

Jacob D. Myers, Ph.D.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Columbia Theological Seminary** — Decatur, GA July 2015 to Present
Assistant Professor of Homiletics (tenure-track)
- Candler School of Theology** — Atlanta, GA 2014 to 2015
Adjunct Faculty
- Central Baptist Theological Seminary** — Shawnee, KS 2012 to 2015
Assistant Supplementary Professor of Proclamation

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EDUCATION

- Emory University** — Atlanta, GA May 2013
Ph.D., *Person, Community and Religious Life* (Homiletics & Liturgics)
- Dissertation: "Witnessing the Word Erotic: A Philosophical Theology of Proclamation" (Thomas G. Long, advisor; Geoffrey Bennington; Ian McFarland; Jill Robbins; and Andrea White)
 - *Emphases:*
 - Homiletical Theory and Theology
 - Post-structural/Postmodern Philosophy
 - Emerging Christian Worship & Postmodernity
 - *Concentration in Religious Practices and Practical Theology*
 - *Emory Graduate Certificate in Comparative Literature*
- Princeton Theological Seminary** — Princeton, NJ 2005
Master of Divinity
- Goethe-Institut** — Berlin, Germany Summer 2004
Zertifikat Deutsch als Fremdsprache
- Gardner Webb University** — Boiling Springs, NC 2001
B.A. awarded with honors from the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy; Classical Languages Minor
- Aristotle University** — Thessaloniki, Greece Fall 1998

PUBLICATIONS — Books

Dis-tracting God: Derrida, Deconstruction, and Christian Proclamation. New York: Fordham University Press (in process).

In Tongues of Mortals and Angels: A De-constructive Theology of God Talk in Acts and Paul, co-authored with Eric D. Barreto and Thelathia "Nikki" Young. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, (in process).

Curating Church: Forging Connections and Fostering Transformation in Polarizing Times. Nashville: Abingdon Press, (forthcoming 2017).

Preaching Must Die! Troubling Homiletical Theology. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, (forthcoming 2017).

Making Love With Scripture: Why the Bible Doesn't Mean How You Think It Means. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2015.

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PUBLICATIONS — Peer Reviewed Articles

"Testimony Beyond the Limits: Paul Ricoeur in Dialogue with Trauma Theory and Shoah Studies," *The Journal of Literature and Trauma Studies* 3, no. 2 (2014): 99-122.

"Obscure Preaching: Ezekiel 3:1-11 for Postmodern Listeners," *Review and Expositor* 111, no. 4 (2014): 401-10.

"Mind the Gap: Addressing the Lacuna of Human Sexuality in Homiletics," *Theology and Sexuality* 19, no. 1 (2013):1-5.

"The Erotic Approach: Homiletical Insights from the Work of Georges Bataille," *Theology and Sexuality* 19, no. 1 (2013): 26-37.

"Toward an Erotic Liturgical Theology: Schmemmann in Conversation with Contemporary Philosophy," *Worship* 87, no. 5 (September 2013): 387-413.

"Dying to be Creative: Playing in/with the Homiletical Hiatus," *Homiletic* 38, no. 2 (2013): 17-29.

"Preaching Philosophy: The Kerygmatic Thrust of Paul Ricoeur's Philosophy and its Contribution to Homiletics," *Literature and Theology* 27, no. 2 (May 2013): 208-26.

"God's Sovereign Word," *Political Theology* 14, no. 3 (2013): 336-52.

"Before the Gaze Ineffable: Intersubjective *Poesis* and the Song of Songs,"
Theology and Sexuality 17, no. 2 (May 2011): 139-60.

PUBLICATIONS — Book Chapters

"Writing Spiritually," in *Writing Theologically*, ed. Eric D. Barreto (Minneapolis: Fortress Press), 2015, 131-48.

"Reading Critically" in *Reading Theologically*, ed. Eric D. Barreto (Minneapolis: Fortress Press), 2014, 75-94.

"How to Give a (Postmodern) Sermon" in *Preaching As Picturing God in a Fragmented World*, *Studia Homiletica*, vol. 8, ed. Lucy Lind Hogan and Thomas Pleizier (The Netherlands: Eburon Academic Publishers, 2012), 137-52.

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PUBLICATIONS — Non-Peer Reviewed Articles

"Young Adult Fiction, The Bible In," *Oxford Biblical Studies Online* (forthcoming).

"Posthuman Preaching," *Encounter: A Journal of Theological Scholarship* 76, no. 2 (2016): 33-52.

