

Curriculum Vitae

JASON A. MILLER, PhD

Education & Training

Talbot School of Theology

Educational Studies | 2020

Ph.D, Emphasis: Theological Leadership

Christian Ministry & Leadership | 2000

M.A., Emphasis: Pastoral Care and Counseling

Biola University

Social Science | 1998

B.A., Emphasis: Sociology



Meta Performance

Transformational Coaching | 2025

City to City

Gospel Coaching | 2023

College of Executive Coaching

Executive Coaching | 2021

Professional University Experience

Adjunct Faculty | Talbot School of Theology & Biola University

- Talbot- Qualitative Research Seminar for Doctor of Ministry program (Summer, 2023, 2024)
- Talbot- Chair & Second Reader for PhD Dissertations and DMin Project (Fall 2022-Spring 2024)
- Talbot- TTCE 655 Strategic Leadership (Fall 2018, 4.7 out of 5 average rating [ar])
- Biola- CEED 255 Foundations of Spiritual Formation (Fall 2023)
- Biola- CEED 242 Psychology of Learning and Development (Spring 2019, 4.7 ar)
- Biola- CEED 260 Interpersonal and Cross-Cultural Development (Fall 2017- 4.8 ar, Spring 2017- 4.4 ar)
- Biola- CEED 365 Methods of Biblical Interp (Summer 2021- 4.5ar, Spring 2020, Fall 2019- 4.5 ar, Spring 2019- 4.6 ar)

Teaching/Research Assistant | Talbot School of Theology

- Teaching Assistant: Doctoral Research Analysis- Quantitative (Spring 2020/2023)
- University Grievance Committee Member (Spring 2019)
- Teaching Assistant/Co-Teacher: Pastoral Counseling (Spring 2017)
- Research Assistant to the Director of Ph.D. and Ed.D. programs in Educational Studies (2015-2016)
- Research Assistant to the Journal of Christian Education, Talbot Seminary (2015-2017)

Men's and Women's Volleyball Coach | Vanguard University, California Baptist University, Biola University

- Assistant Coach, Women's Beach- Vanguard (Spring 2018- Present), National Champions 2023, 2024
- Assistant Coach, Men's Indoor National Champions- California Baptist (2004, 2005, 2006)
- Assistant Coach, Women's Indoor- Biola University (2002, 2003)

Resident Director | California Baptist University (2003-2006)

Writing/Research Interests and Projects

Academic Published

- Journal Article: *Pastors are people too: How self-perceptions of Humility, Shame, and Spiritual Well-being are experienced by Evangelical Megachurch Pastoral Leaders in Southern California*, Journal of Christian Ministry (March 2025).
- Christian Education Journal, Editorial Board Member (2023)

- ♦ Journal Article: *Hardship, Growth, and Hope: The Experience of Black Pastoral Leaders During a Season of Social Unrest and Covid-19 Quarantine*, Journal of Religious Leadership, April, 2022)
- ♦ Journal Article: *The Personal Experiences of Pastors in the Midst of Covid*, Christian Education Journal (Fall 2021 Special Edition)
- ♦ Book Review: *"On Christian Teaching: Practicing Faith in the Classroom by David Smith"*, Religious Education Journal (Spring 2021)
- ♦ Book Review: *"The Purposeful Graduate by Tim Clydesdale"* Christian Education Journal (Spring, 2017)

Academic Ongoing

- ♦ Journal Article: *Humility in the Practical: Reframing this Virtue Through the Life of Jesus* (Finalizing Text Submission for Fall 2023)
- ♦ Journal Article: *Clarity in the Midst of Chaos: Learning from the Professional Experiences of Pastoral Leaders in the Midst of the Covid-19 Pandemic* (finalizing text for submission- Fall 2023)

Popular

- ♦ *The Generosity of Journey*: Essay for the December 2020 Issue of Cultivare.net
- ♦ Content curator for Cultivare (cultivare.net)- Monthly online resource seeking to cultivate contemplation, engagement, and deeper understanding for life and faith.

University Research

- ♦ Exploratory Study of Biola Faculty Experiences and Perceptions That Affect Job Satisfaction (Spring 2017)
- ♦ Focus Group: Co-curricular Experiences of University Communication for Biola Students (Spring 2018)
- ♦ Focus Group: Experiences of Male Biola Student Athletes (Fall 2018)

Research Interests:

- ♦ Leadership and Identity - how self-perception (including variables of humility and shame) affects the attempts of pastors and educators to lead others.
- ♦ Perceived scarcity, economic and otherwise, as a driving force to individual and institutional activity.
- ♦ Practical Theology focusing on the intersection of belief and behavior.
- ♦ The impact of organizational structural narratives on both shareholders and outside observers of the Church institution.
- ♦ The potential impact of evangelistic methods that focus on self-preservation and make the arc of scripture human-centric as opposed to God-centric.

