# **DIANE MARIE CODDING**

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### Curriculum Vitae

#### **EDUCATION**

### **Ph.D. in Education** (Expected May 2020)

University of Delaware; Newark, Delaware

Specialization: Sociocultural and Community-Based Approaches in Education

Advisors: Robert Hampel, Ph.D. Rosalie Rolón Dow, Ph.D.

### **Master of Theological Studies** (2013)

Emory University, Candler School of Theology; Atlanta, Georgia

GPA: 3.815/4.00

Advisor: Steven J. Kraftchick, Ph.D.

Thesis: Parables and Pretense: Teaching Metaphoric Language in the Church

### Master of Arts in Secondary Teaching (2013)

Wilmington University; Wilmington, Delaware

GPA: 4.00/4.00

#### Bachelor of Arts, with Honors, Summa Cum Laude (2010)

McMurry University; Abilene, Texas

English and Religion Major, Greek Minor

GPA: 3.97/4.00 Major GPA: 4.00/4.00

Advisor: Larry Bonds, Ph.D.

Honors Thesis: Religion in Shakespeare: An Examination of Aspects and Influences in Hamlet

#### INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

### Masters Courses in Human Rights and Peace Building (Study Abroad, 2012)

Teologiska Högskolan Stockholm; Bromma, Sweden

- Topics of Study: The Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Ethnic Minorities; Theology by Necessity: Change, Crisis and Development in Biblical Theology; Forgiveness and Reconciliation in the New Testament; Christians of the Middle East
- Examined international educational practices through discussion and observation
- International Travel: Traveled through Israel and Palestine, observed cultural expressions and discussed the possibilities of peace through interfaith engagement
- International Community: Studied and lived in community with a group of multinational students from diverse countries, such as Sweden, Denmark, China, Myanmar, and the Philippines

# Parliament of the World's Religions (2009)

Student Parliament Attendee, Melbourne, Australia

- Traveled and communed with an interfaith community of Christians, Jains, and Buddhist Monks
- Engaged in interfaith dialogue with faith leaders from around the world.
- Topics of Interfaith Dialogue: Indigenous Reconciliation, Voluntary and Forced Migration, Global Poverty and Global Warming, Education of the Young and the Challenges of Social Disengagement

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE & DEVELOPMENT (Select)**

### **Teaching Certifications**

DELAWARE TEACHING LICENSE: Teacher of English Language Arts Grades 6-12 COLLEGE BOARD CERTIFICATION: Advanced Placement Teacher of Literature and Composition

#### English Language Arts Teacher (2012 – 2016)

Capital School District, Dover High School; Dover, Delaware

Courses: AP Literature & Composition, English 10, and English 12

- Recognized by the Governor of Delaware for improving sophomore students' scores on the Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System (DCAS), achieving a 68.1% closure of the achievement gap
- Curriculum Chair for English 12
- Oversaw College Application Week for senior students and facilitated access to free college applications
- Paired with principals to improve formative walkthrough procedures and feedback
- Fostered a classroom environment conducive to high academic achievement and rigorous engagement of advanced curriculum through Socratic seminars and literature circles
- Taught writing as the expression of logical arguments through organized evidence and reasoning
- Developed English curriculum with interdisciplinary texts and real world applications
- Adapted curriculum to accommodate the needs of special education students and English language learners
- Developed and sponsored the Dover High School Chess Club

### **Teach for America, Delaware Corps** (2012 – 2014)

Delaware Corps Member

- Joined a national teacher corps committed to teaching in urban and rural communities across the country
- Developed the skills and knowledge needed to achieve significant gains in student achievement
- Taught English10 Credit Recovery at Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Charter School
- Mentored developing teachers across the state of Delaware
- Collaborated with Governor Jack Markell and Secretary Mark Murphy to improve access to education across socioeconomic divides in Delaware

# **ACADEMIC & TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Writing - Academic Papers, Presentations, Fiction, News Articles, Professional Lesson Plans

Public Speaking - Presentations, Lectures, Leadership

Communication Skills - Academic Instruction, Professional Communication

Editing – Essays, Academic Papers, News Articles, Fiction

Web Creation - Academic Website for Students and Parents, Interactive Teaching Website

Technology - Microsoft Office, SMART Technologies

Facilitation – Student Learning and Professional Learning Communities

 $Curriculum\ Development-AP\ Literature\ and\ Composition,\ English\ 12,\ English\ 10\ Honors,\ Ethical\ Journalism$ 

Mentoring - Youth, Students, Novice Teachers

Program Development -Race to the Top Summer Program, Chess Club

# **PRESENTATIONS**

Codding, Diane M. (2010) Religion in Hamlet, *National Conference on Undergraduate Research*; Missoula, Montana

**Codding, Diane M.** (2009) The Methodist Church and Slavery in Antebellum America, *West Texas A&M University Student Research Conference*; Canyon, Texas

Awarded First Place in Humanities

**Codding, Diane M.** (2008) The Sacrament of Marriage in the Eastern Orthodox Church, *Great Plains Honors Conference*; Abilene, Texas

# **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (Select)**

# **Graduate Thesis Research** (2011 – 2013)

Emory University; Atlanta, Georgia

Candler School of Theology

Advisor: Steven J. Kraftchick, Ph.D.

