

CURRICULUM VITAE

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My portfolio includes thought leadership, event design/facilitation, and research/writing and teaching in the areas of leadership, vocational discernment, feminist practical theology, theological education, and practices for communal flourishing.

EDUCATION

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| 2000 | Northwestern University , Evanston, Illinois
Doctor of Philosophy in Religious and Theological Studies
Joint Program with Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary

Areas of Emphasis: Practical theology with specialization in religious education, spiritual formation, youth & young adult ministry, and feminist theologies; emphases in cultural studies and ethnographic methods. |
| 1990 | Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary , MDiv |
| 1985 | University of South Florida , BA, Mass Communications |

EXPERIENCE

Independent Consultant and Owner, Spy for Hope LLC, 2008-Current

- *Creative Facilitation:* I **design and lead retreats** for organizations seeking to discern and envision their ongoing work of creating more just and equitable communal life, especially among college/seminary faculty, denominational bodies, and leadership cohorts within larger institutions.
- *Story Coaching:* I provide narrative strategies for helping individuals and groups discern next their next steps in creating a sustainable future. This includes **sabbatical coaching** for college and seminary faculty, **developmental editing** for writers, and **grant development** for organizational change
- *Leading Change:* I **create spaces** that honor transformation of individuals and communities *from* patriarchal and white supremacist norms *into* more liberatory realities that welcome the flourishing of all people. My **thought leadership, research and**

writing focus on interactive leadership practices of holy listening and theological reflection that invite joyful encounters, especially in the midst of conflict and disruption

Senior Fellow of Research and Learning, The Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE) 2008-2021

- Edited and co-wrote *Another Way: Living and Leading Change on Purpose* (2020) with FTE's senior leadership. Provide ongoing virtual and in-person teaching on this book and its signature C.A.R.E. practices
- Recruited authors and provided developmental editing of a five-book series on vocational discernment that widens the genre to be more reflective of diverse pathways into leadership
- Co-designed and facilitated learning cohort events on vocational discernment and innovation for grantees and practitioners for young adults, higher education faculty, judicatory executives, pastoral leaders, and campus ministers
- Edited and/or co-wrote numerous collaborative projects including *A Way out of No Way* (2022), *Guide to Discernment Retreats* (2019) and *Greenhouses of Hope: Congregations Nurturing Young Adults who Will Change the World* (2010)
- Created a method for communal theological reflection on life stories for youth and young adults published as *The Barefoot Way* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2012) and revised in *Doing Girl / Friend Theology* (Forthcoming, Pilgrim Press, 2023)

Current Facilitation and Research

- Research Director, *Holy Listening, Holy Yearning, Holy Partnership: Young Adult Innovation*, Garrett-Evangelical
- Co-facilitator, Tom Locke Innovative Leaders Award, The Wesleyan Investive, 2021-ongoing
- Host, *Called to L.I.V.E.* podcast
- Co-facilitator, *Our Own Deep Wells: Writing on Vocation Across Race and Culture*, Collegeville Institute, Writing Workshop, 2019-2020
- Co-lead workshops during 2020-22 on *Another Way to Lead: Leading Change in Disruptive Times for: National Authorizing Ministers Retreat of the United Church of Christ, Texas Methodist Foundation's Southwestern Jurisdiction Board of Ordained Ministry Leaders, Florida Board of Ordained Ministry, St. Anselm University Faculty, Emmanuel Christian University Faculty, Emory and Henry College, the Presbytery of the Pacific.*
- Texas Methodist Foundation, Southwestern Jurisdiction Board of Ordained Ministry on-line retreat, *Leading through Disruptive Times*, 2021

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES & ACCREDITATION

Ordained Elder, Virginia Conference, United Methodist Church
Association of Clinical Pastoral Educators, Advanced Standing
Editorial Board, *Horizons in Religious Education*
Religious Education Association, former board member
American Academy of Religion, member
Association of Practical Theology, member

