

J o s h u a T y l e r S m i t h , P h D

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As a devoted disciple of Christ, I bring a blend of six years of ministry experience coupled with twelve years of educational expertise. My specialization lies in teaching, program management, and providing spiritual direction with a deep commitment to guiding individuals towards Christ. I am dedicated to developing and implementing programs that foster community engagement with the gospel. My passion lies in nurturing whole-person discipleship, focusing on the cultivation of the mind, heart, and service.

CORE QUALIFICATIONS

- Preaching
- Disciple-making
- Marketplace ministry
- Theological education
- Pastoral care

EDUCATION

Rice University , <i>Class of 2024</i> , Houston, Texas	2018-2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doctor of Philosophy (2024) and Master of Arts (2022)• Dissertation: <i>Wonderment: A Philosophical Analysis of its Nature and its Attending Virtue</i>	
University of Houston , <i>Class of 2017</i> , Houston, Texas	2015-2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master of Arts in Philosophy with a focus in History of Philosophy	
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary , <i>Class of 2015</i> , Wake Forest, North Carolina	2012-2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master of Arts in Philosophy of Religion• Thesis: <i>An Anselmian Theory of Time: Insights from Then for Now</i>	
Boyce College , <i>Class of 2011</i> , Louisville, Kentucky	2006-2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy of Religion	

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Sojourn Montrose Church , Houston, TX	2025-present
<i>Pastoral Resident and Deacon</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preach and teach Scripture to equip the congregation for spiritual maturity.• Disciple and train lay leaders to multiply ministry impact.• Shepherd the congregation through pastoral care and counseling.• Cast vision and lead ministries to align the church in unified mission.	
TrueWorks , Houston, Texas	2022-2024
<i>Resident Theologian and Director of Content</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designed and taught a 9-month biblical curriculum integrating faith, work, and vocation.• Launched and produced a 31-episode biblical podcast to extend discipleship reach.• Directed cross-departmental initiatives, strengthening organizational collaboration.• Led three spiritual retreats that deepened congregational formation.• Provided ongoing pastoral care and counseling for program participants.	
First Presbyterian Church , Houston, Texas	2015-2024
<i>Conference Speaker, Sunday School Teacher</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preached and delivered original conference messages on biblical themes.• Taught lecture and interactive classes on theology and Christian living.• Offered pastoral counsel and spiritual guidance in individual and group settings.	

First Presbyterian Church Houston , Houston, Texas	2015
<i>College/Young Adults Director</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discipled young men through intentional, Christ-centered mentoring. • Welcomed and connected visiting young adults into church ministries. • Organized lunches and social gatherings to foster community and engagement. 	
First Baptist Church , Mt. Washington, Kentucky	2008-2012
<i>Associate Minister of College Students</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed and directed Sunday School curriculum for college ministry. • Led small group Bible studies and theological book discussions. • Oversaw ministry operations and coordinated annual retreats. 	
Journey Church , Summerville, South Carolina	2009/2011
<i>Church Ministry Intern</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyzed and collected historical, theological, and philosophical content for sermon team • Facilitated and adapted curriculum for small group Bible studies • Edited and formulated audio/video feeds for Sunday morning worship 	
NON-MINISTRY EXPERIENCE	
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Episcopal High School , Houston, Texas	
<i>Religion Teacher</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engages students in Christian Worldview, Ethics, and World Religions • Facilitates meaningful interfaith dialogue and moral development • Mentors and disciples advisee students • Leads community service initiatives 	<p>2024-now</p> <p>2017-2018</p>
University of Houston and Rice University , Houston, Texas	2015-2017
<i>Teaching Assistant and Clerk</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned and executed a ~3,750 hr./300,000 word research project. • Conducted guided tutorials on critical methodologies and core concepts. 	
Houston Christian University , Houston, TX and Southeastern Seminary , Wake Forest, NC	2012-2015
<i>Adjunct Faculty and Research Assistant</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created two philosophy/theology courses for ~150 underclassman. • Initiated and systematized research for monograph project. 	
Peoples Bank of Mt. Washington , Mt. Washington, Kentucky	2011-2014
<i>Retail Sales and Services Associate</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digitized imaging department, providing access to documents and eliminate paper waste. • Maximized server uptime to facilitate reliable backup of host computers. 	
HONORS	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Fellowship at Rice University • Best Graduate Paper, Society of Christian Philosophers • Bioethics Intensive and clinical ethics practicum, Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, Baylor College of Medicine • University Fellowship at University of Houston (awarded to only 3 students) • Calvary Foundation Fellowship 	<p>2018-2024</p> <p>2021</p> <p>2021</p> <p>2015-2017</p> <p>2013-2014</p>

REFERENCES*

Reid Squires

Senior Pastor
Sojourn Montrose Church
Houston, TX

Rev. Douglas Meikle

Founder and Chair
TrueWorks
Houston, TX

Rev. Dr. Jon Crantz

Pastoral Coach and Former Pastor
The Redeemer's House
Houston, TX

Dr. Will Browning

Lead Pastor at Magnolia Church
Church Planting Strategist for California with the North
American Mission Board
Los Angeles, CA

Rev. Dr. Jim Birchfield

Leadership Coach Leighton Ford Ministries and Former
Pastor
Westport, CT

Dr. John David Trentham

Associate Professor of Leadership and Discipleship; Dean
of Students; Director, Doctor of Education Program
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Louisville, KY

Dr. Jamie Dew

President, Professor
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
New Orleans, LA

Dr. Paul Chitwood

President of International Mission Board and Former
Pastor
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