# Education

Ph.D. (ABD) 2019, **University of Manchester** (UK). Spiritual Formation; Historical Theology; Theology & the Arts. Thesis: *The End is the Beginning: Spiritual Formation as Narrative and the Hero’s Journey in John of Ruusbroec*.

M.Div. 2006, **Asbury Theological Seminary**, Wilmore, KY. Pastoral Studies and Church Leadership.

B.A. 1993, **West Texas A&M University**, Canyon, TX. Music Theory and Composition.

# Experience

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| * Western Hills United Methodist Church, El Paso, TX. Sr. Pastor
 |  | 2014-present |
| * First United Methodist Church, Midland, TX. Lead Assoc. Pastor
 |  | 2010-2014 |
| * Elmwood West United Methodist Church, Abilene, TX. Sr. Pastor
 |  | 2007-2010 |
| * St. Paul United Methodist Church, Amarillo, TX. Assoc. Pastor
* St. Luke United Methodist Church, Lexington, KY. Director of Worship;
* St. John’s (Shaughnessy) Anglican Church, Vancouver, BC, Pastoral Intern
* Grace Bible Church, Miles City, MT, Assoc. Pastor
* Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Production Manager
* Professional Musician (Songwriter, Composer, Guitar, Saxophone, Percussion). Advanced studies, Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA.
 |  | 2005-20072003-20042002-2003 2001-2002 2000-2001 1992-1999 |
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# Publications/Presentations

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| * Author: *Still Moving: The Journey of Love’s Perfection* (Wipf & Stock)
* Author: *Rock God: How God Shakes, Rattles & Rolls Our Easy-Listening Lives* (SalvationLife Books)
 |  | 20172014 |
| * “Departure and the Active Life in Ruusbroec’s Heroic Journey”, Postgraduate Seminar at Nazarene Theological College
 |  | 2016 |
| * “The Non-Linear Spiritual Formation of John of Ruusbroec”, Postgraduate Colloquium, Manchester Wesley Research Centre
* “Ruusbroec and William James: The Nature of Spiritual Theology”, Postgraduate Colloquium, Manchester Wesley Research Centre
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# Research Interests

Spiritual Formation; Historical Theology; Spirituality in Christianity & Islam; Theology in Arts, Culture, & Science; Worship & Homiletics; Pastoral Leadership

# Research Experience

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| * Doctoral Studies with Drs. David Bundy and Geordan Hammond
* University of Manchester Research Seminars
* Postgraduate Seminars and Research Training, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, UK
 |  | 2012-present2012-present 2012-present |
| * Theology (Spiritual, Systematic, Anglican) studies with J.I. Packer, Eugene Peterson, Gordon Smith, John Stackhouse, Regent College, Vancouver, BC
* Pastoral Leadership, currently Sr. Pastor of large church
 |  | 2002-20032001-present |

# Teaching Experience

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| * Developed contextual spiritual formation/leadership training, leading groups of 15 to over 300 in one-, two-, and three-year processes
* Sermons, classes, and Bible studies as pastor-teacher
 |  |  2005-present2002-present |
| * Clergy and Lay Leadership Training Workshops, Northwest Texas and New Mexico Annual Conferences, UMC
 |  |  2007-present |

# Professional Development

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| * Pastoral Leadership training with Adam Hamilton, Michael Slaughter, Rebekah Simon-Peter, SLI Coaching
 |  | 2008-2016 |
| * Spiritual formation training with Dallas Willard, Eugene Peterson, Richard Foster, James Bryan Smith
* Homiletics training with Walter Brueggeman, Will Willimon, Barbara Brown Taylor, Thomas Long
 |  | 20092008 |

# Affiliations/Memberships

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| * Junior Fellow, Manchester Wesley Research Centre
* Medieval Academy of America
* American Academy of Religion
 |  |  2016-present 2016-present 2014-present |
| * Wesleyan Theological Society
 |  | 2012-present |
| * Ordained Elder in Full Connection, United Methodist Church
* Board of Ordained Ministry: Northwest Texas; New Mexico
 |  | 2005-present2012-2014; 2016-present |

# Interests/Personal

* Married to Jamie Osborne Pelfrey since 1999. Daughter, Madison Jane, born 2005.
* Music composer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist. Painter. Writer. Cinephile. Sports fan.

# References

* Dr. Geordan Hammond

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