ADDITIONAL TRAININGS

Art of Hosting, 2012
Art of Evaluation in Complexity, 2019
Theatre of the Oppressed Facilitator Training, 2019
M.I.T. Presencing Institute, Theory U Master Practitioner 2009

SEMINARY TEACHING

Course competencies include: *Vocation and The Christian Life, The Church and Social Innovation, Teaching Ministries of the Church, Ethnography for Research and Ministry, Living and Leading Change for Good, Youth and Young Adult Culture, Spirituality of Adolescent Girls.*

Experience includes teaching through traditional formats, one and two-week intensives, independent studies, web-based formats, and providing PhD and DMin advising at the following: Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Virginia Theological Seminary, Wesley Theological Seminary, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Memphis Theological Seminary, Methodist Theological Seminary of Ohio, Princeton Theological Seminary (Institute for Youth Ministry)

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

2012-2014	College Chaplain, Sweet Briar College , Amherst, VA, Supervised 10 interns and coordinated interfaith spiritual offerings and justice-related campaigns for a 650-member female student body.
2009-2019	Guest Preacher on regular basis at churches engaged in vocational formation of young adults across the US and Canada
1991-1994	Associate Pastor, First United Methodist Church , Arlington Heights, IL co-led a 2,000-member congregation, designed Sacred Circle innovative worship service

1990-1991 **Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center**, Chicago, IL, Completed five quarter inter-faith Clinical Pastoral Education residency in pediatric, neo-natal, and oncology

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

2004-2006 Research Fellowship, Youth Theological Initiative, **Candler School of Theology**, Emory University

2006 **Lane Foundation** grant for independent research on the lives of working-class white girls

2004 **Valparaiso Project Grant** (in association with the Lilly Foundation) for an independent research project entitled "Girls, Women, and the Practice of Testimony"

1998-2004 Co-wrote a \$1.3 million grant for **Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary** from the Lilly Foundation to develop FaithPassage, a summer youth theology initiative

1998 **American Association of Women American Fellowship** For women whose scholarship promises to advance their distinct disciplines.

1996,1997 **Dempster Fellowship**
Awarded United Methodist clergy persons in doctoral programs who show promise as effective teachers and contributive scholars at the graduate level

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2020 *Another Way: Living and Leading Change On Purpose*, Chalice Press, co-authored with Stephen Lewis and Matthew Wesley Williams, foreword by Parker J. Palmer

2005, 2023 (revised edition) *Doing Girlfriend Theology: God-Talk with Young Women*, The Pilgrim Press, foreword by Dr. Rosemary Radford Ruether, (originally published in 2005, second edition forthcoming 2023)

2019 *A Guide to Discernment Retreats*, with Darlene Hutto, www.fteleaders.org

- 2012 *The Barefoot Way: A Faith Guide for Youth, Young People and the Adults Who Walk with Them*, Westminster John Knox (Named a Top Five seller for WJK in *The Christian Century*)
- 2010 Editor and writer, *Greenhouses of Hope: Congregations that Grow Young Leaders Who Will Change The World*, The Alban Institute
- 2007 *Lives to Offer: Accompanying Youth on the Quest for Vocation*, The Pilgrim Press, co-authored by Joyce Ann Mercer with epilogue by Dr. James W. Fowler

