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**Supervised Ministry Administrative and Teaching Philosophy**

*The administration and teaching of supervised ministry and its application in vocational planning is an embodiment of the practice of theological education in context. Based on theological reflection and integration, students explore God's call as service in the church and in the world.*

**EDUCATION**

Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington DC

D.Min. in Church Leadership Excellence

D.Min. Project: *Dare to Change: Adaptive Leadership Experiences by Seminary Interns in Field Education*

Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, VA  
Th.M. *The Imago Dei as an Image of Peace* Old Testament/Hebrew Bible

Union Theological Seminary & Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, VA  
M.Div.

San Diego State University, San Diego, CA B.A. History

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Assistant Professor, Director of Supervised Ministry, and Vocational Planning, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA July 1, 2022 - present

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Director of Supervised Ministry and Vocational Planning, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022

Adjunct Instructor, Director of Supervised Ministry and Vocational Planning, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA Jan. 2017 – June 30, 2020

Pastoral Affiliation, River Road UMC, Richmond, VA Oct. 2022

Affiliate Pastor, Westover Hills UMC, Richmond, VA (Including Sabbatical coverage for Rev. Donna Holder August – November 2016) June 17, 2011 – Sept. 2022

United Methodist Elder in full connection, member of The Virginia Conference (UMC) Ordained June 20, 2015

Assistant to Administrative Assistant to the Deans  
Union –PSCE, Richmond, VA

May 2008 - Nov. 2010

Director of Adult Ministries, Woodlake UMC  
Midlothian, VA

Jan. 2003 – Oct.2007

### **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

- Administer Supervised Ministry and Vocational Planning events on the UPSem Richmond campus including seminars on pastoral intelligence
- Based on student feedback designed and created an annual vocational discernment retreat connecting spiritual practices with call discernment
- Hosted an interdenominational Vocational Experiential Retreat February 7&8, 2020 focusing on ministerial areas such as African American or chaplaincy contexts
- Provides Clinical Pastoral Education Days for CPE providers and students each October
- Collect and contribute placement data for the 3 months out and 1 year out placement reports in collaboration with Dr. Chang, UPSem Charlotte
- Administer the annual UPSem Supervised Ministry Budget for Richmond in collaboration with Dr. Chang for UPSem Supervised Ministry, Charlotte, NC
- Offer internship and CPE seminars for all professional degree programs
- Organize and offer PCUSA Senior Ordination exam review sessions for the fall, winter, and spring exam cycles
- Host PCUSA seminars on Candidacy and Call processes presented by Dr. Timothy Cargal, PCUSA Assistant Stated Clerk, Ministry Preparation and Support, Mid Council Ministries, Office of the General Assembly PCUSA
- Offer first level consultations and follow-up vocational planning sessions to all UPSem Richmond students
- Supervise a student assistant who provides administrative support ten hours a week during the academic year
- Create and maintain a communication platform for students using UPSem Facebook pages, SMVPO Richmond Blackboard course and monthly emails
- Chairing the Practical Theology/Christian Education department for the academic year 2022-2023
- Committee member for Committee on Academic Programming, Assessment, and faculty task force
- Participated in ATS/SACSCOC Self-Study Sub-Committee 1 for accreditation 2022
- Coordinate and review internship site and provide supervisor training
- Co-administer the UPSem Supervised Ministry Webpages
- Participate as presenter in the international student LCI (Language and Culture Immersion) orientations focusing on inclusive language and academic plagiarism policies
- Organized and moderated caucus meeting of Presbyterian and Reformed field educators October 24-26, 2013, in Charlotte, NC

- Planned and administered monthly Lunch & Learn presentations on non-profit and social justice ministries luncheons in collaborating with Sandy Irby, Director of Communities of Learning
- Served as District Leadership chair for the Richmond District Leadership team, developed and organized *C3 Creating Christian Community*
- Taught and co-taught District workshops on Small Group development for the Richmond and Ashland Districts of The United Methodist Church, Virginia Conference
- Implemented Small Group system at Woodlake UMC as supervised ministry project Supervised 55 facilitators and their small groups, Sunday School classes and/or bible studies with an adult attendance of 450
- Conducts annual teacher training sessions enhancing teacher effectiveness
- Assisted Dr. Lovett Weems in developing and presenting a workshop on *Small Groups in the Wesleyan Tradition* at The Church of the Resurrection, Kansas City

