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EMPLOYMENT

Vanderbilt Divinity School Director of Field Education and Assistant Professor of the Practice of Ministry	1996 – present
Saint Thomas Hospital Chaplain	1985 – 1996
Vanderbilt Divinity School Lecturer in Church, Community and Ministry	1989 – 1996
First United Methodist Church, Larned, KS Associate Pastor	1982 – 83

EDUCATION

Master of Divinity, <i>cum laude</i> Phillips University Theological Seminary Enid, OK	1982
Bachelor of Science in Religion and Sociology, <i>Dean's List</i> Phillips University Enid, OK	1977

Graduate work in Ethics Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN	1984 – 85
Clinical Pastoral Education Residency Saint Anthony Hospital Oklahoma City, OK	1983 – 84

COURSES TAUGHT

Supervised Ministry and Seminar	1996 – present
Advanced Supervised Ministry and Seminar	1996-2001, 2016-17
Special Project in Field Education	1996 – present
Independent Study in Field Education	1996 – present
Year-Long Internship in Field Education	1996 – present
Senior Seminar	2001, 2004, 2007, 2014
Pastoral Dimensions of Death and Dying	1997, 2003
Cross-Cultural Seminar: Appalachia	1997
Cross-Cultural Seminar: The Church in the City	1998, 2002
Cross-Cultural Seminar: Church and Social Change in Mexico	1999, 2001, 2004
Cross-Cultural Seminar: South Africa	1999
Traversing our National Wound: The US/Mexico Border	2006, 2008, 2010, 2012
Foundations in Theological Education	2018, expected 2019

BOOK CHAPTERS

- “An Ethic of Risk at the School of the Prophets”
In Equipping the Saints: best Practices in Contextual Theological Education
Pilgrim Press, 2010
- “Fearfully and Wonderfully Made: Theological Reflections on a Case Study”
In Brimming with God: Reflecting Theologically on Cases in Ministry
Wipf and Stock, 2015

BOOK REVIEWS

Finding Intimacy in a World of Fear by Eric Law (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2007) in *Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision in Ministry*, vol. 28, 2008, p. 277

Operation Inasmuch: Mobilizing Believers Beyond the Walls of the Church by David W. Crocker (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2005) in *Encounter*, vol 69, No. 1, Winter 2008, p. 86-7

The Dynamic Congregation: A Manual for Energizing Your Church by Robert H. Ramey, Jr. (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1999) in *Encounter*, vol 62, No. 2, Spring 2001, p. 206-7

Mystical Healing: The Psychological and Spiritual Power of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises by John Horn (NY: Crossroad Publishing Co, 1996) in *Encounter* Vol 58, No. 2, Spring 1997, p. 225-6

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Charge to the Graduates* 2017
Senior Worship Service
Vanderbilt Divinity School
Nashville, TN
- Joys and Challenges of Cross-Cultural Learning* 2015
Scarritt Bennett Center
Nashville, TN
- Reflections from the US/Mexico Border* 2006, 2010, 2012
Community Breakfast, Vanderbilt Divinity School
Nashville, TN
- Best Practice: Writing a Syllabus for Field Education* 2009
Association of Theological Field Education
Atlanta, GA
- New Occasions Teach new Duties: Reflection on the Global Dimension of Theological Education at VDS* 2009
Internationalizing Theological Education Conference
Candler School of Theology
Atlanta , GA
- Convocation Address* 2009
Vanderbilt Divinity School
Nashville, TN
- Baccalaureate Address* 2008
Vanderbilt Divinity School
Nashville, TN
- An Ethic of Risk at the School of the Prophets* 2007
Equipping the Saints: A Best Practices Conference for Field Educators
Candler School of Theology
Atlanta, GA
- Baccalaureate Address* 2000
Vanderbilt Divinity School
Nashville, TN

TEACHING SESSIONS FOR FIELD EDUCATION SUPERVISORS

How Theological Reflection Informs Wise Practice
The Organic Relationship Between Spiritual Formation, Vocational Discernment and
Field Education
Radical Honesty: On Speaking (Sometimes Hard) Truths
The Global Village and Field Education
Truth or Fiction: Using Literature and Poetry in Field Education
Mars and Venus: Issues of Gender in Supervision
Considering Racial Realities in Field Education
Fierce Conversations: Cultivating Authentic Exchanges
Opening Up Theological Conversation in Field Ed Supervision
Capacities Needed for Religious Leadership in These Times
Helping Students Make “faith-Sense” of their Experiences
Acknowledging Our Subjectivity
Who are These Millennials and What Do They Need From Us?
Accompanying Another’s Journey of Vocational Discernment
Mentoring for Authentic Leadership
Arts and Creativity as Essential Components in the Work of Supervision
Theological Reflection on the Realities of Social Media
Prophetic Religious Leadership in the Era of Trump