Book Chapters

- 2016 “Clearness Committee Revisited: Gathering Young Adults for Contemplative Discernment,” co-authored with Callid Keefe-Perry “in *Prophetic Voice and Making Peace*, by Matthew Charlton and M. Kathryn Armistead, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, The United Methodist Church.
- 2015 “Miriams, Moseses, and Monarch Migrations: Teaching for Redemptive Community” in *Educating For Redemptive Community: Essays in Honor of Jack Seymour and Margaret Ann Crain*, Wipf and Stock.
- 2013 “Girls and God in When Everything’s Changing,” co-authored with Joyce Mercer in *Faith Forward: A Dialogue on Children and Youth in a New Kind of Christianity*, CopperHouse Publishing.
- 2012 “Where the Holy Resides: Life Story as a Source for Personal and Communal Transformation” in *Voices of Feminist Liberation: Writings in Celebration of Rosemary Radford Ruether*, edited by Emily Silverman, Dirk Von Der Horst and Whitney A. Bauman, Equinox
- 2006 “Love Letters in a Second-Hand Hope Chest: Working-class White Girls Delaying Dreams and Expanding Soul” in *The Sacred Selves of Adolescent Girls: Hard Stories of Race, Class and Gender*, edited by Evelyn L. Parker, The Pilgrim Press
- 2006 “Faith Communities and Adolescent Girls.” Entry in *The Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America*,

edited by Rosemary Radford Ruether and Rosemary
Skinner Keller, Indiana Press

Scholarly Articles and Publications

- 2022 "Learning to Walk with My Ancestors," *Journal of Religious Education*, forthcoming
- 2020 Guest editor, *Journal of Religious Education*, Volume 115, Issue 1, with Patrick Reyes
- 2019 "Noticing Our Norms So We Can Change Them," *Journal of Religious Education*, Volume 114, Number 3, May-June 2019, 342.
- 2014 "Christian Educators of the 21st Century: Jack Seymour," http://www.talbot.edu/ce20/educators/protestant/jack_seymour/
- Fall 2011 "Calling Forth Our Best Selves: Prototyping Religious Education in a Globally-Connected, Multicultural and Pluralistic World," *Journal of Religious Education*, Volume 106, Issue 4.
- Fall 2008 "Reading *Terebithia* in Rural Southern Virginia: Forum on Film and Fiction in Christian Formation," *Journal of Religious Education*, Volume 103, Issue 3. Also broadcast on Public Radio WVTF, Roanoke, VA
- Spring 2008 "Key Resources in Youth Ministry," *Journal of Religious Education*, Volume 103, Issue 2
- Summer 2007 "Evoking Each Other's Truth: Testimony Re-Imagined," *Calling: A Journal For Leaders Who Nurture Vocation*. Vol 2 No 4 Summer 2007. The Fund For Theological Education. <http://www.thefund.org/ejournal>.
- Spring 2007 "An Alternative Curriculum of Vocation," *Calling: A Journal For Leaders Who Nurture Vocation*. Vol 2 No 3 Spring 2007. The Fund For Theological Education. <http://www.thefund.org/ejournal>.
- 2005 "Evoking Testimony Through Holy Listening: The Art of Interview as a Practice in Youth Ministry," *International Journal of Youth and Theology*, Volume 4, Number 2. 53-68
- Summer 2000 "Girlfriend Theology: God-Talk Across Religious Borders,"

Journal of Religious Education. Volume 95, Number 3. 320-339

Summer 2001

“Future Homemakers and Feminist Awakenings: Auto/ethnography as Method in Theological Research,” *Journal of Religious Education*. Volume 96, Number 3. 395-407

Selected Presentations and Lectures

November 2020

Setting the Table: Six Practices for Facilitation Mutuality Across Our Differences, General Commission on Religion and Race, The United Methodist Church

September 2019

Creating a Culture of Radical Hospitality with Young Adults, webinar for Garrett-Evangelical Connectional Learning

September 2019

Justice Evangelizes, Brunch Heals: Finding our Way to Young Adults through Social Action and Spiritual Practice, webinar for Garrett-Evangelical Connectional Learning

July 2019

TRU Colors: Exploring Vocations of Ministry with Youth, Youth 2019, General Board of Discipleship, the United Methodist Church

September 2017

Wisdom Teacher, *Formation Gathering*, Sacred Design Lab with Casper ter Kuille and Angie Thurston, Harvard Divinity School

April 2017

Creating a Contemplative Culture of Call, Keynote, the Association of Theological Schools Student Personnel Administrators Network, Orlando Florida

