
Kerry Loescher

OBJECTIVE

Professional Educator dedicated to training and empowering students for ministry to youth/emerging adults and families by preparing them for deep theological reflection and applications as well as helping them master the necessary practical ministry skills.

EDUCATION

M.A. in Christian Education

Oral Roberts University, Graduation May 1997

B.A. in Church Ministries with an emphasis in Missions, minor in Public Relations and Advertising
Oral Roberts University, Graduation May 1995

Ph.D. in Education Studies in process

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Full-time Instructor of Practical Ministries--Youth Ministry Specialist, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK, Jan. 2008-Present

Instructor, On-Line College, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK, 2007-Present

Adjunct Instructor of Youth Ministry and Evangelism, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK, Fall 2006-Dec. 2007

Adjunct Instructor, Degree Completion Program, Southwestern Christian University, Broken Arrow, OK, Fall 2011-present

Guest Lecturer for Youth Ministry, Oral Roberts University Undergraduate Theology, Tulsa, OK, 2002-2005

Guest Lecturer for Discipleship and Spiritual Formation as well as Youth Ministry, Oral Roberts University Graduate Theology, Tulsa, OK, 1999-Present

Teaching Assistant for General Education Undergraduate Theology Classes, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK, 1995-1996

PRESENTATIONS:

2016 Urban Youth Workers Institute National Convention

- When Urban Kids Go to College
- When Life Sucks—Ministering to Kids in Life's Darkest Moments

2015 National Youth Workers Convention

- Youth Ministry Management Tools (Intensive Seminar, partnered with Ginny Olson)

- When Life Sucks—Ministering to Kids in Life's Darkest Moments
 - Dealing with Parents When their Kid is a Mess
- 2015 Urban Youth Workers Institute National Convention
- Youth Ministry Management Tools (Seminar)
- 2014 National Youth Workers Convention
- 2013 National Youth Workers Convention
- The Launching Years
 - Dealing with Difficult Girls
- 2012 National Youth Workers Convention
- Seminars: Dealing with Difficult Girls and When Life Sucks—Ministering to Kids in Life's Darkest Moments
- 2011 National Youth Workers Convention
- Seminars: Crafting Internships that Matter, When Life Sucks: Ministering to Kids in Life's Darkest Moments
- 2009 National Youth Workers Convention
- Seminars: Small Groups 101, Dealing with Difficult Girls
- 2008 National Youth Workers Convention
- Seminars: Dealing with Difficult Girls, Small Groups 101, and Ministry with Blended Families.
- 2007 National Youth Workers Convention
- HERStory training conference for women in youth ministry.

PUBLICATIONS

"Don't Freak Out," Youth Worker Journal, Nov/Dec 2016

Regular contributor to the Youth Specialties Blog (80,000+ hits a month)

"Evaluation and Transformation—A Beautiful Partnership," Teaching Next Generations, chapter 26, Terry Linhart, General Editor. (Ada, MI: Baker, 2016)

"Six Ways to Reach Grieving Kids," Youth Worker Journal, Sept/Oct 2015

"I'm their Leader. Which way did they go?" Ministry Today magazine, Sept/Oct 2011.

"Adult Swim," Message magazine, Sept/Oct 2010.

NATIONAL PODCASTS, VIDEOS:

- "Deer in the Headlights," Youth Specialties Podcast, Feb. 2009.
- "The Match," Youth Specialties Podcast, Dec. 2008.
- "My Dream," Youth Specialties Podcast and Promotional Video for the National Youth Workers Convention 2007.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT:

- Online course development, Oral Roberts University Online Campus, Church Ministries degree program.
- Youth Ministry Certificate, Oral Roberts University, School of Life Long Education, 2008.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

- Outstanding Service Award for the College of Theology and Ministry (2016)
- Outstanding Faculty Person of the Year for the College of Theology and Ministry (2015, 2011)
- Writing Across the Curriculum Award (2014)
- Outstanding Service Award, College of Theology and Ministry (2014)
- Alumni Award for Student Engagement (2013)
- Outstanding Support Citation for the 376th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron during Operation Freedom, 2008.

