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## Education

### *Degrees*

Doctor of Ministry, Pacific School of Religion (Berkeley, CA) 2019

- Dissertation: #MeToo, #BlackLivesMatter, and Other Consequences of Toxic Masculinity: Accessing the Archetypal Powers of a Mature Masculine. Rev. Dr. Dorsey Blake, adviser.

Master of Arts: Religious Studies, Hartford Seminary (Hartford, CT) 2014

- Master's Project: The Fairfield - Westchester Coalition of Welcoming Congregations. Dr. Scott Thumma, adviser.

Master of Arts (Religion): Theology, Meadville/Lombard (at the time affiliated with the University of Chicago Divinity School) (Chicago, IL) 2005

- Master's Thesis: John Wesley, the Doctrine of Holiness, and Small Group Ministry. Rev. Dr. Thandeka, adviser.

Bachelor of Arts: Philosophy and Religion, Olivet Nazarene University

- Minors in Greek, Music, and Biblical Studies
- Departmental Honors Paper: "Power in Discourse and the Changing of Regimes: An Historical Critical Reading of Michel Foucault." Dr. Craig Keen, adviser.

### *Certificates*

Graduate Certificate of Sexuality and Religion, Center of LGBTQ+ and Gender Studies, Pacific School of Religion (Berkeley, CA) Expected 2024.

Executive Certificate of Religious Fundraising, Lake Institute, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Indiana University (Indianapolis, IN) Expected 2024.

## Certifications

Board Certified Chaplain (BCC), Board of Chaplaincy Certification (Expected 2024)

Certified Dementia Practitioner (CDP), National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (2018)

Certified Health Coach, Health Coach Institute (2022)

Certified Life Coach, Health Coach Institute (2022)

Certified Personal Trainer, International Sports Science Association (2021)

Certified Senior Advisor (CSA), Society of Certified Senior Advisors, 2006

Ordination as a minister in the Church of the Nazarene (2000) received by the Alliance of Baptists (2020) and endorsed for chaplaincy by the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (2023)

## Internships

Intern, Scarsdale Congregational Church (Scarsdale, NY) 2015-2016

Intern, Clinical Pastoral Education #4, Level II, Norwalk Hospital (Norwalk, CT) Fall Unit 2014

Intern, Clinical Pastoral Education #3, Level II, Norwalk Hospital (Norwalk, CT) Fall Unit 2013

Intern, Clinical Pastoral Education #2, Level I, Stamford Hospital (Stamford, CT) Extended Unit 2012-2013

Intern, Clinical Pastoral Education #1, Level I, Stamford Hospital (Stamford, CT) Extended Unit 2011-2012

Intern, Broadway United Methodist Church (Chicago, IL) 2006-2007

Intern, Fourth Congregational Church (Chicago, IL) 2004-2005

## Professional Experience

Senior Minister, Third Congregational Church (Middletown, CT) 2023-Current

Chaplain, Connecticut Valley Hospital, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, State of Connecticut (Middletown, CT) 2022-Current

Sole Proprietor, PreacherComforts, LLC (Middletown, CT) 2000-Current

Chaplain, AccentCare Hospice and Palliative Care (Middlebury, CT) 2022-2023

Chaplain, Hartford Healthcare (Weathersfield, CT) 2021-2022

Pastor (and Founder), Faith Tapestry Community Church (New Haven, CT) 2015-2021

Chaplain, Masonicare (Wallingford, CT) 2016-2020

Chaplain (per diem), Bon Secours Charity Health System (New York) 2016

Chaplain, Compassus Hospice (Orange, CT) 2012-2016

Director of Religious Education (Interim), First Congregational Church (Stamford, CT) 2011-2012

Director of Religious Education (Lifespan), Unitarian Society of New Haven (Hamden, CT) 2009-2011

Director of Religious Education (Children and Youth), Bradford Community Church Unitarian Universalist (Kenosha, WI) 2007-2009

Associate Lecturer of Sociology/Anthropology, University of Wisconsin—Parkside (Kenosha, WI) 2007-2009

Adjunct Faculty for Religion, Carthage College (Kenosha, WI) 2007-2009

Director of Resource Development, Adair Home Health Professionals (Valparaiso, IN) 2006-2008

Administrative Coordinator, Adair Home Health Professionals (Valparaiso, IN) 2002-2006

## Publications

### *Chapters*

“Musical Dimensions of Liturgical Presiding,” *Living the Church's Song: Propositions for an Ecumenical Theology of Liturgical Music*, eds. Heather Josselyn and Jason McFarland (Chicago: GIA 2023).

“The Parable of Y2K,” *Why the Church of the Nazarene Should Be Fully Inclusive of LGBTQ+ People*, eds. Thomas Jay Oord and Alexa Oord. (Grasmere, ID: SacraSage, 2023).