"Finding the Words," @ *This Point: Theological Investigations in Church and Culture* 12, no. 1 (Spring 2017), <http://www.atthispoint.net/professional-responses/faithful-and-democratic-practices/287/>.

"How to Do Things Better with Words in an Era of Political Polarization," *Political Theology Today* (posted January 17, 2017), <http://www.politicaltheology.com/blog/how-to-do-things-better-with-words-in-an-era-of-political-polarization-jake-myers/>.

"Preaching with a Hammer: Pursuing Justice in a Time of Fear" *Circuit Rider* 40, no. 4 (2016): 7-8.

"Finding Our Way: An Alternative Worship Experience," *Practical Matters*, 7 (2014).

"A Labor of Love: Translation as Radical Hospitality," *Word and World*, 31, no. 3 (2011): 332-4.

"What Do I Love When I Love My God? Alternative Worship and the Emerging Ethos," *Liturgy*, 26, no. 2 (2011): 30-8.

"The Emergent Ethos," *Visions*, 12, no. 4 (2007): 4-7.

"A Study of Glossolalia from a New Testament Perspective," *Gardner-Webb Review*, 4, no. 2 (2002): 42-60.

PUBLICATIONS — Book Reviews

Jared E. Alcántara, *Crossover Preaching: Intercultural-Improvisational Homiletics in Conversation with Gardner C. Taylor* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2015) in *Homiletic* 41, no. 1 (2016): 83-4.

Brennan W. Breed, *Nomadic Text: A Theory of Biblical Reception History*, *Indiana Studies in Biblical Literature* (Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 2014) in *Homiletic* 39, no. 2 (2014): 30-1.

David P. Gushee, *In the Fray: Contesting Public Ethics, 1994-2013* (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2014) in *Homiletic* 39, no. 2 (2014): 60-1.

Lucy Bregman, *The Ecology of Spirituality: Meanings, Virtues, and Practices in a Post-Religious Age* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2014) in *Homiletic* 39, no. 1: 34-5.

Brian K. Blount, *Invasion of the Dead: Preaching Resurrection* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014) in *Journal for Preachers* 37, no. 3 (2014): 44-6.

Angela M. Yarber, *The Gendered Pulpit: Sex, Body, And Desire In Preaching* (Cleveland, TN: Parson's Porch Press, 2013) in *Homiletic* 38, no. 2 (2013): 77-8.

Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore, *Christian Theology in Practice: Discovering a Discipline* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2012) in *Homiletic* 38, no. 2 (2013): 62-3.

Phil Snider, *Preaching After God: Derrida, Caputo, and the Language of Postmodern Homiletics* (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2012) in *Homiletic* 38, no. 1 (2013): 3-4.

Lance B. Pape, *The Scandal of Having Something to Say: Ricoeur and the Possibility of Postliberal Preaching* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2013) in *Homiletic* 38, no. 1 (2013): 1-2.

Thomas G. Long, *What Shall We Say? Evil, Suffering and the Problem of God* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011) in *Practical Theology* 6, no. 2 (2013): 262-4.

Benjamin T. Conner, *Practicing Witness: A Missional Vision of Christian Practices* (Grand Rapids & Cambridge, UK: Eerdmans, 2011) in *Practical Matters* 6, no. 1 (2013): 100-3.

John S. McClure, *Mashup Religion: Pop Music and Theological Invention* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2011) in *Religious Studies and Theology* 31, no. 1 (2012): 105-6.

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Peter J. Rollins, *How (Not) to Speak of God* (Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, 2006) in *Journal for Youth Ministry* 5, no. 2 (2007): 108-10.

PUBLICATIONS — Public Scholarship

“Preaching: Our Mission Impossible,” *Working Preacher* (posted August 7, 2015) <https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&post=3668>

“Theological Trackstanding: A User’s Guide to Unity in Church and Society,” *Huffington Post* (posted July 27, 2015) <http://www.odysseynetworks.org/on-scripture-the-bible/theological-trackstanding-a-users-guide-to-unity-in-church-and-society-ephesians-41-16/>

“iPreach: How the Apple Watch Could Revolutionize Sermon Development,” *Working Preacher* (posted 9/29/14) <http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&post=3347>

“In Compassion and Sympathy: A Christian Response to Religious Violence,” *Huffington Post* (posted 9/25/14) http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jacob-d-myers/in-compassion-and-sympathy_b_5883328.html

