

## **Travis Allen Webster**

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### **QUALIFICATION SUMMARY:**

- 24+ years of service and leadership with faith-based organizations
- 12+ years ordination as a PC(USA) pastor
- Fifth-year student in the Th.D. in Pastoral Counseling Program at Columbia Theological Seminary, currently in the dissertation phase
- 4 years as a pastoral counselor, working towards LMFT licensure, with particular interests in addiction and recovery, seminarian and clergy health, and spiritual concerns
- Co-founder and board member of the Healthy Seminarians - Healthy Church non-profit

### **RECENT EXPERIENCE:**

#### **Training and Counseling Center at St. Luke's: Atlanta, GA**

July 2016 - present

##### ***Pastoral Counselor in Training***

- 12-15 clinical hours/week at various sites (urban and suburban)

#### **Columbia Presbyterian Church: Decatur, GA**

Feb. 2015 - present

##### ***Part-Time Office Manager***

- Tasked with facilitating the church's daily administrative operations.
  - Responsibilities include: the regular monitoring of voicemail and email, maintaining the church calendar, communicating with vendors, ordering office supplies, and coordinating with groups that use church space.
  - At the pastor's request, occasional worship leadership and preaching.

#### **Candler School of Theology, Emory University: Atlanta, GA**

Jan. 2017 - May 2017

##### **PC 501: Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling**

##### **Taught by Dr. Gregory Ellison II**

##### ***Teaching Assistant***

- PC501 serves as the pre-requisite for other pastoral care courses. The class concentrates on theological and psychosocial analysis of personal, family, and congregational needs and the caring principles and methods to respond to them.
- Responsibilities included: attending all class sessions, reading the materials, participating in discussions, grading papers, preparing and delivering lectures at Dr. Ellison's request, and serving as a resource for the students.

#### **Candler School of Theology, Emory University: Atlanta, GA**

Jan. 2016 - May 2016

##### **PC502: Pastoral Care in Congregation and Community**

##### **Taught by Dr. Karen Scheib**

##### ***Teaching Assistant***

- This course is designed to help those called to parish ministry understand the literature, theories, and practices that inform pastoral care within the congregational context.

- Responsibilities included: attending all class sessions, reading the materials, participating in discussions, grading papers, preparing and delivering lectures at Dr. Scheib's request, and serving as a resource for the students.

**Care and Counseling Center of Georgia: Decatur, GA**

Sept. 2014 - May 2016

***Basic Counseling Resident***

- Clinical education portion of the Th.D. program that ran concurrently with academic coursework.
- Responsibilities included: providing pastoral counseling services to individuals and couples, making initial contact with potential clients, scheduling appointments, keeping files organized, receiving regular supervision, and implementing appropriate classroom and supervision learning in these relationships.

**Forest Lake Presbyterian Church: Columbia, SC**

Aug. 8, 2013 - Aug. 30, 2014

***Parish Associate***

- Administered the adult education programs (Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and special studies held throughout the week).
- Other responsibilities included: providing leadership to the church's Stephen Ministry, assisting in worship, and making hospital visitations.

**Palmetto Health: Columbia, SC**

Aug. 26, 2013 - Aug. 23, 2014

***Chaplain in Clinical Pastoral Education Residency Program***

- Served Palmetto Health Hospice: visited hospice patients in their homes, offering them and their loved ones pastoral support, as well as coordinated with other members of the hospice team (nurses, social workers, aides, etc.) to make sure we offered the best possible patient care.
- Served two of Palmetto Health's senior daycare centers, including the following responsibilities: leading worship on a weekly basis, serving on the on-call schedule for two hospitals, and participating in all of the normal educational components of CPE (groups meetings, verbatim, IPR time, individual supervision, didactics, etc.)

**Forest Lake Presbyterian Church: Columbia, SC**

Jan. 15, 2009 - Aug. 7, 2013

***Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Mission***

- Supervised and worked with the Director for Children and Family Ministries and the Director for Youth and Young Adults to plan and coordinate the church's education program.
- Oversaw adult education (recruited and trained teachers, developed/selected/approved curricula, provided leadership for Sunday school, Wednesday night programming, the Disciple Bible Study, and other educational efforts). Led or co-led 15+ classes.
- Worked with the Ministry of Service and Benevolence to direct the church's various mission efforts. Responsibilities in this capacity included, but were not limited to: starting and directing the church's Stephen Ministry ; providing pastoral care (home and hospital visitations, officiated weddings and funerals); supporting young adult and senior congregant ministries; overseeing the planning and implementation of the annual Advent retreat ; assisting in establishing and leading the church's Kids' Garden; assisting with worship leadership (preaching once a month); and acting as a resource for ministries (Education, Evangelism and Communication, Fellowship, Service and Benevolence, and the Board of Deacons).