### *Articles*

“Emotion,” in *The Encyclopedia of Sex and Society* (July 2008)

“Misandry,” in *The Encyclopedia of Sex and Society* (July 2008)

### *Other Writings*

“A Good Death.” On *State of Formation* (October 2013). <https://stateofformation.org/2013/10/a-good-death/>

“Adventures in Liturgy: Bearing the Pall.” On *Medium* (November 2023)

<https://preachercomforts.medium.com/adventures-in-liturgy-bearing-the-pall-63c529d0d7ba>

“Adventures in Liturgy: Stained Glass is, Like, So Pompous.” On *Medium* (November 2023)

<https://preachercomforts.medium.com/adventures-in-liturgy-stained-glass-is-like-so-pompous-6a9e8de79f2a>

“Adventures in Liturgy: What’s with the Black Preacher’s Robe?” On *Medium* (November 2023)

[https://preachercomforts.medium.com/whats-with-the-black-preacher-s-robe-b71bb3a17ed9?source=user\\_profile-----1-----](https://preachercomforts.medium.com/whats-with-the-black-preacher-s-robe-b71bb3a17ed9?source=user_profile-----1-----)

“Adventures in Liturgy: Wooden and Earthen Vessels in the Puritan Church.” On *Medium* (November 2023)

<https://preachercomforts.medium.com/adventures-in-liturgy-wooden-and-earthen-vessels-in-the-puritan-church-99889356b3b9>

“Being a ‘Good’ Minority... and Other Wrong Lessons.” On *Medium* (October 2023)

<https://preachercomforts.medium.com/being-a-good-minority-and-other-wrong-lessons-0c7c7f971c54>

“The Brilliantly Adaptive Live of Betty White.” On *Medium* (March 2022)

<https://preachercomforts.medium.com/the-brilliantly-adaptive-life-of-betty-white-9aec90bd7b93>

“Connecticut: The Great State of Nutmeg-gate.” On *Medium* (November 2023)

<https://preachercomforts.medium.com/connecticut-the-great-state-of-nutmeg-gate-092116192f1d>

“God Wanted Me to Write This Article on the Second Commandment.” On *Medium* (November 2023)

<https://preachercomforts.medium.com/god-wanted-me-to-write-this-article-about-the-second-commandment-a198b6470cd3?sk=4e350cb260b5024bd4911484d39d6cc1>

“Harmony in Unity: My Spiritual Journey Through Choral Singing.” On *Medium* (October 2023)

<https://preachercomforts.medium.com/harmony-in-unity-7413fd6203b1>

“The Heteronormativity of the Word ‘Straight’ and the Call for Inclusive Language.” On *Medium* (October 2023)

<https://preachercomforts.medium.com/the-heteronormativity-of-the-word-straight-and-the-call-for-inclusive-language-b9de5d6da1d4>

“Love through Rejection? A Look at Fundamentalist Christians’ Views on LGBTQ+” On *Medium*

(November 2023) [https://preachercomforts.medium.com/love-through-rejection-a-look-at-fundamentalist-christians-views-on-lgbtq-ef80d2ead708?source=user\\_profile-----0-----](https://preachercomforts.medium.com/love-through-rejection-a-look-at-fundamentalist-christians-views-on-lgbtq-ef80d2ead708?source=user_profile-----0-----)

“Moving Away from Jerry Springer: On Curiosity Rather Than Condemnation.” On *State of Formation*

(August 2013). <https://stateofformation.org/2013/08/moving-away-from-jerry-springer-on-curiosity-rather-than-condemnation/>

“Tax Collectors in the Roman Empire.” On *Medium* (November 2023)

[https://preachercomforts.medium.com/tax-collectors-in-the-roman-empire-569f7749ab83?source=user\\_profile-----2-----](https://preachercomforts.medium.com/tax-collectors-in-the-roman-empire-569f7749ab83?source=user_profile-----2-----)

“This I Believe: Vulnerability.” In *Pacific School of Religion Alumna News* (November 2023)

<https://www.psr.edu/news/this-i-believe-daniel-rodriguez-schlorff/>

“When Politics are Disguised as Religion.” On *Medium* (October 2023)

[https://preachercomforts.medium.com/when-politics-are-confused-for-religion-02bf78459fd8?source=user\\_profile-----4-----](https://preachercomforts.medium.com/when-politics-are-confused-for-religion-02bf78459fd8?source=user_profile-----4-----)

## Notable Conference Work

### Leadership in Academic Conferences

Convener, *Queering Liturgy Seminar*, North American Academy of Liturgy (January 2020-Current)

Member, *Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee*, North American Academy of Liturgy (January 2024-Current)

## Presentations at Academic Conferences

“Presidential Ministry in Liturgy Has a Musical Dimension,” *Liturgical Music Seminar*, North American Academy of Liturgy, 2024.

