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Speaker: The Rev. Dr. David Schmitt



Dr. David R. Schmitt is the Gregg H. Benidt Memorial Professor of Homiletics and Literature at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

A faculty member since 1995, he is professor of Practical Theology and chairman of the homiletics instructors group.

His interests and areas of expertise include preaching, the intersections of faith and culture, particularly literary culture, spiritual autobiography and the devotional life.

He received his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in English at Washington University in St. Louis (2005); his Master of Arts (M.A.) in English from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1990); and Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Concordia Seminary (1988). He holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Mich. (now Concordia University, Ann Arbor) (1984).

Schmitt served as pastor at Saint John the Divine Lutheran Church in Chicago, Ill., from 1990-1995.

His published works include “The Tapestry of Preaching” *Concordia Journal* 37.2 (2011); “Richard Caemmerer’s Goal, Malady, Means: A Retrospective Glance” *Concordia Theological Quarterly* (2010); “Devotion and Community: Thresholds of Faith,” in *Inviting Community* (Concordia Seminary Press, 2013); “Law and Gospel in Sermon and Service,” in *Preaching Is Worship: The Sermon in Context* (Concordia Publishing House, 2011); “Heroic Deeds of Conscience: Milton’s Stand against Religious Conformity in Paradise Regained,” *Huntington Library Quarterly* 76.1 (Spring 2013). He also has written several small devotional booklets, including “Blessed for Life” (2009); “Strong in the Lord” (2010); “Man of God: Strong to Serve” (2013); and “Justice, Kindness, Humility” (2015).

Forthcoming work includes hymn studies for *Lutheran Service Book* hymn companions and two book projects: *The Pilgrimage of Preaching*, a homiletics text on the art of preaching; and *Restoration Spiritualities*, a literary study on late 17th century faith and literary culture.

In addition to his Seminary work, he is a contributor to “Sermon Structures” on concordiatheology.org, serves on the Concordia Pulpit Resources advisory board, and is a board member and contributor to the Preach the Word project for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Apart from his Seminary work, he enjoys racquetball and exercise.