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Statement of Ministerial Identity

Commitment to ministry and education have always been intricately woven together in my life thanks to a family full of public school educators, church leaders, and pastors. I first experienced a call to ministry during my senior year of college and have nurtured that call through my M.Div. degree and advanced studies in biblical interpretation, as well as in professional and volunteer ministry work. My personal experiences, my educational background, and my professional training have cultivated a number of strengths that make me well-suited for a pastoral position: a passion for education and Christian formation, a skill for worship planning and leadership, a heart for empathetic listening and communication, a gift for bringing out the best in others, a desire to engage in service to the local and global community, and an investment in working with others to discern God's calling for common life and ministry.

Education

Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University — Ph.D. Biblical Interpretation

Completed May 2016

Dissertation: *Widows in the Memories of Biblical Israel*

Major Concentration: Hebrew Bible

Minor Concentration: Biblical Theology and Feminist Hermeneutics

Vanderbilt University — M.A. Religion

Completed August 2005

Major Concentration: Hebrew Bible

Minor Concentration: Jewish Studies

Wake Forest Divinity School — M.Div.

Completed May 2002

University of Tennessee, Knoxville — B.A. College Scholars, *Summa Cum Laude*

Completed May 1998

Specialization: International Justice and French

Ordination

Central Baptist Church, Fountain City in Knoxville, Tennessee

July 14, 2002

Professional Ministry and Church Related Experience

INTERIM PASTOR, WEST BAPTIST CHURCH, OSWEGO, NY, SEPT 2017–PRESENT

I preach and write liturgy for each week's worship, provide pastoral care, join with the church council in planning church life and activities, lead and coordinate Christian education for adults, youth, and children.

INSTRUCTOR, NEW TESTAMENT LAY STUDIES COURSE FOR AMERICAN BAPTISTS OF NY STATE, SPRING 2019

INSTRUCTOR, OLD TESTAMENT LAY STUDIES COURSE FOR AMERICAN BAPTISTS OF NY STATE, SPRING 2018

I designed the course syllabus, gave lectures, supervised student presentations, and facilitated classroom conversation in live and on-line formats.

YOUTH MINISTER, GLENDALE BAPTIST CHURCH IN NASHVILLE, TN, MAY 2004–JULY 2005

I led weekly youth meetings, developed curriculum, and planned social activities for middle and high school students, as well as providing pastoral care to youth and their families.

INTERN, BAPTIST JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON, DC, FALL 2002–SPRING 2003

The BJC is an organization that advocates on behalf of religious liberty and separation of church and state from a Baptist perspective. Internship included research, writing, editing, membership education, administration, and curriculum development.

INTERN, WAKE FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH IN WINSTON-SALEM, NC, AUGUST 2000–MAY 2002

I facilitated educational activities and opportunities for fellowship with youth and college students, worship planning, program administration and facilitation, and pastoral care with all age groups.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP INTERN, VOLUNTEER SERVICES, WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, AUGUST 1999–MAY 2001.

I supervised campus volunteer programs, worked with student leaders on large-scale service efforts, organized and planned annual Interfaith Spirituality and Volunteerism Retreat.

ASSOCIATE INTERN, BAPTIST STUDENT UNION AT VIRGINIA TECH, AUGUST 1998–MAY 1999 (PROFESSIONAL).

Internship included advising student leaders, counseling, programming, and ministry development.

Volunteer Ministry Experience

CO-FACILITATOR, ADULT FORUM, UNITED CHURCH OF FAYETTEVILLE, FAYETTEVILLE, NY 2012-2016

Past education units have included spirituality and the arts, interfaith dialog, a water series that covered topics from baptism to local water quality, and exploring family histories.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP, UNITED CHURCH OF FAYETTEVILLE, FAYETTEVILLE, NY 2012-2016

Periodic liturgist, liturgy composer, children and youth educator, and preacher

WORSHIP AND EDUCATION, CITY CHURCH/CHURCH IN THE CLIFF, DALLAS, TX 2006-2010

Regularly participated in worship planning, dialogical sermon facilitation, liturgy composition, children & adult education activities, including planning and serving as a leader for a multi-church children's retreat

Recent University Work Experience

PROGRAM ASSISTANT/SPECIALIST, WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PROGRAM (WiSE), SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, OCTOBER 2012–JULY 2019

I coordinate programming for WiSE, including professional development, communication, and work/life balance workshops for postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, and undergraduates in WiSE Women of Color in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). This position includes supervising multiple members of office staff, budget administration, committee organization, and workshop facilitation.

PROGRAM HOST, HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, AUGUST 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

I serve as a liaison for incoming Humphrey Fellows, mid-career professionals from developing democracies who spend an academic year in the U.S. for academic study, professional development, and cultural exchange. I assist the fellows with settling into their new residences, introduce them to the Syracuse campus, and help them navigate the city during their first weeks of the program.

Selected Invited Sermons and Presentations

First Baptist Church Murfreesboro, Tennessee — “We’re All in This Together,” Sermon for the Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching, February 19, 2017

Robert Carr Chapel, Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University — “Christian Response-ability for ‘Never Again,’” A Christian Service for Yom HaShoah: Remembering the Holocaust, January 25, 2011.

Texas Christian University — “This is ‘Myspace:’ Ending Violence Against Women Through Community,” Graduate Student Forum, Women’s History Month, February 2007.