

Dr. Gifford Grobien (Faculty Biography)



Rev. Dr. Gifford Grobien is Assistant Provost, Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at CTSFW, and has served on the faculty since 2012. His research interests include sanctification, spirituality, natural law, virtue, and some topics in sacramental and liturgical studies. He typically teaches courses in theological ethics, the Lutheran Confessions, and dogmatic.

Publications include *Christian Character Formation: Lutheran Studies of the Law, Anthropology, Worship, and Virtue* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019); “Good Works

and the Law’s Exhortation and Accusation,” (CTQ, 2020); “Wisdom as the Scriptural Conception of Natural Law,” (CTQ, 2019); *The Ethics of Sex: From Taboo to Delight* (CPH, 2017).

Prior to serving at CTSFW, he was a Postdoctoral Teaching Scholar in the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, where he also earned his Ph.D. in Moral Theology in 2011. While studying at Notre Dame, Dr. Grobien served as Assistant Pastor of Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church, South Bend, Indiana, from 2006–2012. He earned his MDiv in Exegetical Theology from CTSFW in 2005. Prior to attending seminary, he was a Surface Warfare Officer in the U.S. Navy (1995–2000).

Dr. Grobien earned his BS in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in 1995, where he first met Regina, originally from Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania. They were married in December 1995 and have eight children and five grandchildren. He enjoys playing, coaching, and officiating sports, especially soccer and baseball/softball. He also enjoys spending time assisting Regina in homeschooling their children and traveling with his family. He is originally from San Pedro, California.

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Dr. Charles Gieschen (Faculty Biography)



Dr. Charles Gieschen has been a member of the Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW) faculty since 1996. He serves as Provost and Professor of Exegetical Theology.

He is a graduate of this seminary (MDiv 1984) and has completed graduate degrees in New Testament Studies at Princeton Theological Seminary (ThM 1985) and the University of Michigan (PhD 1995). During his doctoral studies, he took a six-month sabbatical from his congregation in 1994 and was a research student at the University of Oxford in England.

He is an ordained pastor of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) who served as associate and then senior pastor of Trinity

Lutheran Church in Traverse City, Michigan, from 1985 until being called to CTSFW in 1996.

His first book, *Angelomorphic Christology*, was published by Brill Academic Press (1998). He edited a collection of essays entitled *The Law in Holy Scripture* that was published by Concordia Publishing House (2004). He is currently writing the Concordia Commentary volume on 1-2 Thessalonians. He has written, taught and lectured extensively as a scholar on the subject of early expressions of Jesus' divine identity. He has also authored some popular articles and studies, including Romans in Concordia Publishing House's *God's Abiding Word* series (2001). He has served as the associate editor of the Seminary journal, *Concordia Theological Quarterly*, since 2006.

He was one of the Seminary faculty representatives serving on the Commission on Theology and Church Relations of the LCMS (2007–2016). He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the International Enoch Seminar (which focuses on Second Temple Judaism) and the Chief Academic Officers Society of the Association of Theological Schools.

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