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Curriculum Vitae

Areas of Interest and Skills

Interfaith Engagement
Jewish Studies
Trauma and Resilience
Spiritual Formation
Mentorship and Ministry Supervision
Theology and the Arts
Grant Management
Music Proficiencies in Conducting, Piano, and Voice

Education

Graduate

D.Min. 2024 Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC
Thesis: "The Wounded Clergy Project: Building Ministry Resilience through Embodied Arts"

M.Div. 2007 Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta GA

Undergraduate

B.A. 2012 Music Major, Church Music concentration, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg VA
B.A. 2003 Religion Major, Church Music and Philosophy Minor, Georgetown College, Georgetown KY

Clinical

CPE 2007 Atlanta Medical Center, Atlanta GA – one-half unit

Certification and Licensure

STAR Practitioner (Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience), Eastern Mennonite University, 2022

Employment

- 2019 – Eastern Mennonite University
 - 2024 – Assistant Professor of Formation
 - 2023 – Director of Thriving in Ministry Grant
 - 2021 – Director of Mentored Ministry
 - 2021-24 Instructor of Worship, Preaching, and Formation
 - 2023 Co-Developer, Culture and Religious Observance Calendar
 - 2019-23 Liaison to UMC Students through Wesley Theological Seminary
 - 2021-22 Seminary Chapel Minister
 - 2019-21 Adjunct Instructor of Worship and United Methodist Studies
- 2013-21 Instructor/Owner of Joyful Noise Lessons, a private voice and piano studio
- 2005-17 Local Church Ministries
 - 2015-17 Minister of Music and Worship Arts, Saint Paul's United Methodist Church, Staunton VA
 - 2010-15 Minister of Music, New Hope United Methodist Church, New Hope VA
 - 2007-09 Pastor, Macedonia United Methodist Church, Louisa VA
 - 2005-07 Student Pastor, Devereux Circuit Four-Point Charge, Devereux GA

Teaching Experience

- 2024 – Assistant Professor of Formation: Spiritual Formation, Formation in Ministry 1 and 2, EMU
- 2021-24 Instructor: Spiritual Formation, Formation in Ministry 1 and 2, Congregational Worship, Foundations for Christian Preaching, EMU
- 2020-21 Directed Studies: Preaching and Mental Health, United Methodist Polity, EMU
- 2019-21 Adjunct Instructor: Congregational Worship, Foundations of Public Worship, EMU

Academic Service (Eastern Mennonite University)

- 2025 Intercultural Programs Committee
- 2025 *Tu Bishvat* seder Host for Introduction to Religious Studies course
- 2023 Interfaith Engagement Lecture: The Jewish High Holidays
- 2023 Worship co-leader for Faculty-Staff Spring Conference
- 2023 Workshop Leader for School for Leadership Training (Professional Education Conference) on theme of Accessibility in Worship Spaces
- 2022-23 Guest Classroom Lecturer on various topics, including: Trauma-informed Chaplaincy and Jewish Faith and Practice
- 2022-23 Panel Discussion Participant on various topics, including: Trauma; Spirituality; and Belonging
- 2021-22 Design Team and Worship Leader, Homecoming Alumni Worship, Eastern Mennonite University
- 2020-21 Faith and Spiritual Life Council

Lectures and Workshops

Seminary Chapel Experience, "Table Stories: Jesus (at) the Passover." Eastern Mennonite Seminary, April 15, 2025.

Workshop presenter, "Keeping Sabbath: The Memory of Time." Association of Theological Field Education Conference. St. Louis, January 24, 2025.

Retreat designer and facilitator, "Growing as Resilient Ministry Leaders." West Virginia Wesleyan University, February 9-10, 2024.

Retreat designer and facilitator, "Journey to Joy: Resilience Practices for Wounded Clergy." Overlook Camp and Retreat Center, October 16-18, 2023.

Guest Lecture, "Jewish Practice." World Religions Class. March 13, 2022.

Workshop Leader, "Are the Pearly Gates Handicapped Accessible? Utilizing Accessibility Audits to Open Pathways of Belonging in Worship Spaces." School for Leadership Training, January 10-11, 2023.

