

Trudy Hawkins Stringer *Curriculum Vitae*, Updated 7.29.17

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Professional Experience

Vanderbilt University Divinity School, 2000-present

Assistant Professor of the Practice of Ministry, Associate Director of Field Education, 2010 – present

Senior Lecturer, Church and Ministry, Associate Director of Field Education, 2009-10

Senior Lecturer, Church and Ministry, Associate Director of Field Education, Assistant Dean for Student Life, 2005-08

Lecturer, Church and Ministry, Associate Director of Field Education, Coordinator of Continuing Education and Events, 2000-05

Centennial Medical Center, 1987- 2000  
Clinical Chaplain

Vanderbilt University Medical Center, 1984-86  
Chaplain Intern

Education

Masters of Divinity, *Founder's Medalist*, 1988 Vanderbilt University Divinity School

Bachelor of Science in English, *magna cum laud*, 1970 University of Southern Mississippi

## Ecclesial Status

Ordained Elder, United Methodist Church, 1992

## Grants and Awards

Association of Theological Field Education Grant, "A Gathering to Mentor: An Intentionally Diverse Women's Writing Group", \$3000, with Laura Tuach, Associate Director of Field Education, Harvard University.

Friends of Scarritt-Bennett Center Award, 2011

Presented to a person who works or serves in a non-profit organization and that has worked with Scarritt-Bennett to make a transforming contribution to the community.

Founder's Medalist Vanderbilt Divinity School, 1988

William A. Newcomb Award for senior most representative of Minister as Theologian, 1988

Elliot F. Shepherd Award for Excellence in Church History, 1987

W. Kendrick Grobel Award for Outstanding Achievement in Biblical Studies, 1988

Phi Kappa Phi, 1970

## Academic Service

### External

Association for Theological Field Education Steering Committee Member

Association for Theological Field Education Women's Writing Group

Lexington Seminar participant

Lily Ministry Project, Member of national study group on the quality of religious leadership in the US

### University

University VPIL [Vanderbilt Program in Interprofessional Learning] Divinity faculty representative

Simulation Collaboration – Divinity and Nursing interdisciplinary learning and research

University CFT Course Management System Focus Group

University interdisciplinary preparatory committee for "I Am Unbeatable"

Photo Exhibit addressing domestic violence

University search committee for Project Safe Program position

Provost's Task Force on Sexual Assault

University Advisory Council on International Affairs  
University Professional Standards Committee  
University Alliance for Civic Engagement  
University Center for the Study of Religion and Culture, Genetics and Religion  
Study Group  
University Center for the Study of Religion and culture, VU, The Culture of AIDS  
Study Group

Divinity  
Curriculum Transformation Steering Committee  
Academic Programs Committee  
Lilly TiM [Transitions into Ministry] established relationship with  
residency program for MDIV graduates  
Theology and Practice Program – Teaching Fellow supervision  
Task Force on Sexual Violence  
vdsCAN Advisory Committee  
Academic Planning Committee  
Admissions Committee  
UMC Scholars, Interview Committee  
Honor Council  
Worship Committee  
Imagination Grants selection committee  
MTS Task Force, Curriculum Review

### Community Service

Editorial Board, *WellSprings* Journal for UM Clergywomen  
Worship Leadership, National United Methodist Women's Clergy Leadership  
Seminar  
UMC, Nashville District, Clergy for Inclusion  
Transformative Justice Committee, Scarritt-Bennett Center  
Spiritual Formation Committee, Edgehill UMC  
Reader for Georgia Harkness National Scholarship, United Methodist Church,  
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry  
Georgia Harkness Global Women's Leadership program, United Methodist  
Church, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, leadership group  
Steering Committee, Woman to Woman, a program of VU Cal Turner Program  
And Scarritt-Bennett Center  
Board Member, Vanderbilt Wesley Foundation  
Advisory Committee, Belle Bennett House, Scarritt-Bennett Center  
Board Member, Center for Contemplative Justice  
Reconciling Congregations, United Methodist Church, Tennessee  
Annual Conference initiative member  
Weaving Journal/Lily Project, Member of study group on the effectiveness of the  
Journal in spiritual formation

