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EDUCATION

D.Min., Leadership in Community Spiritual Formation, Denver Seminary, Littleton, CO (2011)

Project/Thesis: *The Effect of the Cavetime Training Program upon the Dissonance Levels of Men as It Relates to Their Beliefs and Behaviors Pertaining to Their Roles as Men*

M.Div., with honors, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK (2006)

M.A., with high distinction, Philosophy & Apologetics, Trinity Theological Seminary, Newburgh, IN (2002)

B.A., cum laude, Pastoral Studies, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK (1984)

ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATION

Practical/Pastoral Ministry, Christian Worldview, Apologetics, Philosophy, Leadership Development, C.S. Lewis/Inkling Studies, Missions

TEACHING COMPETENCE

Church Growth and Planting; Christian Worldview; Worldview-Based Leadership; Renaissance and Reformation; Major Religions of the World; History of Christianity and Western Thought; Leadership for the 21st Century; Biblical Hermeneutics; Spiritual Formation; Discipleship/Small Groups; Spirit-Empowered Living; Contemporary Preaching; Philosophy of Ministry Development; Pastoral Ministry Skills; Team Ministry; Strategic Planning; Bible Teaching Methods; Practical Ministry Methods and Practicum; Legal Issues in Ministry; Missions Internship Preparation; Missions Internship Supervision; Ethics; Christian Professional Ethics; Major Figures: The Life and Work of C. S. Lewis; Intensive Studies: C. S. Lewis, His Life, His Legacy; The Philosophy and Theology of C. S. Lewis and Francis Schaeffer; Onboarding Tips and Effective Use of Graduate Assistants

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Practical Ministry

Oral Roberts University, Department of Theology and Ministry (Fall 2017–present)

B.A. courses: Ethics; Intensive Studies: C. S. Lewis, His Life, His Legacy; Spirit-Empowered Living; Church Growth and Planting; Missions Internship Preparation; Missions Internship Supervision; Discipleship/Small Groups; Major Religions of the World; Team Ministry

Oral Roberts University All Faculty Professional Development Seminar (January 2019)

Seminar/Workshop: Onboarding Tips and Effective Use of Graduate Assistants

Adjunct Assistant Professor

Oral Roberts University, Department of History/Humanities and Government (May 2013–Summer 2017)

B.A. courses: Christian Worldview; Worldview-Based Leadership; Renaissance and Reformation; Major Figures: The Life and Work of C. S. Lewis

Adjunct Assistant Professor

Southwestern Christian University, Adult/Online Education Program, Theology (Summer 2012–May 2013)

B.A. courses: The History of Christianity and Western Thought; Christian Professional Ethics; Leadership for the 21st Century; Biblical Hermeneutics; Contemporary Preaching; Strategic Planning; Bible Teaching Methods; Legal Issues in Ministry

Adjunct Assistant Professor

Oral Roberts University, Department of Theology and Ministry (Summer 2009–Summer 2012)

B.A. courses: Spiritual Formation 1; Pastoral Ministry Skills

Guest Lecturer for Professor Mike Eddins

Tulsa Community College (Fall 2007)

In Professor Eddins's course, Introduction to Philosophy 101, I delivered a lecture series on "Moral Absolutes" using the work of Kant, C. S. Lewis, Plato, and Aristotle.

Guest Lecturer for Dr. Ray Smith

Oral Roberts University, Department of Theology and Ministry (Spring 2006)

In Dr. Smith's course, Local Missions, I delivered a lecture entitled "Real Needs, Real Missions."

Guest Lecturer for Professor Kerry Loescher

Oral Roberts University, Department of Theology and Ministry (Spring 2006)

In Professor Loescher's course, Ministry Strategies, I delivered a lecture entitled "Impactful Strategic Planning."

Practical Ministry Internship Director

Oral Roberts University, Department of Theology and Ministry (Summer 2004)

I designed and taught an internship course for ten undergraduate theology students to meet degree requirements. Courses: Practical Ministry Methods and Practicum; The Philosophy and Theology of C. S. Lewis and Francis Schaeffer; Philosophy of Ministry Development.

ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Faculty Sponsor of the ORU Inklings Club (2020–2021)

Whole Person Christian Worldview Committee (2020–2021)

Whole Person Christian Worldview Committee (2019–2020)

IMPACT 2030 Faculty Work Group (2018–2019)

Honors Program Committee (2017–2019)

Advisor for Leadership Studies Program (2014–2015)

Team Member, committee charged with design of enhanced Pastoral Care Major and Leadership/Spiritual Formation minor (2011)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Resident Scholar, The Kilns, Oxfordshire, England (Summer 2018)

The C. S. Lewis Foundation awarded this three-week scholarship appointment to reside at The Kilns and do research at Oxford University's Weston Library and Bodleian Library, where I examined and researched original manuscripts of C. S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, John Donne, and Gerard Manley Hopkins.

