

# Matthew Flemming

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Denomination: PC(USA)

Ordination: Under care at Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA

Personal: Born on 10/01/1977 in Montréal, Quebec, Canada (Dual Citizenship: Canada/USA)

Married on 9/01/02 to Mandy Sloan Flemming, Associate Minister, St. Mark UMC, Atlanta, GA

Children: Jackson Matthew (Born 10/07/2004), Cooper James (Born 8/05/2006)

## Education

**PH.D (HOMILETICS)**, EMORY UNIVERSITY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA (2005-PRESENT)

CONCENTRATOR IN THE INITIATIVE ON PRACTICES AND PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

**PH.D (SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY)**, PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

(2004-MAY 2005, LEFT AFTER ONE YEAR TO PURSUE HOMILETICS AT EMORY UNIVERSITY)

**MASTER OF THEOLOGY**, PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

(2004)

**THESIS:** "LEVINAS, WITTGENSTEIN AND THE CHALLENGE OF THE INCOMMENSURABILITY OF HUMAN SUFFERING IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY"

**MASTERS OF DIVINITY**, PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

(2003)

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONORS)**, CALVIN COLLEGE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN (2000)

**LANGUAGES:** ENGLISH (NATIVE LANGUAGE), FRENCH, GERMAN, KOINE GREEK, AND BIBLICAL HEBREW

# Ministry Experience

**CHAPLAIN/WORSHIP COORDINATOR**

TRENTON PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

2002-2005

ENGAGED IN PASTORAL CARE AND ASSISTED IN THE ORGANIZATION AND EXECUTION OF WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES FOR PATIENTS AT THE TRENTON PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL.

**THEOLOGIAN IN RESIDENCE AND INTERIM ORGANIZER –**

**WASHINGTON TOWN CENTER NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT**

2003-2004

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

ROBBINSVILLE, NEW JERSEY

COMMISSIONED BY THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK TO ASSIST IN THE FORMATION OF A PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

**INTERN-WEST JACKSON NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT**

2002

PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH

JACKSON, NEW JERSEY

PRIMARY ROLES INCLUDED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND PASTORAL VISITATION.

# Teaching Experience

**ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF PREACHING**

2008-2009

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

I WILL TEACH P655: PROPHETIC PREACHING/PREACHER IN THE FALL AND TWO SECTIONS OF P151: THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND PREACHING IN THE SPRING.

**WORKSHOP AND WORSHIP LEADER-BLURRING THE BOUNDARIES:**

JANUARY 2008

**PREACHING AS TESTIMONY**

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

DECATUR, GEORGIA

ASSISTED ANNA CARTER FLORENCE IN A CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT BUILT AROUND HER RECENTLY PUBLISHED TEXT: *PREACHING AS TESTIMONY*.

**TEACHING ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE-EMORY UNIVERSITY**

SEPTEMBER 2005-PRESENT

**COURSES INCLUDED:**

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

SHAME, GUILT AND RECONCILIATION (LITURGICAL THEOLOGY-CHARLES HACKETT, FALL 2005)

INTRODUCTION TO PREACHING (HOMILETICS-THOMAS G. LONG/GAIL O'DAY, TEACHING ASSISTANT SPRING 2006),

INTRODUCTION TO PREACHING (HOMILETICS-THOMAS G. LONG, TEACHING ASSOCIATE, FALL 2006, FALL 2007)

PREACHING THE PARABLES (HOMILETICS-THOMAS G. LONG, SPRING 2006)

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN ETHICS (ETHICS-ELIZABETH BOUNDS, SPRING 2007)

PUBLIC WORSHIP (WORSHIP-DON SALIERS, SPRING 2007)

LECTURES INCLUDED "THE PROPHETIC PREACHING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.", "THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEOLOGY AND HOMILETICAL FORM" AND "THE LITURGICAL EXPIATION OF SHAME AND GUILT WITHIN RICOEUR'S CONCEPTION OF SYMBOL". OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDED GRADING, ORGANIZING AND LEADING A TEAM OF TEACHING ASSISTANTS, AND FACILITATING COLLOQUIES .

**INSTRUCTOR-SC102**

JANUARY 2005-MAY 2005

DEPARTMENT OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY, PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PRINCETON,  
NJ

PRIMARY ROLE IS TO INSTRUCT STUDENTS IN THE TECHNIQUES AND PRACTICES OF PERFORMANCE THEORY AND ORAL INTERPRETATION BOTH IN CLASS AND THROUGH INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS. IMPLEMENTED A DEPARTMENT CURRICULUM DESIGNED TO ENHANCE STUDENTS' ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE SCRIPTURE AND NARRATIVE IN THE CONTEXT OF WORSHIP.

