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EDUCATION

PhD in Religion

Homiletics and Liturgics
Vanderbilt University

Expected Fall 2025

MDiv

Wake Forest University School of Divinity

May 2020

BA

Biblical and Theological Studies
Nyack College

May 2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University

2020 – 2021

- Assistant to Dr. Lisa L. Thompson, conducting primary and secondary source research.
- Edit and assisted in developing syllabi for course proposals.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Preaching

Wake Forest University School of Divinity

Spring 2020

- Prepared lectures and facilitated class discussion on exegesis and sermon construction.
- Facilitated small preaching groups and provided helpful feedback to students.

Guest Lecturer

Carolina Christian College

Fall 2019

- Prepared lecture and facilitated class discussion on developing a virtual discipleship model and enhancing the ministry digital presence.

PUBLICATIONS

“There’s Still Hope in the Valley,” in *Worship the Lord: Sermons from the 2018 National Festival of Young Preachers*. Dwight A. Moody, ed. (St. Louis, Missouri: Chalice Press, 2018).

HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Theology and Practice Fellowship, Vanderbilt University
Russell G. Hamilton Scholar, Vanderbilt University
Russell G. Hamilton Graduate Leadership Institute Professional
Development & Training Grant August 2021

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Circle of Sacred Fire Preaching Intensive Marketing & Administration Assistant July 2021 – Present
2019 – 2020
Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee Student Representative,
Wake Forest University School of Divinity

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Academy of Homiletics
Society of Biblical Literature
Theta Alpha Kappa Religion Honor Society
Alpha Chi National College Honor Society

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pastoral Internships 2021 – Present
2018 – 2019
2018
First Baptist Church Capitol Hill, Nashville, TN
Union Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC
The Bethel Church, Jacksonville, FL
Associate Minister 2020 – Present
2017 – 2020
2012 – 2017
Watson Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, TN
Elon First Baptist Church, Elon, NC
Temple Baptist Church, Cleveland, OH

REFERENCES

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