SERVICE TO THE GUILD

Association of Theological Field Education	
Member	1996 – present
Member-at-large to Steering Committee	2007 – 2009
Communications Chair	2009 – 2011
Mentored new Directors of Field Education:	
Danielle Tumminio	2017
<i>Seminary of the Southwest</i>	
David Cobb	2017
<i>Sewanee School of Theology</i>	
Mary Katherine Young	2011
<i>Sewanee School of Theology</i>	
Karla Kincannon	2011
<i>Garrett Evangelical Theological School</i>	
Michael “Mick” Smith	1998
<i>Christian Theological Seminary</i>	

SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL

Current:

Organized a community wide forum:

“Faith Communities Respond to the Crisis in Immigrant and Refugee Communities”	2017
Public Theology and Racial Justice Collaborative	2016 – present
Continuing the Conversation: Dean Townes’ Consultative Group on Racial Dynamics at VDS	2016 – present
Curriculum Transformation Team	2015 – 17
First Year Course Planning Team	2017 –
Reader: Random MTS Portfolios for Assessment Purposes	2017
Academic Programs and Assessment Committee	2009 – present
Academic Advisor	1996 – present
First and Second Reader for Senior Projects	1996 – present
Ad Hoc Disciples Divinity House Committee	2010 – present
Recruiting and Training Field Education Supervisors	1996 – present
Recruiting and Training Seminar on Ministry Leaders/TFs	1996 – present
Cultivating and Maintaining Relationships with area Religious Leaders	1996 – present
Various Presentations about Field Ed to the Board of Visitors, Alumni Council, etc	1996 – present

Past:

Facilitator, Listening Circles	2015 – 2016
Faculty Liaison, Student Chaplains Group	2014 – 2016
Task Force on Sexual Assault	2014 – 2016
Helped conceive and implement ARCUS grant	2013 – 2016
Alumni and Development Thank-a-thon	2010, 2011
Academic Dean’s Leadership Council	2008 – 2010
Developed Project 360 for mid-point review of MDiv students	
VDS Representative, Hispanic Summer Initiative	2011 – 2012
Participant, Through Hispanic Eyes	2011
Chair, Student Life Committee	2010 – 2011
Faculty Liaison, Al’s Pub	2009 – 2011
Faculty Liaison, Office of Women’s Concerns	2006 – 2007
Member, University Grievance Appeal Board	2001 – 2002
Member, Divinity School Honor Council	2000 – 2001
Member, faculty search committees (Braxton, B. McClure)	
Coordinator, Global Perspectives Program	1999 – 2003
Chair, Community Affairs Committee	1998 – 1999

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Current:

Member <i>Faith Leaders Supporting HBCUs Project</i>	2016 – 2018
Member, Professional Advisory Group <i>Tennessee Health Services CPE Program</i>	2011 – 2018
Volunteer: Food Truck Driver and Meal Delivery <i>The Nashville Food Project</i>	2008 – present
Volunteer: Victim/Offender Mediation <i>Tennessee Department of Corrections</i>	2013 – present
Founding Member <i>Baker's Dozen: A Group of Spirited Clergywomen</i>	2003 - present
Member <i>Eastwood Christian Church</i>	2011 – present

Past:

Board President <i>The Nashville Food Project</i>	2011 – 2013
Member, Professional Advisory Group <i>St. Thomas CPE Partnership</i>	2002 – 2012
Member, Advisory Board <i>Nashville Study Circles Against Racism</i>	2000 – 2002
Member, Board of Directors <i>The Interfaith Alliance of Middle Tennessee</i>	2002 – 2005
Member, Grantmaking and Allocations Committee <i>Ryan White Community AIDS Partnership</i>	1996 – 2000
Member, Commission on Ministry <i>Tennessee Region of the Christian Church (DOC)</i>	1994 – 2002

GUEST PREACHING

Eastwood Christian Church, Nashville, TN
Vine Street Christian Church, Nashville, TN
Bellevue Christian Church, Nashville, TN
First United Church of Christ, Nashville, TN
First United Church of Christ, Waukesha, WI
Brookmeade Congregational Church, Nashville, TN
Howard Congregational Church, Nashville, TN
Edgehill United Methodist Church, Nashville, TN
Glendale Baptist Church, Nashville, TN
Scarritt Bennett Center, Nashville, TN
Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church, Wichita, KS
University Christian Church, Seattle, WA
Christian Congregational Church, Eureka, KS
First Christian Church, Madisonville, KY
Pullen Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC
And various ordinations

AWARDS

Friend of Scarritt Bennett Award 2011

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Ordained, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 1982
Good Standing, TN Regions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Certified Fellow, College of Chaplains
Member, Association of Theological Field Education