

Jana Holiday, Ph.D.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Educational Studies

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL (December 2019)

Dissertation Title: "Administrative Imagination: Helmscope in Challenging Times for Academic Leaders in Theological Education"

M.A. CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL Aug 2007

Emphasis: Community Cross-cultural Spiritual Formation

Thesis title: "Pilgrims in Arlington Heights: Spiritual Transformation in a Multi-Ethnic Small Group Church Community"

M.A. PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL May 2007

Emphasis: Social Virtue Epistemology

Thesis title: "Towards a Social Virtue Epistemology: Dialoguing with Stanley Hauerwas on Knowing as the Church Community"

B.A. PHILOSOPHY

Cedarville University, Cedarville, OH June 2001

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DEAN OF STUDENTS

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, July 2019-Present

- Oversee Student Life at all campuses in all modalities (member of President's Cabinet)
- Lead Student Life Services at Residential Campus (Hamilton) which encompasses Residence Life, Pastoral Care, Student Care, Campus Safety, New Student Orientation, Student Association, as well as Community Life
- Foster a healthy and hospitable culture for our learning community
- Lead a team of professionals as well as student leaders, developing them with the values of hospitality, collegiality, winsomeness, and agility

DEAN OF STUDENTS

Trinity International University, March 2018 - June 2019

- Oversee graduate and undergraduate Student Life which encompasses Residence Life, International Students Office, Leadership Development Office, Housing, Discipline, Student Care, and Global Education Office, College Activities, Safety and Security, New Student Orientation and Counseling Center
- Create and implement vision for serving a diverse student population
- Lead a team of over 30 professionals, developing them with the values of stewardship, collaboration, imagination, and lifelong learning among others

ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENTS

Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL July 2013 - March 2018

- Oversee Residence Life, Housing, International Student and Scholar Office, as well as Global Community Partnerships
- Guide and implement New Student Orientation as well as various on-campus events facilitating community and student development
- Lead the graduate student care team and provide direction and support to students, including those with disabilities in their accommodations so as fulfill the Americans with Disabilities Act

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY LIFE

Lakeview Church, Northbrook, IL June 2007 - June 2013

- Supervise 22 small groups (85% of congregation): generate sermon-based studies, recruit, train and mentor leaders, develop ministry vision of "life together for the sake of transformation"
- Coordinate adult education ministry: design curriculum, teach, coach teachers, manage development of community-wide individual bible study material
- Lead community spiritual formation ministry: weekly prayer gatherings, retreats, and annual conference, collaborate with ministry leaders
- Provide administrative, financial and logistical support for 3 campuses; develop budgets, event plan, coordinate newcomer assimilation, oversee 65 volunteers, facilitate communication across campuses, mediate conflict as needed, liaise with elders, manage communications coordinator position, Field Education mentor for seminary students

LEAD RESIDENT ASSISTANT/RESIDENT ASSISTANT

Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL Aug 2005-June 2007

- Supervise Graduate Resident Assistants and Students as Lead RA
- Duties include: Community formation, administration, counseling, leadership development, and event coordination
- Responsible for fostering a cooperative and biblical residential community which would contribute to the academic and spiritual growth of each student

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

Washington Bible College, Lanham, MD 2004 - 2006

- Teach three semesters of Introduction to Philosophy
- Design ministry-oriented curriculum

ASSISTANT TO VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS

Washington Bible College Summer 2004

- Audit student accounts
- Interface with incoming students regarding finances

INSTRUCTOR

Cedarbrook Academy, Cedarbrook, MD 2002 - 2004

- Teach Worldviews, Physical Science, Anatomy and Physiology to high school and junior high students at this cooperative school for homeschool students (approx. 20 students in each class)
- Design Worldviews course curriculum
- Help acclimate students to a more formal educational environment and developed their social skills and responsibility toward their work

SHORT TERM MISSIONARY/RESIDENT ASSISTANT

Black Forest Academy, Kandern Germany 2001 - 2002

- Live with and care for practical needs of 30 high school girls in residence
- Provide discipleship, guidance and support to the children of missionaries

ASSOCIATION OF THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS ENGAGEMENTS

Peer Reviewer, January 2022 - Present

Advisory Committee for Student Resources 2020 - 2024

Women in Leadership Mentoring Program (Mentor) 2020 - 2023

INSTRUCTION

Adjunct Professor: "Teaching and the Teaching Task" (asynchronous) Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary SU 23, SP 26; "Educational Ministry with Adults" (asynchronous) Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary SU 22, FA 23, SU 25; "Administration for Ministry" (in-person) Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary FA 2021, SP 2023; "Administration for Ministry (asynchronous) Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary SP 2025.

Adjunct Professor: "Finance and Administrative Ministry" (asynchronous with residency) Capital Bible Seminary SU 24; Developed and built this online course for the seminary (SU 23).

Adjunct Professor "Change and Conflict" Trinity Graduate School SP 2019

Small Group Leader Trainer 2007 - 2013

SPEAKING

Chapel Speaker, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary “Inheritance” (November 2024) and “The Seeing God” (March 2020)

SPAN (Student Personnel Administrators Network) Workshop Speaker, Association of Theological Schools “Design Thinking for Academic Leaders” (February 2021); “On Ramp to Off Ramp: Community Rhythms in Seminary for Integration and Formation” (February 2021); and “Living Learning in Graduate Residence Life” (Spring 2014)

Chapel Speaker, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School “Pray for One Another: Nehemiah” (Spring 2019); “Wisdom from James” (Spring 2018); Trinity College “Mennonites and the Good Samaritan” (Fall 2018)

Various contexts at South Park Church: Sunday morning sermon (July 2018), Women’s Ministry (Galatians) 2018

Retreat Speaker, Lakeview Church “Would the Father Do the Same for Me?: Love and the Oldest Son” April 2008

Retreat Speaker, Naperville Korean Presbyterian Church “Identity and Calling as Women” February, 2006

OTHER EXPERIENCE

MENTOR

Women In Leadership/Association of Theological Schools Spring 2020-Spring 2023

- Mentor 3 women who work in theological schools over the course of a 3 year period

COMMITTEE MEMBER

All Saints Rector Search Committee (Chair) January 2024 - Spring 2025

Association of Theological Schools Student Data Research Committee Spring 2020 - Spring 2024

SMALL GROUP LEADER

Lakeview Covenant Church, Northbrook, IL Fall 2006 - Spring 2013

- Disciple and lead bible studies for a small group of young adults
- Practice the ministry’s vision of “life together for the sake of transformation”

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School 2005 - 2006

- Represent women’s concerns to the community
- Initiate, organize, and implement various events to contribute to the development of women in academic environment

PUBLICATIONS

Taking Good Care: Administration as Formation, Eerdmans Publishing Co. (Feb 10, 2026).

“Sailing Through Storms: Leadership in Tumultuous Times” *Common Ground Journal* vol 13 issue 1, 2020

“The Puzzle of Institutional Inertia” (co-writer Linda Cannell with James D. McLennan) *Evangelical Review of Theology* vol 44 no 4, Oct 2020

Weekly Bible studies produced based on sermon for small groups (2008 to 2013)

AWARDS

Extraordinary Leadership Award recipient, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, April 2007

Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 2007

National EFCA Women’s Ministry Award recipient, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, May 2006

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