Film Festival Awards for *The Trip: Mountains and Manhood* (2017)

- Bare Bones International Film Festival, "Official Selection"
- Best East Texas Film Festival, "Audience Choice Award"
- Endless Mountains Film Festival, "Official Selection"
- EyeCatcher Film Festival, "Official Selection"
- Gallup International Film Festival, "Best Documentary Feature Award"
- Gallup International Film Festival, "Best Cinematography Award"
- Lyons International Film Festival, "Audience Favorite Award"
- Mountain and Adventure Film Festival, "Official Selection"
- Twister Alley Film Festival, "Best Indie Spirit Documentary"
- Twister Alley Film Festival, "Best Movie Poster"
- Woodward International Film Festival, "Best Indie Spirit Award"
- Woodward International Film Festival, "Best Movie Poster Award"

Outstanding Honors Faculty, Oral Roberts University (2016)

Outstanding Member, Leadership Arvada (Arvada, CO) Class of 2009–2010

SENIOR PAPER SUPERVISIONS

"The Unseen Plight of the Bride of Christ: The Effects of Pornography on Men in the Church" by Jesse Muller May (2019)

"Sexuality God's Way: A Call Into Family" by Victor C. Mendoza (November 2018)

- "The Postmodern Effect on Millennial Disengagement with the American Church and a Methodology for Re-engagement" by Rachel N. Provost (October 2018)
- "Music and its Influence on the Young People Today" by Talei Waqa (May 2018)
- "Community Development and Redemptive Thinking: A Spirit-Empowered Strategy for Community Development in Potchefstroom, South Africa" by Guillian J. Nel (December 2017)

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

- ... And A Thousand More Amens: A One-Year Prayer Guide* (Forthcoming)
- Why Lewis? 7 Reasons Why C. S. Lewis Is the Second-Most-Influential Author in Modern Christian History* (Forthcoming).
- "Review of Paul L. King, *Is It Of God? A Biblical Guidebook for Spiritual Discernment.*" *The Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning for Christians in Higher Education* (Forthcoming 2020).
- "Review of Steven D. Lowe and Mary E. Lowe, *Ecologies of Faith in a Digital Age: Spiritual Growth Through Online Education.*" *The Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning for Christians in Higher Education* 9.1 (2019): 44–46. [website]
- Defending the Feminine Heart: Being a Masculine Wall for God's Daughters.* HonorNet Publishers [website], 2017.
- This book became an Amazon Best Seller in the weekend it was released. It attained #1 status in New Christian Men's Books and Christian Men's Books.*
- The Trip: Mountains and Manhood.* Cavetime Films, 2017.
- I was the Executive Producer for this film. It has won awards in four film festivals and has aired on over 40 PBS stations in the United States between February 1, 2019 and February 1, 2020.*
- The Sling: Essential Training for Men of God (5 Stones to Make Every Man a Giant Slayer).* HonorNet Publishers [website], 2015.
- This book became a #1 national Best Seller on Amazon on the weekend it was released.*
- Cavetime: God's Plan for Man's Escape from Life's Assaults.* Destiny Image Publishing, 2012.
- The Cavetime Training Program: Time in the Rock Manual.* Crossroads Publishing, 2009.
- "The Shack Attack." Online article written for Crossroads Church of Denver, 2009.
- The Real Needs Assessment: A Manual for Engaging Public School Administrators.* Higher Dimensions Publishing, 1995.
- The Ministers in Training Youth Ministry Program.* Youth ministry school curriculum written for HDEC National Youth Ministry Institute, Higher Dimensions Publishing, 1994.
- The Armorbearer Youth Ministry Curriculum* written for HDEC Youth Ministries, Higher Dimensions Publishing, 1994.