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Currently teach SVMN 101& 201, SVCE 101&201, CPE100&101. CITW199 Community Engagement, CITW199 Interfaith during the academic year and during the Richmond summer intensive
- Lead a spiritual formation group for academic year 2021-2022 as follow up to the group of 2021-2022 with Dr. James Taneti
- Created supervisor standards for global MACE in collaboration with Dr. James Taneti in anticipation of the global MACE supervised ministry requirements
- Developed and presented introductory seminars for CPE and Parish/Non-Parish and Church in the World Internships Fall 2017 in small groups on the Richmond campus and via Zoom
- Taught Supervised Ministry sections on Congregational Analysis and Coupled Courses Project Fall 2017
- Taught the Christian Education supervised ministry electives Fall 2017
- Provided email curriculum feedback to Dr. James Estes, Wesley Theological Seminary, concerning the conversion of his D.Min. course *Spirituality, Suffering, and Meaning* to an M.Div. course Fall 2017
- Preached and co-taught at the Lay Leadership Training Event of The Virginia Conference (UMC) March 2016
- Guest Presenter, Dr. Karen-Marie Yust's *Teaching Ministry* Course Fall 2016
- Taught "Telling Tales of Call" as a Bible Study component for *The Christian Life* course, taught by Dr. Karen-Marie Yust Fall 2014 as part of my ordination requirement
- Teaching Assistant for Dr. E. Carson Brisson, ECP Summer Hebrew 2010

### **COMMUNITY AND CHURCH SERVICE**

- Guest preacher at *The Hermitage* and *Walmsley Boulevard UMC*, Richmond, VA, *Bruington Baptist Church*, Bruington, VA, *St. Andrews and Reveille UMC*, Richmond, VA and *Louisa Presbyterian Church*, Louisa, VA
- Pastoral Affiliation at River Road UMC, Richmond, VA as of October 2022

- Served as Affiliate Pastor at Westover Hills United Methodist Church, Richmond, VA, participating in preaching, pastoral care, and mission/outreach programs of the congregation
- Participated with Rev. Dr. Lee Hinson-Hasty presenting the *Partnering with Seminaries: Recruiting Pastoral Leadership* at the PCUSA Mid Council Leaders conference
- Member of the Professional Advisory Council CPE program at McGuire Veterans Medical Center, Richmond, VA, as of September 2021
- Member of the Professional Advisory Council for the Rhodes Scholar program, Randolph Macon University, Ashland, VA, as of October 2021
- Faculty advisory member of Yaupon Place, UPSem Richmond, VA
- Observer in Reimagining America Project through the Center of Social Justice and Reconciliation, UPSem Charlotte

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

- Coaching Certificate in Pastoral Intelligence provided by Drs. Maurice Graham and Stephen C. Booth, Shepherd's Staff Ministry, Richmond, VA

### **PUBLICATIONS**

*Resilience and the Flourishing Reflective Practitioner*

Dorothee E. Tripodi

[Contents Volume 42 \(reflective-practice-journal.org\)](https://reflective-practice-journal.org/contents/volume-42)

Reflective Practice Volume 42, Spring 2022

*Call to Resiliency: Ministry Formation in Times of COVID-19, Climate Change, and the Black Lives Matter Movement*

Dorothee E. Tripodi and Stephen C. Booth

<https://journals.sfu.ca/rpfs/index.php/rpfs/article/view/861>

Reflective Practice Volume 41, Spring 2021

*Excellence in Supervision: Theories of Supervision*

Chris Arockiaraj, Sung Hee Chang, and Dorothee E. Tripodi

<https://journals.sfu.ca/rpfs/index.php/> Reflective Practice Volume 40 Spring 2020

Short book review on *The Stories We Live: Finding God's Calling All around Us* by

Kathleen A. Cahalan, Interpretation October 2017

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

**ATFE** (American Theological Field Educators) and its caucus **PRTFE** (Presbyterian and Reformed field educators)

**ACPE** (Association of Clinical Pastoral Education)

**Adaptive Leadership Network**

**Practical Theology**

### **AWARDS**

Recipient of the P.D. Miller Award, May 2008 Union-PSCE