**TEACHING ASSISTANT-PROFESSOR MICHAEL BROTHERS**

2001-2002, 2003-DECEMBER 2004

DEPARTMENT OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY, PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PRINCETON,  
NJ

SERVED AS PROFESSOR BROTHERS' TEACHING ASSISTANT FOR SEVEN SECTIONS OF SPEECH COMMUNICATION 101/102. PRIMARY ROLE IS TO INSTRUCT STUDENTS IN THE TECHNIQUES AND

PRACTICES OF PERFORMANCE THEORY AND ORAL INTERPRETATION BOTH IN CLASS AND THROUGH INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS.

## Professional Experience

### DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

FEBRUARY 2001- MAY 2004

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY, PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

SERVED UNDER THREE DEPARTMENT CHAIRS: PROFESSOR DANIEL MIGLIORE (2001), PROFESSOR SANG LEE (2001-2002) AND PROFESSOR PETER PARIS (2002-2004). RECORDED AND DISSEMINATED THE MINUTES OF ALL DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY MEETINGS DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR. AIDED IN THE ORGANIZATION OF MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTIONS AND CARRIED OUT RESEARCH PROJECTS FOR VARIOUS FACULTY MEMBERS.

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT-PROFESSOR DANIEL MIGLIORE

FEBRUARY 2001-MAY 2004

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY, PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDED RESEARCHING AND LOCATING INFORMATION FOR VARIOUS LECTURES AND PUBLICATIONS. PROJECTS OF NOTE INCLUDE RESEARCH, SOURCE CHECKING AND THE REVIEW OF VARIOUS CHAPTERS FOR THE SECOND EDITION OF *FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING*.

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT-PROFESSOR WILLIAM STACY JOHNSON

SEPTEMBER 2001-MAY 2005

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY, PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDED RESEARCHING AND LOCATING INFORMATION OR VARIOUS LECTURES AND PUBLICATIONS. PROJECTS OF NOTE INCLUDE "RELIGION, VIOLENCE AND GENOCIDE" AND CONTINUING WORK ON THE FORTHCOMING "CHRISTOLOGY AND CONTINUING REVELATION: A POST-MODERN, POST-HOLOCAUST THEOLOGY."

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT-PROFESSOR WENTZEL VAN HUYSTEEN

FALL 2002, 2003-2004

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY, PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

ASSISTED IN THE EDITING THE PRECIS OF THE 2003-2004 *GIFFORD LECTURES*. PREVIOUS PROJECTS INCLUDE SERVICE AS THE RESEARCH ASSISTANT FOR THE STUART CHAIR IN PHILOSOPHY SEARCH COMMITTEE AS WELL AS RESEARCH FOR VARIOUS LECTURES AND PUBLICATIONS.

## Volunteer Work

### LIBERIAN TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

STATEMENT TAKER

2007

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

TRAINED IN THE TAKING OF STATEMENTS OF LIBERIANS CURRENTLY RESIDING IN THE ATLANTA REGION WHO LIVED DURING THE PERIOD OF THE TWO LIBERIAN CIVIL WARS (1989-1996, 1999-2003).

THIS WORK IS INTENDED TO ASSIST A LIBERIAN TRC MODELED AFTER A SIMILAR COMMISSION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

**MEMBER-STEERING COMMITTEE**

GRANDVILLE ARTS AND HUMANITIES INCORPORATED

NOVEMBER 1999-MAY 2000  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

TOOK AN ACTIVE ROLE IN DETERMINING THE DIRECTION OF THE GRANDVILLE AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEIGHBORHOOD ARTS ACADEMY THAT OPENED IN 2001. INITIATED THE FORMATION OF PROGRAMS TO EXPOSE INNER CITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO CALVIN COLLEGE IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE POSSIBILITY OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION IN COMMUNITIES WHERE SUCH POTENTIAL IS NOT GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED. SOUGHT SOURCES OF FUNDS AND VOLUNTEERS OUTSIDE OF ESTABLISHED AVENUES OF RESOURCES.

**GRANDVILLE AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY**

1997-2000

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER/MENTOR

GRAND RAPIDS MICHIGAN

WORKED WITH THE LIBRARY'S DIRECTOR SISTER JOAN PICHETTE, O.P. TO FACILITATE LITERACY AND AN ENVIRONMENT OF COMPASSION AND CARING FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE MULTICULTURAL, LOW-INCOME GRANDVILLE AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD. WORKED TO DEVELOP THE UNHARVESTED TALENTS (ACADEMIC OR OTHERWISE) OF UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTH. I HELPED IN THE FORMATION OF A FORMAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND CALVIN COLLEGE THAT HAS RESULTED DOZENS OF LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS FROM THE COLLEGE SINCE THE FALL OF 2000.

## Academic Presentations

**PANELIST-EMORY CONSULTATION ON IMAGINATION IN PRACTICAL THEOLOGY**

OCTOBER

2007

EMORY UNIVERSITY INITIATIVE IN RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

PRESENTED ON MY CURRENT RESEARCH AND PARTICIPATED IN A PANEL ON THE ROLE OF IMAGINATION IN PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.

