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EXPERIENCE

03/2010 – present *Director of Field Education and the Second Three Years Program
Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA*

Serve as the faculty member who oversees Field Education (FE) and Second Three Years Program (S3YP); collaborate with other practical theology faculty, clergy and laity during the development and implementation of an alternative to traditional field education, the Ministry Resident Program (MRP); teach or co-teach An Introduction to Field Education and Re-visioning Parish Ministry, Cross-Cultural Colloquy and Senior Mentors' Colloquy; serve on the M.Div. committee; serve as a case study leader for the D.Min. program, and engage in other duties, as assigned.

01/2005 – 02/2010 *Canon Vicar
Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, CT*

Serve as the principal clergy associate of the Dean; represent the Dean when assigned at cathedral, diocesan and civic functions; oversee Christian Education and Spiritual Formation Programs; share with Dean, Bishops and Director of Music in liturgical leadership, liturgy planning and preaching; help organize prayer and healing groups and the Uyeiki Forum for Unlearning Racism; organize, direct and train lay persons for pastoral and parish calling; share with the Dean as chaplain to the choirs and share with the Cathedral clergy coverage for hospital and crisis visitations.

09/2003 – 11/2004 *Associate Rector (part-time: 09/2003-06/2004; full-time: 09/2004-11/2004); Priest-in-Charge (full-time: 07/2004-08/2004)
Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, Silver Spring, MD*

Celebrate and/or preach regularly at Sunday Eucharist, mid-week Eucharist, weddings and funerals; celebrate regularly at Sunday Eucharist in Spanish; serve as staff person for Church School and Adult Education programs; convene Church School Teachers and Education Commission meetings; oversee annual Church Camp (Vacation Bible School); work closely with lay volunteers in all areas of responsibility; lead Adult Bible Study sessions; organize Community Fora; serve as Advent and Lenten Quiet Day leader; develop annual Education Brochure; oversee Alpha Program; co-ordinate Pastoral Visitation Schedule for hospitalized or home-bound parishioners; serve as the liaison to the MAGI Consortium (see below), attend regular staff, and selected vestry meetings, and provide baptismal preparation, pastoral care, crisis counseling and pre-marital counseling services to parishioners.

07/2000 – 8/2003 *Assistant to the Rector (part-time)
Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, Silver Spring, MD*

All of the above except the following: Celebrate the Eucharist in Spanish; oversee Church Camp and Alpha Program; organize Community Fora; develop Education Brochure and serve as the coordinator the Pastoral Visitation Schedule. Also, fewer pastoral care and worship duties.

09/2002 – present *Spiritual Director
Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA*

10/2002 – 06/2003 *Project Facilitator*

MAGI Consortium, Inc., Silver Spring, MD

Oversee the administration, scoring, analysis and report preparation of data collected from seven multicultural parishes in the Diocese of Washington who are seeking to develop more effective lay and clergy leadership in their congregations; introduce vestries of MAGI parishes to the process and provide feedback on results of data analysis; attend meetings with MAGI clergy and convene meetings of MAGI lay representatives; work with grant writer to seek further funding.

01/2001 – 05/2004 *Adjunct Professor*

Bowie State University, Department of Psychology, Bowie, MD

Teach undergraduate classes in Introduction to Psychology and Cross-Cultural Psychology.

05/2000 – 4/2002 *Clinical Psychologist*

Psychological and Educational Associates, Inc., Washington, D.C.

Provide individual therapy to adults struggling to cope with a variety of stressors, including those related to abuse, loss, grief, socialization deficits and relational difficulties.

09/1998 – 05/2000 *Seminarian*

Grace Episcopal Church, Silver Spring, MD

Assist during worship services. Develop preaching skills. Organize and lead Adult Fora. Participate in seminarian lay committee meetings.

07/1999 – 08/1999 *Chaplain Intern*

Lutheran Homes of South Carolina, White Rock, SC

Serve elderly clients in a variety of settings, including independent living, assisted living, nursing home, and hospice care. Develop preaching skills. Participate in regular chaplain intern meetings. Meet with intern supervisor on a weekly basis.

06/1998

Cross-cultural Intern

St. Michael's Anglican Church Kigoma, Tanzania

Serve as intern to two Anglican priests. Attend worship services. Preach (with interpreter). Travel to rural area with senior priest to serve residents and to learn about their culture.

03/1993 – 03/1998

Staff Psychologist

Bureau of Legal Services, Washington, D.C.

Provide competency or criminal responsibility examinations to pre-trial, and psychological examinations to post-trial clients in the District of Columbia's Criminal Justice System.

09/1991 – 03/1993

Mental Health Clinician

CMHC at Piscataway, Acute Psychiatric Service, Piscataway, NJ

Evaluate clients (e.g., depressed, suicidal, homicidal, psychotic) to assess level of care needed.

EDUCATION

06/2003 *The Center for Bilingual Multicultural Studies, Mexico*

Intensive Spanish Language Studies – Elementary-Intermediate

Virginia Theological Seminary

08/1998 *Maryknoll Institute for African Studies, Kenya*
Studies in African Theology

Howard University

12/1991 Doctor of Philosophy – Clinical Psychology
12/1988 Master of Science – Clinical Psychology
05/1985 Bachelor of Science (summa cum laude) – Psychology

AFFILIATIONS

State of Connecticut – Licensed Clinical Psychologist (2009-2010)
Society for the Increase in Ministry – Scholarship Committee (Member: 2009-2010)
Diocese of Connecticut – Bishop Suffragan Transition Committee, Chair of Consecration Subcommittee and Minister of Ceremonies (2007)
Hartford Hospital – Pastoral Services Advisory Committee (Member: 2006-2008)
Diocese of Connecticut – Committee II of the Commission on Ministry (Member: 2005-2010)
Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington (Bishop’s Designee: 2003-2004)
Diocese of Washington – Task Force on Racial Reconciliation (Co-chair: 2003-2004)
Diocese of Washington – Diocesan Review Committee (Member: 2003-2004)
Episcopal Preaching Foundation – Preaching Excellence Program (Student: 1999; Staff: 2004)
District of Columbia – Licensed Clinical Psychologist (1994-1998)
American Psychological Association (1986-1992; 1995-1998)

AWARDS AND HONORS

Sabbatical Grant for Pastoral Leaders, Louisville Institute (2009)
Outstanding Work Performance Evaluations, Bureau of Legal Services (1993-1996)
Outstanding Clinical Psychology Graduate Student, Howard University (1986-1988)
Graduate Trustee Scholarship, Howard University (1985-1990)
Phi Beta Kappa (1984)
Undergraduate Trustee Scholarship, Howard University (1982-1985)
Dean’s List, Howard University (1982-1985)
Professor Nissim Levy Undergraduate Research Award, Howard University (1983-1984)

REFERENCES

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