

# QUINN GERVEL

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## ***EDUCATION***

PhD, 2020, Theology, Tolkien Studies

*University of Manchester, Manchester, England*

MA, 2008, Christian Formation and Ministry

*Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL*

BA, 2001, Business Administration

*Belmont University, Nashville, TN*

## ***PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE***

### **Assistant Director for Residence Life**

*Asbury University, Wilmore, KY, September 2013-2016*

- \* Trained and equipped incoming Resident Directors to effectively prepare their designated residences, lead their staffs effectively, and ensure solid customer service to residents, parents, and co-workers.
- \* Mentored Resident Directors about student situations and day-to-day job functions.
- \* Managed housing placement process for returning and incoming students.
- \* Investigated student disciplinary situations and collaborated with upper management in appropriating consequences consistent with community standards.
- \* Provided email, telephone, and person-to-person customer service in placing students according to needs and facilitating residence tours.
- \* Collaborated in campus-wide effort to transition into new administrative software implementation.
- \* Partnered with Registrar, Admissions, Business Office, and Resident Directors in order streamline housing information reporting.
- \* Served as dependable proxy for Associate Dean for Community Life when necessary.

### **Resident Director**

*Asbury University, Wilmore, KY, July 2008-2016*

#### Developmental & Relational

- \* Hired, supervised, and trained 7 staff members annually.
- \* Mentored individual direct reports weekly to challenge towards and encourage personal growth.
- \* Mediated person-to-person conflict and confrontation.
- \* Challenged students to think critically about how to cultivate selfless community and resolve conflict.
- \* Guided student leaders in providing opportunities for fun and fellowship in the residential community.
- \* Provided one-on-one mentoring to students in various disciplinary, advisory, and life-calling situations.
- \* Collaborated with student development team in maximizing resources to equip students for life after college.
- \* Enhanced my staff's leadership skills by challenging them to organize spiritual, social, and service-oriented events geared towards community needs and interests.
- \* Orchestrated and facilitated seminars on topics such as student leadership, encouragement, and learning to empathize with others.

### Administrative

- \* Met weekly with Associate Dean of Community Life and Resident Directors to ensure consistency and solidarity throughout Residence Life and collaborate on how to best support residents.
- \* Managed residence hall budget to ensure that resources lasted the duration of the budgeted period.
- \* Participated in weekly project meetings with VP of Student Development to research ways to increase enrollment, retain current students, and clarify university policies.
- \* Participated in Admissions scholarship interviews to evaluate potential incoming student candidates.
- \* Worked with Information Technology Services in streamlining and supporting residence hall-associated concerns.
- \* Conducted annual training for incoming student Residence Life leadership.
- \* Assisted in campus-wide effort to support and accommodate students during New Student Orientation week.
- \* Coordinated on-campus events for Student Activities while serving in the capacity of Residence Life Advisor.
- \* Planned and facilitated weekly residence hall staff meetings.
- \* Managed residence hall maintenance and safety issues in coordination with Physical Plant staff.

### **Student Center (Stuce) Coordinator**

*Asbury University, Wilmore, KY, September 2012-2016*

- \* Worked with student manager to make sure Stuce was prepared for scheduled events and daily use.
- \* Oversaw and developed Stuce student employees through supervision and instruction.
- \* Managed Stuce budget and handled payroll items for student employees.
- \* Created training tools to aid and guide Stuce employees.
- \* Implemented new systems and processes to promote efficiency in Stuce staff job functionality.
- \* Assisted with coffee shop merchandise, logo/marketing, inventory, & atmospheric aesthetics.
- \* Served, aided, and equipped coffee shop employees to provide quality products and customer service.
- \* Collaborated with physical plant & technology services to ensure completion of upgrades and improvements.
- \* Upgraded furniture and game equipment to improve Stuce study spaces and enhance fellowship.
- \* Maintained Stuce event calendar requests made by Asbury administrators, faculty, and students.
- \* Coordinated bi-weekly meetings with student staff provide updates and ensure peer-on-peer accountability.

