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Professional summary*

Goal-oriented Deacon in the Church of the Nazarene for over a decade, with experience in higher education, local church leadership, ecumenical partnerships, networking, management, preaching, and worship. Comfortable working on my own or as a team, taking initiative to achieve set goals and outcomes. Expertise in the areas of church history, historical theology and Wesley studies. Dedicated to ensuring students thrive in learning. Enthusiastic approaches to teaching and learning, flexible in methods (experienced in online delivery), and always open to new ideas/ways of communicating.

Skills

- Teaching
- Active listening
- Speaking
- Administration
- Critical thinking
- Managing Volunteers
- Singing/Music/Guitar
- Project Management
- Chairing Meetings
- Writing
- Online Teaching
- Reading comprehension
- Coordination
- Education and training
- Audio/Video production
- Networking
- Social Media
- Trained Barista

Experience

Lecturer in Theology and Church History and Dean of Students 06/2021 to Current

NTC Australia/New Zealand – Brisbane, Queensland

- Lecture in the areas of Theology and Church History, with a primary focus on Wesley Studies.
- Lectures delivered range from undergraduate to postgraduate levels.
- Regularly teach the following: Church History (survey), Person and Work of Christ, Holy Spirit and Church, Doctrine of Sanctification, and History of the Wesleyan-Holiness Tradition, etc.
- Research and write in the areas of theology and church history.

- Responsible for pastoral care of the student body and directing the spiritual life of the college.

Postgraduate Research Faculty

02/2021 to Current

Nazarene Theological College – Manchester, UK

- Supervise and co-supervise PhD research projects in the areas of Wesley Studies, Church History and Theology

Deacon

03/2018 to Current

Ordained Deacon

- Church of the Nazarene International - Ordained, assigned, Deacon in the Church of the Nazarene.
- Currently assigned as an Educator at Nazarene Theological College, Brisbane, Australia.
- Authorised to preach, teach, lead, administer the sacraments, officiate weddings and funerals, and eligible to participate as an ordained clergy person on various district and national level boards.

Adjunct Professor of Church History and Theology

08/2017 to Current

Trevecca Nazarene University – Nashville, TN, USA

- Facilitating graduate-level teaching and learning for TNU's MA in Religion online.
- Currently teach two courses, three times per year: The Theology of John Wesley and His Theological Forebearers and Christian Doctrine in the 21st Century.

Church Resource and Innovation

07/2017 to 02/2021

Nazarene Theological College – Manchester, UK

- Responsible for developing, coordinating, and driving the Church-facing program of the college as well as the study abroad program.
- Additionally, this role supports the development of innovative (online and in person) approaches to teaching and learning to enable the college to fulfil its vision of supporting the Church.
- This includes the development of creative, outward-facing elements that enable our profile to be enhanced in the wider Christian community through active listening and attentiveness.

Lecturer in Church History, Historical Theology and Wesley Studies

07/2015 to 02/2021

Nazarene Theological College – Manchester, UK

- Lecture in the areas of Church History and Theology, with a primary focus on Wesley Studies.
- Lectures delivered range from undergraduate to graduate levels.

- Supervise research of students in undergraduate to PhD levels.
- Regularly teach the following: Church History (survey), Early Church, Medieval Church, Reformation, Modern Church, Wesley Studies, and Wesleyan Tradition.

Registrar

04/2012 to 06/2015

Nazarene Theological College – Manchester, UK

- Responsible for the administration of the whole academic student experience, from enquiry, to admission, to registration and matriculation.
- Oversee all academic processes related to student progression: timetabling, grading, transcripts, databases, etc.

Deacon/Pastoral Administrator

12/2010 to 04/2012

Dewsbury Church of the Nazarene – Dewsbury, UK

- Responsible for supporting the pastoral team in a variety of ways, relating to gifts: preaching, teaching, worship, small-group leading, ecumenical partnerships, etc.

Deacon/Pastoral Administrator

05/2008 to 05/2010

Longsight Community Church of the Nazarene – Manchester, UK

- Community Church of the Nazarene Longsight - Manchester, UK Responsible for supporting the pastoral team, with specific remit of buildings management (maintenance, user-groups, work days, etc).

Education*

PhD:

Oct 2012

University of Manchester/Nazarene Theological College - Manchester, UK

Thesis title: Tensions Between Evangelical Theology and the Established Church: John Wesley's Ecclesiology

Master of Arts: Theology

Oct 2007

University of Manchester/Nazarene Theological College - Manchester, UK

Pass with Merit

Master of Arts: Theological Studies

May 2006

Trevecca Nazarene University - Nashville, TN, USA

Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts: History and Political Science

May 2005

Trevecca Nazarene University - Nashville, TN, USA

Cum Laude

Select Publications

'John Wesley's Early Education and Formation to 1725' in Joe Cunningham and Clive Norris, eds, *The Wesleyan Mind* (London: Routledge, 2022) – Forthcoming 2022

'What the Early Church can Teach us about COVID-19: Worship Practices, Adaptability, and Concern for the Other' – *Didache* (20.1; 2020)

'Predestination, Providence and Philippians 2.12-13 - A Wesleyan-Arminian Perspective' in *Bona Conscientia*, edited by Vinicius Couto (2019)

"Baptism and Membership in the Church of the Nazarene: An Honest Consideration" in *Wesleyan Theological Journal* (Spring 2018)

Book Review for American Academy of Religion: Brian Beck, *Methodist Heritage and Identity* (2017) <http://readingreligion.org/books/methodist-heritage-and-identity>

'Legal Fiction' or 'Exigence of Necessity'? Re-investigating Wesley's Deed of Declaration, *Proceedings of the Wesleyan Historical Society* (February 2017)

'Stadium Spirituality' in *Premier Christianity Magazine* (December 2016)

"*Predicare Verbum Dei*: John Wesley's Theology of Preaching" in Joe Cunningham and David Rainey, eds. *The Path of Holiness* (Lexington: Emeth Press, 2014)

"Diakonia and Education: Exploring the Future of the Diaconate in the Church of the Nazarene" - *Didache* (14:1; 2014)

"Diaconal Dilemmas: The Development of the Diaconate in the Church of the Nazarene" - *Theology and Ministry* (Volume 2, 2013)

"William White, John Wesley, and the 'Sheep without a Shepherd': Towards a New Understanding of John Wesley's Ecclesiology" - *Wesley and Methodist Studies* (Volume 4, 2012)

*References and Transcripts provided upon request