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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

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

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 Christian Education and 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

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.
- Managed area budget of over \$400,000.
- Provided leadership for 23-25 high school small groups with over 240 faithful student participants and 46-50 adult leaders. Groups were divided by grade and gender, each with either two male leaders or two female leaders. Most leaders would begin with a group of seventh graders and remain with them until they graduated high school, providing an excellent opportunity for mentoring and discipleship. Many small group leaders functioned as spiritual fathers and mothers for the youth. It was common for a large number of these leaders to accompany the teens on missions and Dayspring Summer Camps.

- 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.
- Helped to 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, making it difficult to find facilities with enough beds.
- Mentored youth ministry interns who desired youth ministry experience by giving them 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 each year's student discipleship plan to ensure that during every year the youth ministry addressed the following key discipleship areas: authentic faith, spiritual disciplines, moral boundaries, healthy friendships, wise choices, ultimate authority, and others first.
- Served as the Education Dean for Dayspring Summer Camp, a week long discipleship Christian camping experience. This involved setting the theme for camp with the Design Team, determining the Big Idea for each day, writing, compiling and editing the entire small group curriculum that would be used throughout the week (both leader's manuals and student journals). Conducted small group leaders training for the adult volunteers, and led the rite of passage ceremony for the graduating seniors. While serving as part of the Dayspring leadership team, camp attendance expanded by 25%, drew students from 28 different churches, and outgrew the campgrounds.
- Redesigned programming and processes to facilitate church move to new location in 2004.

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.
- Served as the Education Dean for Disciple Summer Camp, a week long discipleship Christian camping experience targeting junior high students. Like Dayspring, responsibilities involved setting the theme for camp with the Design Team, determining the Big Idea for each day, writing, compiling and editing the entire small group curriculum that would be used throughout the week (both leader's manuals and student journals). Conducted small group leaders training for the adult volunteers, and led the

- rite of passage ceremony for the graduating eighth graders. Attendance expanded from 200 campers to more than 400 campers representing 35 churches in just a few years.
- Launched the church's first domestic and international missions experiences for both students and adults.

High School Associate Youth Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Tulsa, OK, 1996-1997

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.

PRESENTATIONS:

2012 National Youth Workers Convention

- Seminars: Dealing with Difficult Girls, 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.

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 and 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 and Customizing and Creating Your Own Curriculum.

Frequent youth camp/retreat, leadership training, women's ministry, and adoption speaker

PUBLICATIONS

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

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

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT:

Youth Ministry Certificate, Oral Roberts University, School of Life Long Education, 2008.

Committee Chair, Editor, and Contributing Author for Dayspring, a regional high school Christian camp: "Threshold" 2006, "Greater Things" 2005, "Now What?" 2004, "Can You Hear Us?" 2003, "Everyday" 2002, "Storm" 2001, "Surrender" 2000, "Take a Dive" 1999, "Obey Your Thirst" 1998.

Committee Chair, Editor, and Contributing Author for Disciple, a regional junior high Christian camp: "Take a Dive" 2000, "Go Deep" 1999, "Who I Am" 1998.

Author, "Worth the Wait," a regional purity education program, 2001, 2003, 2005.

Design Team, Metro Worship, a regional interdenominational monthly worship gathering for JH and HS students, 1996-2007.

SPECIAL CITATIONS:

Outstanding Support Citation for the 376th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron during Operation Freedom, 2008.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Train the Trainer high and low ropes challenge course.

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

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

SKILLS

Microsoft Office and Publisher
Media Shout
Mac iMovie, Keynote, Pages, Safari, iPhoto
Variety of iPad and Android applications

REFERENCES

Excellent references available upon request