Guest Lecture, "Trauma-Informed Chaplaincy." Clinical Pastoral Education Class. November 28, 2022.

Panel Discussion Participant, "Belonging and the Integration of Difference." Faculty-Staff Fall Conference. August 16, 2022.

Co-Leader, "For Such a Time as This: Worship and Music for Today" Conference. Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg VA. April 23, 2022.

Panel Discussion Participant, "Spirituality and Integration." Sacred Pauses Course. April 19, 2022.

Panel Discussion Participant, "The Wisdom of Trauma." March 23, 2022.

Faith and Spiritual Life Council. 2021-22.

Planning Team and Worship Leader, Homecoming Alumni Worship Service. 2021-22.

Other Professional Experience

- 2022 Co-director and workshop leader for Worship and Music Leader's Conference
- 2020 Worship Design Team Leader for School for Leadership Training, Eastern Mennonite Seminary
- 2016 Worship Designer for Staunton District UMC Visitation by the resident bishop
- 2015 Deacon and Soloist for Eucharistic Liturgy with presiding bishop, VA UMC Annual Conference
- 2015 Co-author for a petition that passed at the 2016 UMC General Conference seeking expanded sacramental authority for ordained United Methodist Deacons
- 2009 Author of liturgy for commissioning ceremony for Mission Mentors at the VA UMC Annual Conference

United Methodist Connectional Service

- 2014-23 Ordination as a Deacon in the VA UMC (surrendered credential upon conversion to Judaism)
- 2019-21 District Committee on Ministry, Harrisonburg District UMC
- 2014-17 VA UMC Order of Deacon Steering Committee
- 2007-15 VA UMC Board of Global Ministries
- 2011-13 United Methodist Family Services Child Advocacy Council
- 2008-10 UM Camp Westview on the James Board of Directors
- 2004 Lay Delegate to the UM Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference
- 2004 Reserve Lay Delegate in attendance of UM General Conference

Professional Development

- 2025 Course Development Institute, Goshen College, online.
- 2025 Association for Theological Field Education Conference, St. Louis MO.
- 2024-25 Faculty Development Workshops, “Online Pedagogy,” online by Dr. Sarah Bogue and Dr. Lindsey Jodrey.
- 2024 Professional Learning Community, “Inclusive Teaching,” Center for Teaching and Learning, EMU.
- 2024 Indigenous Theology Seminar with Dr. Randy Woodley, Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice, Yamhill OR.
- 2023-25 KAIROS Writing Seminar, EMU.
- 2023 Teaching, Learning, and Technology Conference, College of Charleston, online.
- 2023 Assignment Charrette, EMU.
- 2023 Intercultural and Interreligious Pedagogy with Dr. Christine Hong, online.
- 2023 Association for Theological Field Education Conference, Estes Park CO.
- 2022 Faculty Book Study: Christine J. Hong, *Decolonial Futures: Intercultural and Interreligious Intelligence for Theological Education* (Lexington Books, 2021).
- 2021 Course Development Institute, Goshen College, online.
- 2021 Faculty Book Study: Willie J. Jennings, *After Whiteness: An Education in Belonging* (William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2020).

Continuing Education

Asset-Based Community Development through Embrace Richmond

First Parish Project (Six week-long intensives with esteemed scholars)

Preaching – Fred Craddock

Worship – Don Saliers

Spiritual Formation – Wendy Wright

Pastoral Care – Bill Phillips

Church Leadership – P. Alice Rogers

Evangelism – Heather Kirk-Davidoff and Nancy Wood-Lyczak

School for Leadership Training through Eastern Mennonite Seminary

Spiritual Development through the Charlottesville District UMC

Church Leadership and Visioning through the Harrisonburg District UMC
Various 5 Talent Academy workshops through the Virginia Annual Conference

Professional Memberships

Association For Theological Field Education
Harrisonburg Interfaith Association

Academic Awards and Achievements

2025 Summer Research Grant Recipient, Eastern Mennonite University
2003-07 Pitts Scholar, Candler School of Theology
2003 Valedictorian, Georgetown College
2003 Dean's Award, Georgetown College
2000 Outstanding Freshman in Religion, Georgetown College
2000 Outstanding Freshman in Music, Georgetown College