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#### Employment History

**Vanderbilt Divinity School**, Nashville, TN  
Director of Field Education and Assistant Professor of the Practice of Ministry  
1996 – present

**Saint Thomas Hospital**, Nashville, TN  
Chaplain  
1985-1996

**Vanderbilt Divinity School**, Nashville, TN  
Adjunct Professor of Church, Community and Ministry  
1989-1996

**First United Methodist Church**, Larned, KS  
Associate Minister  
1982-1983

#### Education

**Master of Divinity**, *cum laude*, 1982  
Phillips University Theological Seminary, Enid, OK

**Bachelor of Science** in Religion and Sociology, *Dean's List*, 1977  
Phillips University, Enid, OK

**Graduate work in Ethics, 1984-85**  
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

**Clinical Pastoral Education** (Residency Year), 1983-84  
Saint Anthony Hospital, Oklahoma City, OK

#### Courses Taught

Supervised Ministry and Seminar (1996- present)  
Advanced Supervised Ministry and Seminar (1996 – 2001)  
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  
Pastoral Dimensions of Death and Dying (1997, 2003)  
Cross-Cultural Seminar: Appalachia (1997)  
Cross-Cultural Seminar: The Church in the City (Providence, RI (1998)  
Cross-Cultural Seminar: The Church and Social Change in Mexico (1999, 2001, 2004)

Cross-Cultural Seminar: South Africa (1999)  
Cross-Cultural Seminar: Namibia (2003)  
Maymester Immersion: The Church in the City (Nashville) (2002)  
Maymester Immersion: A Line in the Sand: The US/Mexico Border (2006, 2008, 2010, 2012)

Book Chapters/Conference Proceedings:

“An Ethic of Risk at the School of the Prophets,” in Equipping the Saints: Best Practices in Contextual Theological Education. Pilgrim Press, 2010

Book Reviews:

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

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

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

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

Blog:

Navigatingintersections.blogspot.com (with Trudy Stringer)

Invited Presentations:

“*Best Practice: Writing a Syllabus for Field Education*”  
Association of Theological Field Education, Atlanta, GA, 2009

*Convocation Address*  
Vanderbilt Divinity School  
Nashville, TN August 2009

*Baccalaureate Address*  
Vanderbilt Divinity School  
Nashville, TN May 2008  
“*An Ethic of Risk at the School of the Prophets*”  
Equipping the Saints: A Best Practices Conference for Field Educators  
Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA 2007

*“New Occasions Teach New Duties: Reflections on the Global Dimensions of Theological Education at VDS”*

Internationalizing Theological Education Conference  
Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA, 2009

*“Reflections from the US/Mexico Border”*

Vanderbilt Divinity School, Community Breakfast, 2006, 2010

*Baccalaureate Address*

Vanderbilt Divinity School, May 2000

Service to the School:

Academic Advisor, 1996 – present

First and Second Reader for Senior Projects, 1996 – present

Chair, Community Affairs Committee, 1998-99

Coordinator, Global Perspectives Program, 1999-2003

Member, faculty search committees (Braxton, B. McClure)

Member, Divinity School Honor Council, 2000-01

Member, University Grievance Appeal Board, 2001-02

Faculty Liaison, Office of Women’s Concerns, 2006

Faculty Liaison, Al’s Pub, 2009-2011

Member, Academic Programs Committee, 2009 – present

Chair, Student Life Committee, 2010-11

VDS Representative, Hispanic Summer Initiative, 2011-12

Baccalaureate Address, VDS, 2000, 2008

Convocation Address, VDS, 2009

Developed Project 360 for mid-point review of MDiv students

Academic Dean’s Leadership Council, 2008-2010

Alumni and Development Thank-a-Thon, 2010, 2011

Various presentations about Field Ed to the Board of Visitors, Alumni Council, etc.

Helped conceive and implement ARCUS grant, 2013-present

Professional Presentations to VDS Field Education Supervisors

“Polishing Our Theological Lenses and Helping Students Discover This Way of Seeing”

“The Organic Relationship between Spiritual Formation, Vocational Discernment and Field Education”

“Radical Honesty: On Speaking (Sometimes Hard) Truths in Love”

“It’s a Small World After All: The Global Village and Field Education”

“Truth or Fiction? Using Literature and Poetry in Field Education”

“Mars and Venus: Issues of Gender in Supervision”

“Fierce Conversations: Cultivating Authentic Exchanges”

“Capacities Needed for Religious Leadership in These Times”

“Teaching Theological Reflection: Helping Students Make ‘Faith Sense’ of their Experience”

“From My Point of View: Acknowledging Our Subjectivity”

“Understanding Generation Y: Who Are These Millennials?”

“Mentoring for Authentic Leadership”

“Arts and Creativity as Essential Components in this Work”

“The Theology and Practice of Social Media”

#### Service to the Guild

Association of Theological Field Education

Member, 1996 - present

Member-at-large to Steering Committee, 2007-2009

Communications Chair, 2009-2011

Informal mentor to three new Field Educators:

Katherine Mary Young, Sewanee School of Theology, 2011

Karla Kincannon, Garrett Evangelical Theological School, 2011

Michael “Mick” Smith, Christian Theological Seminary, 1998

#### Service to the Church and Community:

Volunteer: Food Truck Driver and Meal Delivery

*The Nashville Food Project, 2008-present*

Volunteer: Victim/Offender Mediation

*Tennessee Department of Corrections, 2013-present*

Board President

*The Nashville Food Project, 2011-2013*

Board Member

*The Nashville Food Project, 2008-2013*

Member, Professional Advisory Group

*St. Thomas CPE Partnership Professional Advisory Group 2002 – present*

Member, Professional Advisory Group  
*Tennessee Health Services CPE*, 2011 – present

Advisory Board  
*Nashville Study Circles Against Racism*, 2000 – 2002

Member, Board of Directors  
*The Interfaith Alliance of Middle Tennessee*, 2002 – 2005

Member, Grantmaking and Allocations Committee  
*Ryan White Community AIDS Partnership* 1996 – 2000

Member, Commission on Ministry  
*Tennessee Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*, 1994 – 2002

Founding Member  
*Baker's Dozen: A Group of Spirited Clergywomen in Nashville*, 2003 – present

Member  
*Eastwood Christian Church*

#### Guest Preaching

Edgehill United Methodist Church, Nashville, TN  
First United Church of Christ, Nashville, TN  
First United Church of Christ, Waukesha, WI  
Vine Street Christian Church, Nashville, TN  
Eastwood Christian Church, Nashville, TN  
Brookmeade Congregational Church, Nashville, TN  
Glendale Baptist Church, Nashville, TN  
Howard Congregational 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  
Bellevue Christian Church, Nashville, TN  
Pullen Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC

#### Awards

Friend of Scarritt Bennett Award, 2011

#### Professional Credentials:

Ordained, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 1982  
In Good Standing with the Tennessee Region of the Christian Church (DOC)  
Certified Fellow, College of Chaplains  
Member, Association of Theological Field Education