## ***TEACHING EXPERIENCE***

### **Adjunct Faculty**

GEN120 – First Year Experience Seminar, Certified *StrengthsFinder* Strengths Coach

*Asbury University, Fall 2010, 2011, 2012*

- \* Administered *StrengthsFinder* while stressing the importance of recognizing one's strengths for future success.
- \* Worked with Career Services and Student Success to provide resources for students to determine their calling.
- \* Taught classes on various topics relating to forming healthy habits and life application principles.
- \* Advised students in accordance with career goals and growing self-discovery.
- \* Facilitated classroom activities designed to equip students to recognize their values, natural skills, and interests.
- \* Developed weekly lesson plans emphasizing the personal application of the material covered.
- \* Evaluated and graded student projects, providing critical feedback that encouraged areas of growth.

## ***ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS***

“Tolkien and Narrative: How ‘I’ See More Than Meets the Eye.” Paper presented at the Nazarene Theological College PhD Research Seminar. Nazarene Theological Seminary. Kansas City, MO. February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

“Tolkien and the Threshold of Other Time.” Paper presented at the Nazarene Theological College PhD Research Seminar. United Kingdom. October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

“Analogy of Being in Tolkien’s Sub-creation.” Paper presented at the Nazarene Theological College 2017 Manchester Wesley Research Centre Postgraduate Colloquium. United Kingdom. June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

“J.R.R. Tolkien’s Allocation of Religious Sense.” Paper presented at the Nazarene Theological College PhD Research Seminar. Nazarene Theological Seminary. Kansas City, MO. March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

“Tolkien and the Pursuit of the Lasting Art.” Paper presented at the Nazarene Theological College Postgraduate Seminar in conjunction with the University of Manchester. United Kingdom. Presentation scheduled for June 23, 2015.

“Tolkien in Context: Re-Imagining *The Lord of the Rings*.” Paper presented at the Pop Culture Association/American Culture Association Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA. April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

“The Narrative Comes to Life in J.R.R. Tolkien’s *The Lord of the Rings*.” Paper presented at the Nazarene Theological College 2014 Manchester Wesley Research Centre Postgraduate Colloquium. United Kingdom. June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

“Initiating Transformation: How Gandalf’s Role Ignites Character Transformation in Frodo Baggins.” Paper presented at the Nazarene Theological College PhD Research Seminar. Nazarene Theological Seminary. Kansas City, MO. January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

“The Presence of Myth and its Lasting Effect in Middle-earth.” Paper presented at the Nazarene Theological College Postgraduate Seminar in conjunction with the University of Manchester. United Kingdom. June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

## ***PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS***

Member, The Conference of Christianity and Literature (2014 – 2016)

Member, Popular Culture Association, American Culture Association (2014 – 2015)

Member, Mythopoeic Society (2013 – 2015)

Member, Associations for Christians in Student Development (2008 – 2011)

## ***FURTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE***

- \* **Missional Community Leader**, Summit Crossing Community Church, Huntsville, AL, Spring 2018 – Present
- \* **Men’s Theology Cohort**, Summit Crossing Community Church, Huntsville, AL, Winter – Fall 2018
- \* **Short-Term Trip Leader**, Asbury University, Chicago, IL, March 2016
- \* **Short-Term Trip Leader**, Asbury University, Eastern Kentucky tornado relief, March 2012
- \* **Short-Term Trip Leader**, Asbury University, Camden, NJ, March 2010
- \* **L’Abri Fellowship Attendee**, Greatham, England, June – July 2009
- \* **Short-Term Trip Leader**, Wheaton College, Savannah, GA, March 2007 & 2008
- \* **Small Group Leader/Mentor**, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, September 2006 – May 2008
- \* **Wilderness Trip Leader**, HoneyRock Camp/Wheaton College, Three Lakes, WI, Summer 2007
- \* **Assistant to Director of Young Adults**, Evangelical Free Church, Naperville, IL, 2003
- \* **Film Studio Internship**, The Canton Company at Warner Brothers, Burbank, CA, 2001