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MINISTRY & COMMUNITY LIFE

Spiritual Formation

Participated in vision and implementation of adult education and formation for 90+ classes and small groups in a large parish.

Liturgy

Engaged in regular liturgical planning and service, teaching acolytes, serving as needed in a full range of liturgical roles.

Preaching

Preached on invitation in both liturgical and informal worship settings. [Sermons available online.](#)

Youth Leadership

Facilitated youth meetings ages junior high through college; planned and coordinated weekend retreats, summer camps. Implemented college campus evangelism projects and worship meetings in an ecumenical context. Taught in small group meetings and bible studies. Mentored students.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Adult Education

Over twenty years of experience developing and teaching adult education courses in parish and academic contexts using both lecture, presentation and small group discussion formats.

Taught multiple sessions as a part of Rector's Forums, Catechumenate classes, and weekly adult formation. Topics include "Basics of the Faith," [the Nicene Creed](#); Christian Ethics, "Liberation Theology, Gender and the Magnificat"; "Praying our Visions: Story, Gender and Icons of the Theotokos."

Confirm not Conform

Arranged and taught classes at the local parish and diocesan level for a city-wide confirmation program.

ADMINISTRATION

Personnel Management

Managed an internationally-distributed team for a web support company engaged in direct client support. HR duties included developing team positions, interviewing potential staff and supervising performance. Trained students and professionals using a team model of leadership. Moderated the resolution of concerns regarding policies and procedures.

Project Leadership

Proposed and managed the development of tools and processes across company departments, including resource investment decisions. Initiated a liturgical services program in a Syrian-American parish to encourage inclusion of women in sacramental service.

Committee Participation

Regularly participated in committees, staff meetings and commissions. Assisted with ministerial and administrative tasks as needed.

ACADEMIC WORK

Public Theology

Regular participant in the shared [Women in Theology](#) blog, invited contributor to [Public Orthodoxy](#), and author of [DeiProfundis](#).

Recent Publications

Published invited articles in major journals of Christian Ethics; edited a volume on diverse stories of changing faith; contributed chapters to volumes on faith and sexuality. Regular presenter at academic societies.

Academic CV available online

SELECTED WORK HISTORY

Ministry Field Education, St. Michael & All Angels, Portland, OR, 2016-Present
Ministry Field Education, St. Paul, Oregon City, OR, 2016.
Remote Administration Manager, Acquia, Portland, OR, 2011-Present.
Instructional Design Resident, Honors Program/Instructional Design and eTeaching Services, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, 2006-2007.
Independent Web Developer, MariaGwyn Web Design, 2002-2011.

ORDINATION

Deacon, June 10th, 2017, *Trinity Episcopal Cathedral*, Portland, OR.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Theological Ethics, *Boston College*, Chestnut Hill, MA.
Master of Divinity, *Fuller Theological Seminary*, Pasadena, CA
Bachelors of Arts, Religion, *Pitzer College*, Claremont, CA

AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE

Professional Affiliations
Society of Christian Ethics
American Academy of Religion

Professional Service
Editorial Board, *The St. Nina Quarterly*, 2007-2015
Web Editor, *The St. Nina Quarterly*, 2004-2015

References available upon request