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EDUCATION

PhD Course Work & Comprehensive Exams Graduate Theological Union Area of Study: Christian Spirituality	2008—2014
Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction San Francisco Theological Seminary	May 2011
Master of Theology Princeton Theological Seminary Area of Study: Systematic Theology	May 2008
Master of Divinity Columbia Theological Seminary	May 2007
Bachelor of Arts, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> Hobart and William Smith Colleges Major: Religious Studies Minor: International Development	May 2002

WORK EXPERIENCE

Spiritual Director	2009—Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speak monthly with individuals to identify the presence of the holy in their lives• Plan & lead small group direction that introduces participants to spiritual practices & the process of contemplative listening while also providing spiritual direction	
Graduate Theological Union <i>Area Assistant</i>	2009—2011 <i>Berkeley, CA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Created monthly meeting agendas• Recorded and distributed meeting minutes• Facilitated email communication between area members• Created, updated, and maintained area documents on online educational software (Moodle)• Assembled and publicized events of interest	

Forum for Theological Exploration

2011–2012

Pastor Mentor

Atlanta, GA

- Guided a small group through the process of designing and implementing individual ministry projects
- Facilitated regular conference calls
- Mentored seminary students

Macrina Episcopal Community

Summer 2008

Co-Liturgy Leader

Tiburon, CA

- Wrote liturgy and sermons for weekly services
- Led weekly worship services and preached regularly
- Created and implemented experiential worship opportunities
- Provided a pastoral presence for worshipping community

First Presbyterian Church of Honeoye Falls

2002–2004

Director of Education & Programs

Honeoye Falls, NY

- Oversaw weekly Christian Education Program for 100+ children, youth, and adults
- Supervised and supported over 40 volunteers
- Designed and led weekly Senior High Youth Group
- Facilitated retreats for youth and adults
- Designed and launched a Winter Vacation Bible School for young elementary school children
- Wrote and published resources for faith development and spiritual formation
- Developed and led intergenerational events for fellowship and faith formation

Ghost Ranch Conference Center

Summer 2003

Co-Director of Children's Activities

Abiquiu, NM

- Trained, supervised, and supported counselors
- Led weekly parents' orientation meetings
- Led weekly staff meetings
- Supervised daily activities for all ages
- Handled discipline issues for all ages

PUBLISHED WORKS

“Lessons and the Arts,” *Lectionary Homiletics* (August 2012)

“In God’s Wake,” *Young Preacher’s Compilation* (Shookfoil Books: 2012)

“Failures of Imagination,” *Renew 52: 50+ Ideas to Revitalize Your Congregation from Leaders Under 50* (Luther Seminary, 2012)

“Leaders Guides” *re:form* (Sparkhouse Publications: 2012)

“Creation on the Cross: Resources for Action and Reflection” @*This Point: Theological Investigations in Church and Culture*, (Columbia Theological Seminary: Fall 2007)

RETREATS & PRESENTATIONS

“Chasing the Holy Spirit,”

May 2010

Women’s Retreat

First Presbyterian Church of Honeoye Falls

- Invited to design and lead a weekend retreat for 20+ women of all ages
- Wrote and presented three presentations on the Holy Spirit
- Taught and facilitated the practice of traditional spiritual disciplines
- Created and offered opportunities for experiential spiritual formation through art, nature and writing

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

San Francisco Theological Seminary

Fall 2010

Lead Teacher, “Contemplative Listening”

San Anselmo, CA

- Designed syllabus
- Supervised Teaching Assistants
- Lectured
- Led a small group
- Managed online course materials

Teaching Assistant, “Centering Prayer” & “Lectio Divina”

2009—2010

- Lectured
- Led small groups

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

Winnetka Presbyterian Church

Fall 2013

Group Spiritual Director

Winnetka, IL

- Taught and facilitated the process of contemplative listening
- Designed and led interactive prayer experiences
- Facilitated and modeled group spiritual direction

Asbury United Methodist Church

2009—2011

Christian Education Teacher

Livermore, CA

- Designed and led an adult education course on *lectio divina*
- Prepared and taught 2nd & 3rd grade Sunday School
- Prepared and led an adult education course about Lent

Bordentown Presbyterian Church

Christian Education Teacher

2007–2008

Bordentown, NJ

- Prepared and led weekly adult education classes in Christian doctrine and topical issues

Columbia Theological Seminary

Chair of Outreach Committee

2005–2007

Decatur, GA

- Organized and led monthly meetings
- Coordinated student volunteers at two different night shelters
- Represented Outreach concerns on student government by lobbying for funds and support
- Designed and implemented various outreach efforts on campus to raise awareness and money for various issues and agencies
- Volunteered regularly at three different shelters

North Decatur Presbyterian Church

Pastoral Intern

2005–2006

Decatur, GA

- Planned and led adult education opportunities
- Provided pastoral care to homebound members and hospital patients
- Preached
- Wrote and led liturgy for Sunday worship
- Participated in the general ministry of the church.

HONORS & AWARDS

Phi Beta Kappa

William Smith College

2002

Geneva, NY

Presidential Scholar

Graduate Theological Union

2008

Berkeley, CA

The Columbia Friendship Circle Fellowship Award

Columbia Theological Seminary

2007

Decatur, GA

Columbia Scholar

Columbia Theological Seminary

2004–2007

Decatur, GA

Ministry Fellow

Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE)

2004–2005

Atlanta, GA

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Mid-America Preaching Workshop Drury University	April 2014 <i>Springfield, MO</i>
Big Tent Christianity The Church of the Beatitudes	February 2011 <i>Phoenix, AZ</i>
Company of New Pastors Presbyterian Church (USA)	2006–2010
Mainline Emergent/s Continuing Education Event Columbia Theological Seminary	January 2007 <i>Decatur, GA</i>
Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Heartland Hospice	Summer 2006 <i>Atlanta, GA</i>
Christian Spiritual Formation Certificate Classes Columbia Theological Seminary “Immersion Experience: An Invitation to a Deeper Spiritual Life” “The Word Became Flesh: Spiritual Explorations in Art”	January & June 2005 <i>Decatur, GA</i>
“Spirituality and the Two-Halves of Life” Course taught by Ronald Rolheiser at Boston College	July 2005 <i>Boston, MA</i>
Sabbath: God’s Counter-Cultural Invitation to Rest Ghost Ranch Conference Center	August 2005 <i>Abiquiù, NM</i>
Discerning the Signs of the Time Ghost Ranch Conference Center	August 2005 <i>Abiquiù, NM</i>