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Education

United Theological Seminary

Doctor of Ministry

Dayton, OH

2015

Contextual Pastoral Research Project: "A Cultural Sensitivity and Missional Training Module for Lay-Leaders in Preparation for Ministry to Hip-Hop Culture"

Oakwood University

Master of Arts, Pastoral Studies Concentration: Church Development

Huntsville, AL

2009

Contextual Pastoral Research Project: "Disciplemaking: An in-depth look at process evangelism and how churches can win new converts and disciple them to full maturity through spiritual mentoring"

Southern Adventist University

Southern Union Elementary Education Certification

Collegedale, TN

2004-2005

Oakwood University

Bachelor of Arts, Theology

Huntsville, AL

2004

Teaching Interests

Courses of Interest

Intro to the Bible, Gift of Prophecy, Fundamentals of Christian Faith, Christian Ethics, Ethics in Christian Leadership, Church & Community Relations, Personal Evangelism and Discipleship

Courses Taught

- Introduction to the Bible - Oakwood University (Undergraduate)
- World Religions - Oakwood University (Undergraduate)
- The Gift of Prophecy - Oakwood University (Undergraduate)
- Ministry to the 21st Century Urbanite - Oakwood University (Graduate)
- Media & Tech in the Classroom - Oakwood Univ./SEC. Teacher Cert. Intensive (Undergraduate)

Research Interests

Having conducted masters and doctoral research in the areas of process evangelism, discipleship, Hip-Hop culture and urban evangelism, I am interested in researching spiritual growth and development. I am also interested in subcultures and how churches can reach varying demographics through creative, innovative engagement strategies. I am also interested in the intersection of religion and mass media as well as church growth theory, strategic leadership, ethics in church leadership.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- "This World is Not My Home—Or is it?: Urban ministry and the crisis of city housing" *Ministry* 90, no. 9, 2018: 21-23.
- "The Least of These: Revisiting our ministry mandate to forgotten groups" *Ministry* 87, no. 3, 2015: 13-16.

Books

- *Choose to Dream* TBD, (Projected 2021).
- *Gone: A Healing Word for a Hurting World* (with Carlton P. Byrd) *Breath of Life*, 2020.
- *Free: Revisiting God's Plan for Oppressed People* (with Carlton P. Byrd) *Breath of Life*, 2019.
- *Stop the Violence* The Growth Network, 2019.
- *360° Christian: Win New Converts and Disciple them Through Spiritual Mentoring*. AdventSource, 2012.
- *Training Days: Basketball is Life*. Spirit Reign, 2012.
- *My Savior and My Lord: Developing a Balance Between Adoration & Obedience*. AdventSource, 2009.

Presentations

- "Reaching and Teaching the Hip-Hop Generation: Assessing untapped avenues for evangelism and ministry." Pastoral Evangelism & Leadership Council, Oakwood University 2013
- "Proverbs for Daily Life Through an Urban Lens" Siena Heights University 2012
- "The Ephesus Story: Media Ministry at Ephesus SDA Church" Columbia Theo. Seminary 2012

Other Publications

Film

- "Good Grief"- Documentary surveys the lives of six survivors of traumatic experiences and their coping process. 2012. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKfUOTjIRcU>
- "3 Angels & 4 Elements" – Documentary exploring the intersection of Adventism and Hip-Hop Culture (Projected 2022).

Periodicals

- PELC PowerTools Newsletter - Creator, Editor - Aug 2014 - June 2017
- Southern Tidings - Contributing Editor - August 2017 - Present
- Southeastern Sentinel - Creator, Editor - August 2017- Present

Articles *(selected)*

- "In Defense of Culturally-Defined Churches" *Adventist Today* Winter 2017 AT Foundation
- "Profile of a Protester" *Message Magazine* January/February 2017 Pacific Press
- "Love Song" *Message Magazine* July/August 2016 Pacific Press
- "Taking the Stress out of Sermon Prep" September 12, 2016 NAD Ministerial
- "Creating Virtual Worship Spaces" January, 2016 NAD Ministerial
- "4 Questions for Henry Wright" July, 2015 NAD Ministerial
- "Giving Church Another Shot" *Message Magazine* May 27, 2015 [www.messagemagazine\[.\]com](http://www.messagemagazine[.]com)
- "Invited Yet Unwelcome" *Message Magazine* September/October 2014 Review & Herald
- "Can God Use Hip-Hop?" *Regional Voice* Summer 2014 Office of Regional Conf. Ministry
- "Triumph after Trauma" *Message Magazine* May/June 2013 Review & Herald
- "Ministry to the Depressed" *Best Practices for Adventist Ministry*: January 14, 2013, NAD Ministerial

