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Education

Clinical Pastoral Education, Chaplain Resident
Association of Clinical Pastoral Education
East Jefferson General Hospital
August 2020
Educators: Mary Stewart Hall and Kofi Adzaku
Areas of Study: Trauma Chaplaincy, Palliative Care, Emergency Response, Buddhism,
and Catholicism

Doctor of Philosophy, Christian Education
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
May 2013
Advisor: Allen Jackson, Ph.D.
Dissertation Title: An Investigation of Discipleship Strategies in Collegiate Ministry Models

Master of Theology
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2010

Master of Divinity concentration in Collegiate Ministry
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2007

Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Communication, Minor in Women's Studies
University of West Florida, 2002

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor of Collegiate Ministry, Ministry Based, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2016-present
Graduate courses taught: Campus-Based Collegiate Ministry, Church-Based Collegiate Ministry, College Ministry Doctorate of Ministry Seminar, Guiding Collegians in Their Faith Pilgrimage, History and Philosophy of Collegiate Ministry, Interpersonal Relationship Skills, Leading in Collegiate Ministry, Lifespan Discipleship, and Special Topics in Collegiate Ministry

Undergraduate courses taught: Pastoral Care through Chaplaincy, Christian Doctrine, Conflict Resolution, Critical Thinking, Disciplemaking, Discipleship Strategies, Field Practicum, Introduction to College and Vocation, Personal Spiritual Disciplines, Senior Field Practicum, Senior Seminar and Teaching Methods

Adjunct Instructor in the Division of Christian Education, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2010-2016
Courses taught: Guiding Collegians in Their Faith Pilgrimage, History and Philosophy of Collegiate Ministry, Church-Based Collegiate Ministry, Campus-Based Collegiate Ministry, Philosophical Foundations, Teaching Practicum, and Lifespan Development.

Adjunct Instructor in Leavell College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, main campus and Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women, 2008-2014
Courses taught: Personal Spiritual Disciplines, Disciple Making, Small Group Dynamics, Introduction to Christian Education, Biblical Womanhood, Planning Special Events for Women, and A Survey of Feminist Theology

Ministry Experience

Over the last ten years

Creating and Developing Maggie's Mission, a non-profit that helps currently and previously incarcerated women re-enter society. The first phase is the bakery, Maggie's Table, the business plan and fundraising are in process. After Maggie's Table will come a thrift store boutique, Maggie's Closet, and then possibly coffee roasting and re-entry home. Brandon, MS, May 2023-present.

Women's Ministry Leadership Team, First Baptist Church Jackson, MS, January 2020-present.

State Chaplain, Mississippi Department of Corrections, Pearl, MS, August 2020-present.

Leavell College Extension Center Director, Mississippi Correctional Institute for Women, Pearl, MS August 2020-present.

Sunday School Teacher, Young Adult 20s class, First Baptist Church Jackson, MS, August 2022-present.

Chaplain Resident, Clinical Pastoral Education, East Jefferson General Hospital, Metairie, LA August 2019-August 2020.

Director of Christian Life and Ministries, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS, June 2015-July 2019.

Associate Director of Christian Development, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS, July 2013-May 2015.

Adult Leader, College Ministry, First Baptist Church Jackson, MS, August 2013-2024.

Baptist Collegiate Network, Missions Committee and Leadership Committee, 2011-2020.

Professional Trainings

Hospice for the Incarcerated Training, Louisiana Mississippi Hospice. SPCO, April – June 2025.

Volunteer Training, Prison Fellowship, April 2025.

Create New Beginnings Facilitator Training, Prison Fellowship, April 2025.

JUST Alternatives Victim-Offender-Dialogue Training, Mississippi Department of Corrections, June 2024.

Presentations

Over the last ten years

Guest Speaker, Hope Exchange, April 2025, Jackson, MS, Community Leadership Panel.

Guest Speaker, First Baptist Church Greenwood, January 2025, Greenwood, MS, Launching Ministry at Delta Correctional Facility.

Guest Speaker, First Baptist Church Greenwood, December 2024, Greenwood, MS, Launching Ministry at Delta Correctional Facility.

Vision Casting, Maggie's Mission Holiday Tasting Fundraiser, December 2024, Jackson, MS, Maggie's Mission Vision and Mission for Stakeholders and Donors.

Ministry Partner Highlight, Jackson Leadership Foundation, Nov 2024, Jackson, MS, Maggie's Mission Vision and Mission.

Worship Guest for Online Community, Crossgates Baptist Church, June 2024, Brandon, MS, An Overview of Ministry at the Mississippi Correctional Institute for Women with the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

Research Participant, Bennington College, May 2024, Bennington, VT, Education for Individuals with Life Sentences.

Guest Speaker, Women's Missionary Union Circle, May 2024, Jackson, MS, K9 Crusaders: Emotional Support Pups at MCIW.

Guest Speaker, Women's Missionary Union Circle, April 2024, Jackson, MS, K9 Crusaders: Emotional Support Pups at MCIW.

Breakout Speaker, Emerging Regions Summit, January, 2024, New Orleans, LA, Ministry to the Marginalized.

