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Katie Deaver Receives Second Annual Nancy A. Hardesty Memorial Scholarship from EEWC-Christian Feminism Today

Indianapolis—The second annual Nancy A. Hardesty Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by EEWC-Christian Feminism Today, has been awarded to Katie Deaver, a Ph.D. candidate in theology and ethics at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Ms. Deaver is a native of Viroqua, WI. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music and Religion from Luther College in Decorah, IA, as well as a Master of Arts in Theological Studies and a Masters of Theology from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

She works as the Director of Music Ministry at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Glenview, IL. She also writes faith reflections for [Café](#), an online magazine for young adult women, and contributes to [Role Reboot](#), an online contemporary culture magazine about living life “off script.”

Ms. Deaver’s primary research interest focuses on Christian feminist reinterpretations of atonement theology. In her doctoral dissertation, she will explore the specific question of whether the doctrine of atonement can and ought to be reclaimed within Lutheran feminist circles. She aspires to teach theology at a college, university, or seminary. At the same time, she hopes to make scholarship “understandable, liberative, and life-giving for women [who] have questions and doubts, and [also] amazing theological understanding.

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“While I consider myself to be a scholar and continue to work diligently toward establishing a name for myself in the academic field of Christian feminism,” wrote Ms. Deaver in her scholarship application, “My faith and personal connection to God inspire me to write for the women, and men, in the pews on Sunday mornings.” She aims to help make theology “a life-giving and enriching aspect of the daily lives of all people of faith.”

The Nancy A. Hardesty Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who aspires to exemplify the values and achievements of Nancy A. Hardesty, a founding member of the EEWC-Christian Feminism Today organization. The purpose of the \$1,000 scholarship, awarded every June, is to help a student who wants to be in a leadership role that supports and promotes Christian feminism.

Nancy A. Hardesty (1941-2011) was a founding member of the Evangelical Women’s Caucus, which, over the past 42 years, has grown into EEWC-Christian Feminism Today. Until her death, Dr. Hardesty was a professor of religion in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Clemson University, in Clemson, SC. Previously, she had taught English and writing at Trinity College in Deerfield, IL, and had worked on the editorial staffs of *Eternity* magazine and *The Christian Century*.

Ms. Hardesty’s first book, co-authored with Letha Dawson Scanzoni, was *All We’re Meant to Be: A Biblical Approach to Women’s Liberation*. Originally published in 1974, the book has gone through several editions and has influenced countless Christian feminists from evangelicals, to mainline Protestants, to Roman Catholics. In 2006, *Christianity Today* magazine ranked *All We’re Meant to Be* among the top fifty books that had influenced the evangelical Christian movement over half a century.

Nancy A. Hardesty was born in Lima, OH, and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL. She went on to earn a master’s degree in newspaper journalism from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL, and the Ph.D. in the history of Christianity at the University of Chicago.

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Her dissertation, *“Your Daughters Shall Prophecy”*: *Revivalism and Feminism in the Age of Finney*, was published by Carlson Publishing in 1991.

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