Board of Ordained Ministry, United Methodist Church, Tennessee Annual Conference  
Conference Relations Committee, United Methodist Church, Tennessee Annual Conference  
Continuing Education Committee, United Methodist Church, Tennessee Annual Conference  
Memphis Church Health Center, Seminar Field Education Advisory Group  
Alive Hospice Nashville, Spiritual Care Advisory Board  
Hospital Corporation of America, Spiritual Care and Ethics Advisory Group  
Gilda's Club, Nashville, led annual Night of Remembrance Services

## Presentations

Discipline/External

"Introduction to the Professions" Vanderbilt Program for Interprofessional Learning [VPIL] Panel member, 2017

"Caring for the Whole Person: Collaborative Experiential Education for Divinity and Nursing Students", Association for Theological Field Education Biennial Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2017

"Expanding Learning Contexts: Theological Education and Social Change, Association for Theological Education Biennial Consultation, Santa FE, New Mexico. 2015

"Writing for the Discipline", Association for Theological Field Education Biennial Conference, Williamsburg, VA, 2013

"Who are the Millennials?" Association for Theological Field Education Biennial Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2011

"Religion and Civic Engagement: Faith and the Post-Katrina Response", Imagining America: Artists and Scholars in Public Life National Conference, New Orleans, LA, Panel member, 2009

Summative and Formative Report, VUDS participation in the Lexington Seminar, a multi-institutional collaborative addressing issues in theological education, Virginia, 2008

"Ethics Committee for Long Term Care Facility", national conference, Directors of Nursing, Belmont University, workshop presentation, 1997

## Community

“Embodiment and Ministry”, United Methodist Clergywomen Leadership Seminar, Palm Beach, FL, 2013

“Cultural Analysis: Privilege, Prejudice, Power”, Edgehill UMC, 2015

Gender, Embodiment, and Faith”, St. Augustine’s Chapel, 2013

“Misrepresenting Women’s Bodies”, St. Augustine’s Chapel, 2013

“Reimagining Mission as Mutuality”, St. Augustine’s Chapel, 2013

“Spirituality and Nursing Care”, Vanderbilt School of Nursing, 2012

“Immersion in Namibia: Africa and the Church - Justice and Promise for the Twenty-First Century”, Divinity Community Breakfast, 2007

“Vietnam: Myth, Memory, Promise”, Divinity Community Breakfast, 2005

## University/Divinity

“Why We Do What We Do: Can Partnerships Be an End in Themselves?” ACE (Alliance for Civic Engagement) meeting, VU, 2011

“Spiritual Responses to the Issue of Euthanasia in Nursing Care”, presented to MSN students, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, 2006

Encountering the Other: A Pedagogy for Cross-cultural Travel”, Cal Turner Program, Faculty Discussion Series, Global Perspectives in the Professions, 2004 “The Estuary of Divinity School”, Orientation, 2016

“Why Embodiment Matters for Ministry”, Divinity 2014

“Embodied Spirituality”, Divinity First Year Formations Series, 2015, 2016

Charge to the Graduates, Vanderbilt Divinity School, 2009

Divinity Field Education New Supervisor Orientation and Training, co-lead yearly

Presentations to VUDS Field Education Supervisors 2004 – present:

”Body Wisdom and Formation: Are We Listening?”

“Getting It Wrong: The Role of Failure in Theological Field Education

“Formative Practices: Who, What, How?”

“Vulnerability and Leading”

“It’s a Small World after All: The Global Village and Field Education”  
“Gender Matters”  
“From My Point of View: Acknowledging Our Subjectivity”  
“Understanding Generation Y: Who Are the Millennials?”  
“Mentoring for Authentic Leadership” co-lead  
“Arts and Creativity as Essential Components in This Work” co-lead  
“The Theology and Practice of Social Media” co-lead

## Publications

“Lament, Gospel, Response,” *WellSprings: A Journal of United Methodist Clergywomen* (2017) (co-authored with Laura Tuach, Nannette Banks, Allison St. Louis, Isabel Docampo). <http://www.wellspringsjournal.org/category/year/2017/>

“Is There a Chaplain in the House: Bringing Divinity and Nursing Students Together through Simulation,” *Simulation in Healthcare: Journal of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare*, 11, no. 3 (2016): 227 (abstract) (co-authored with Jessica VanRegen Morter, BS, Lucinda Steen Stewart, MSN, RN, Sally Miller, MS, RN, Elizabeth Alexander, MSN, RN).