Worship Guest for Online Community, Crossgates Baptist Church, November 2023, Brandon, MS, An Overview of Church Planting with the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

Guest Speaker, Meadow Grove Baptist Church, December 2023, Brandon, MS, Engaging the Women at Mississippi Correctional Facility for Women.

Guest Speaker, Sunday Night Ministry Partner Highlight, March 2023, First Baptist Church Jackson, MS, Q&A on Ministry at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility.

Breakout Speaker, Collegiate Week 2023, Falls Creek, OK, August 2023, When the Journey Makes No Sense.

Breakout Speaker, Collegiate Week 2022, Falls Creek, OK, August 2022, Redeeming the Cracks and Redeeming the Pieces.

Guest Speaker, Mississippi Baptist Convention, First Baptist Church Jackson, MS October, 2022, An Overview of Seminary for Female residence at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility.

Keynote and Breakout Speaker, Georgia Baptist Convention Collegiate Ministry, Confluence Conference, September 2019, McDonough, GA. Prayer, Girls Growing in Discipleship, Discipleship Panel Discussion.

Breakout Leader, LifeWay's Collegiate Week 2019, Falls Creek, OK. Creating Quality Time with Jesus, Pull Up a Chair and Stay for a While, Failing with Grace and Purpose.

Breakout Leader, New England Collegiate Ministry, Fusion Conference, October 2018, Cape Code, ME. Chosen Family: How to Find Them and How to Keep Them.

Keynote Speaker, Northwest Collegiate Ministry, NCM Fall Retreat, October 2018, Auburn, WA. Living Hope.

Breakout Leader, LifeWay's Collegiate Week 2018, Falls Creek, OK. Big – Small – Tall – Short: Seeing Ourselves from God's Perspective and Chosen Family: How to Find Them and How to Keep Them.

Panelist, Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, Unite: Collegiate Ministry Training 2017, Huntsville, AL, Current Trends of Baptist Collegiate Work and Looking to the Future.

Keynote Speaker, Heritage United Methodist Church, Women's Retreat 2017, Clearwater, FL Finding God's Grace in the Difficult Times.

Breakout Leader, LifeWay's Collegiate Week 2017, Glorieta, NM, Bring on the Confetti! Finding Healing in Hope and Followers of Jesus, Cultural in Practice.

Keynote Speaker, Hawaii Baptist Collegiate Ministry State Conference February 2017, Volcano National Park, HI, Finding Hope from Romans 15:13.

Breakout Leader, Collegiate Evangelism Conference 2017 for Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria, LA, Finding Healing in Hope and Sharing Your Story of Hope.

Breakout Leader, Heritage United Methodist Church, Women's Retreat 2016, Clearwater, FL, A Look at the Sheep and Shepherd of Psalms 23.

Breakout Leaders, LifeWay's Collegiate Week 2016, Glorieta, NM, Mile Markers of Spiritual Development and Who Gets to see Your Ugly Cry?

Publications

Over the last ten years

"Inside Out Groups: Bringing Emotions Up and Out," Curriculum for The Haven at Mississippi Correctional Institute for Women, December 2025.

"The Haven At MCIW in Rankin County," Press Release, Mississippi Department of Corrections Facebook, January 2025.

"Seeing Better," Press Release, Mississippi Department of Corrections Facebook, October 2025.

"No Secrets in Prison," Magnolia Minds in the Mississippi Baptist Record, April 2024.

"Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy: A Lent Devotion," Editor, Mississippi Correctional Institute for Women, December 2021.

"How to Help Young Adults Navigate the Treacherous Waters of Grief," LifeWay young Adult Blog, March 2019.

"Leading Together: Connecting Campus-Based and Church-Based Ministries," LifeWay Young Adult Blog, February 2018.

"3 Ways to Celebrate Failure in College Ministry," LifeWay Young Adult Blog, July 2018.

"3 Effective Ways to Take Risks," LifeWay Young Adult Blog, May 2018.

"4 Reasons to Celebrate Your Team," LifeWay Young Adult Blog, April 2018.

"Loving Others by Loving Myself," LifeWay Young Adult Blog, February 2018.

"Where Do Young Adults Turn In a Moment of Crisis?," LifeWay Young Adult Blog, January 2018.

Leader Extras, Lifeway Bible Studies for Life,

Winter 2017

Summer 2017

September 2016

August 2016

May 2016

April 2016

"What Cancer Taught Me," "Bible Express," Winter 2017.

"When You Don't Feel God's Presence," LifeWay Young Adult Blog, November 2017.

"Quick Reminders for Fall," LifeWay Young Adult Blog, August 2017.

"How Do We Teach Students to Share the Gospel?," LifeWay Young Adult Blog, April 2017.

"Leading Together: Connecting Campus-Based and Church-Based Ministries," LifeWay Young Adult Blog, February 2017.

"Pizza Pockets," Bible Express, Summer 2016.

Research

"Grief and Faith, Hand in Hand... A Journey through Incarceration," New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Mississippi Department of Corrections, Pearl, MS, October 2025-present.

Awards

Heart of Hometown Award, from Hometown Magazine, Rankin County, MS, 2023.

References

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