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1991-2015 Director of the Valparaiso Project on the Education and Formation of People in Faith, a Lilly Endowment project that developed books, conferences and online resources for theologians, ministers, and lay Christians

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Resident Scholar, Collegeville Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research

1982-1995 Assistant Professor of Church History, Chicago Theological Seminary; Associate Professor after 1987; on leave of absence after 1991

1980-1982 William Rainey Harper Instructor in the Humanities, University of Chicago

1977-1979 Instructor and Associate in Research in Women's Studies and Church History, Harvard Divinity School

1975-1976 Instructor, Department of Religion, Wellesley College

Presenter in numerous settings, including retreat centers, denominational meetings, local congregations, universities, and theological schools

Guest instructor at Yale Institute for Sacred Music (2011-2018), Union Theological Seminary in New York City (2010), and several other progressive theological schools

## EDUCATION

1980 Ph.D., American Civilization, Brown University  
1972 M.A., Religious Studies, Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University  
1970 B.A., Religious Studies, Wellesley College

## BOOKS

*Stepmother: Redeeming a Disdained Vocation* (Broadleaf Books, 2022)

*Leading Lives That Matter: What We Should Do and Who We Should Be* (an anthology of readings with commentary), ed. Mark R Schwehn and Dorothy C. Bass, second edition, revised (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2020; first edition, 2006)

*Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1997), ed. Dorothy C. Bass, including "Keeping Sabbath" and (with Craig Dykstra) "Times of Yearning, Practices of Faith" and "Growing in the Practices of Faith"; second edition, revised, with new preface and two new chapters (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2010); third edition, with new introduction (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2019)

*Receiving the Day: Christian Practices for Opening the Gift of Time* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers, 2000); second edition, with new afterword (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2019)

*Christian Practical Wisdom: What It Is, Why It Matters*, Dorothy C. Bass, Kathleen A Cahalan, Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore, James R. Nieman, Christian B. Scharen (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2016)

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*For Life Abundant: Practical Theology, Theological Education, and Christian Ministry*, ed. Dorothy C. Bass and Craig Dykstra (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008), including “Introduction” (with Craig Dykstra) and “Ways of Life Abundant”

*Practicing Theology: Beliefs and Practices in Christian Life*, ed. Miroslav Volf and Dorothy C. Bass (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002), including “Introduction” and (with Craig Dykstra) “A Theological Understanding of Christian Practices”

*Way to Live: Christian Practices for Teens*, ed. Dorothy C. Bass and Don C. Richter (Nashville: Upper Room, 2002)

## **ARTICLES (selected)**

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“History—about Worship, or for the sake of Worship? Reflections from Practical Theology,” in James D. Bratt, *Worship in American Religious History* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2012)

“Practices,” in *Contemporary American Religion*, ed. Wade Clark Roof (New York: Macmillan Library Reference USA, 2000)

“Protestant, Catholic, Jew: The Transformative Possibilities of Educating across Religious Boundaries,” *Religious Education* 90 (Spring 1995): 255-76, with Mary C. Boys and Sara S. Lee

“Revolutions, Quiet and Otherwise: Protestants and Higher Education in the Sixties,” in *Caring for the Commonweal: Education for Religious and Public Life*, ed. Parker J. Palmer, Barbara G. Wheeler, and James W. Fowler (Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 1990)

“Ministry on the Margin: Protestants and Education,” in *Between the Times: The Travail of the Protestant Establishment in America, 1900-1960*, ed. William R. Hutchison (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1989)

*Women in American Religious History: An Annotated Bibliography and Guide to Sources*, with Sandra Hughes Boyd (Boston: G.K. Hall, 1986)

“Women’s Studies and Biblical Studies: An Historical Perspective,” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*, 22 (1982), 6-12