Wesley Snedeker

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EDUCATION

University of Denver / Iliff School of Theology Joint Doctoral Program in the Study of Religion, Denver, CO - Doctor of Philosophy

SEPTEMBER 2021 - PRESENT

Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL - Master of Divinity

SEPTEMBER 2015 - MAY 2019

Committee: Dr.'s Christophe Ringer and Stephanie Buckanon Crowder

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL - Bachelor of Arts in Religious

Studies and Music Studies

AUGUST 2011 - DECEMBER 2014

Cum Laude

Continuing Education: University of Central Florida Continuing Education

Speed Spanish 1-3

7.2 CEU (total)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Constructive Theology; Theological Anthropology; Bonhoeffer's Theology; Liberation Theologies; New Materialisms; Critical Posthumanism; New Animism

EXPERIENCE

University of Denver, Denver, CO - Research Center Assistant, University Library

DECEMBER 2021 - PRESENT

- Assist library patrons in navigating and utilizing library resources
- Utilize library software (LibApps, Compass)
- Answer research-related questions to students and faculty
- Other duties as assigned by supervisor

Avista Adventist Hospital, Louisville, CO - PRN Chaplain

SEPTEMBER 2021 - FEBRUARY 2022

- Provide emotional and spiritual support to patients and families in emergent situations
- Facilitate religious services when necessary

• Collaborate with Hospital Care Team

University of Denver, Denver, CO - Zoom Classroom Assistant, University College

SEPTEMBER 2021 - PRESENT

- Serve as teacher's assistant in hybrid class environment
- Advocate for online students in hyflex class
- Provide assistance using zoom platform to students and instructor
- Other duties as assigned by instructor

Avow, Naples, FL - Hospice Chaplain

DECEMBER 2018 - MAY 2021

- Provided emotional and spiritual support to patients and families
- Maintained network of local clergy contacts
- Facilitated religious services
- Collaborated with Interdisciplinary Team members in the Frances Georgeson
 Hospice House and in the home care setting

Fort Myers Congregational United Church of Christ, Fort Myers, FL-

Community Minister

NOVEMBER 2018 - MAY 2021

- Planned and led worship services
- Participated in justice ministries (including as Lee Interfaith For Empowerment Team Leader)
- Provided congregational care
- Organized and taught youth and adult education (including Confirmation)
 - Special Project (GROW): While at FMCUCC, I oversaw the church's enrichment series GROW, an offering of free classes on scripture, theology, justice, and contemplation led by our church's retired clergy and guest experts in our fields of interest. Guest facilitators included theologian Brian McLaren, virologist Sharon Isern, literary scholar Rebecca Totaro, pastor and activist Bernice Powell Jackson, and immigration lawyer and activist Craig Mousin. Click here for more on GROW.

Naples United Church of Christ, Naples, FL - Student Pastor

JULY 2016 - SEPTEMBER 2018

- Planned and led worship services
- Facilitated youth and adult enrichment (including Confirmation)
- Collaborated with clergy staff and music ministries
- Provided congregational care

Alliance for Fair Food, Immokalee, FL - Chicago Theological Seminary Field Placement Student / Faith Organizer

SEPTEMBER 2017 - MAY 2018

 Worked as part of the AFF's faith organizing team alongside their National Faith Co-Coordinators and farmworker leaders from the Coalition of Immokalee Workers

- Organized local and national demonstrations for the CIW/AFF's Wendy's Boycott
- Participated in the CIW's 2018 Freedom Fast
- Coordinated involvement in and financial support for farmworker justice among faith communities in the United Church of Christ's Florida Conference
- Scheduled and facilitated Faith Working Group meetings
- Wrote and edited reflections and calls to action for the AFF's website.

BOOK REVIEWS

"Horror and Hope in the Face of Climate Change: Jim Antal calls for a green reformation among churches." in *The Christian Century*. March 21, 2019. https://www.christiancentury.org/review/books/horror-and-hope-face-climate-change

"Refuge: Rethinking Refugee Policy in a Changing World (by Alexander Betts and Paul Collier)." in *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, vol. 36, no. 1, Winter 2019, p. 68.

ORDINATION and CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

Ordained in the United Church of Christ on July 13, 2019 at Naples United Church of Christ (Naples, FL).

• MID Mentor: Rev. Dr. Bernice Powell Jackson

Completed 1 unit of CPE with Florida Hospital Tampa (now AdventHealth Tampa)

June - August 2017.

Supervisor: Sandra Chmielewski

AWARDS

University of Denver / Iliff School of Theology Joint Doctoral Program Fellowship Recipient (2021 - Present)

William and Grace Bellora Scholarship Recipient (2021 - Present)

Chicago Theological Seminary Merit Scholarship Recipient (2015 - 2018)

Woolley Scholarship Recipient (2015 - 2018)

National Trumpet Competition 2014 Semi-finalist - Ensemble Division

National Trumpet Competition 2013 Semi-finalist - Undergraduate Solo Division