“Sweaty Spirituality: Fighting Obesity with Paul,” *On Scripture* (posted 8/12/14) <http://www.odysseynetworks.org/on-scripture-the-bible/sweaty-spirituality-fighting-obesity-paul-romans-121-8/>

“*Divergent* and the Gospel (Part II): Vanquishing Weakness, Cultivating Strength (posted 3/28/14) http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jacob-myers/divergent-and-the-gospel-_1_b_5046242.html

“*Divergent* and the Gospel: Manifestos on Difference *Huffington Post* (posted 3/17/14) http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jacob-myers/divergent-and-the-gospel-_b_4980751.html

“The Gravity of Discipleship,” *Working Preacher* (posted 10/29/13) <http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&post=2840>

“Teaching the Faith: A Lesson from the Cracker Barrel,” *Working Preacher* (posted 10/15/13) <http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&post=2805>

“Preaching and Wildfire,” *Working Preacher* (posted 9/17/13) <https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&post=2745>

“Zombies and Preachers,” *Working Preacher* (posted 7/25/13) <http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&post=2665>

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- "What Does a Superdad Look Like?" *Working Preacher* (posted 7/4/13)
<http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=2666>
- "Fortune Cookie Faith," *Working Preacher* (posted 6/13/13)
<http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&post=2598>
- "The \$100 Guitar Project and Preaching," *Working Preacher* (posted 4/25/12)
<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=2535>
- "The Hell of Parenting: A Study of 1 Samuel," *On Scripture* (posted 12/24/13)
<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/onscripture/2013/01/the-hell-of-parenting-a-study-of-1-samuel/>
- "Neo-Narrativity," *Working Preacher* (posted 10/17/2012) http://www.workingpreacher.org/chartingculture.aspx?article_id=628
- "Holy Ink: The Spirituality of Tattoos" *The Huffington Post* (posted 5/30/12)
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jacob-d-myers/the-spirituality-of-tattoos_b_1555916.html
- "Haywire Homiletics," *Working Preacher* (posted 2/6/12),
http://www.workingpreacher.org/ourtake.aspx?article_id=556
- "Preaching that Flows," *Working Preacher* (posted 10/25/11),
http://www.workingpreacher.org/sermondevelopment.aspx?article_id=521

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PUBLICATIONS — Biblical Commentary

- "Fourth Sunday of Advent: Hebrews 10:5-10," *Working Preacher* (posted 12/23/2012) http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?lect_date=12/23/2012&tab=3&alt=1
- "Third Sunday of Advent: Philippians 4:4-7," *Working Preacher* (posted 12/16/2012)
http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?lect_date=12/16/2012&tab=3&alt=1
- "Second Sunday of Advent: Philippians 1:3-11," *Working Preacher* (posted 12/9/2012) http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?lect_date=12/9/2012&tab=3&alt=1
- "First Sunday of Advent: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13," *Working Preacher* (posted 12/2/2012) http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?lect_date=12/2/2012&tab=3&alt=1

"Pentecost: Acts 2:1-21," *Working Preacher* (posted 5/27/12)
http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?lect_date=5/27/2012&tab=1&alt=1

"Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26," *Working Preacher* (posted 5/20/12)
http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?lect_date=5/20/2012&tab=1&alt=1

"Sixth Sunday of Easter: Acts 10:44-48," *Working Preacher* (posted 5/13/12)
http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?lect_date=5/13/2012&tab=1&alt=1

PRESENTATIONS — ACADEMIC

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| "Binding the Father to Free the Son: A Response to André Resner" <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academy of Homiletics annual meeting in San Diego, CA | November 2014 |
| "Strange Speech for Strange Times: Language, Hybridity and the Paul of Acts" <ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Academy of Religion annual meeting in San Diego, CA | November 2014 |
| "Apocalyptic Power; Dystopian Hope: John of Patmos and Paul the Apostle in Conversation with Young Adult Fiction" <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting in San Diego, CA | November 2014 |
| "An Eschatological Vision for Contemporary Preaching from Karl Barth's Early Theology" <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academy of Homiletics annual meeting in Louisville, KY | December 2013 |
| "A Différent Kind of Preaching: Derrida, Caputo and the Deconstruction of Contemporary Homiletics" <ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Academy of Religion annual meeting in Baltimore, MD | November 2013 |
| "Erotic Preaching: Approaching the World of the Other" <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invited Lecture at Drew Theological School in Madison, NJ | October 2013 |
| "The Crisis of Preaching" <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invited Lecture at Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, MA | February 2013 |

