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40 years chaplaincy work  
Excellent and varied teaching experience  
Committed to and adept at multi-faith ministry  
Strong relational and communication skills  
Ease in relating to various campus groups, religions, and people  
Experience living abroad as a minority  
Ordained Episcopal Priest  
Accomplished preacher  
Poet and published author  
Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees  
Bi-lingual in Arabic and English  
Strong Counseling and Pastoral skills

**Current Practice**

Consulting on strategic planning and development  
Writing about 40 years of higher education Chaplaincy  
Facilitating Sacred Ground circle, History of Racism from a lens of faith  
Supply priest  
Creating fine needlework  
Reading mystery novels from the library

**University Chaplain and Dean of Multifaith Engagement, Elon University,  
Burlington, NC**

2011-2021

*Multifaith strategic planning and implementation*

Built and managed Elon's state-of-the-art multifaith center, with additions to the design, writing policies for its use, designing rituals for its dedications;  
Created job descriptions and hired Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, Catholic, and Protestant staff/teachers;  
Designed university programming to advance spiritual growth and global citizenship initiatives;  
Wrote new student group policies;  
Developed and led religious literacy efforts for students, faculty, staff;  
Redesigned weekly chapel to multifaith gathering;  
Led two strategic planning and implementation teams;  
Created local Interfaith group;

Assisted local Muslim community in zoning and fundraising for new mosque.

*Spiritual Care*

Offered care and counsel for religious, spiritual, and secular students;  
Created grief support group and grief education for faculty and staff;  
Engaging long relationships with parents of deceased students;  
Public prayer for university events—football games, faculty meetings, trustees meeting, convocations.

*Administration*

Provided staff support, supervision, and development;  
Disbursed, and fundraised for Chaplain's Discretionary Fund;  
Effectively managed and developed religious life budget;  
Wrote and managed successful grant proposals;  
Participated in team of Deans of Student Life.

*Education*

Created a study abroad course on grass-roots peacemaking in Israel and Jordan;  
Taught A Good Death capstone seminar in Humanities

**Camp Younts University Chaplain, Hollins University, Roanoke, VA**

1987-2011

Coordinated religious programs for university community

*Worship*

Plan weekly chapel services; diversifying worship  
officiate campus funerals, memorial services, alumnae weddings.

*Education*

*Support of spiritual diversity and student leadership and support of spiritual diversity*

Created Student Chaplaincy program;

Provided Spiritual Care and counseling with students, faculty and staff around a variety of needs, engaged in community building.

**Religious Studies faculty member**

created new courses – Women's Spiritual Autobiography, Sexualities and Theologies, Survey of Biblical Literature, Women in Early Christianity.

Classes taught regularly:

Mystics and Mavericks Medieval first year seminar—Hildegard, Julian, and Mechthild

Introduction to the New Testament

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible

Death, Dying, and Bereavement

Women's Spiritual Autobiography

Senior Seminar in Religious Studies

**Research and Writing Interests:**

Higher Education Chaplaincy, Spiritual Autobiography; Post-War Spiritualities; Women in Religions; Death, Dying and Bereavement; Young Adult Women's spiritual formation; Islam and Christianity; Prayer Poetry

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**Baptist Chaplain, Yale University**, New Haven, CT, 1982-87.

**Adjunct Professor of Higher Education Ministries**, Yale Divinity School, 1983-87

**Hospital Chaplain, Yale-New Haven Hospital**, 1986,  
**Princeton Baptist Hospital**, 1980.  
 Earned two units of Clinical Pastoral Education.

**Interim Pastor**, 1982-83; **Pastoral Associate**, 1980-82,  
**Trinity Baptist Church**, New Haven, CT.

**Construction, Backhoe Driver** Lake Eufala land development, summer 1981

**Supervisor of English Language Studies**,  
**Schneller School**, Bekaa, Lebanon, 1978-79.

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## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Ministry, Wesley School of Theology**, "Spirituality and the Suffering of God," 1999

- Thesis: Dangerous Opportunities: Bereavement and Theology for Young Adult Women"

**M.Div., Yale University Divinity School**, 1982

- Fellowship, The Fund for Theological Education, 3 years

**B.A., English and French, Hollins College**, 1978

- Honors overall, Departmental Honors in English
- Mary Williamson Award for best writing in humanities

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (selected)

Sermons from duPont Chapel and Hollins Chaplains 1950-present, in process

*Finding God Day by Day, a year of meditations*, Forward Movement Publications, December 2010, contributing author, 34 meditations

“Building and implementing a student chaplaincy program” Global Chaplain’s conference, Tampere, Finland, July 2008

“I’m religious. How do you spell that?” presentation for Global Chaplain’s conference, Brisbane, Australia, July 2004

*We Ask Your Blessing: 100 Prayers for Campus Occasions*, edited by Donald Shockley, 2003, 13 prayer poems included

*Abingdon Women’s Preaching Annual Series Year C*, advent and Good Friday sermons with commentary and liturgical aids, 2003

"Grief as Spiritual Formation," First Global conference for University Chaplains, Vancouver, BC, June 24, 2000.

"Death and Suicide on the University Campus" presentation at the OASSIS conference, Atlanta, GA April 2000.

“*The Secret*” and “*We Preach not Ourselves*” in *A Costly Obedience*, anthology of sermons by women, L. Bellinger, ed, Judson Press, 1994.

Numerous educational presentations on the traditions, history, and practices of Islam, Islam and Christianity, Islam in the Arab World, Middle Eastern History, War Zone civilian life

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## MEMBERSHIPS AND ELECTED POSITIONS

National Association of College and University Chaplains  
Served Two terms as Vice President, President, Past President  
Led merger of ACURA and NACUC to become Association for Chaplaincy and Spiritual Life in Higher Education (pronounced ‘axle’)  
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## ORDINATION

**Priest**, October 7, 2010, Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia  
**Deacon**, February 21, 2010, Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia,  
**Trinity Baptist Church**, New Haven, CT, May 16, 1981