November 2015

Miriams, Moseses and Monarch Migrations: Leading for Redemptive Community, Plenary Presentation at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary lecture in honor of Jack L. Seymour’s retirement

November 2012

Greenhouses of Hope, Plenary Presentation at the Religious Education Association, Atlanta

June 2011

Spa for the Girlfriend Soul, Ring Lake Ranch, Dubois, WY

- January 2010 *The New Convivencia: Living the Questions of Interfaith Practice*, Montreat Conference Center, The Blaze: A Conference on Vocation and Youth Ministry
- October 2009 *The Art of Holy Listening* at The Fund for Theological Education, Fall Conference, Plenary Speaker
- September 2009 *A Call-Watcher's Guide: Congregational Practices and the Next Generation of Leaders for the Church* at Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA
- May 2009 *Look For God Always: A Method for Theological Reflection on Life Stories* at Duke Divinity School, Raleigh, NC
- October 2008 *Greenhouses of Hope: A Panel Discusses Youth, Congregations and Vocation*, at Youth Theological Initiative Conference entitled "Re-Envisioning a Hope-Filled Future."
- January 2008 Conference Preacher, The Blaze: A Conference on Vocation, sponsored by Project Burning Bush of Union-PSCE, Montreat, NC
- June 2007 *Shrek Theology* a presentation for teens at Youth 2007, global gathering of United Methodist youth in Greensboro, NC
- February 2007 *Eat Dark Chocolate and Call Me in the Morning*, Women's retreat at Maumee United Methodist Church, Maumee, OH
- November 2006 *Narrative Methods in Religious Education*, Plenary Presentation at the Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education/Religious Education Association, Atlanta, GA
- October 2006 *Guy-Friendly Theology: Bringing Girlfriend Theology to Boys' Worlds* at Christian Educators Fellowship of the United Methodist Church, Lake Junaluska, NC
- October 2006 *Voices of Vocation on the Adolescent Journey* at Fund for Theological Education, Calling Congregations Fall Conference, Evanston, IL
- April 2006 *The Art of Holy Listening with Children and Youth* at Welcoming Children, a national event of the Christian Church/Disciples of Christ in Kansas City, KA

October 2005	<i>Spa for the Youthworker's Soul</i> , Keynote at annual Academy for Youth Workers, Virginia Annual Conference, United Methodist Church
October 2005	<i>Ride It, Bend It, Walk It: Inviting Youth to Re-Gender Vocation through Narratives of Popular Culture</i> at the Association of Professors and Scholars in Religious Education, Toronto, Canada
July 2005	<i>Spa for the Girlfriend Soul</i> at SoulFeast, annual Upper Room summer gathering, Lake Junaluska, NC
August 2005	<i>Niche Ministry: Fostering Youthful Leaders for the Now and Future Church</i> at the United Methodist Scholars in Christian Education bi-annual meeting, Jekyll Island, GA
October 2004	<i>Seeding Faith: Cultivating the Sacramental Appetite in Children</i> Keynote at Children & The Sacraments Colloquium, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL

Selected Blogs and Podcasts

www.faithandleadership.com	Holy Listening Helps Connect Young Adults; Intentional Communities Provide a Test Kitchen for Human Flourishing; Worried about the Church? Meet these Young Christian Leaders; Micro-Communities of Prayer and Action
www.fteleaders.org	What Role do Faith Communities Have in Shaping Public Life?; Can the Church Help End Violence and Injustice in our Communities?; Leading With Love in the Wake of Islamophobia
www.huffingtpost.com	Finding God and Health in the Experience of Storytelling

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Co-founded Central Virginia's first Children's Defense Fund Freedom School in 2019
- Regularly lead youth and adult educational programs at Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Disciples of Christ and United Methodist
- Lead a monthly ecumenical contemplative prayer group (2008-present)
- Provide leadership for Lynchburg area clergywomen's group
- Board member, Interfaith Outreach Association
- Advisory Board, The Changemaker Initiative