- "E(strange)d Relations: Eros and the Experience of the Other" January 2013
- Fourth Annual Studies in Sexualities Conference at Emory University in Atlanta, GA
- "Dying to be Creative: Playing in/with the Homiletical Hiatus" November 2012
- Academy of Homiletics annual meeting in Chicago, IL
- "(Re)constituting the Knower: Toward An Erotic Epistemology" October 2012
- Graduate Conference on Religion at Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, MA
- "Poststructural Homiletics and Transdisciplinary Fecundity" April 2012
- Valparaiso Biennial Gathering of Doctoral Programs in Religious Practices and Practical Theology in Durham, NC
- "Homiletics and Ecological Hermeneutics" December 2011
- Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, GA
- "Loving Oneself As Another: Ricoeur and Marion as Simultaneous Supplements" November 2011
- American Academy of Religion annual meeting in San Francisco, CA
- "Before the Gaze Ineffable: A Postmodern Reading of the Song of Songs" November 2011
- American Academy of Religion annual meeting in San Francisco, CA
- "Preaching Beauty in the Song of Songs" November 2011
- Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting in San Francisco, CA
- "In Search of a Baptist Homiletic: The Legacy of John A. Broadus" July 2011
- Young Scholars in the Baptist Academy meeting in Prague, CZ
- "What's Love Got to Do With It? Homiletics and the Phenomenology of Love" May 2011
- National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion annual meeting in Boiling Springs, NC
- "How to Give a (Postmodern) Sermon" August 2010
- *Societas Homiletica* biennial meeting at Yale University

- "Ethnography and Practice: Toward a (Post)colonial Homiletic" March 2010
 • Valparaiso Biennial Gathering of Doctoral Programs in Religious Practices and Practical Theology in Atlanta, GA
- "Blurring the Boundaries: Preaching as Testimony" January 2008
 with Anna Carter Florence
 • Workshop and Worship Leader for January Continuing Education Seminar at Columbia Theological Seminary
- "'Postmodern' Philosophy and the Preaching Event" April 2007
 • Breakout Discussion Leader on Practical Theology at the 2007 Emergent Philosophical Conversation in St. Davids, PA led by Profs. John D. Caputo and Richard Kearney
- "From Where Cometh that Echo? A Reassessment of Paul's Use of Intertextuality in Romans 1:20-25" March 2004
 • Mid-Atlantic Regional Society of Biblical Literature in Baltimore, MD
- "Towards an Alternative Argumentum: A Reassessment of Paul's Use of Intertextuality in Romans" April 2004
 • Eastern Great Lakes Regional Society of Biblical Literature in Charleston, WV
- "A Study of Glossolalia from a New Testament Perspective" May 2001
 • Gardner-Webb Honors Committee
- "Pastoral Care of the Dying in American Culture" April 2001
 • Alpha Chi National Honors Conference

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PRESENTATIONS — ECCLESIAL

- "Fa(i/l)ling in Love with Scripture" February - March 2017
 • Baptist Church of the Covenant in Birmingham, AL
- "Voice, Embodiment, and Delivery" March 2016
 • Center for Academic Literacy, Columbia Theological Seminary
- "The Future of Preaching: From North America to South Africa" November 2016
 • Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA
- "Preaching and Politics" November 2016
 • Center for Live Long Learning, Columbia Theological Seminary

- "Finding and Losing Ourselves in God's Story" July 2016
• Wild Goose Festival in Hot Springs, NC
- "Grounded Preaching" with Diana Butler Bass January 2016
• Center for Lifelong Learning, Columbia Theological Seminary
- "Introductory Exegesis for Preaching" May, 2016
• TheoAcademy Video, Mid-American Synod of the PCUSA
- "Discerning Vocation" February 2015
• UGA/Alabama Campus Ministries in Atlanta, GA
- "Church as Cultural Curation" September - October 2015
• Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA
- "Myth and Mystery" September 2014
• Pilgrims Sunday School Retreat at The Calvin Center in Hampton, GA
- "Food, Sustainability and Faith" Spring 2014
• Six-week Teaching Series at First Baptist Church of Decatur in Decatur, GA
- "What Theological Education Can Do For Your Preaching" January 2013
• Festival of Young Preachers in Atlanta, GA
- "Christian Responses to Evil and Suffering" Spring 2012
• Four-week Teaching Series at First Baptist Church of Decatur in Decatur, GA
- "Reasons for Different Worship Styles: Theological and Cultural" Fall 2011
• Six-week Teaching Series at First Baptist Church of Decatur in Decatur, GA
- "Global Missionalty: First-World Friendships in Post-Colonial Africa " February 2008
• Amahoro Africa International Meeting in Phoenix, AZ (Keynote Speaker)
- "From Africa to Atlanta: Reconciliation as Hermeneutics" July 2007
• Emerging Phoenix Gathering in Atlanta, GA
- "Emergent Tradecraft: Homiletics, Hermeneutics and the Missional Ethos" June 2007
• Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) General Assembly in Washington, D.C.

