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CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Senior Pastor, 2019-Present
Second Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia
- Senior Pastor, 2013-2019
First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
- Senior Pastor, 2007-2013
First Baptist Church, Valdese, North Carolina
- Senior Minister, 2004-2005
Churchland Baptist Church, Lexington, North Carolina
- Interim Minister to Students, 2001
First Baptist Church, Greer, South Carolina
- Youth Minister, 2000
Crossroads Community Church, Simpsonville, South Carolina

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Vanderbilt University, 2012
Primary Area: Homiletics and Liturgics, Secondary Area: New Testament
- M.A., Vanderbilt University, 2009
Primary Area: Homiletics and Liturgics, Secondary Area: New Testament
- M.Div., Wake Forest University, 2004
- B.A., Furman University, 2000
Major: Religion

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- University Graduate Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2005-2011
- Honors on Qualifying Examinations, Vanderbilt University, 2007

Margaret Woodford Guthrie Prize, Wake Forest University Divinity School, 2004
Wake Forest Fellowship, Wake Forest University Divinity School, 2001-2004
Study Abroad in Israel, Greece, and Italy, Furman University, 2000

PUBLICATIONS

Dissertation

“Preaching about Race: A Homiletic for Racial Reconciliation.” Nashville: Vanderbilt University, 2012.

Articles

- “Between Text and Sermon: John 5:24-29.” *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 2021, Vol. 75 (3): 239-241.
- “Preaching in the Institutional Church: Liabilities and Possibilities.” In *Carson-Newman Studies*, Vol. XVIII (Fall 2017): 79-88.
- “We’ve Condemned White Nationalism. Now the Harder Work Begins.” *Religion News Service*. www.religionnews.com. August 17, 2017.
- “We’ve Condemned White Nationalism. Now the Harder Work Begins.” *Baptist News Global*, www.baptistnews.com. August 16, 2017.
- “Healing Word.” *Homily Service* 42, no. 2 (2009): 15-17.
- “On Competition,” “Loving People We Don’t Like,” “Emotion in Worship,” “Faith and Fear.” Young Adult Network, General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church (2007).

Book Chapters

- “The Parallel-Learning Dimension of Homiletical Coaching.” In *Learning Together to Preach: How to Become an Effective Preaching Coach*, ed. John S. McClure and Allie Utley, 73-90. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2023.
- “12 Steps to Preparing a Sermon.” In *We Have this Ministry: A New Guide for Licensing Ministers*, James McCarroll, Jr., Harmon Stockdale, Jr., and T. Devon Franklin, 57-67. Murfreesboro: Holy Impact Movement, 2018.

Sermons

- “God of the Living,” *Day1*, Day1.org, November 6, 2022.
- “Faith that Works,” *Day1*, Day1.org, September 9, 2018.
- “Doers of the Word,” *Day1*, Day1.org, September 2, 2018.
- “Sermons for March, 2016.” Smyth and Helwys Worship, www.nextsundayworship.com.
- “Sermons for December, 2013.” Smyth and Helwys Worship, www.nextsundayworship.com.
- “Sermons for August, 2012.” Smyth and Helwys Worship, www.helwys.com.
- “Sermons for August, 2010.” Smyth and Helwys Worship, www.helwys.com.
- “Words of Eternal Life.” Smyth and Helwys Worship, www.helwys.com (2008).
- “The Mustard Seed Kingdom.” *Preaching On-Line* (June, 2007).
- “Sermons for April, 2005.” Smyth and Helwys Worship, www.helwys.com.

Review

Marit Trelstad, ed., *Cross Examinations: Readings on the Meaning of the Cross Today*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2006, *Homiletic XXXII* (Summer, 2007).

ACADEMIC PAPERS

- “White Racism in Homiletic Textbooks: An Initial Glance.” *Academy of Homiletics*, 2012.
- “The Jerusalem Collection and Paul’s Pecuniary Politics.” *Southeast Commission for the Study of Religion*, 2007.
- “Preaching Ethnic Atonement: A Homiletic Study of Eph 2:11-18.” *Academy of Homiletics*, 2006.

