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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary,
Evanston, IL, USA (2016)

Area: Christian Education and Congregational Studies

Research Foci: Christian Religious Education, Emancipatory Pedagogies

Dissertation: Beyond the Domestication of Discipleship: Critical Pedagogy as a
Framework for Wesleyan Christian Religious Education

Master of Divinity, Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA, USA (2011)

Bachelor of Arts, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, NC, USA (2004)

Major: Communication Studies

Minor: Psychology

Undergraduate Honors Thesis: *Timeless Truths in a Timely Fashion:
Communication, the Church, and the Postmodern Generation.* May 2004

CURRENT POSITION

Director of Doctoral Studies, Theological School and Assistant Professor in the
Practice of Education & Leadership at Drew University (2018 -

TEACHING

Religious Education

PSTH 503 – Introduction to Educational Ministry

Doctor of Ministry

DMIN 701 – Context & Change: Introduction to the Doctor of Ministry

DMIN 940 – Thinking Theologically for Challenging Times

DMIN 977 – Research Module I

DMIN 978 – Research Module II

Online Pedagogy

Served on the design and teaching team for professional development for all Drew
faculty as we pivoted into online in the Spring 2020 semester.

Adjunct Positions at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

“United Methodist Polity” (asynchronous online), Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring
2017, Fall 2016

“The General Conference” (hybrid online/travel), Spring 2016

Vocational Formation & Church Leadership Group Facilitator (hi-flex), 2016-2018

Teaching Assistant

“Theological Education in the Parish” with Dr. Jack Seymour, at Garrett-Evangelical
Theological Seminary, Fall 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Book Reviews:

Book Review: A Review of "Waiting for a Glacier to Move" by Jennifer Ayers in *Religious Education*. Fall 2013

Articles and Chapters:

Contributor to *Abingdon Preaching Manual*, 2020.

Articles for General Board of Church and Society – *Faith in Action*:

- "Reflections for a Health-care Sabbath – In the image of God: We are all one" 6 July, 2009
- "Human trafficking – 'Utterly inconsistent with mercy'" 30 June, 2010
- "Love does no harm – A reflection on the United Methodist Social Creed and John 13:10" 30 July, 2010
- "Connecting the Dots – Christian call to public witness" 6 August, 2010

Other publications:

Breaking the Silence: A Resource to Equip United Methodists to Speak Up and Speak Out about Domestic Violence. Downloadable resource from website of The General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church. October 2010

"A Playdate with the Early Church." *FOCUS*: Boston University School of Theology Magazine. Winter 2012

Lectures, workshops, & conference papers

"A Habitus of Resistance" at Religious Education Association Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. November 2012

Guest Lecture: "Beyond the Domestication of discipleship: My growing discontent with 'the way we've always done it.'" Centenary University's *Under The Golden Dome* series, Oct. 2019

Speaker at UMC LEAD Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina, January 2017

SERVICE

Institutional Service:

- Theological School Curriculum Steering Committee (2018 – present)
- Drew University International Review Board member (2018-present)
- Chair, GDR Curriculum Ad Hoc Committee (2019-2020)
- Graduate Academic Standing Committee member (2018-2019)
- Search Committee - University Registrar position (2019)

Professional Societies:

- Council on Graduate Studies in Religion (2018 – present)
 - Treasurer / Executive Board member (2020 – present)
- Association for Doctor of Ministry Education, (2018 – present)

- Religious Education Association: An Association of Professors, Practitioners, and Researchers in Religious Education. (2011 – 2015)
- The American Academy of Religion (2012, 2018-present)
- United Methodist Association of Communicators (2015 – 2018)

RESEARCH INTEREST AND TEACHING COMPETENCIES:

- Emancipatory Pedagogy
- Practical Theology
- Leadership
- Adult Learning
- Contextual Learning/Field Education
- Wesleyan Theology and Polity

CHURCH

Previous Employer

The Connectional Table of The United Methodist Church

- Director of Communication and Research – September 2016 – June 2018
- Missional Collaboration and Communication Director – Sept. 2015 – Sept. 2016
- Missional Collaboration Coordinator (part-time) – Feb. 2012 – Sept. 2015

Ordination in The United Methodist Church

- Deacon in Full Connection in the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church