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- “Forging a Church-Starts Culture: Traditional Churches and Emergent Possibilities” June 2007
- CBF General Assembly in Washington, D.C.
- “Diacritical Worship: From Worship Wars to Worship Fully” June 2007
- “Worship Fully” Conference in Birmingham, AL (Key Note Speaker)
- “Postmodernity: A Primer with Continual Reference to the Life and Work of the Church” March 2007
- CBF of Georgia General Assembly in Stone Mountain, GA
- “Putting Emergent Theology On Tap in Your Community” March 2007
- CBF of Georgia General Assembly in Stone Mountain, GA
- “Planting Emergent Communities of Faith within the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship” August 2006
- Facilitated at the Capital Ale House in Richmond, VA
- “Hermeneutics, Homiletics, and Media: Rethinking Video Venue Worship Gatherings” July 2006
- Presentation and Public Debate with Rev. Andy Stanley, Pastor of North Point Community Church, at the Emerging Phoenix Gathering in Atlanta, GA
- “CBF Emergence: Beginning the Conversation” July 2006
- Emergent/CBF Leaders in Chattanooga, TN
- “Beer, Candles, and Kierkegaard: CBF and the Emergent Conversation” June 2006
- Presented at CBF General Assembly in Atlanta, GA

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SERVICE - TO COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

- Faculty Coordinator for “Outreach” Spring 2017 - Present
- Sermon - “Recon-ciling with God” (w/ Brandon Maxwell) March 1, 2017
- Ministry Education Search Committee Fall 2016-Spring 2017
- Sexual Misconduct Response Team Fall 2016-Spring 2017
- Instructional Technology Committee Fall 2015-Spring 2017
- Dean of Students Search Committee Summer 2016
- Basic Degrees Committee Fall 2015-Spring 2016

Sermon - "Harmonizing Glory" (Campbell Chapel)	January 22, 2016
Sermon - "The Mystery of God" (Visitation Weekend)	November 7, 2015
Sermon - "Beauty Rises" (Campbell Chapel)	February 18, 2015

ORDINATION

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Ordained to the Gospel Ministry April 23, 2006
• Wieuca Road Baptist Church—Atlanta, GA

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MINISTRY/WORK EXPERIENCE

Faith and Finance Curricular Initiative — Atlanta, GA October 2014 to May 2015
Director

- Produced and edited a video to teach seminarians about finances and faith
- Supported the curricular needs of Candler School of Theology

Practical Matters Journal — Atlanta, GA January 2014 to August 2014
Co-Managing Editor

- Oversaw all production, editing, and publications
- Coordinated the work of the other editors

Practical Matters Journal — Atlanta, GA September 2011 to May 2013
Production/Layout Editor

- Designed and prepared PDFs for online publication
- Worked with managing editors to assure that journal conforms to specifications

Wieuca Road Baptist Church — Atlanta, GA Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2010
Associate Pastor for Missional Community and Alternative Worship

- Equipped, empowered, and encouraged missional activities
- Imagined, Created, and Led "rechurch," our alternative worship gathering
- Led and directed all local, national, and international mission and justice initiatives

Trinitas — Atlanta, GA Aug. 2005 to Jan. 2009
Church Planter/Community Organizer

- Planned and facilitated community "theology on tap" conversations
- Mobilized members of the Little Five Points (an urban borough of Atlanta) community to participate in justice and compassion initiatives
- Planned and hosted alternative worship experiences in Little Five Points

The Well — Bucks County, PA September 2004 to May 2005

Emergent Pastoral Intern

- Worked with pastors to edify and equip the church to be a missional community
- Assisted in preaching, teaching, and pastoral care