Websites

- www.breathoflife.tv (Administrator, editor for site)
- www.oucsda.org (Administrator, editor for site)
- www.secsda.org (Administrator, editor for the site)
- www.pelcpower.com (Administrator, editor for site, "Engage" and "Powerpoints" blogs)
- www.thegrowthnetwork.org (Creator, editor for site, "Growth Spurt" and "HHH" blogs)
- www.thegospelaccordingtosports.com (creator, editor for site and "Scouting Report" blog)

Leadership & Teaching Experience

Adjunct Professor
Religion & Theology
Oakwood University
2018-Present
Conducted undergrad & grad studies for the urban ministry & gen. studies pgm; teaching courses like Ministry to the 21st Century Urbanite, World Religions, Intro. to the Bible.

Departmental Director
Communication & Marketing
Adventist Media Ministries
2018-2020
Brand mgmt & marketing leader of Breath of Life. Lead publicist and crisis mgmt specialist for Carlton Byrd. Coordinated publication and sale of two books, netted >20,000 units sold.

Departmental Director
Communication & Technology
Southeastern Conference of SDA
2017-2018
Editor of *Southeastern Sentinel* magazine. Contributing Editor of Southern Tidings. Conducted regular local church communications trainings through conference territory.

Pastoral Evangelism & Leadership Council (PELC)
Communications Manager, PR Marketing Chair
Office of Regional Conference Ministry
2014-2017
Creator of PELC PowerTools Newsletter. Producer of the regular podcast, Coordinated all strategic communications for the annual conference, editor of the PELC Blog, websites.

Hillcrest SDA Church
Pastor
Allegheny West Conference of SDA
2014-2017
Led and completed \$125,000 renovation project. Revitalized youth, young adult and children's ministries. Redeveloped church communications systems. Instituted prayer ministry.

FCI Academy Charter School
Middle School ELA Teacher
Columbus City Schools (OH)
2014
Designed, implemented language arts lesson plans for grades 6-8. Held after school tutoring sessions with at-risk students.

Columbus Adventist Academy
Middle School ELA Teacher
Allegheny West Conference of SDA
2013
Long Term Substitute for teacher on academic leave. Designed, implemented language arts lesson plans for grades 6-8, girls and boys basketball coach.

Ephesus SDA Church
Associate Pastor
Allegheny West Conference of SDA
2012-2014
Redeveloped communications & media systems along with social media network profiles. Middle school Language Arts teacher at Columbus Adventist Academy.

Berean SDA Church
Pastor
Allegheny West Conference of SDA
2010-2012
Recruited youth and small group specialist to increase and enhance spiritual development among youth and young adults in church and community.

Rock of Faith SDA Church
Pastor
Allegheny West Conference of SDA
2007-2011

Designed and implemented church board operating structure. Implemented annual Family Life Weekend. Created inner city after school and summer mentoring program for kids.

Madison Mission SDA Church
Associate Pastor

South Central Conference of SDA
2006-2007

Designed and directed discipling curriculum for new members. Taught "Fundamentals" class for new members. Also, managed full pastoral responsibilities of the Triana SDA Church.

Beaufort SDA School
Principal/Head Teacher

Carolina Conference of SDA
2004-2006

Doubled student enrollment. Improved student-staff ratio from 14/1 to 4/1. Expanded school's learning space. Revived Parent-Teacher Association. Developed Employee Manual.

Community Involvement

Hill District Ministers Alliance
Member, Vice President

Pittsburgh, PA
2014-2017

Univ. of Pitt ASLC.
Advisory Board Member

Pittsburgh, PA
2014-2017
2009-2011

Bridges Community Ministry
Advisory Team, Volunteer

Pittsburgh, PA
2014-2017
2008-2011

Columbus Adventist Academy
Basketball Coach

Columbus, OH
2012-2014

Northside Coalition for Fair Housing
Board Member

Pittsburgh, PA
2011

Northside Ministers Alliance
Member

Pittsburgh, PA
2008-2011

Northside Ecumenical Council
Member

Pittsburgh, PA
2008-2011

City Charter High School
Volunteer Support

Pittsburgh, PA
2009-2011

Jefferson Recreation Center
Volunteer Mentor

Pittsburgh, PA
2008-2011

Pittsburgh Area Youth Ministry
Basketball Coach

Pittsburgh, PA
2007-2010

Oakwood Academy
Asst. Varsity Basketball Coach

Huntsville, AL
2006-2007

Certifications & Licenses

Online Teaching Certification - Oakwood University 2020

Ordained Minister - Columbia Union Conference of SDA (Allegheny West Conference) 2013

References

Dr. Derrick Johnson
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United Theological Seminary
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AdventHealth University
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