“Jesus Loves the Little Children: Dr. Elsa Tamez and Birthing a Global Church,” *WellSprings: A Journal of United Methodist Clergywomen*, (2016)  
<http://www.wellspringsjournal.org/category/year/2016>

At the Intersections: A Blog for Field Education Supervisors and Others Who Help Divinity Students and Seminarians Reflect Theologically on the Practice of Religious Leadership <http://navigatingintersections.blogspot.com/>

“Why Questions Matter”  
“Experiential Pedagogy”  
“Community of Truth”  
“Leadership and Power”

“Reflections on a Global Perspectives Trip to Vietnam”, *The Vanderbilt Register*, October 2, 2005

## Academic and Research Interests

Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning: Collaborative Simulation Involving Nursing and Divinity Students 2014 - present

A qualitative study of the benefits and challenges of interdisciplinary learning involving masters level Nursing and Divinity students, utilizing experiential pedagogy enacted through scenarios co-authored by Nursing and Divinity faculty and implemented in simulation laboratories at CELA [Center for Experiential Learning and Assessment located in VU School of Medicine]. The process involves collaborative teaching through guided debriefings. Transcripts from three tri-part simulations are in process of coding for purposes of evaluation and publication.

Since its inception the Project has been chosen for:

- Presentation at the Tennessee Simulation Alliance Conference [11/15]
- Poster presentation at the AWHONN [Association of Women's Health, Obstetrics, Neonatal Nursing] Conference [Texas 7/2016]
- Inclusion in ASPE [Association for Standardized Patients] Conference [Tampa, Florida, 7/2016]
- Presentation at the ATFE [Association for Theological Field Education] Biennial Consultation [Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1/2016]

Expanding Learning Contexts: Social Change and Theological Field Education  
2014 - 16

Co-investigator with Dr. Jenny Whitcher, Iliff School of Theology

A cross-sectional study designed to identify and investigate the shifts in theological field education towards vocations of social change, as well as current field education efforts supporting these expanding learning and vocational contexts.

Justice through Engagement Project

2014-16

A research grant secured by Professor Ellen Armour from the ARCUS foundation to build Vanderbilt Divinity School's capacity to equip students and community partners with the resources and tools to lead service organizations and churches in conversations regarding LGBTQ issues and religion through a partnership between The Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality and our Field Education Department to further connect the work of religious education and engaged ministry, particularly as more faith communities and organizations seek to have in depth and nuanced conversations about religious beliefs and LGBTQI experiences.

### Additional Research Interests

Embodiment, sexuality and identity in faith communities

Theology of transformative leadership

Ethnography as a tool in developing community based learning contexts

Global theological education beyond mission: mutual and relational models

### Professional Affiliations

Association for Theological Field Education  
Ordained Elder, United Methodist Church, Tennessee Annual Conference  
Association for Clinical Pastoral Education

## Courses

Advanced Supervised Ministry and Seminar F/S2001-02, 2005-17

Special Project in Field Education SU2001 – 17

Supervised Ministry and Seminar F/S2000 – 16

Advanced Supervised Ministry and Seminar F/S 2006-16

MDIV Seminar and Project F2008, F2013, F2017

4116 Global Perspectives: Namibia SU/F 2007

4116 Global Perspectives: Vietnam SU/F 2005

4116 Cross Cultural: Namibia SU/F2003

4116 Cross Cultural: Nicaragua SU/F 2001, 2004

4116 Cross-Cultural Mexico SU2001, 2003

Readings Course: Leadership Development for Women in Ministry SU2004

Co-taught:

2555 Ethical Leadership

3052 Pastoral Dimensions of Death and Dying S2003

Assisted with:

3402 Race, Religion and Poverty S2009, S2010