Rev. Dr. Casey Thornburgh Sigmon

Curriculum Vitae

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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

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Saint Paul School of Theology, Leawood, Kansas

2016-present

Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship, 2019-present

Director of Contextual Education, 2019-present

Director of Chapel, 2019-present

Adjunct Professor, 2017-2019

Course of Study Faculty for the United Methodist Church, 2017-2019

Visiting Instructor, Vanderbilt Teaching Fellow, 2016-2017

Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, Tennessee

2014-2016

Adjunct Faculty, Worship Arts Program

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

2012-2014

Teaching Fellow, Theology & Practice Program,

Graduate Department of Religion

Research Assistant to Dr. Dale P. Andrews, Distinguished

Professor of Homiletics, Social Justice, and Practical Theology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Technoculture, new media, social media and its impact on preaching and worship; Process theology and preaching and worship; Liturgy in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Antiracist White preaching; Emerging Church Worship; Lament and Preaching/Worship

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Contributing Editor (General Editor Mary Alice Mulligan). *The Living Pulpit: Sermons that Illustrate Preaching in the Stone-Campbell Movement 1968-2018*. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2018.

Journal Articles

- "Reaching Out for Community in a Digital World: Problems & Possibilities." Word & World: Solitude and Community, Vol. 42, No. 2, Spring, 2022, forthcoming (by invitation).
- "Preaching By the Rivers of Babylon: How an Exile from Pulpit and Pew Can Change White Preaching on the Other Side of Pandemic." *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 75, no. 2 (2021): 123-133. (by invitation)
- "Homiletical Possibilities and Challenges in Colossians." *Review & Expositor* 116, no. 4 (2019): 458-465. (by invitation)
- "Clara Babcock To Again Occupy the Pulpit: Reclaiming her voice as preacher and pioneer in Disciples of Christ history." *Restoration Quarterly* 55.3 (2013): 169-179.

Book Chapters

- "Preaching from the Perspective of Process Theology." In *Preaching the Manifold Grace of God:*Theologies of Preaching in the Early Twenty-First Century Vol. 2, edited by Ronald J.

 Allen. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, forthcoming Fall 2022. (by invitation)
- "Liturgical Authority and the Table in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)." In *Liturgical Authority in Free Church Traditions*, edited by Sarah Johnson and Andrew Wymer, Calvin Worship and Witness Series. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock; Cascade Books, forthcoming, Fall 2022. (by invitation)
- "Introduction to Sermons of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 1968-2018" (with Richard Voelz) In *The Living Pulpit: Sermons that Illustrate Preaching in the Stone-Campbell Movement 1968-2018*, edited by Mary Alice Mulligan, 194-197. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2018.

Published Sermons

"The Fruit of Self-Control: Sermon on Galatians 5." *Preaching to Teach: Inspire People to Think and Act,* by Richard Voelz, 72-78. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2019. (by invitation)

Web-Based Publications

- Lectionary Commentaries on Isaiah 9:2-7, 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Isaiah 61:1-11, Joel 2:12-133, 28-29 at Working Preacher (www.workingpreacher.org), December 2020. (by invitation)
- Lectionary Commentaries on Isaiah 63:7-9, Isaiah 35:1-10, Isaiah 11:1-10, Isaiah 2:1-5 at Working Preacher (www.workingpreacher.org), December 2019. (by invitation)
- Lectionary Commentaries on Habakkuk 1:1-4, Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 33:12-22, Psalm 66:1-9 at Working Preacher (www.workingpreacher.org), November-July 2019. (by invitation)
- Lectionary Commentaries on Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18, Exodus 14:19-31, Exodus 12:1-14, 1 Kings 3:5-12 at Working Preacher (www.workingpreacher.org), October-July 2017. (by invitation)

Book Reviews

- Review of *Curating Church: Strategies for Innovative Worship*, by Jacob D. Myers, *Encounter* 81.3 (Fall 2021)
- Review of *The Holy No: Worship as a Subversive Act,* by Adam Hearlson, *Review and Expositor* 117, no. 2 (2020): 312-313.
- Review of *Will Willimon's Lectionary Sermon Resource: Year B Part 1: Advent through Easter,* by Will Willimon, *Encounter 78.1 (2018): 119-120.*
- Review of *Text Messages: Preaching God's Word in a Smartphone World,* by John Tucker, ed. *Homiletic* 43, no. 1 (2018): 24-25.
- Review of *Justice Calls: Sermons of Welcome and Affirmation*, by Phil Snider, ed. *Encounter* 77.3 (2017): 79-80.
- Review of *Christian Practical Wisdom: What It Is, Why It Matters,* by Dorothy C. Bass, Kathleen A. Cahalan, Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore, James R. Nieman, and Christian Scharen. *Review and Expositor* 114, no. 3 (2017): 508-509.
- Review of *The Scandal of Having Something to* Say by Lance Pape. *Practical Matters Journal,* Issue 9 (2016): 177-178.
- Review of *Distance in Preaching: Room to Speak, Space to Listen* by Michael Brothers. *Homiletic* 40, no. 1 (2015): 72-73.

