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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Vanderbilt University | 2014— present: (Expected Graduation May 2020)

Major: Homiletics and Liturgics

Minor: Faith, Disability and Practical Theology

M.Div., Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary | 2010—2013

M.A., The Ohio State University | 2007—2009

Major: Music Theory and Cognition

Thesis Title: "Children and Dance: Spontaneous Tempo, Body Morphology, and The Problem of Synchronizing to an External Beat"

B.A. Music, Appalachian State University | 2003—2007

Major: Piano Performance

PUBLICATIONS

Utley, Allie. "Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Deuteronomy 30:15-20" *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary Series*. (Westminster John Knox Press). (forthcoming)

Utley, Allie. "Jeremiah 4:11-12 and Exodus 32:7-14" *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary Series*. (Westminster John Knox Press). (forthcoming)

Utley, Allie. "Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Amos 8:4-7" *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary Series*. (Westminster John Knox Press). (forthcoming)

Utley, Allie, "Children and Dance: Spontaneous Tempo, Body Morphology and The Problem of Synchronizing to an External Beat," *Ohio State Online Music Journal*. (Vol. 2).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Utley, Allie. "All the feels: an autoethnography of liturgy and affect" Paper to be presented at the annual *North American Academy of Liturgy* (2020)

Utley, Allie. "Affect an the Study of Liturgy. Paper presented at the annual *North American Academy of Liturgy* (2018)

BOOK REVIEWS

"The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Ritual" Edited by Ristro Uro, Juliette J. Day, Richard E. Demaris, and Rikard Riggio. *Interpretation Journal*. (forthcoming)

"Religion, Language, and the Human Mind" edited by Paul Anthony Chilton, Monika Weronika Kopytowska. *Homiletic*. (forthcoming)

AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowship in Theology and Practice,
Vanderbilt University

David L. Stitt Fellowship,
Austin Presbyterian
Theological Seminary, January 2013

Calhoun Book Award,
Austin Presbyterian
Theological Seminary, 2012

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

Chair of Graduate Student
Planning Committee,
Academy of Homiletics 2018

Graduate Student Steering Committee,
North American Academy of Liturgy 2016

Local Planning Committee,
Academy of Homiletics 2016

MEMBERSHIPS

Academy of Homiletics
North American Academy of Liturgy
American Academy of Religion

LANGUAGES

Reading knowledge of: Spanish,
Biblical Hebrew, Koine Greek

CERTIFICATES

Leadership and Education in
Neurodevelopmental Disabilities,
Vanderbilt University

Certificate in Mobile Media,
Berkeley Advanced Media Institute

Certificate in Podcasting,
This American Life

WORK EXPERIENCE

Associate, Worship Design Studios, present

Write and curate content for worship design studio's Advent and Lenten series.

Master Teaching Fellow, Vanderbilt University, 2018—2019

Served as an aid to current teaching assistants and provide continuing education opportunities.

Research Assistant, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, May 2015—June 2016

Maintained and developed website: faithanddisability.org and leadership in "Putting Faith to Work," and "Community Conversations on Faith and Disability".

Worship Intern, Vanderbilt University, August 2014—May 2015

Lead a team of masters students in the planning, preparation, and execution of weekly chapel services.

Chapel Coordinator, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, May 2013—2014

Assisted the President, Worship Committee, students, and prayer leaders with worship and special services, and served as a research assistant and instructional aid for worship and preaching courses.

Seminary Intern, Central Presbyterian Church, February 2012—December 2012

Engaged in a full range of ministerial and professional experiences.

Communications Assistant, APTS, September 2009—January 2012

Assisted in the production and editing of seminary publications.

Young Adult Volunteer, PC(USA), New Orleans, LA 2009—2011

Offered spiritual and emotional care to patients and staff at Ochsner Medical Center, the largest city hospital in New Orleans. Initial assignment was to visit newly admitted patients. I was then given a clinical assignment visiting patients on the general surgery floor, pediatric unit, and pediatric intensive care unit. I established a relationship between the pastoral care department and the Child life Specialists.

Head Counselor, Ramapo for Children; Rhinebeck, NY, summers of 2006—present

I began as a counselor in the summer of 2006 and based on leadership and communication skills was promoted each subsequent summer, first to assistant head counselor then to head counselor. As Head Counselor, my role was to supervise approximately 20 counselors in the implementation of recreational and educational programming for special needs children ages 4-18. The camp serves around 200 campers each summer. Ramapo for Children is a non-profit organization striving to inspire youth with special needs to experience success, develop healthy relationships and learn necessary life skills. In the summer of 2009, I successfully implemented several changes in educational programming including how lessons plans were developed and the location of the science center.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY

University of the Redlands Graduate School of Theology

Visiting Instructor

Introduction to Preaching, Spring 2020

Sacred Sounds: A History and Theology of Church Music, Spring 2020

Vital Worship in the 21st Century, Fall 2019

Vital Worship in the 21st Century, Online, Fall 2019

Lexington Theological Seminary

Instructor

New Birth to Dying in Christ, Online, Fall 2019

Vanderbilt University

Teaching Associate

Fundamentals of Preaching with Professor John McClure, Spring 2018

Fundamentals of Preaching with Professor John McClure, Spring 2017

Preaching the Lectionary with Bishop Joe Pennel, Spring 2016

Oratory and Rhetoric for Proclamation with Professor Dale Andrews, Fall 2014

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Research Assistant

Professor of Homiletics and Liturgical Studies, Jennifer Lord, 2011—2013

Chapel Worship Coordinator

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 2013—2014

Worship Consultant

Education Beyond the Walls, Austin Seminary, Spring 2013—2014

Student Representative to Faculty Worship Committee

Austin Seminary, Fall 2011-2013

Instructional Aide

The Church as Worshipping Community, Professor Jen Lord, Spring 2014

Sunday and Sacraments/Page to Practice, Professor Jen Lord, Spring 2014

The Church as Worshipping Community, Professor Jen Lord, Spring 2013

Elementary Hebrew, Professor Song Park, Spring 2013

Introduction to Preaching, Professor KC Ptomey, Fall 2012

Elementary Hebrew, Professor Gregory Cuellar, Spring 2012

The Church as Worshipping Community, Professor Jen Lord, Spring 2012

The Ohio State University

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Music Theory/Aural Skills, Fall 2007—Spring 2009

Appalachian State University

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Music Theory for Professor Gabe Fankhauser, 2007

Instructor

Hayes School of Music Community Music School, 2006—2007