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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Columbia Theological Seminary — Decatur, GA Wade P. Huie, Jr. Associate Professor of Homiletics, Director, Master of Arts (Theological Studies) Program	July 2021 to Present
Assistant Professor of Homiletics (tenure-track)	July 2015 to June 2021
Candler School of Theology — Atlanta, GA Adjunct Faculty	2014 to 2015
Central Baptist Theological Seminary — Shawnee, KS Assistant Supplementary Professor of Proclamation	2012 to 2015

EDUCATION

Emory University — Atlanta, GA PhD in Person, Community and Religious Life (Homiletics & Liturgics)	May 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 Poststructural/Postmodern Philosophy Emerging Christian Worship & Postmodernity• <i>Concentration in Religious Practices and Practical Theology</i>• <i>Emory Graduate Certificate in Comparative Literature</i>	
Princeton Theological Seminary — Princeton, NJ Master of Divinity	2005
Goethe-Institut — Berlin, Germany Zertificat Deutsch als Fremdsprache	Summer 2004
Gardner Webb University — Boiling Springs, NC B.A. awarded with honors from the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy; Classical Languages Minor	2001
Aristotle University — Thessaloniki, Greece	Fall 1998

SCHOLARSHIP

PUBLISHED BOOKS

Theology and Stand-up Comedy, co-authored with Nicole Graham. Religion and Pop Culture Series. Lanham, MD. Lexington Books (in press).

Stand-up Preaching: Homiletical Insights from Contemporary Comedians. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2022.

In Tongues of Mortals and Angels: A Deconstructive Theology of God Talk, co-authored with Eric Barreto and Nikki Young. Minneapolis: Fortress Academic/Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2019.

Curating Church: Strategies for Innovative Worship. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2018.

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

Making Love with Scripture: Why the Bible Doesn't Mean How You Think It Means. Theology for the People Series. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2015.

BOOKS IN PROCESS

Preaching Philosophy: Engaging French Thought for Gospel Proclamation, co-authored with Sunggu Yang. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press (to be completed 12/31/23).

Distracting Divine Discourse: Preaching with Jacques Derrida (in development).

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

"Eclipsing Mimesis: A Theological Case for Hans Frei's 'Special Hermeneutics,'" *Westminster Theological Journal* 84, no. 2 (Fall 2022): 1-26.

"Strange Woman: Mariological Reflections on the Camino de Santiago," *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality* 22, no. 1 (Spr 2022): 108-20.

"Captivating Wisdom: Pilgrimage, Parenting, and Patriarchy," *CrossCurrents* 71, no. 3 (Sep 2021): 294-307.

"Erotic Preaching: Phenomenological Insights for Homiletics," *Theology Today* 77, no. 4 (Jan 2021): 383-407.

"The Crisis of Preaching Politics: Homiletical Insights from the Young Karl Barth," *Homiletic* 45, no. 2 (2020): 25-35.

"Bearing Witness to God: Ricoeur and the Practice of Religious Testimony," *Literature and Theology* (2020): 1-17.

"Conductive Preaching: Narratology, Homiletics, and the Poststructural Turn," *The Expository Times* (October 2020): 1-12.

"The Method Behind the Mystique: A Brief Appraisal of Fred Craddock's Narratology," *The Expository Times* (August 2020): 1-6.

"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: Postmodern Homiletical Insights from Ezekiel the Prophet," *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 Poiesis and the Song of Songs," *Theology and Sexuality* 17, no. 2 (May 2011): 139-60.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- "Writing Spiritually." In *Writing Theologically*, edited by Eric D. Barreto, 131-48. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2015.
- "Reading Critically." In *Reading Theologically*, edited by Eric D. Barreto, 75-94. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2014.
- "How to Give a (Postmodern) Sermon." In *Preaching as Picturing God in a Fragmented World*, *Studia Homiletica*, vol. 8, edited by Lucy Lind Hogan and Thomas Pleizier, 137-52. The Netherlands: Eburon Academic Publishers, 2012.

NON-PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- "Young Adult Fiction, The Bible In," *Oxford Biblical Studies Online* (posted June 2018), <http://www.oxfordbiblicalstudies.com/article/opr/t998/e47>.
- "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/>.
- "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). Interactive multimedia content, <http://practicalmattersjournal.org/2014/10/01/finding-our-way/>.
- "What is Translation? An Act of Love and 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.