- Review of Virtually Sacred: Myth and Meaning in a World of Witchcraft and Second Life, by Robert M. Geraci. Homiletic 39, no. 2 (2014): 64-65.
- Review of *Annie Dillard and the Word Made Flesh,* by Colleen Warren. *The Other Journal,* no. 23 (2014): 121-125.

VIDEOS, SOCIAL MEDIA, BLOGS and PODCASTS

"I Thirst," Holy Week Facebook Live cast with *The Living Room Christian Fellowship Passion Week Conversations*. April 1, 2021.

https://www.facebook.com/704876213/videos/10159334728916214/

"Process Theology," podcast interview with *Ideas About God*, Ep. 4. November 1, 2020.

"Digital Preaching: Pandemic and Beyond," Instagram live interview for @h_andco_ Quarantine Sessions, May 20, 2020.

"e-preaching," webinar with TheoTechnics (Sam Potter and Dr. Nancy Howell), March 26, 2020.

- "Preaching Across the Preaching Across the Pulpit/Pew Divide: Possibilities for Preaching in the Next 500 Years," guest blog for *Ecclesio.com: the current scene through a Gospel lens*.

 October 19, 2017. https://www.ecclesio.com/2017/10/preaching-across-pulpitpew-divide-possibilities-preaching-next-500-years-dr-casey-thornburgh-sigmon/
- "Vote for Jesus! On politics, pulpits, and public theology," guest blog for State of Formation:
 offshoot of the Journal of Interreligious Studies (JIRS), program of the Betty Ann
 Greenbaum Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership at Hebrew College and
 Boston University School of Theology. October 15, 2011.

https://stateofformation.org/2011/10/vote-for-jesus-on-politics-pulpits-and-public-theology/

"What We Speak Out Against/For," guest blog for State of Formation: offshoot of the Journal of Interreligious Studies (JIRS), program of the Betty Ann Greenbaum Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership at Hebrew College and Boston University School of Theology. October 4, 2011. https://stateofformation.org/2011/10/what-we-speak-out-againstfor-2/

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS and PAPERS

"Authorized Body By Spirit: The Tradition of Co-Celebrants at the Lord's Table in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)," presentation for the North American Academy of Liturgy, Free Church Tradition Pre-Meeting. Zoom. January 2021.

- "Best Practices for Preaching in the Pandemic and Beyond" presentation for the Academy of Homiletics, Preaching, Media, & Technology Work Group. Zoom. December 2020.
- "Can I Take Your Ordo? Reflections on Dinner Church Liturgies," presentation at the North American Academy of Liturgy- Exploring Contemporary and Alternative Worship Seminar, Denver, Colorado, January 2019.
- "The Courage to Preach in a Digital Age," paper presented at the Academy of Homiletics-Preaching, Media, and Technology Workgroup, Dallas, Texas, November 2017.
- "Engaging the Gadfly: Contemporary Technoculture & Contemporary Worship," presentation at the North American Academy of Liturgy- Exploring Contemporary and Alternative Worship Seminar, Washington, D.C., January 2017.
- "Pulpit and Pew: Preaching Caught in a Bin(d)nary," paper presented at the Academy of Homiletics- Preaching, Media, and Technology Workgroup, San Antonio, Texas, November 2016.
- "The Gospel According to Her: A Qualitative Study of Christian Woman and Tattoo Culture," paper presented at Ways of Knowing- Graduate Conference on Religion, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 2014.
- "The Weeping Witness: Preaching as Prophetic Lamentation toward the Ethical Imperative," paper co-author Yolanda M. Norton, presented at the Academy of Homiletics-Hermeneutics and Biblical Studies Workgroup, Louisville, Kentucky, December 2013.
- "The Psalms and God's Hesed: Reclaiming Mature Proximity to Presence/Absence in Public Space," paper co-author Yolanda M. Norton, presented at the Society for Biblical Literature Annual Meeting- Bible and Pastoral Theology Workgroup, Chicago, Illinois, November 2012.

INVITED TALKS

- "Medicine for Such a Time as Now," convocation address for Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. Rochester, New York, August 2021. (by invitation).
- "Best Practices for Preaching Online and Hybrid," guest lecturer in "Introduction to Preaching" with Dr. Leah Schade, Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, Kentucky, January 2021.
- "Preaching in the Network," lecture for Greater Kansas City Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) New Church Planters Cohort. April 1, 2020.

- "Confronting the Choreography of Complicity in [White] Christian Liturgy," keynote address for the Wesleyan Liturgical Society, Kansas City, Missouri, March 2020.
- "Lovingly and Livingly Bound- A Process Theology Reflection on the Covenantal Language of the Preamble of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)," lecture given by invitation to the General Board Meeting of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Indianapolis, Indiana, February 2020. (by invitation)
- "Preaching, Technology, and Social Media," guest lecturer in "Preaching in the 21st Century" with Professor Richard W. Voelz, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, April 2017.
- "Teaching Spiritual and Community Formation in the Digital Age," presentation for Faculty Workday at Saint Paul School of Theology, Overland Park, Kansas, August 2017.
- "A Homiletic of Lament: Bringing the God-forsaken Back into the Fold of a Compassionate God," presentation for the Danish Festival of Homiletics, Humlebaek, Denmark, May 2015.