- Researched how one encounters a parable throughout the development of one's faith by examining Greek exegesis, metaphor theory, Flannery O'Connor's use of the short story, and education theory.
- Produced the paper, "Parables and Pretense: Teaching Metaphoric Language in the Church"

# **Doctoral Course: Saint Augustine and Spinoza** (2011)

Emory University; Atlanta, Georgia Graduate Division of Religion Instructor: Jill Robbins, Ph.D.

- Researched Arendt's theories of how the self relates to God through the love of self and of neighbor.
- Produced the paper, "Arendt and the Love of God, Self, and Neighbor"

### **Independent Research** (2011)

Emory University; Atlanta, Georgia

Candler School of Theology

Advisor: Luke Timothy Johnson, Ph.D.

- Researched the potential changes to the Pauline ethic, when the phrase πίστις Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ in Romans 3:21-26 is translated as the subjective genitive, "the faith of Christ"
- Produced the paper, "Reinterpreting Paul: An Ethical Examination of the Faith of Jesus: Romans 3:21-26"

### **Research Assistant** (2010 – 2011)

Emory University; Atlanta, Georgia

Candler School of Theology

Advisor: Steven J. Kraftchick, Ph.D.

- Assisted Dr. Kraftchick with research in the interplay between theology and technology
- Provided research support by gathering primary source materials and performing comparative analysis of data
- Developed research to support publications and prepared presentation

#### **Undergraduate Thesis Research** (2009 – 2010)

McMurry University; Abilene, Texas

Advisor: Larry Bonds, Ph.D.

- Researched the connection between Hamlet and governing religious philosophies of the Elizabethan England
- Produced the paper, "Religion in Shakespeare: An Examination of Aspects and Influences in Hamlet"

### LANGUAGES

### Koiné Greek (2011)

Emory University; Atlanta, Georgia

Greek Exegesis of 1 and 2 Thessalonians; performed an exegetical examination with a focus on 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; utilized New Testament translations as the basis for all graduate research

# Classical Greek (2010)

Emory University; Atlanta, Georgia

Translated Plato's Symposium, using "Eros at the Banquet: Reviewing Greek with Plato's Symposium"

#### Koiné Greek (2008 – 2010)

McMurry University; Abilene, Texas

NT Greek Grammar I and II; Advanced Greek Reading; Greek Translations I and II

# PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE (Select)

### Global Youth Service Day; Dover, Delaware (2014)

AmeriCorps

Helped organize and plan the Global Youth Service Day events in Delaware as a part of the AmeriCorps InterCorps Council, Participated in school beautification at South Dover Elementary School

# Community Emergency Response Team; Newark, Delaware (2014)

New Castle County C.E.R.T.

CPR certified and trained in basic disaster response, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations

### **Director of Children's Ministries**; Conyers, Georgia (2011)

Crossroads United Methodist Church

Designed and implemented a children's program for grades K-6, taught Children's Church, and collaborated with multiple churches in Conyers, Georgia to develop an interdenominational program for children and youth

# Empty Bowls Project; Abilene, Texas (2008 – 2010)

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Donated handmade pottery to the project and served soup during the event, raised money to feed the hungry

### **Assistant Director of Youth Ministries**; Abilene, Texas (2007 – 2008)

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Developed curriculum for youth grades 6-12, organized social activities, and integrated youth into the church community

### Writing Tutor; Abilene, Texas (2007 – 2009)

McMurry University

Tutored students in academic writing for all content areas and oversaw independent student research

### **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS (Select)**

#### **Dean's Scholar Award** (2016 – Present)

University of Delaware; Newark, Delaware

#### Master of Theological Studies Merit Scholarship (2010 – 2013)

Emory University, Candler School of Theology; Atlanta, Georgia

# **University Honors Scholarship** (2006 – 2010)

McMurry University; Abilene, Texas

# **HONORS & AWARDS** (Select)

Sue Lehmann Excellence in Teaching Nominee	2014
Delaware Talent Cooperative for Highly Effective Teaching	2013 - 2014
Alpha Chi National Honor Society	2009
George C. Steinman Scholarship for Outstanding Work in Religion	2009
Gussie O. Bond Scholarship for Outstanding Work in English	2008, 2009
Cal C. Wright Ministerial Scholarship for Religion	2007
Outstanding First Year English Student	2007
Departmental Honors in English	2006 - 2010
Departmental Honors in Religion	2006 - 2010

ORGANIZATIONS (Select)		
AmeriCorps InterCorps Council of Delaware		2013 - 2014
Candler Social Concerns Network	<ul> <li>Social Concerns Chair</li> </ul>	2010 - 2012
Parliament of the World's Religions; Melbourne, Australia		2009
Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society	<ul> <li>Vice President</li> </ul>	2008 - 2010
The Galleon (University Literary Magazine)	<ul> <li>Senior Editor, Writer</li> </ul>	2008 - 2010
The Tribe Tribune (University Newspaper)	<ul> <li>Senior Editor, Journalist</li> </ul>	2008 - 2010
Alpha Lambda Delta National Academic Honor Society		2006 - 2010
Alpha Chi Honor Society		2006 - 2010
Kappa Delta Sigma Religion Society	◆ Vice President	2006 - 2008
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS		
Society of Biblical Literature		2011 – 2016
Delaware State Education Association		2012 - 2016
National Education Association		2012 - 2016
AmeriCorps		2012 - 2014
Teach for America		2012 - 2014
Delaware Talent Cooperative		2013 - 2014