PRESENTATIONS

- "Why Lewis?" A lecture and Q & A pertaining to my time as a Resident Scholar at the Kilns. Sponsored by the ORU Inklings Society (September 27, 2019)
- "Whole Leaders for the Whole World." A devotion presented to the ORU Faculty at the monthly all-faculty lunch (August 19, 2019).
- "The Irreducible and Immutable One: A Practical Application of C. S. Lewis' Abolition of Man in a Public School Context." Paper presented at the C. S. Lewis Faculty Forum, CalPoly Tech, Pomona, CA (February 23, 2019).
- "Teaching With Purpose and Passion: How to Kindle a Fire for Learning in the Hearts of Your Students." ORU Faculty Lunch and Learn (October 26, 2017)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **3rd Saturday Feeding/Hope Truck (2020-present):** On the third Saturday of every month Church 3434 engages in a feeding ministry that feeds hundreds of families. We do so out of the back of a box truck that has our Church 3434 logo "Hope, Light and Life" on the side of it. The Hope truck is rapidly becoming a visual reminder in our neighborhood of the love of Jesus that is being expressed at Church 3434. Many of the volunteers serving in this ministry are ORU students.
- **The Young Narnians (2019–present):** This is a mentoring program from Church 3434 that occurs weekly at Ochoa Elementary School in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. The purpose is to utilize fiction in an effort to teach reading skills, good character, as well as incite a passion in the hearts of young

people for Jesus by introducing them to Aslan (the Christ figure in C. S. Lewis's books). The co-creators of this program and most of the mentors are ORU students.

- **Mentoring (2010–2020):** Mentoring relationships at Briarglen/Ochoa Elementary have consisted of various aspects of engagement with students. Reading (as mentioned in *The Young Narnians*), help with any subject matter requested by teachers, and group interaction activities have been extremely effective in students with disciplinary/attention issues, as well as increased productivity in the classroom. One very effective group was led by an ORU pre-med student who worked on soccer skills with as many as 25 students per week.
- **Trash Talkers (2010–2020):** Trash Talkers is a group of individuals who walk the grounds of Briarglen/Ochoa Elementary school and pick up trash, while talking to God on behalf of the teachers, students, and administrators. We are convinced that the efforts of the Trash Talkers has laid the groundwork for many of the other successful efforts that we have engaged in about the community.
- **GO Teams (2010–2014):** Go Teams are teams of individuals from Church 3434 that reach into the local community and do “Good works” on behalf of Jesus. Good works have consisted of feeding, lawn care, trash clean-up, fence/home repair, and mowing of the city median. Church 3434 was recognized in 2011 by Mayor Dewey Bartlett with an award for exemplary service. Many of the members of the Go Teams were ORU students.

MINISTRY TEACHING AND PRESENTATION EXPERIENCE

- Conducted Cavetime events: Athens, Greece and Galway, Ireland (May 2019); Dublin and Ballymena, Ireland (May 2017); Belfast, Ireland (November 2018); Camp Dry Gulch USA (annually 2011–2017)
- Advisor for Leadership Studies Program (2014–2015)
- Conducted 100+ Cavetime Weekend Seminars throughout the United States, Canada, and Ireland (2013–present). These seminars train men in the “5 Stones of Cavetime” via the use of worship, videos, presentations, and group interaction.
- Guest Chapel Speaker, Evangel University, Springfield, MO (November 15, 2012)
- Founded Cavetime (501c3), a non-profit entity aimed at kindling a fire in the hearts of men to combat lust, porn, sex-trafficking, purposelessness, sexual confusion, etc. (2011–present)
- Interviewed for National Public Radio’s nationally syndicated talk show “This American Life” (December 5, 2008) to articulate an orthodox doctrine of Hell in rebuttal of the position of Bishop Carlton Pearson espousing Universalism in 2007
- Interviewed by Terry Hood, anchor for the local CBS affiliate, in reference to Bishop Carlton Pearson’s position and switch to a universalistic theology (2007)
- Interviewed for the *Tulsa People* magazine in reference to Bishop Carlton Pearson’s conversion to a universalistic theology (March 2006)
- Designed and conducted a training course to prepare young men for full-time ministry. “The Ministry Apprentice Course” was a rigorous mentorship experience that synthesized both theory and practice, and I accepted two or three men into the program each year. The courses and practical requirements entailed the following: full-time ministry assignment in one area of the church; development of a systematic theology; fundraising to support their one-year commitment (or a part-time job); and development of a philosophy of ministry (2005–2008).
- Designed and taught an ordination and licensure course for eight incoming pastors and elders. The curriculum consisted of the following courses: Church Polity and Values; New Testament Church Structure; Systematic Theology; and The Personal Life and Call of the Minister (2006).
- Served as a mentor for Dan Randall (a former junior high student of mine) during his M.Div. Internship at Duke University. Dan lived in our home for three months, and I utilized the Duke curriculum to assist him in ministry philosophy development, preaching skills, discipleship skills, and personal soul care skills (2006).
- Guest Chapel Speaker, Friends University, Wichita, KS (1995; 2006)
- Developed and instituted a one-year licensure and ordination course for fifteen pastoral staff and elders at The Life Connection, Tulsa, OK. Classes were as follows: Ministry Methods and Structure; Systematic Theology; and Church History (2005).