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 (2014): 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.
- 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.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- "Tips for Effective Preaching," *Center for Lifelong Learning Blog* (posted September 28, 2020) <https://www.ctsnet.edu/tips-for-effective-preaching/>
- "Narrating God," *Center for Lifelong Learning Blog* (posted March 12, 2020) <https://www.ctsnet.edu/narrating-god/>
- "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) https://www.huffpost.com/entry/fighting-obesity-with-paul_b_5688106
- "Divergent and the Gospel (Part II): Vanquishing Weakness, Cultivating Strength," *Huffington Post* (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>
- "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," *Sojourners* (posted 12/26/12) <https://sojo.net/articles/scripture-hell-parenting-study-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

BIBLICAL COMMENTARY

“Between Text and Sermon (1 Cor 9:8-18),” *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 75, no. 2 (Apr 2011): 152-4.

“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

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“Troubling Homiletics: Why Preaching Must Die!” December 2017
• Academy of Homiletics annual meeting in Dallas, TX

“Binding the Father to Free the Son: A Response to André Resner” November 2014
• Academy of Homiletics annual meeting in San Diego, CA

“Strange Speech for Strange Times: Language, Hybridity and the Paul of Acts” November 2014
• American Academy of Religion annual meeting in San Diego, CA

“Apocalyptic Power; Dystopian Hope: John of Patmos and Paul the Apostle in Conversation with Young Adult Fiction” November 2014

- Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting in San Diego, CA
- “An Eschatological Vision for Contemporary Preaching from Karl Barth’s Early Theology” December 2013
- Academy of Homiletics annual meeting in Louisville, KY
- “A Différent Kind of Preaching: Derrida, Caputo and the Deconstruction of Contemporary Homiletics” November 2013
- American Academy of Religion annual meeting in Baltimore, MD
- “Erotic Preaching: Approaching the World of the Other” October 2013
- Invited Lecture at Drew Theological School in Madison, NJ
- “The Crisis of Preaching” February 2013
- Invited Lecture at Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, MA
- “E(strange)d Relations: Eros and the Experience of the Other” January 2013
- Fourth Annual Studies in Sexualities Conference 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

<p>“How to Give a (Postmodern) Sermon”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Societas Homiletica biennial meeting at Yale University 	August 2010
<p>“Ethnography and Practice: Toward a (Post)colonial Homiletic”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valparaiso Biennial Gathering of Doctoral Programs in Religious Practices and Practical Theology in Atlanta, GA 	March 2010
<p>“Blurring the Boundaries: Preaching as Testimony” with Anna Carter Florence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop and Worship Leader for January Continuing Education Seminar at Columbia Theological Seminary 	January 2008
<p>“‘Postmodern’ Philosophy and the Preaching Event”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	April 2007
<p>“From Where Cometh that Echo? A Reassessment of Paul’s Use of Intertextuality in Romans 1:20-25”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-Atlantic Society of Biblical Literature in Baltimore, MD 	March 2004
<p>“Towards an Alternative Argumentum: A Reassessment of Paul’s Use of Intertextuality in Romans”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Great Lakes Regional Society of Biblical Literature in Charleston, WV 	April 2004

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

SERMONS PREACHED

<p>“Fooling Ourselves” – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA 	Feb 2, 2020
<p>“Becoming Undone” – 1 Corinthians 1:10-18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapel Sermon, Columbia Theological Seminary 	Jan 27, 2020
<p>“It’s Complicated” – Galatians 4:1-11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alumni Homecoming, Columbia Theological Seminary 	Feb 4, 2019
<p>“The Love of the Father” – Genesis 22:1-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Baptist Church, Decatur, GA 	June 9, 2019
<p>“The Religion of Religion” – Acts 5:27-32</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central United Church of Christ, Atlanta, GA 	Apr 28, 2019
<p>“The Gift that Keeps on Taking” – Genesis 4:1-7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Presbyterian Church, Tupelo, MS 	Oct 28, 2018
<p>“The Sight of God” – Luke 18:9-14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Baptist Church, Decatur, GA 	July 29, 2018
<p>“Drinking Buddies” – John 2:1-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitation Weekend, Columbia Theological Seminary 	Nov 10, 2017

