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ORDAINED

North American Baptist Conference **2002**
Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, OR

DEGREES

Doctor of Ministry in Youth, Family & Culture **2013**
Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA
Doctoral Project: *Floating Entourage: Reframing Adult-Adolescent Computer Mediated Communication Towards Communal Adoption*. Advisor: Dr. Chapman Clark

Master of Arts (Dual) in Youth Ministry and Counseling Ministries **1995**
Denver Seminary, Denver, CO.

Bachelor of Religion in Pastoral Studies **1993**
North American Baptist College, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising **2015**
Indiana University, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary **2018-Present**
South Hamilton, MA; Boston, MA; Charlotte, NC; Jacksonville, FL

Vice President of Academic Operations, previously VP of Graduate Programs

Assistant Professor of Youth, Family, and Culture **2022-Present**

- Collaborated with other senior leadership to steer GCTS through its 10-year accreditation visits with ATS & NECHE. Earned 10-year reaccreditation status (anticipated)
- Coordinated with the Counseling Department to facilitate the opening of a new Community Counseling Center
- Grew Networked Education surplus to a consistent \$2 million+ annually from the \$1.8 million previously accomplished
- Integrated multiple offices of Admissions, Student Success, Registration, Student Life, Library, along with the Digital Education team into the One Gordon-Conwell model
- Integrated multiple academic policies, catalogs, manuals, and operational procedures into a standardized single system

- Redesigned a new process for seminary-wide course scheduling in cooperation with the Registration and Academic Dean
- Now working to align departments under Academic Operations to more efficiently serve post-graduate programs

Dean of Teaching & Learning, Executive Director of GCTS Southeast

2019-2022

- Led Instructional Design team through COVID including the transition of almost 100 in-person and hybrid seminary courses to a digital environment in approximately 14 days
- Created the first ever faculty digital education training platform at GCTS, BEDLE (Building Effective Digital Learning Environments)
- Transitioned the Charlotte and Jacksonville campuses and Digital Education into a single operations team, laying the foundation for Networked Education
- In the move to “One Gordon-Conwell” grew Southeast operations surplus to \$500k in first year, \$1.2 million the second and \$1.8 million the third

Adjunct Professor of Practical Theology

2019-Present

Courses taught for Networked Education, Charlotte and Jacksonville:

- CL/MC503 Foundations for Leadership & Ministry
 - This course is designed to equip individuals to serve effectively as leaders, as agents of change, as facilitators of mission, and as administrators in the parish or in other related vocational settings.
- CL630 The Person of the Christian Leader
 - This course helps the student examine the integrity and spiritual vitality necessary to be a godly leader. Various areas such as family, marriage, and the “dark” side of leadership are discussed.
- CL/MC641 Ministry/Leadership in a Digital World
 - This course was developed through research from the Doctor of Ministry project (see above). It leverages a model of practical theology to reflect on key concerns raised by digitally mediated communities using the lens of biblical, historical, and contemporary theological vantage points to identify God’s Kingdom trajectory. From here, students are invited to consider potential ministry projects intended to invite people to greater levels of faith in God with their digital choices.
- EM604 The Teacher and the Teaching Task
 - This course provides an orientation to the formation and development of the teacher as well as an understanding of the skills needed to teach the faith. Students will explore tools and mindsets while building out a framework for educational philosophy, reflecting on themselves as teachers and the theological and biblically informed perspective of faithful teaching ministry.
- MC/SF501 Spiritual Formation for Ministry
 - The foundational course in the Division of Practical Theology and an introduction to seminary. This course explores a beginning working knowledge of spiritual formation leading to a lifetime of continuing education. Spiritual exercise and

small group practice for personal application and leadership in the church.

- MC660 Innovative Strategies for Ministry
 - This course helps students understand the trends of innovation in the Church and develops a framework for discerning the right strategies to best serve their ministry context. Students will delve into the role big data plays in informing and equipping the Church and will have opportunities to explore ministries on the leading edge of strategic innovation.
- YM520 Introduction to Youth and Family Ministry
 - Introduces students to the biblical, theological and practical foundations of youth and family ministry within the local church, with emphasis on understanding adolescent development, family systems and cultural pressures that adolescents and their families face today, fostering an intergenerational discipleship model to nurture faith across generations.
- Various directed studies in Youth Ministry, Spiritual Formation, and Leadership.

Director of Operations and Development/Campus Dean

2018-2019

- Oversaw the day-to-day operations and functions of the Jacksonville campus

Fuller Theological Seminary

2008-2018

Pasadena, Menlo Park, and Sacramento, CA

Additional teaching commitments through academic year 2020-21

Regional Campus Director, Fuller Northern California

2015-2018

San Francisco Bay Area & Sacramento

- Oversaw a smooth transition to a centralized academic model taught from Pasadena, CA
- Coordinated the academic teach-out for Sacramento students, closing the campus in 2017
- Coordinated the academic teach-out for Bay Area students, laying the foundation for a campus closure that occurred in 2020

Regional Campus Director, Fuller Sacramento

2012-2015

- Launched an independent regional campus
- Moved the campus from a church Sunday School classroom to an innovative learning center redesigned around a 21st century digitally interactive classroom
- Developed the Master of Divinity program for the campus; acquired ATS and WASC approval in 2014
- Launched Fuller Live Hybrid plus intensives along in coordination with the seminary's online program

Affiliate Assistant Professor of Practical Theology

2015-2021

Academic years 2015-2018: 6-8 courses per year

Academic years 2018-2021: 2-4 courses per year

- IS500 Practices of Vocational Formation

- A praxis-theory-praxis framed course, this integrative studies class focused on Christian practices that enable one to faithfully hear and follow the voice of God, integrating these practices within their daily rhythms of academic studies, ministry and personal contexts.
- IS502 Practices of Christian Community
 - A praxis-theory-praxis framed course, this integrative studies class focused on Christian practices that enable one to faithfully strengthen social bonds within God's family, integrating these practices through a rule of life with their daily rhythms of academic studies, ministry and personal contexts.
- PM504 Pastoral Ministry
 - On introductory overview of the person and role of pastoral ministry, exploring ideas of redemptive ministry leadership, working with Church leaders to set mission, vision, values, leading church teams, setting the church calendar, sermon series, ordinances, pastoral care, weddings and funerals.
- YF521 Youth & Family Ministry in a Culture of Digital Relationships
 - See below for description.

