

## **Rev. Dr. Casey Thornburgh Sigmon**

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### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D.            2017            Vanderbilt University, Graduate Department of Religion  
Major: Homiletics and Liturgics / Minor: Practical Theology
- Dissertation: *“Engaging the Gadfly: A Process Homilecclesiology for a Digital Age”*
- M.Div.           2010            McCormick Theological Seminary
- B.A.              2006            The University of Kansas: Theater and Film

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2016-2019    Adjunct Professor, Saint Paul School of Theology, Leawood Kansas  
Master of Divinity Courses:  
    “Ministry Collaboration Group” (Fall 16, Spring 2017)  
    “The Ministry of Preaching in a Digital Age” (Spring 2017)  
    “Technology in Ministry” (Spring 2018)  
    “Introduction to Worship and Liturgy” (Fall 2018)  
    “Dinner Church Movement” Practicum (Fall 2018)  
    “Introduction to Preaching” (Spring 2019)  
Doctor of Ministry Courses:  
    Orienting Seminar-Module-“Preaching in a Technological Age” (Spring 2017)  
    “Prophetic Ministry” (Spring 2018)
- 2017-2019    Course of Study Faculty for the United Methodist Church  
    “Preaching” (Spring 2017, Summer 2018, Spring 2019)  
    “Bible V: Acts, Epistles, and Revelation” (Fall 2017)  
    “Worship & Sacraments” (Spring 2018)  
    “Bible III: Gospels” (Summer 2018)
- 2014-2016    Adjunct Faculty, Trevecca Nazarene University, Worship and Arts Program,  
Nashville, Tennessee  
    “Contextualization of Worship” (Fall 2014, Spring 2016)
- 2012-2014    Teaching Fellow, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee  
    “Fundamentals of Preaching,” John S. McClure, Charles G. Finney  
    Professor of Homiletics (Spring 2014)  
    “Theology and Preaching,” John S. McClure, Charles G. Finney Professor  
    of Homiletics (Fall 2013)

“Prophetic Preaching and Social Justice Ethics,” Dale P. Andrews,  
Distinguished Professor of Homiletics, Social Justice, and  
Practical Theology (Spring 2013)

“Traversing Our National Wound: Immigration and the US/Mexico  
Border,” Viki Matson, Assistant Professor of the Practice of  
Ministry and Director of Field Education (Spring 2012)

- 2008-2010 Education Assistant, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois  
“Film and the Bible,” Melody D. Knowles, Associate Professor of  
Hebrew Scriptures  
“Greek Exegesis I,” Jae Won Lee, Associate Professor of New Testament  
“Introduction to Contemporary Christian Ethics,” Jennifer R. Ayres,  
Associate Professor of Ethics  
“Introduction to Theology,” Robert Cathey, Professor of Theology

### **SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS**

- 2019 North American Academy of Liturgy- Denver, Colorado  
Exploring Contemporary and Alternative Worship Seminar  
“Can I Take Your Ordo? Reflections on Dinner Church Liturgies”
- 2017 Academy of Homiletics- Dallas, Texas  
Preaching, Media, and Technology Workgroup  
“The Courage to Preach in a Digital Age”
- 2017 Saint Paul School of Theology-Overland Park, Kansas  
Workshop for Faculty Work Day  
“Teaching Spiritual and Community Formation in the Digital Age”
- 2017 Union Presbyterian Seminary-Richmond, Virginia  
Guest Lecturer in “Preaching in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” with Professor Richard W. Voelz  
“Preaching, Technology, and Social Media”
- 2017 North American Academy of Liturgy-Washington, D.C.  
Exploring Contemporary and Alternative Worship Seminar  
“Engaging the Gadfly: Contemporary Technoculture & Contemporary Worship”
- 2016 Academy of Homiletics- San Antonio, Texas  
Preaching, Media, and Technology Workgroup  
“Pulpit and Pew: Preaching Caught in a Bin(d)nary”
- 2014 Ways of Knowing- Graduate Conference on Religion at Harvard Divinity School  
“The Gospel According to Her: A Qualitative Study of Christian Woman and  
Tattoo Culture”
- 2013 Academy of Homiletics- Louisville, Kentucky

Hermeneutics and Biblical Studies Workgroup

“The Weeping Witness: Preaching as Prophetic Lamentation toward the Ethical Imperative” (co-author Yolanda M. Norton)

- 2012 SBL Annual Meeting- Bible and Pastoral Theology, Chicago, Illinois  
“The Psalms and God’s Heseid: Reclaiming Mature Proximity to Presence/Absence in Public Space” (co-author Yolanda M. Norton)
- 2012 AAR/SBL Regional Meeting (SECSOR)- Atlanta, Georgia  
“Clara Babcock To Again Occupy the Pulpit: Reclaiming her voice as preacher and pioneer in Disciples of Christ history”

