

SEMINARY STUDENT (AFTER)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Graduating seminary student excited to invest in the Church in unstable times; shaped by and committed to a Wesleyan tradition that values both personal faith and social holiness; called to relational ministry informed by lifelong learning. Seeking opportunity to join vibrant Methodist congregation to work with and develop youth in their discipleship.

EDUCATION

Emory University, Candler School of Theology

Atlanta, GA

Master of Divinity Candidate

May 2019

- Cumulative GPA: 3.98
- Publication: *The Terror and the Glory* (Graduate Review of the Harvard Divinity School, Spring 2018)
- Thesis: A Study of Parental Divorce and its Impact on Teens
- Nominated by faculty to serve as peer advisor and selected as Teaching Assistant for Intro to Preaching course

Abilene Christian University

Abilene, TX

Bachelor of Arts in Religion, summa cum laude, Minors in Pastoral Ministry and Biblical Hebrew

May 2016

- Cumulative GPA: 3.98
- Honored as Phi Alpha Lambda (outstanding senior in religion and theology) and Peer Mentor of the Year (2016)

ECCLESIAL EXPERIENCE

The Fellowship of the Church with Abilene Christian University

Abilene, TX

Curriculum Designer and Program Reporter

Summer 2018 – present

- Selected and funded by the Candler Advantage program to design curriculum for high school youth
- Design a series of five testimony practices rooted in a Wesleyan tradition for small groups of high schoolers
- Analyze the program's strengths and weaknesses in two comprehensive reports, including recommendations that were implemented leading to a 10% participation increase from youth from year 1 to year 2

Candler Park United Methodist Church

Atlanta, GA

Pastoral Intern

Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

- Taught a series of 6 Sunday School classes for 10-15 senior adults on the life and thought of John Wesley, prepared sermons and preached in Sunday services, including sermons on various topics, including addiction, discipleship, and grief
- Planned lessons and activities for high school students, including visit to the Center for Civil and Human Rights

Christ Church United Methodist

Kansas City, MO

Summer Liturgist

Summer 2017

- Prepared and led liturgy for two of three weekly morning services and made pastoral visits to hospitals and nursing homes
- Created a comprehensive report that detailed Christ Church's efforts to engage young adults and suggested strategies for improved engagement that is still utilized by the church to move towards growth

Lee Arrendale State Prison

Alto, GA

Diagnostic Unit Chaplain

Fall 2016 – Spring 2017

- Counseled hundreds of women of all backgrounds upon their arrival to Arrendale to help them cope with and process the start of a new chapter of their lives, receiving supervision from lead chaplain to develop pastoral caregiving skills

Abilene Christian University

Abilene, TX

Student Chaplain

Fall 2015 – Spring 2016

- Elected by the student body to paid position to oversee spiritual life events, counseled 2-3 students per week and referred to professionals; managed four class chaplains; served on the executive council; revitalized a formerly dormant position.

Other Recent Experience includes Emory Recreation Center Attendant (Fall 2018-Present), Barnes and Noble Emory (Spring 2017), and Panera Bread (Summer – Fall 2015).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Interests include playing the saxophone, performing at a subpar level in team sports, making hipster-quality coffee
- Personality Types: INFJ (MBTI); 3 wing 2 (Enneagram); Competition, Belief, Strategic (Strengths Finder)

REFERENCES

- *History of Methodism Research Assistant*: Tom Elliott, thomas.elliott@emory.edu
- *The Fellowship of the Church with Abilene Christian University*: Graham Linklater, glinklater@acu.edu
- *Candler Park United Methodist Church*: Genny Vickers, gvickers@candlerparkmethodist.org
- *Christ Church United Methodist Kansas City*: Dr. Stanley Graves, stgraves@ccum.net