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Highly focused and energized educator with demonstrated ability in teaching Pastoral Care and Counseling EdD. curriculum. Well-published in disciplines of pastoral counseling and pastoral theology. Gifted pastoral care minister of a large congregation. Completed six (6) CPE units at two major trauma and community hospitals. Distinguished U.S. Air Force career. Passionate about interdisciplinary conversation and multi-faith dialogue for organizations.

Teaching • Scholarly Research • Pastoral Counseling • Congregational Care • Distance Learning
Administration • Ministry Formation • Diversity Training • Supervision
Curriculum Development • Community-Building • Recruiting • Interpersonal Skills

EDUCATION

PhD, Brite Divinity School, Pastoral Theology & Pastoral Counseling, 2008
MDiv, Brite Divinity School, Pastoral Care & Pastoral Counseling, 2000
MBA, Boston University, General Business, 1993
BBA, Morehouse College, Accounting, *Cum Laude*, 1983

MINISTRY CREDENTIALS

Unitarian Universalist Association, Preliminary Fellowship, June 2008
United Methodist Church, North Texas Conference, Elder, June 2006

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ARGOSY UNIVERSITY, Pittsburgh, PA, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Community Counseling, 2009 to Present
FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF DALLAS, Dallas, TX, Minister of Pastoral Care, 2008 to 2009
TX AIR NATIONAL GUARD, 136 AIRLIFT WING, Ft. Worth, TX, Major, Protestant Chaplain, 2002 to Present
ODYSSEY HEALTHCARE, Dallas, TX, Spiritual Care Coordinator, 2001 to 2007
METHODIST DALLAS MEDICAL CENTER, Dallas, TX, Chaplain Resident, 2000 to 2001
COLEMAN & ASSOCIATES, Dallas, TX, Diversity Training Facilitator, 1996
BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILWAY, Ft. Worth, TX, Sr. Corporate Auditor, 1995 to 1996
ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE, Dallas, TX, Executive Assistant/Sr. Auditor, 1984 to 1995

COURSEWORK

TH7101 Professional Development in Pastoral Community Counseling
TH7102 Individual Spiritual Enhancement
TH7104 Family Mediation and Conflict Resolution
TH7105 Curriculum Development for Community Education
TH7106 Non-Western Helping and Healing Arts
TH7108 Contemporary Ethical Issues in Pastoral Counseling
TH7110 Spiritual and Religious Issues in Counseling

TEACHING & CURRICULUM COMPETENCIES

- Highly competent in the following teaching qualities: encouraging, mentoring, motivating, nurturing, and caring.
- Received excellent teaching evaluations from supervising and mentoring professors for community-building style.

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- Served as Subject Matter Expert while developing on Curriculum Development for Community Education course.
- Dedicated to utilizing and mastering the “best practices” for on-line and distance learning.
- Facilitated “Managing Diversity” seminars that focused on team-building, anti-racism, and inclusion.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

- Highly skilled in short-term, family systems, and cognitive-based approaches to family and couples counseling.
- Trained and supervised 100+ volunteers on congregational care in visitation, crisis care, grief, and deep listening.
- Cited for competent and nurturing style of spiritual and decedent care during physician rounds and on-call duty.
- Well-prepared and thoughtful presenter during IPR seminars; vigilant about head-heart connection.
- Engaged promoter of spiritual, emotional, and physical wellness for personnel on airlift wing Command Staff.

ADMINISTRATION

- Formulated the organizational vision and delivery of pastoral care and counseling services.
- Streamlined pastoral care protocols, thereby, improving efficiency and effectiveness of care.
- Spearheaded and organized a training curriculum for AF service members and their families.
- Pioneered paperless work environment saving millions and boosting organizational productivity.
- Developed and administered spiritual-based palliative care plans for 100-250 patient census.
- Successfully managed administration for two senior-level vice presidents and supervised office staff.

AWARDS

Unitarian Universalist Association, Nurturing UU Fellows
 Fund for Theological Education, North American Doctoral Fellows
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 Air Force Humanitarian Service Medal
 Louisiana Emergency Service Medal

PUBLICATIONS

- 2006 “Being One with the Spirit: Mysticism of Howard Thurman,” *Journal of Pastoral Care and Pastoral Counseling*, Summer 2006.
- 2005 “Towards a More Liberating Liberation Theology: Anger in Black Theology,” *Black Theology: An International Journal*, July, 2005.
- 2004 “Jumping the Broomstick: African American Theological Method,” *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, Vol. 13, No. 3.
 Reviewed *Our Home is Over Jordan* by Homer Ashby, Jr., *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, Vol. 13, No. 3.
 “Mature Religious Experience in the Midst of Death and Dying,” *Healing Ministry*, Vol. 11, No. 1.
- 2003 “The Road Less Traveled,” *Journal of Pastoral Care & Counseling*, Vol. 56, No. 2.
 “One Session is Enough: Counseling African American Families,” *American Journal of Pastoral Counseling*, Vol. 6, No. 3.

- 2000 "Art and Wholeness in Church Life," *Leading from the Center*.
"It's 3.6%, Otherwise," *Living Solo*.
- 1997 "The Tyson-Holyfield Illusion," National Public Radio.
- 1994 "Diversity in Corporate America," *Spectrum*.
- 1993 "When Good Is Not Good Enough," *Internal Auditor*, on Total Quality Management.

REFERENCES

Excellent references are available upon request.