**SELECTED ECCLESIAL PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS**

- 2017 Overland Park Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)-Overland Park, Kansas  
Advent Planning Workshop for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City
- 2015 Danish Festival of Homiletics- Humlebaek, Denmark  
“A Homiletic of Lament: Bringing the God-forsaken Back into the Fold of a Compassionate God”
- 2013 Vine Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)-Nashville, Tennessee  
“Cinematic Savior: A 5-week study of Jesus in Film”

**BOOK REVIEWS**

- 2017 “Review of Justice Calls: Sermons of Welcome and Affirmation” by Phil Snider, ed. *Encounter*.
- 2016 “Review of The Scandal of Having Something to Say” by Lance Pape. *Practical Matters Journal*, Issue 9.
- 2015 “Review of Distance in Preaching: Room to Speak, Space to Listen” by Michael Brothers. *Homiletic*, Vol. 40, No. 1.
- 2014 “Review of Virtually Sacred: Myth and Meaning in a World of Witchcraft and Second Life” by Robert M. Geraci. *Homiletic*, Vo. 39, No. 2.
- 2014 “We are the Syllables... a review of Annie Dillard and the Word Made Flesh” by Colleen Warren. *The Other Journal* No. 23.

**PUBLICATIONS**

- 2019 “Homiletical Possibilities and Challenges in Colossians.” *Review and Expositor*. November 2019, Issue Number 4. Issue Editor, David M. May.
- 2019 "The Fruit of Self-Control." *Sermon in Preaching to Teach: Inspire People to Think and Act*, by Richard Voelz. Abingdon Press, 2019.

- 2018 Contributing Editor. *The Living Pulpit: Sermons that Illustrate Preaching in the Stone-Campbell Movement 1968-2018*, Mary Alice Mulligan, ed. Chalice Press.
- 2017-2019 Contributing Author at Working Preacher ([www.workingpreacher.org](http://www.workingpreacher.org))
- 2013 “Clara Babcock To Again Occupy the Pulpit: Reclaiming her voice as preacher and pioneer in Disciples of Christ history.” *Restoration Quarterly* 55.3

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Ordained Minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
 Chair of New and Transforming Churches Commission, Greater Kansas City Region (DOC)  
 Member, Regional Board of the Greater Kansas City Christian Church (DOC)  
 Member, Academy of Homiletics  
 Member, North American Academy of Liturgy

## GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS

Ann E. Dickerson Scholarship, Higher Education & Leadership Ministries of the Christian Church (DOC) (2015, 2014, 2012); Carpenter Center Travel Grant, Vanderbilt University (2012); Program in Theology and Practice Fellow, Vanderbilt University (2011- ); George Tressler Scott Fellowship in Applied Christianity, McCormick Theological Seminary (2010); William H. Higgins Scholarship, McCormick Theological Seminary (2009, 2008); Jewish Women's Scholarship of Greater Kansas City (2002)

## AWARDS and HONORS

- 2013 Bettye R. Ford Graduate Student Service Award, Vanderbilt University  
 2010 Arthur A. McKay Prize in Theology, McCormick Theological Seminary  
 2010 Graduation with Academic Honors, McCormick Theological Seminary  
 2006 Graduation with Highest Distinction, The University of Kansas

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018-2019 Chapel Coordinator-Saint Paul School of Theology, Leawood, KS  
 2018-2019 Senior Pastor-Weston Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Weston, MO  
 2017 Interim Pastor- Merriam Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Merriam, Kansas  
 2017 Regional Board- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City  
 2017 Spiritual Formation Director-United Methodist Course of Study, Summer Session, Overland Park, Kansas  
 2014-2015 Interim Pastor- Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Springfield, TN  
 2012-2013 Worship Intern- Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee

2009-2010      Worship Assistant- McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois  
2008-2009      Worship Intern- LaSalle Street Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois  
2006-2007      Worship Coordinator- Vintage Church, Lawrence, Kansas

### **SELECTED ACADEMIC SERVICE**

2019              Director of Contextual Education, Saint Paul School of Theology  
2017              Copy Editor, Assurance Argument for Higher Learning Commission  
2016-2017      Academic Programs Committee, Saint Paul School of Theology  
2014-2015      Steering Committee, “Pedagogical Possibilities: New Paradigms in Teaching for Ministry,” Vanderbilt University  
2014              Co-Director, “Blessed: Monologues for Mary,” Vanderbilt University  
2012-2013      Research Assistant, Dale P. Andrews, Distinguished Professor of Homiletics, Social Justice, and Practical Theology, Vanderbilt University  
2012              Site Coordinator, Sophie’s Table: A Conversation with Our Brothers “Not on My Watch: Stopping Violence Against Women and Children,” Vanderbilt University and WomanPreach!Inc.

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