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT:

- Introduction to Youth Ministry
- Introduction to Evangelism
- Christian Leadership
- Church Administration
- Pastoral Care of Families with Youth
- Outdoor Adventure and Camping in Youth Ministry
- Local Church Outreach
- Youth Culture and Faith Development
- Biblical Basis of Evangelism
- Urban Outreach Ministry
- Leadership and the Pastoral Epistles
- Old Testament Survey

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Network of Youth Ministry
- Association of Youth Ministry Educators
- National Network of Women in Youth Ministry
- Metro Worship—Tulsa, OK network of youth ministers

PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY EXPERIENCE:

Director of Student Programming (2003-2006) and Director of High School Ministries (2000-2003), Asbury United Methodist Church, Tulsa, OK

- Provided leadership for paid and volunteer staff of over 100 people.
- Managed area budget of over \$400,000.
- Provided leadership for 25+ high school small groups with over 240 faithful student participants and 50+ adult leaders. Groups were divided by grade and gender, each with either two male leaders or two female leaders.
- Developed local mission program for junior high and high school students. Began with 20 students plugging into local ministries and service agencies, and grew program to over 150 students participating on a regular basis.
- Launched regional "Worth the Wait" purity education. Began with local church and grew the ministry to include 9 churches and over 400 students WITH their parents participating.
- Plan and coordinate monthly "Metro Worship," interdenominational worship experiences which grew to include more than 400 youth from twenty-two different Tulsa area churches.
- Revitalized the fundraising process for students in missions. Began with the goal of raising \$40,000 (more than 2x the largest amount raised previously) in 2001. In 2006, raised over \$125,000 for student missions.
- Set up groups of intercessors to cover teams in prayer during missions.
- Began HS international mission experiences with 20 students and 4 volunteers, and grew the ministry to over 180 students with 56 volunteers in 5 years.
- Oversaw, coordinated, trained leaders and wrote curriculum for annual fall retreats. Attendance at these began with 60 students and grew to more than 160 students.
- Mentored youth ministry interns providing youth ministry experience through opportunities to encounter God, practice ministry skills and develop leadership by participating in small group ministry, large group activities and event planning. Interns were required to have a few students whom they were mentoring.
- Developed yearly student discipleship plan to ensure that the youth ministry addressed the following key discipleship areas: authentic faith, spiritual disciplines, moral boundaries, healthy friendships, wise choices, ultimate authority, and others first.
- Education Dean for Dayspring Summer Camp 2000-2006, a weeklong discipleship Christian camping experience. Tasks: setting the camp theme with the Design Team, determining the Big Idea for each day, writing, compiling and editing the entire small group curriculum including leader's manuals and student journals. Trained adult volunteers as small group leaders and led the rite of passage ceremony for the graduating seniors. While Education Dean, camp attendance expanded by 25% and drew students from 28 different churches.
- Updated all youth ministry programming and systems while facilitating the move into a new multi-million dollar facility as part of the church relocation in 2004.
- Presented at the National Youth Workers Convention:
 - * 2006 National Youth Workers Convention (presented at all 3 cities)
 - Critical Concerns Course: Women in Youth Ministry, partnered with Kara Powell, Ph.D. Director of The Center for Youth and Family Ministry, Fuller Seminary, and Ginny Olsen, the co-director of the Center for Youth Ministry Studies and assistant professor at North Park University and Theological Seminary
 - Super Seminar: Teenage Boys and Teenage Girls, partnered with Steve Gerali, D.Phil., the Chair of the undergraduate degree program in youth ministry at Azusa Pacific University.

- Seminars: Dealing with Difficult Girls, Measuring Success.
- * 2005 National Youth Workers Convention
 - Critical Concerns Course: Women in Youth Ministry
 - Seminars: Dealing with Difficult Girls and Managing Change.
- * 2003 National Youth Workers Convention
 - Seminar: Ministry to Teenage Girls.
 - Forum: Denominational Youth Ministry
- * 2001 National Youth Workers Convention
 - Seminars: Ministry to Teenage Girls, Customizing and Creating Your Own Curriculum

Youth Pastor, St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, Claremore, OK, 1997-2000

- Began with 7 students and grew ministry to over 70 students participating in small group discipleship. (Students comprised more than 50% of the overall congregation.)
- Created family based discipleship program for Confirmation.
- Education Dean for Disciple Summer Camp 1997-2000, a weeklong discipleship Christian camping experience for middle school students. Tasks: setting the camp theme with the Design Team, determining the Big Idea for each day, writing, compiling and editing the entire small group curriculum including leader's manuals and student journals. Trained adult volunteers as small group leaders and led the rite of passage ceremony for the 8th graders transitioning to high school. While Education Dean, camp participation expanded from 200 campers to more than 400 campers representing 35 churches.
- Launched the church's first domestic and international missions experiences for both students and adults.

REFERENCES

References available upon request