<p>“Let’s Get It Started” – Psalm 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Avenue Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA </p>	<p>June 25, 2017</p>
<p>“Water and Wind” – John 3:1-17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptist Church of the Covenant, Birmingham, AL </p>	<p>Mar 12, 2017</p>
<p>“Tempting Temptation” – Matthew 4:1-11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptist Church of the Covenant, Birmingham, AL </p>	<p>Mar 6, 2017</p>
<p>“Consuming Darkness” – Exodus 24:12-18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptist Church of the Covenant, Birmingham, AL </p>	<p>Feb 26, 2017</p>
<p>“Recon-ciliation with God” – 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapel Sermon (preached with Rev. Brandon Maxwell), Columbia Theological Seminary </p>	<p>Feb 22, 2017</p>
<p>“What a Difference a Weak (<i>sic</i>) Makes” – John 20:19-23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norman’s House Church, Barcelona, Spain </p>	<p>Mar 31, 2016</p>
<p>“A Church That Loves” – Genesis 4:1-7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Baptist Church, Decatur, GA </p>	<p>July 10, 2016</p>
<p>“Spinning Our Wheels” – 1 Corinthians 2:1-10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitation Weekend, Columbia Theological Seminary </p>	<p>Nov 7, 2015</p>
<p>“Beauty Rises” – Romans 8:31-39 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapel Sermon, Columbia Theological Seminary </p>	<p>Feb 18, 2015</p>

ORDINATION SERVICE SERMONS

<p>“Pouring Something Stronger” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service of Ordination for Lauren Patrus, First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA </p>	<p>Oct 21, 2017</p>
<p>“Dwelling in God’s ‘Unapproachable Light’” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service of Ordination for Paul Wallace First Baptist Church, Decatur, GA </p>	<p>Nov 15, 2015</p>

ECCLESIAL LECTURES & TEACHING

<p>“Preaching Politics” (online lecture) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center for Live Long Learning, Columbia Theological Seminary </p>	<p>Fall 2020</p>
<p>“Viral Faith” co-taught with Dr. Martha Moore-Keish (6 weeks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA </p>	<p>Spring 2020</p>
<p>“Foody Faith,” co-taught with Dr. Abby Myers (4 weeks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA </p>	<p>March 2020</p>
<p>“Scripture, Preaching, and Church” (3 lectures) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop for The Southeast UU Ministers Association </p>	<p>Mar 22-24, 2019</p>

- “Preaching for the Love of God” (10 lectures + workshops) July 2017
 • Ghost Ranch, NM
- “Fa(i/l)ling in Love with Scripture” (3 lectures) February - March 2017
 • Baptist Church of the Covenant, 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, Hampton, GA
- “Food, Sustainability and Faith” Spring 2014
 • Six-week Teaching Series at First Baptist Church of Decatur, Decatur, GA
- “What Theological Education Can Do for Your Preaching” January 2013
 • Festival of Young Preachers, Atlanta, GA
- “Christian Responses to Evil and Suffering” Spring 2012
 • Four-week Teaching Series at First Baptist Church of Decatur, Decatur, GA
- “Reasons for Different Worship Styles: Theological and Cultural” Fall 2011
 • Six-week Teaching Series at First Baptist Church of Decatur, Decatur, GA
- “Global Missionality: First-World Friendships in Post-Colonial Africa” (Keynote Speaker) February 2008
 • Amahoro Africa International Meeting, Phoenix, AZ
- “From Africa to Atlanta: Reconciliation as Hermeneutics” July 2007
 • Emerging Phoenix Gathering, Atlanta, GA

- “Emergent Tradecraft: Homiletics, Hermeneutics and the Missional Ethos” June 2007
 • CBF General Assembly, Washington, D.C.
- “Forging a Church-Starts Culture: Traditional Churches and Emergent Possibilities” June 2007
 • CBF General Assembly, Washington, D.C.
- “Diacritical Worship: From Worship Wars to Worship Fully” June 2007
 • “Worship Fully” Conference, Birmingham, AL
- “Postmodernity: A Primer with Continual Reference to the Life and Work of the Church” March 2007
 • CBF of Georgia General Assembly, Stone Mountain, GA
- “Putting Emergent Theology On Tap in Your Community” March 2007
 • CBF of Georgia General Assembly, Stone Mountain, GA
- “Planting Emergent Communities of Faith within the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship” August 2006
 • Facilitated at the Capital Ale House, 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

ORDINATION

- Ordained to the Gospel Ministry April 23, 2006
 • Wieuca Road Baptist Church—Atlanta, GA
- Ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament November 9, 2019
 • Presbyterian Church (USA)—Ordination Transferred

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
- 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

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

AWARDS AND HONORS

Wabash Small Project Grant Recipient	2018
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

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