- Designed and co-taught a course entitled “REAL LIFE” taught to public high school students to develop life skills. This was a “for-credit” course and was groundbreaking in establishing productive relationships between the Tulsa & Bixby public school systems and the local church (1995).
- Founded Tulsa Area Youth Leaders Network to gather youth leaders, pastors, and those concerned about issues facing the youth of our region. Our goal was to use the resources in our churches and organizations (i.e., finances, volunteers, influence) to provide “Real” services to this most valuable segment of our society. At our initial symposium I presented our purpose, vision, and strategy, and we were honored with the attendance of U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe, District Attorney David Moss, Tulsa Mayor Susan Savage, and Police Chief Ron Palmer. This event and the network that was spawned from it helped to birth an Adopt a School program and also fostered many valuable relationships that affected the young people in our communities in positive and long-lasting fashion (1994).
- Founded and taught the Armorbearer Youth Leaders Internship Program, a one-year course for approximately 40 students and 15 adult leaders. It offered a focused youth ministry internship and training classes in the following disciplines: Discipleship; Personal Soul Care; and Practical Ministry Assignment (1995–1996).
- Founded and taught the Ministers in Training Youth Ministry School, a nationally advertised youth ministry training school designed to equip people to establish youth ministries in their communities. Ten people from different areas of the United States and Canada were selected for participation in this one-year program with the following classes: Preaching Methods; Ministry Structure; Local School Outreach; Spiritual Formation; and Personal Care (1993–1994).
- Developed and taught a training and follow-up program for Denver Area Youth for Christ for the Campus Life workers and Area Directors. This program helped to teach campus evangelism strategies, student discipleship, and follow-up and establish relationships between the local church and this para-church organization (1988).
- Founded and taught the S.W.A.T. (Students Working Against Time) suicide prevention seminars designed to attack the catastrophic suicide rate in Jefferson County, CO during this period of time. The seminars were preceded by an all-school assembly presentation, followed by peer intervention groups led by the student leaders from the youth group from the church I pastored. Five of these seminars were conducted in Colorado; two were conducted in Kansas; and two were presented in Oklahoma (1986–1988).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, LICENSURE, AND CERTIFICATIONS

Resident Scholar, C.S. Lewis Foundation (2018)
 Cornerstone/Church 3434 Ordination (2010)
 The Association of Christian Philosophers: Certification (2000)
 The Life Connection: Ordination (1999)
 Higher Dimensions Family Church: Ordination (1991)
 Denver Vineyard: Ordination (1990)
 Dynamic Communicators Seminar: Certification (1989)
 Denver Area Youth for Christ: Area Director Certification (1988)
 Rocky Mountain District of the Assemblies of God: Ordination (1986)

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

The Arvada Chamber of Commerce (2009)
 The Northwest Area Ministers Network (2009)
 The Jenks Chamber of Commerce (2004)
 The Tulsa Area Youth Leaders Network, Founder (1995)
 Jefferson County Suicide Prevention Task Force (1986)

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Lead Pastor

Church 3434/Cornerstone Family Church, Tulsa, OK (June 2010–present)

- Identified, trained, and empowered leadership
- Established the following areas of the church: gift-based ministries to help every member find their place in the Body; an ethos of passionate spirituality; systems and effective structures; an effective

worship team that inspires the Body; a culture of holistic small groups; an army of evangelists adept at meeting the needs of the church; a culture where loving relationships are common

- Negotiated a name change from Cornerstone Family Church to Church 3434
- Established a flourishing relationship with a predominantly African American Church that meets in our building (Goin' Hard For Christ). We have successfully shared space with them, thereby creating an integrated, Heaven-like culture that is a witness to the neighborhood, the region, and world around us, a witness portraying that when Jesus is the common-denominator, different ethnicities and cultures can co-exist peacefully and in mutual prosperity.
- Established an international focus by empowering an International Pastoral Team to reach local international residents and students
- Established a financial culture that has gone from being dangerously in debt, to one of health and prosperity. Church 3434 is currently in a remodeling project and expects to build on our property, which is debt free.
- Our Leadership Council is contemplating ways to establish multiple campuses.