CHURCH WORKSHOPS

- "A Movement for Wholeness: Seeking Covenantal Relationships with a Living and Loving God," session two in *Imagine God's Limitless Love: A Covenant Conversation for Disciples of Christ.* The Governance Committee of the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). May 2021. https://disciples.org/our-identity/covenant-conversation/
- "Cinematic Savior: A 5 Week Study of Jesus in Film," for Vine Street Christian Church, Nashville, TN: February-March 2015.
- Biblical Preaching Workshop, continuing education for clergy in the Tennessee Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Nashville, Tennessee, September 2012.

LITURGICAL and DEVOTIONAL CREATION

"Lent Another Way," e-course, writer with *The Plural Guild* and *The Many*, Lent 2021. https://www.themanyarehere.info/lentanotherway

"Pentecost," a Pentecost liturgy kit by Small Batch Worship, Summer 2018.

"Casting Shadows," a Lenten liturgy kit by Small Batch Worship, Spring 2018.

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

"Vicissitude: Navigating Call and Mission as Contextual Educators in 2020," organizer. United Methodist Theological Field Educators. Saint Paul School of Theology, Leawood, KS: January 2020.

"Pedagogical Possibilities: New Paradigms in Teaching for Ministry," steering committee. Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN: June 2015.

https://www.vanderbilt.edu/theology-and-practice/New Paradigms.php

"Not On My Watch! Ending Violence Against Women and Children," a Sophie's Table,
WomanPreach conference, site coordinator, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN:
March 2013. https://www.womanpreach.org/sophies-table

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Journal Manuscript Reviewer, Homiletic

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Ordained Minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Commission for Ministry Innovation, Greater Kansas City Region (DOC)

Member, MORE2 Kansas City

Member, Academy of Homiletics

Member, North American Academy of Liturgy

Member, Association for Theological Field Education

Member, United Methodists for Theological Field Education

Voice, Center for Open & Relational Theology

GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS

Wabash Center Fellowship: "Resisting The Plagiarized Pulpit:	2021-2022
Helping Students (and the professor) Find and Trust Their Voice	
through Artistic Instructional Design"	
Early Career Workgroup Wabash Center for Teaching	2020-2021
Ann E. Dickerson Scholarship,	
Higher Education & Leadership Ministries of the Christian Church (DOC)	2015
Ann E. Dickerson Scholarship,	
Higher Education & Leadership Ministries of the Christian Church (DOC)	2014
Ann E. Dickerson Scholarship,	
Higher Education & Leadership Ministries of the Christian Church (DOC)	2012
Carpenter Center Travel Grant, Vanderbilt University	2012
Program in Theology and Practice Fellow, Vanderbilt University	2011- 2017
George Tressler Scott Fellowship in Applied Christianity,	

McCormick Theological Seminary William H. Higgins Scholarship, McCormick Theological Seminary William H. Higgins Scholarship, McCormick Theological Seminary Jewish Women's Scholarship of Greater Kansas City	2010 2009 2008 2002
AWARDS and HONORS	
Bettye R. Ford Graduate Student Service Award, Vanderbilt University Arthur A. McKay Prize in Theology, McCormick Theological Seminary Graduation with Academic Honors, McCormick Theological Seminary Graduation with Highest Distinction, The University of Kansas	2010 2010 2010 2006
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	
Co-founder of TheoTechnics Chapel Coordinator Kansas Campus-Saint Paul School of Theology, Leawood, KS Senior Pastor-Weston Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Weston, MO Co-founder of Small Batch Worship Interim Pastor- Merriam Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Merriam, KS Regional Board- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City Interim Pastor- Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Springfield, TN Worship Intern- Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee Worship Assistant- McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois Worship Intern- LaSalle Street Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois Worship Coordinator- Vintage Church, Lawrence, KS COURSES TAUGHT	2020 2018-2019 2018-2019 2018 2017 2017-2019 2014-2015 2012-2013 2009-2010 2008-2009 2006-2007
Saint Paul School of Theology PRE 401/402, Introduction to Preaching PRE 444, The Ministry of Preaching in a Digital Age WOR 410, Introduction to Worship & Liturgy CHS 515, Prophetic Ministry PCM 312, Dinner Church Movement PCM 316, Preaching and Technology PCM 357, Technology in Ministry (professor of record)	2016-present
Course of Study-Saint Paul School of Theology COS 223, Worship & Sacraments COS 321, Bible III: Gospels COS 521, Bible V: Acts, Epistles, and Revelation COS 324, Preaching	2017-2019

Trevecca Nazarene University

2014-2016

Vanderbilt Divinity School

2012-2014

DIV 2801, Fundamentals of Preaching (Teaching Fellow for John S. McClure)

DIV 3032, Theology and Preaching (Teaching Fellow for John S. McClure)

DIV 3026, Prophetic Preaching and Social Justice Ethics (Teaching Fellow for Dale P. Andrews)

DIV 4011, Traversing Our National Wound: Immigration and the US/Mexico Border (Teaching Fellow for Viki Matson)