TEACHING IN ACADEMIC SETTINGS

- Lecturer in Homiletics and Liturgics, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN
 - Taught course entitled “Worship, Race, and Culture,” Spring 2018
 - Taught course entitled “Worship, Race, and Culture,” Spring 2017
- Supplemental Faculty, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Shawnee, KS
 - Taught course entitled “Introduction to Homiletics,” Fall 2016
- Adjunct in Religion, Carson-Newman University, Jefferson City, TN
 - Co-taught course entitled “The Art of Communication,” Fall 2016
- Guest Lecturer, Ten Thousand Fathers Worship School, Snellville, GA (affiliate of Northern Theological Seminary), 2009, 2013, 2015
- Teaching Fellow for Professor John McClure, “Introduction to Preaching,” Vanderbilt Divinity School, 2007.
- Teaching Fellow for Professor Brad Braxton, “Preaching in the African American Tradition,” Vanderbilt Divinity School, 2007.

LECTURES

- Guest Lecture, “Preparing and Preaching a Sermon,” John Leland Center for Theological Studies, Arlington, VA, February 21, 2023.
- Russell Bradley Jones Lecture, “Preaching in the Institutional Church: Liabilities and Possibilities,” Carson-Newman University, 2018.
- Guest Lecture, “A Brief Introduction to African American Preaching,” Middle Tennessee State University, 2013.
- Guest Lecture, “Thinking Theologically about Worship Music and Liturgical Styles,” *Exploring Vocation and Ministry*, Furman University, 2013.
- Guest Speaker, First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, TX, “Community Conversations on Racism,” June 14, 2020.

HOMILETIC COACHING

Field Supervisor, David G. Buttrick Certificate Program in Homiletic Peer Coaching, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN, 2014-2019

Homiletic Coach for Rev. Amos Disasa, 2014-2015

Homiletic Coach for Rev. Dawn Hyde, 2017-2019

DENOMINATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Moderator, Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, 2019

Moderator-Elect, Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, 2018-2019

Coordinating Council, Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, 2017-2018

Panel Participant, Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly, Memphis, TN, 2018

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT

Lily Colloquium on Strengthening Christian Preaching, 2017

Calvin Institute of Christian Worship

Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

Baptist House of Studies, Union Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 2024

Compelling Preaching Initiative, funded by The Lily Endowment, 2022

Union Presbyterian Theological Seminary

GUEST SPEAKING

All Faith Chapel, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Atlanta, GA

Belmont University Chapel, Nashville, TN

Catawba River Baptist Association Annual Meeting, 2010, Morganton, NC

Central Presbyterian Church, Culleoka, TN

“Clergy Conversations” Virtual Event

Davis Chapel, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC

Downtown Church, Columbia, SC

Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC

First Baptist Church, East Castle Street, Murfreesboro, TN

First Baptist Church South Inglewood, Nashville, TN

First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, TX

Flat Rock Baptist Church, Mount Airy, NC

Grace Episcopal Church, Lexington, NC

Greater First United Baptist Church, High Point, NC
Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Greenville, SC
Mission for Jesus, Hildebran, NC
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, TN
Orchard Knob Missionary Baptist Church, Chattanooga, TN
Providence Baptist Church, Bucharest, Romania
Shalom Community Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Greensboro, NC
Shop Springs Baptist Church, Lebanon, TN
South Mountain Baptist Church, Morganton, NC
Smithfork District Association Tabernacle, Murfreesboro, TN
Speaker's Bible Study, Virginia State Capitol, Richmond, VA
Trinity Christian Church, Smyrna, TN
Union Cross Baptist Church, Kernersville, NC
Waldensian Presbyterian Church, Valdese, NC
146th Annual Session and Congress of Christian Education of the Stones River
District Association, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, TN

LANGUAGES

French (reading)
Koine Greek
Biblical Hebrew