Capital Health Systems — Trenton, NJ July 2004 to Sept. 2004

Chaplaincy Intern

- Worked closely with the CHS Chaplain to provide pastoral care to patients
- Provided prayer support and counseling to CHS staff
- Participated in CPE-styled group sessions for personal development

Haynes Memorial Baptist Church — Henrietta, NC Dec. 1998 to Aug. 2003

Minister of Children and Youth

- Led children and youth to a deeper faith in Jesus Christ
- Facilitated growth through teaching, preaching and activities
- Counseled and disciplined children and youth

Gardner-Webb University — Boiling Springs, NC Aug. 2000 to May 2001

Christian Ministry Association President

- Led ministry programming for entire university under direction of the university chaplain

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INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ethnographic Research and Interviews on the Homiletical Theology, Rhetoric, and Influences Among a Group of Tanzanian Pastors May to June 2010

- Mwanza, Tanzania

Amahoro Africa International Gathering May 2007

- Kampala, Uganda — Worked alongside North American, European, and African leaders to articulate a post-colonial African theology

Emergent Leadership Consultation September 2006

- Germany — Worshiped with and interviewed Rick and Nancy Dill, Founders of the Germany for Christ Initiative
- England — Worshiped with and interviewed Jason Clark, pastor of the Vineyard Sutton Community and national coordinator for Emergent UK; Interviewed Steve Collins and Johnny Baker of the Grace Community; Kester Brewin, founder of Vaux in London; Ben Edson of Sanctus 1 in Manchester; and Ian Mobsby of Moot

- Ireland — Interviewed Pete Rollins, founder of the Ikon Community in Belfast; and Si Johnston, former director of Headspace in London
- Denmark — Interviewed Simon and Thomas Willer, founders of Re:Gen in Copenhagen

Mission Immersion Coordinator and Leader 2001 to 2009

- Liberia — Led a team of seventeen to teach seminary students from Monrovia, conduct Vacation Bible School, Medical Clinics, teacher trainings, and small business trainings in the rural village of Balama
- Morocco — Led a team of fifteen to work with sub-Saharan African migrants and refugees. Our team hosted a Vacation Bible School, a pastor's conference, health/hygiene seminars, micro-loan business programs and a medical clinic
- Mexico — Led two separate emersion trips of fifteen and thirteen people to build two houses for families living in poverty in the border town of Reynosa
- Sri Lanka — Led a team to build a water purification system for a village ravaged by the 2005 Asian Tsunami
- Ukraine — Led a team of twelve university students to assist in the planting of a church in Dnipropetrovsk
- Puerto Rico — Led a team of twenty-one youth and college students to host a Vacation Bible School and build a roof on a leaking church in San Juan

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Two study abroad experiences

Thessaloniki, Greece Fall 1998
 • Studied Greek history, politics, art, architecture, and religion at Aristotle University

Berlin, Germany Summer 2004
 • Studied German at the Goethe-Institut for 8 weeks of intermediate German language training

AWARDS AND HONORS

Bandy Fellowship in Preaching 2009 to 2013
 Religious Practices and Practical Theology Fellowship 2009 to 2013
 Third-Place Winner of Paraclete Press' International Parable Writing Competition 2009

Guthrie Scholarship Awardee (Columbia Theological Seminary)	2008
“It’s Time” Grant Awardee by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (\$20,000 grant for Missional initiatives at Wieuca Road Baptist Church)	2008
Joe R. Engle Preaching Scholar (Princeton Theological Seminary)	2008
James O. Duncan Scholarship Recipient (Princeton Theological Seminary)	2004 to 2005
Princeton Seminary Baptist Student Association Co-moderator	2004 to 2005
Mercer Baptist Heritage Student Essay Award in Baptist Studies Winner	2004
Princeton Theological Seminary Goethe Fellowship Recipient	2004
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Leadership Scholar	2002 to 2003
Leadership and Civic Responsibility Certificate Recipient	2001
Christian Ministry Association Service Award Recipient	2001
M. Van Murrell Bible Award Recipient	2001
Leadership and Volunteerism Award Recipient	2001
President of Theta Alpha Kappa National Religion Honor Society	2001
National Delegate for Alpha Chi National Honor Society	2001
Honors Student Association, Member	1997 to 2001
Christian Service Organization Scholarship Recipient	1997 to 2001
Participated in National Collegiate Honors Council Study Abroad Program	1998
Who’s Who Among American Colleges and Universities	1998
Recognized on the National Dean’s List	1998 to 2001

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PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Academy of Homiletics

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