Speaking Engagements/Presentations

- ♦ Two Day Spiritual Retreat on *Listening* | International Nonprofit, Atlanta, Georgia (September 2022)
- ♦ Panelist- *How Can We Learn Across Difference?: A Conversation about Ethical Research and Writing vis-a-vis Identity and Positionality* | Academy of Religious Leadership, Minneapolis, Minnesota (April, 2022)
- ♦ *Clarity in the Midst of Chaos: The Personal and Professional Experiences of Pastoral Leaders in the Midst of Covid-19* | SPCE, Society of Professors in Christian Education, Dallas TX (2021)
- ♦ *A Theology of Leadership Culture for Board Health* | Kids Alive Inc., Valparaiso, IN (January 2021)
- ♦ Saltworks OC Pastoral Teaching Team Member (2015-2020)
- ♦ Torrey Memorial Bible Conference: *Humility & a Repentance of Self-Loathing* | Biola University, La Mirada, CA (October 2018)
- ♦ *The Call: Topics on Obstacles to Hearing God's Voice in Our Vocation* | Thousand Pines Conference Center, Crestline, CA (October 2018)
- ♦ *Family Wellness Seminar: Grief*, Finally Home Foundation | Fort Collins, CO (November 2018)
- ♦ *Identity and Leadership Seminar*: Select Senior Athletes Vanguard University | Costa Mesa, CA (September 2017)
- ♦ *Spiritual Identity and Leadership in Sport*: Select National Men's and Women's Volleyball Team Members | Orange, CA (2016)
- ♦ *Problem Solving In Family Crisis* | Newport Coast Church, Costa Mesa, CA (2014)
- ♦ *Identity in Christ & Selected Topics*, Kineo Internship Program | Thousand Pines Conference Center, Crestline, CA (2014-Present)
- ♦ *Royal Family Kids Rockharbor Camp Chaplain, Selected Topics: Identity and Freedom* (2013-Present)
- ♦ *Selected Topics on the Secular, Sacred, and Worthwhile*: Torrey Honors Institute Summer Program Chaplain | Biola University, La Mirada, CA (2007)

Vocational Experience

Pastoral Emphasis

Teaching Team/ Lead Team Member | ROCKHARBOR Orange/Saltworks OC | 2015 - 2020
Equipping Pastor & Director of Internships | ROCKHARBOR Church | 2011 - 2013
Interim Pastor of Community and Outreach/Small Groups | Northpoint Evangelical Free Church | 2008 - 2009
Junior High Bible Teacher & Chaplain | Tri-City Christian School | 2002 - 2003
Youth Pastor | Bonsall Community Church | 2002 - 2003
Men's Ministry Assistant | Yorba Linda Friends Church | 2000 - 2001
Assistant to the Chaplain | Biola University | 1998 - 1999

Leadership Emphasis

Associate Director (2021), Research Associate (2022- Present) at TEND (Taking Experience New Directions, tendwell.org), a non-profit focused on the spiritual and emotional flourishing of leaders. This includes:

Leadership Coaching | 2018- Present (Clients including...)

- ♦ President of an International Missions Organization
- ♦ Vice President of Sales, Stir Foods
- ♦ Pastoral Staff for a Church in Orange County, CA

Event Organization and Hosting (Events including...)

- ♦ TEND Events: *Sacred Spaces, Shaping Places: An Architecture and Soul Care Day*
- ♦ TEND Conversations: Small Group discussions (including about the Podcast *The Rise and Fall of Mars Hill*)

Organizational Assessment: (Projects including...)

- ♦ St Andrew Pres. Newport Beach, Theology of Vocation project (2023-Current)
- ♦ Assessment of a denomination's Ordination process (2022-Current)
- ♦ Assessment of an international non-profit's leadership training and curriculum (2022-Current)
- ♦ Assessment of an international non-profit's Spiritual Formation program for employee's (2023-Current)

Organizational Strategy Consultant | 2015 - Present

Co-Founder | Home4Good Real Estate (home4good.com) | 2016 - Present

Interim Chief of Staff | Fellowship of Christian Athletes - SOCAL Volleyball | 2013 - 2015

Community Service, Professional Associations, and Board Membership

Kids Alive International, Board Chair (January 2023- Present)

Academy of Religious Leadership (2022-Present)

Evangelical Theological Society, Member (2020-Present)

Society of Professors in Christian Education, Member, (2015-Present)

Association of Youth Ministry Educators, Member, (2015-Present)

Royal Family Kids Camp (Rockharbor), Leadership Consultant and Chaplain for Camp Director and Staff (2013-Present)

Christian Alliance for Orphans, Member (2009-Present)

Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Sport Specific Ministries, Board Member (2011-2017)

Finally Home Foundation, Newport Beach, CA. Friend of the Board, (2010-2017)

Hope of the Nations, Tanzania, Advisory Board, (2005-2010)

References

Academic

- ♦ Dr. Kevin Lawson- former Director of Ph.D. and Ed.D. Educational Studies, Warren S. Benson Distinguished Educators Award recipient, Talbot School of Theology: kevin.lawson@biola.edu
- ♦ Joel Elies- Assistant Director of Doctoral Programs, Talbot School of Theology: joel.s.elies@biola.edu
- ♦ Dr. Octavio Esqueda- Director of Ph.D. and Ed.D. Educational Studies, Talbot School of Theology: octavio.esqueda@biola.edu

Research Partner

- ♦ Dr. Dale Lemke- Christian Ministries Department Chair, University of Northwestern, St. Paul: dillemeke@unwsp.edu

Personal/Pastoral/Non-profit

- ♦ Lisa Johnson- *Executive Director of Leadership Formation*, ECO Presbyterian National Staff: lisa@ECO-pres.org
- ♦ Corbey Dukes- *CEO and President of Kids Alive International*: corbey.dukes@kidsalive.org
- ♦ Daniel Rich- *Hawaii State Director*, Fellowship of Christian Athletes: drich@fca.org