press (Redmond, WA, 2001), ISBN 0-7356-1277-3.

Microsoft Office 2000 Professional Edition Illustrated Brief, Michael Halvorson, Course Technology Inc. (Cambridge, Mass., 2000), ISBN 0-7600-6155-6.

Microsoft Works 2000 Illustrated Complete, Michael Halvorson, Course Technology Inc. (Cambridge, Mass., 2000), ISBN 0-619-01742-2.

Running Microsoft Office 2000 Professional, Michael Halvorson and Michael Young, Microsoft Press (Redmond, WA, 1999), ISBN 0-57231-936-4. [Premium and Small Business Editions were also published with additional chapters and version specific information.]

Learn Microsoft Visual Basic 6.0 Now, Michael Halvorson, Microsoft Press (Redmond, WA, 1999), ISBN 0-7356-0729-X.

Microsoft Visual Basic 6.0 Professional Step by Step, Michael Halvorson, Microsoft Press (Redmond, WA, 1998), ISBN 1-57231-809-0.

Running Microsoft Office 97, Updated Edition, Michael Halvorson and Michael Young, Microsoft Press (Redmond, WA, 1998), ISBN 1-57231-889-9.

Microsoft Office 97 Professional Edition, Brief Edition, Michael Halvorson, Course Technology Inc. (Cambridge, Mass., 1998), ISBN 0-7600-5841-5.

Microsoft Works 4/4.5 for Windows 95 Illustrated, Michael Halvorson, Course Technology Inc. (Cambridge, Mass., 1998), ISBN 0-7600-6024-X.

Microsoft Word 97 Visual Basic Step by Step, Michael Halvorson and Chris Kinata, Microsoft Press (Redmond, WA, 1997), ISBN 1-57231-388-9.

Microsoft Visual Basic 5 Step by Step, Michael Halvorson, Microsoft Press (Redmond, WA, 1997), ISBN 1-57231-435-4.

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