**PRESENTER-YALE/EDINBURGH CONFERENCE: "CONVERSION AND CONVERTS"**

JULY

2003

YALE/EDINBURGH GROUP

NEW HAVEN,

CONNECTICUT

PRESENTED A TEXT TITLED: "MYSTICISM, CRITIQUE AND CONVERSION-AN ANALYSIS OF THE LEGACY THE SWEDENBORGIAN THEOLOGY IN WILLIAM JAMES' UNDERSTANDING OF CONVERSION IN THE *VARIETIES OF RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE*".

**PERFORMER, CO-WRITER AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-ETHNOGRAPHY OF CALVIN COLLEGE**

2000

CALVIN COLLEGE JANUARY SERIES (ROBERT HUBBARD, DIRECTOR)

GRAND RAPIDS,

MICHIGAN

MEMBER OF THE ONLY STUDENT LED LECTURE IN THE HISTORY OF THE CALVIN COLLEGE JANUARY SERIES "VOICES OF CALVIN: A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY." THE LECTURE CONSISTED OF THE PERFORMANCE OF A SERIES OF ORAL HISTORIES GATHERED FROM, POETRY, MEMOIRS, SPEECHES, JOURNALISTIC ACCOUNTS AND MUSIC FROM CURRENT AND PAST MEMBERS OF THE CALVIN COLLEGE COMMUNITY.

## Publications

**“READING THEOLOGY WITH A PREACHERS EYE: A REVIEW OF CURRENT LITERATURE IN HOMILETICS”**,

*CALL TO WORSHIP*, VOLUME 41:1. YEAR A, LECTIONARY AIDS FOR 2007-2008.

**(FORTHCOMING) “THEOLOGICAL ESSAY, PROPER 10: COLOSSIANS 1:1-14”**

*FEASTING ON THE WORD: PREACHING THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY YEAR C, VOLUME 3: PENTECOST AND SEASON AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 3-16)*. WESTMINSTER/JOHN KNOX PRESS.

**(FORTHCOMING) “THEOLOGICAL ESSAY, PROPER 11: COLOSSIANS 1: 15-28”**

*FEASTING ON THE WORD: PREACHING THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY YEAR C, VOLUME 3: PENTECOST AND SEASON AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 3-16)*. WESTMINSTER/JOHN KNOX PRESS.

**(FORTHCOMING) “THEOLOGICAL ESSAY, PROPER 12: COLOSSIANS 2: 6-15”**

*FEASTING ON THE WORD: PREACHING THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY YEAR C, VOLUME 3: PENTECOST AND SEASON AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 3-16)*. WESTMINSTER/JOHN KNOX PRESS.

**(FORTHCOMING) “SHAPING MONET’S EYES: THEOLOGICAL VISION AND THE FORMATION OF PROPHETIC PREACHERS”**

COLLECTED PAPERS OF THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE (ACADEMY OF HOMILETICS).

**(FORTHCOMING) A REVIEW OF “PRACTICAL THEOLOGY AND QUALITATIVE RESEARCH” BY JOHN SWINTON AND HARRIET MOWAT**

*PRACTICAL MATTERS: A TRANSDISCIPLINARY MULTIMEDIA JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND PRACTICAL THEOLOGY*.

## Honors

**Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship**

EMORY UNIVERSITY

2005-PRESENT  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

GIVEN IN COMPETITION WITH ALL INCOMING STUDENTS IN THE GRADUATE SCHOOL.

**PH.D STUDIES FELLOWSHIP**

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

2004-2005  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

**DICKEY FAMILY GRANT FOR NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT**

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

2003-2004  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

RECEIVED A GRANT THAT PARTIALLY FUNDED A TH.M AT PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN SUPPORT OF MY COMMITMENT TO THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION UPON NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT AND THE WASHINGTON TOWN CENTER NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT.

**SENIOR CLASS MARSHALL-CLASS OF 2000**

CALVIN COLLEGE

MAY

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

CHOSEN AS ONE OF FOUR GRADUATES TO LEAD THE CLASS OF 2000 DURING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.

**GORDON J. SPYKMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AND THEOLOGY, CALVIN COLLEGE

1999-2000  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

2000

AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF ACADEMIC PROMISE AND A WRITING SUBMISSION.

**DAVID J. HOLOQUIST SCHOLARSHIP**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS ARTS & SCIENCES

1999-2000  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

AWARDED TO A STUDENT IN THE COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES DEPARTMENT WHO SEEKS TO TRANSFORM THEIR COMMUNITY THROUGH ACTIVE SERVICE.

**CALVIN COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERISM AWARD**

CALVIN COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

1999-2000  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

AWARDED TO STUDENTS ON THE BASIS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND THE APPLICATION OF THAT SERVICE TO THEIR LIVES AND ACADEMIC WORK.

**CALVIN COLLEGE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

CALVIN COLLEGE

1999-2000  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

**MARY CANNON DIVELY SCHOLARSHIP**

CALVIN COLLEGE

1998-1999  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF ACADEMIC PROMISE.