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2012-2015

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Assistant Regional Campus Director, Fuller Northern California

2008-2012

San Francisco Bay Area Campus & Sacramento

- More than doubled tuition revenue from \$800 to \$2.1 million
- Integrated the Sacramento Library with the Fuller library system
- Led the academic curriculum scheduling, coordinating 80+ courses annually
- Doubled student enrollment through participation with online education team

Consulting Services

2006-Present

Youth & Family Ministries, Non-Profit Leadership/Administration, Church Ministry, Academics

- Consulted (and on occasion), designed, recruited, trained and helped launch youth ministry programs for several church plants
- Provided consulting services to launch a teen mom mentoring program
- Provided strategic ministry planning for COVID related barriers

- Assisted Bible, Theology and Ministry faculty at William Jessup University to design the parameters, goals, and mission to launch a divinity school
- Consulted for a multi-ethnic church strategic formation plan
- Present on topics of Christian/family living, leadership, spiritual formation and social media concerns among youth and emerging adults
- Provide Pulpit supply at various churches across Canada and the United States

First Baptist Church Elk Grove

2002-2005

Elk Grove, CA, 3,000 members

Pastor of Leadership & Small Groups/Pastor of Junior High Ministries

- Launched a network of 140+ neighborhood based small groups
- Coordinated training program for church leaders
- Ran outreach events with 400+ twelve- and thirteen-year-olds
- Developed a junior high worship team, young leaders' development group
- Developed junior mission trips into inner city Seattle and San Diego

Salt Creek Baptist Church

1999-2002

Dallas, OR, 300 members

Associate Pastor: Youth, Family and Worship

- Developed and raised funding for first-ever College Internship program
- Led ministry trips to build homes, administer VBS, and execute community projects in various areas of Mexico

Bergen Park Evangelical Free Church

1994-1999

Evergreen, CO, 120 members

Youth and Family Pastor/Interim Lead Pastor

- Developed community-based outreach program to teens
- Led church through a revitalization period as interim pastor

Zion Baptist Church

1991-1993

Edmonton, Alberta, CA, 300 members

Youth/Young Adults Pastor

- English speaking youth pastor to a German immigrant congregation
- Designed and led first English language outreach efforts to the community

PUBLICATIONS

Howell, Bradley. "Beware of Dancing Cats: Resisting the Algorithmic Harvest" as part of *Ai: Your Move, Humanity* in *Ex Fonte*, Issue 03, June 1, 2025.

<https://www.gordonconwell.edu/blog/ex-fonte-beware-of-dancing-cats/>

Howell, Bradley. "Rediscovering Community in the Disconnected Era" in *Fierce Education*, Sept 12, 2022. <https://www.fierce-network.com/student-engagement/rediscovering-community-disconnected-era-Sep-12>

Howell, Bradley. "Technology and Adoptive Youth Ministry," in *Adoptive Youth Ministry: Integrating Emerging Generations Into the Family of Faith*. C. Clark (Ed.) Grand Rapids, MI. Baker Academic. 2016, rpt. 2019, pp 52-66.

Howell, Bradley. "Social Media Myth Busting," *YouthWorker Journal*, May/June 2013 Vol. 29, No. 6, Salem Publishing, Nashville, TN. 2013.

Howell, Bradley. "Finding Love One Byte at a Time," *YouthWorker Journal Online*, Salem Publishing, Nashville, TN. 2012.

Howell, Bradley. "Steering Clear of Constellation Theology," *YouthWorker Journal*, November/December 2011 Vol. 28, No. 3, Salem Publishing, Nashville, TN. 2011.

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Howell, Bradley. "The Great [digital] Migration: being digitally native on the path to adulthood," at the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities' 2016 *Commission on Technology Conference*. Houghton College, June 2016.

Howell, Bradley. "The Fall: tech and youth fragmentation," at the Fuller Institute of Theology and Northwest Culture's "rewiring://faith+technology/" conference, November 2015.

ROUNDTABLES

Art Bamford, host; Billy Jack Blankenship, **Brad Howell**, Matt Laidlaw, Adam McLane, Annie Neufeld, Mike Park. *Via Media X1: "Sex and Social Media" Roundtable*. Topics include *responding to pornography, talking about pornography with young women, when teenagers think porn teaches them about real sex, and sexting*, 2014.

HIGHLIGHTED SEMINARS & SPEAKER SERIES EVENTS

Howell, Bradley. "The Great [digital] Migration," (family version) at Missions Springs Covenant Family Camp, Scott's Valley, CA. July 2016.

Howell, Bradley. "The Force Hits Snooze," at Ignite Men's Ministries Retreat, Zephyr Cove, NV. April 2016.

Howell, Bradley. "The Great [digital] Migration," (ministry leader's version) at the Fuller Institute of Theology and Northwest Culture's "rewiring://faith+technology/" conference, November 2015.

Howell, Bradley. "Going [digitally] Native: analogue parenting in a digital world," at the Fuller Institute of Theology and Northwest Culture's "rewiring://faith+technology/"

conference, November 2015.

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

Association of Youth Ministry Educators