Executive Pastor

Foothills Community Church, Arvada, CO (January 2009–May 2010)

- Preached one set of services every three to four weeks, supervising the pastoral staff of seven members
- Helped to craft and implement the vision of this church of 1200–1500 members
- Established an organizational chart and corresponding job descriptions
- Developed and implemented a spiritual formation plan for the entire church
- Participated in the Board of Directors and Elders meetings on behalf of the Senior Pastor
- Established outreach ministries to the local high schools; relationships with civic organizations like the Chamber of Commerce; assimilation strategies
- Built upon the existent Men's Ministry structure
- Served as a confidant and support to the Lead Pastor and as a member of the Executive Team

Teaching Team Member and Ministry Consultant

Woodmen Valley Chapel, Colorado Springs, CO (April 2009–December 2009)

- This church was approximately 6,000 members, with a team of 75 support staff. During their search for a Senior Pastor, I preached for them and coached and strategized with their youth ministry staff. I was ultimately offered the job of Executive Pastor

Co-Senior Pastor

Crossroads Church of Denver, Wheatridge, CO (January 2008–April 2009)

- Preached one set of weekend services per month (Saturday evening and two Sunday morning services) and every other Wednesday evening
- Supervised the Children's Ministry (overseeing and transitioning from the previous Children's minister to hiring a new one), Men's Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Worship Ministry (transitioning from previous Worship Leader to hiring a new one)
- Formulated and supervised a fully-orbed church strategy
- Implemented a staff development strategy
- Conducted bi-monthly staff meetings and weekly pastoral team meetings
- Implemented and supervised a local outreach strategy where we built a Habitat for Humanity house; recruited, trained, and released hundreds of our members into service on a local high school campus as tutors and event attendees
- Initiated a series of revenue streams to better utilize the 100,000 sq. ft. space that comprised the Crossroads facilities

Co-Senior Pastor

The Life Connection, Tulsa, OK (1999–2008)

- I was one of the founding pastoral team members of this cell-based church.
- Imparted the vision to the congregation and staff and preached twice a month
- Supervised the Lifegroups (cells), Youth Ministry, Men's Ministry, Leadership Team, local outreach (Adopt a Block and the construction of a Habitat for Humanity house), the planning for and

oversight of weekly Ministry Team meetings, and the hiring of staff as it related to my areas of purview

- During my tenure at The Life Connection, our church grew from a few families to approximately 1000. We transitioned from a set-up and tear-down church (we rented a local school for four years) into a building that we eventually purchased. When I left in May 2008, The Life Connection had approximately \$100,000 in the bank, had paid off a second mortgage, and was on course to pay off the first mortgage within 10 years.

Family Life Pastor

Higher Dimensions Family Church, Tulsa, OK (1995–1999)

- Implemented and supervised the Youth Ministry (which was led by one of my former students), adult Christian Education Program, Men's Ministry Program, and the Cell Church Implementation Task Force
- Preached in Senior Pastor's absence

Youth Pastor

Higher Dimensions Family Church, Tulsa, OK (1991–1995)

- Implemented and supervised programming for junior and senior high school students (7th–12th grades) at this cross-cultural (65% African American; 35% Caucasian) church of approximately 5000–6000 members
- Hired and supervised a junior high youth pastor, a senior high youth pastor, a youth ministry administrator, a youth ministry worship leader, youth ministry interns, and a nationally advertised training school for youth ministers
- Served as a chaplain for a local high school football team and spoke into the lives of 100+ young men every week
- Preached in Senior Pastor's absence
- During this timeframe, I traveled and spoke for the international youth ministry organization Teen Mania and was the first speaker other than its founder, Ron Luce, to speak at one of their major events called Acquire the Fire.

Associate Pastor/Youth Pastor

Vineyard Denver, Wheatridge, CO (1989–1991)

- Implemented and supervised programming for junior and senior high school students (7th–12th grades)
- Executed general pastoral assignments for this church of approximately 5000–6000 members
- Preached in Senior Pastor's absence.

Southeast Area Director

Denver Area Youth For Christ, Parker, CO (1987–1989)

- Planted and developed Campus Life ministries in areas of the community where there were none. This process included financial development; recruitment, training, and supervision of adult volunteers; identification and development of youth leadership; and recruitment and supervision of club membership.

Youth Pastor

Abundant Life Christian Center, Arvada, CO (1984–1987)

- Implemented and supervised programming for junior and senior high school students (7th–12th grades)
- Executed general pastoral assignments for this church of approximately 700 members. Responsibilities included single's ministry, leading worship, hospital visitation, visitation of the mentally handicapped and the elderly, performing weddings and funerals, and other ministry opportunities.