

DEREK M LARSON, TSSF

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EDUCATION

Saint Leo University, Master of Arts in Theology

2014 - 2016

San Antonio, FL/ Online - Catholic centered theological education in ecumenical community for the advanced study of scripture, theology, ethics, contemplation, etc. Special personal emphasis on Christian Spirituality. Distance Flexible.

Example of Classes: *Worship, Sacraments, and Liturgy; Hebrew Scriptures; Ignatian Spirituality; Spiritual Direction; History of Christianity; Christian Spirituality; Ecclesiology; Christology; etc.*

Southeastern University, Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (Religion)

2006 - 2011

Lakeland, FL - Studied the Bible and theology with an emphasis on seminary preparation through directed-study programs and the writing of a thesis in a diverse Christian community.

- Attained Minors in Biblical Studies and Pre-Seminary Studies
- Completed a fifty page undergraduate thesis project
- Participated in organizations for peace
- Studied 3 years of Biblical Languages
- Studied ecumenism in academic and practical aspects
- Participated in contemplative prayer groups
- Ministry Classes (Homiletics, Counseling, etc.)

EXPERIENCE

Franciscan Tertiary, Third Order, Society of Saint Francis

2012 - Present

An Anglican/ Episcopal religious order of men and women, single and married/ partnered, lay and ordained who are dedicated to lives of service in prayer, study, and work in the way of St. Francis, live by a rule of life, and take life vows.

Camp Counselor,

Sewanee: University of the South- The Beecken Center of the School of Theology

July, 2017

Facilitated theological and debate discussion and supervised high school students for 10 days at SUMMA Student Theological Debate Society.

Chaplain/ Religion Teacher, Saint George's Episcopal School - Milner, GA

2016 - Present

Facilitates spiritual development and religious education in an ecumenically diverse community of students through the implementation of daily chapel services, the development of PK- High School Bible and Religion curriculum, and pastoral presence for the spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical needs of students, parents, teachers, and staff.

- Facilitates:
- Regular classes for 1st grade - High School
 - Chaperoning of Retreats and Field Trips
 - Chapel Service Liturgies
 - Developing a School Religious Curriculum
 - Administrative Participation in Hiring Interviews
 - Contemplative Practices
 - Social Media Presence
 - Student Mentoring Presence

Youth Minister, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church - Franklin, TN

2011 - 2014

Full time position facilitating and organizing ministries for students 7th - 12th grades at an historic, inclusive, and active parish just outside Nashville, TN. Holistic approach centered on the head (Bible and theology teaching and thinking skills), heart (prayer, meditation, labyrinths, art, etc.), and hands (community action and involvement).

- Facilitated:
- Regular Bible and theology teaching
 - Retreats, Lock-Ins, Game Nights, etc.
 - Monthly involvement in homeless ministry
 - Fundraising
 - Summer trips and camps
 - Interfaith retreats
 - Contemplative practices
 - Small groups by age
 - Co-facilitated Youth Pilgrimage to Assisi, Italy
 - Occasional Preaching
 - Diocesan Involvement
 - Science and Religion studies

Volunteer Music Minister, Zephyrhills First Church of the Nazarene - Zephyrhills, FL **2010 - 2011**

Organized and led music for Sunday morning family services and student services. Taught Wednesday night class for students applying critical thought to the gospels and the life of Jesus.

Volunteer Youth Minister, Plant City Church of the Nazarene - Plant City, FL **2006 - 2008**

Lead a community of teenagers and young adults in spiritual formation through the teaching of biblical principles in a class setting and through the building of community in contemporary worship services and activities.

RELEVANT SKILLS AND TRAITS

- Lay Eucharistic Minister
- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Macintosh and Windows operating systems, and social networking such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Ecumenical Background (Nazarene, Pentecostal, Episcopal, Catholic, Interfaith Studies and Activities)
- Lector
- Under regular spiritual direction
- Beginners knowledge of Greek and Hebrew
- Active Parishioner at St. George's Episcopal Church
- Avid Reader (Religious and Fiction)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Field Technician, Precision Meter Repair- Plant City, FL **2015 - 2016**

Sub-contracted for large gas companies in central Florida to change and repair gas meters and other meter related projects. Regularly communicated with customers at their home.

Shift Supervisor, Starbucks Coffee Company - Lakeland, FL **2007 - 2011 and 2014 - 2015**

Supervised and lead a community of diverse employees through motivating and affirming communication and clear and precise direction. Recognized the needs of customers and discerned the best course of action to fulfill needs. Demonstrated knowledge of the coffee development process. Handled money and finances.

REFERENCES

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"The one who loves much, prays much"
- St. Augustine