

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Moravian Theological Seminary, M.Div.

With distinction

Bethlehem, 2021 – 2024

Focus: Moravian History & Theology, Early Christianity

Advisor: Prof. Craig Atwood

University of North Carolina at Greensboro, B.M.

Greensboro, NC, 2001 – 2005

Specialization in Music Education

Professional Experience

Associate Pastor

Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA June 2024 – July 2025

Responsible for Preaching, Christian education, World Heritage site coordination, pastoral care, community engagement, in addition to serving on various committees including social action, mental health, care for creation, Christian Education, membership, communications, trustees, and Elder's.

Public School Educator

Davidson County Schools, August 2006 - May 2014

Rockingham County Schools, June 2014 - May 2021

Responsible for teaching K-5 music, including leading committees, preparing curriculum, scheduling field trips, organizing auditioned honors events, and other duties as assigned.

Music and Christian Education Director

Mayodan Moravian Church 2013 - 2016

Madison United Methodist Church 2016 - 2021

Responsible for selecting music, interviewing and hiring accompanists, organizing rehearsals, and leading worship, teaching and leading the youth program, providing children's sermons, and serving as chairman of various committees.

Research Presentations and Publications

Book Review of "Faith in Markets: Christian Capitalism in the Early American Republic" in Studies in Religion.

March 2025

"Cosmologies in Conflict: Moravian Encounters with Indigenous Practice,"

Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, University of Toronto, Toronto, Québec, Canada.

June 2024

“Paul’s Jewish Missionizing,”

Canadian Society of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting, McGill University, Montreal, Québec, Canada.
June 2024

“God’s Acres and the Easter Sunrise Service: the Making of Southern American Moravian Identity after WWII,”

Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History and Music, Moravian Theological Seminary and Moravian University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
August 2023

Book Review of “Sonorous Desert: What Deep Listening Taught Early Christian Monks - and What it Can Teach Us” in *Studies in Religion*.

November 2023

“Ein Licht in dunkler Nacht,”

Herrnhuter Bote - German Moravian - Magazine.
December 2023

Archival Experience and Preparation

German Script Course

Moravian Archives, summer 2023

Intensive study for German manuscripts dating from between the 17th and 19th centuries. Gained the ability to transcribe sütterlin and kurrent scripts.

The Roots Project

Moravian Archives, 2023-

Volunteer

Assist in the transcription and digitization of archival material.

Honours & Awards

Herman T. Frueauff Prize

Moravian Theological Seminary, 2023

Award for academic achievement in the study of Moravian history

J. Taylor Hamilton Prize

Moravian Theological Seminary, 2023

Award for academic achievement in the study of biblical language (Greek)

Dean’s Scholarship Award

Moravian Theological Seminary, 2022

Award for academic achievement.

Elizabeth Fulton Van Noppen Scholarship

University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2001

Awarded for excellence in academics and musical performance.

Outstanding ILT Teaching Award

Davidson County Schools (NC), 2007

Awarded for excellence in teaching.

Service to the Church and the Community**Student Pastor**

Calvary Moravian Church 2021 - June 2024

Central Moravian Churches, 2022 - June 2024

Responsible for preaching, pastoral care, teaching confirmation, serving on leadership committees, leading bible studies and organizing social and ministerial events.

Family Fun Night Coordinator

Central Moravian Church, 2021- June 2024

Responsible for planning, organizing, and implementing monthly biblical, seasonally-themed, and developmental-stage-appropriate activities for group of elementary through middle school children. Additional responsibilities included coordination of volunteers for organization and set-up of event, communication with parents, and coordination with Sunday School Superintendent.

Languages

German (completion of summer intensive in German paleography,(Moravian Archives))

Koine Greek (completion of introductory and advanced reading courses)

Working knowledge of conversational Spanish

Professional Memberships

American Society of Church History

Moravian Historical Society

American Academy of Religion

Canada Society of Biblical Studies