“Post-Expansive Language: a pastor of Filipino descent reflects upon the Western problem of God's genderedness,” *Queering Liturgy Seminar*, North American Academy of Liturgy, 2022.

“#MeToo, #BlackLivesMatter, and Other Consequences of Toxic Masculinity: Accessing the Archetypal Powers of a Mature Masculine,” *Queering Liturgy Seminar*, North American Academy of Liturgy (Atlanta, GA) January 2020.

## Presentations at Professional Conferences

“Rock Solid Youth Ministry,” New England Association of United Church Educators, June 2013.

Workshop Presenter, Liberal Religious Educators Association, July 2010.

Diversity Panelist, National Educators Association Annual Meeting and Representative Assembly, June 2009

## Honors

### *Awards*

30-Under-30, Windy City Times (Chicago, IL) 2007

New York Times Style Section (New York, NY) 2021

### *Scholarships*

Rev. James Andrew Cumming Scholarship, 1998-2002

Harold W. and Maybelle E. Reed Scholarship, 1998-2002

F. & M. Alvarez Scholarship, 1998-2002

Friends of Olivet Grant, 1998-2002

ONU Leadership Scholarship, 1998-2002

ONU Achievement Scholarship, 1998-2002

Valparaiso First Church of the Nazarene Scholarship, 1998-2002

Church Match Scholarship, 1998-2002

Northwest Indiana District Scholarship, 1998-2002

Audrey L. Schlamb Scholarship, 1998-2002

Orpheus Memorial Scholarship, 1998-2002

ONU Office of Alumni Affairs Mixed Group Scholarship, 1999-2001

ONU Music/Art Scholarship 1998-2000

Indiana Dairy Farmers Scholarship, 1998-1999

Veterans of Foreign Wars "Voice of America," 1998-1999

Indiana Choral Excellence Award, Indiana State School Music Association, 1998-1999

## Ecclesiastical Standing

Alliance of Baptists

- Member, 2020-Current
- Clergy, 2020-Current

National Association of Congregational Christian Churches

- Member, 2023-Current
- Clergy, 2023-Current

## Professional Organization Memberships

Association of Professional Chaplains

- Member, 2012-Current

Gay Coaches Alliance

- Board Member-At-Large, 2023
- Board Secretary, 2022-2023
- Member, 2020-Current

The Hymn Society of the United States and Canada

- Member, 2020-Current

North American Academy of Liturgy

- Member (Expected) January 2024
- Convener, Queering Liturgy Seminar, 2020-Current
- Visitor, 2020-2024

The Order of St. Luke

- Brother, 2011-Current

Society of Certified Senior Advisors

- Member, 2006-Current

Society of Certified Spiritual Directors

- Member, 2020-Current
- Board President, 2020-2023

Spiritual Directors International

- Member, 2016-Current

## Volunteer and Service Work

Connecticut Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce

- Board Member, 2022-Current
- Board Vice President, 2023-Current
- Chair, Connecticut Coalition of Welcoming Congregations ([in formation](#)), 2023-current

Society of Certified Senior Advisors – Ethics and Disciplinary Council

- Chair, 2023-Current
- Vice-Chair, 2021-2023

## Teaching

Guest Lecturer in Religion, Quinnipiac University (Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019)

Guest Lecturer in Social Work, Quinnipiac University (Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2022)

Associate Lecturer of Sociology/Anthropology, University of Wisconsin—Parkside (Kenosha, WI)

- SOCA/WMNS 290/390: LGBT Studies (Spring '09)
- SOCA 290: LGBT Studies (Spring '08)<sup>1</sup>
- SOCA 319: Death and Dying (Spring '08)
- SOCA 328: Asians in American Society (Fall '08)
- SOCA 328: Asians in American Society (Fall '07)

Adjunct Faculty for Religion, Carthage College (Kenosha, WI)<sup>2</sup>

- RELI 100: Understandings of Religion (J-Term '08)
- RELI 100: Understandings of Religion (Summer '08)
- RELI 100: Understandings of Religion (Fall '08)

Teacher's Assistant, Theology, Rev. Dr. Thandeka, Meadville/Lombard (2004-2005)

Teaching Assistant, New Testament Greek, Dr. Benny Liew, Chicago Theological Seminary (January 2004)

## Languages

American English (native)

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<sup>1</sup> Created and taught the University's first LGBT Studies course.

<sup>2</sup> Developed approved course on Gender, Sexuality, and Religion to be taught Spring '10.

American Sign Language (A1)

Greek: Attic (B2, reading only)

Greek: Koine (B2, reading only)

Spanish (C1)

Tagalog (B1)