**First Presbyterian Church, Meadville, PA**  
***Associate Pastor for Congregational Care***

Aug. 1, 2005 - Jan. 12, 2009

- Primary responsibilities included: leading the Stephen Ministry program, supported ChristCare small groups program, provided hospital visitation and outreach to shut-ins, and short-term pastoral counseling.
- Additional responsibilities included: providing leadership to the adult Christian education program (arranging the schedule, teaching, and finding teachers from among the congregation); offering staff leadership to the committees (Session, Board of Deacons, Christian Education, Mission, and Membership); officiating weddings and funerals; and participating in the weekly traditional worship service (preaching every other month) as well as coordinating and participating in our alternative worship services (Taizé worship, twice/month).

**EDUCATION**

- **Columbia Theological Seminary: Decatur, GA** Sept. 2014 - present  
Th.D. in Pastoral Counseling, candidate (fifth year)
- **Eberhard-Karls Universität: Tübingen, Germany** Sept. 2004 - June 2005  
Exchange student
- **Princeton Theological Seminary: Princeton, NJ** May 2004  
Master of Divinity
- **University of South Carolina Honors College: Columbia, SC** Dec. 1998  
Bachelor of Arts, double major in French Language and Literature and History
- **Université de Haut-Alsace: Mulhouse, France** Sept. 1996 - June 1997  
Exchange student: studied French language, literature, and culture

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING/SKILLS/ CERTIFICATIONS:**

- **Health and Wellness Coach**, Real Balance Global Wellness Services, Sept. 2015
- **Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process**, Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, Oct. 2012 - May 2013
- **Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders**, Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, May 2012
- **Prepare/Enrich Pre-marital Counseling Facilitator**, Greenville, SC, Aug. 2011
- **Certificate in Spiritual Formation**, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, May 2011
- **Certified South Carolina Master Gardener**, Columbia, SC, May 2010
- **Disciple Bible Study Leader Training**, Detroit, MI, June 2007
- **Stephen Ministry Leader Training**, Pittsburgh, PA, Aug. 2005

**RECENT PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, AND OTHER PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- "Benefits of Whole-Foods Plant-Based: Individuals, Communities, & God's Creation" May 2018  
Decatur Area Clergy Cluster, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Columbia Theological Seminary, (Decatur, GA) – Presenter
- "Working Out: Self-Care" Sept. 2017  
Training and Counseling Center (Atlanta, GA) – Retreat Workshop Leader

- "Cultivating a Healthier Church Culture for a Healthier World" Aug. 2017  
STEPS Leadership Conference (Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, SC) – Featured Leader
- Cooking Demonstration and Interview on the show "Grow" aired Oct. 1, 2017  
Atlanta Interfaith Broadcast  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AfVsogdVNfs> (starting at 16:42)
- "Self-Care CPE Didactic" Apr. & Oct. 2017  
Training and Counseling Center (Atlanta, GA) – Workshop Facilitator
- "Fit to Serve: Defining and Exploring the Importance of Self-Care" Mar. 2017  
PC501: An Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling, Emory (Atlanta, GA) – Guest Lecturer
- "Cultivating Healthier Seminaries for a Healthier World" Oct. 2016  
Seminary Stewardship Alliance National Conference (Portland, OR) – Plenary Speaker
- "10 Tips for Starting a Church Community Garden" Apr. 2016  
United Methodist National Creation Care Conference (Atlanta, GA) – Workshop Presenter

### OTHER EXPERIENCE (Selected)

- **ACMNP (A Christian Ministry in the National Parks):** Summers 2003 & 2004  
**Denali National Park, AK**  
*Chaplain*
- **Pennington Presbyterian Church: Pennington, NJ** Jan. 2003 - May 2004  
*Field education intern*
- **Jeanes Hospital: Philadelphia, PA** Sept. 2002 - May 2003  
*Student chaplain*
- **Camp Buc: Sapphire, NC** May - Aug. 2001  
*Program Director*
- **Collège Descartes-Montaigne: Liévin, France** Sept. 2000 - May 2001  
*Assistant d'anglais* in primary and middle schools
- **University of South Carolina: Columbia, SC** Jan. 1999 - Sept. 2000  
*Admissions counselor*

### AWARDS AND HONORS:

- AAAS Science Sermon Award, Columbia Theological Seminary, April 2015  
Sermon title: "Green Dragons, God, and the Collective Pursuit of Truth"
- Kittye Susan Trent Symposium participant, April 2008
- Graduation *cum laude* with honors from South Carolina Honors College, December 1998  
Thesis title: "Decentralizing France: The Socialist Initiative"
- French Major of the Year, University of South Carolina, December 1998
- Music performance scholarship, University of South Carolina, August 1995 – December 1998
- Music Performance scholarship, University of Alabama, August 1994 – May 1995

### ORDINATION

Sept. 25, 2005

- **PC(USA) Minister of Word and Sacrament:** First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, SC

## **COMMUNITY BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- Member of Global Growers Advisory Committee (Decatur, GA): May 2018 - present
- Co-founder and board member of Healthy Seminarians-Healthy Church Initiative (Decatur, GA): June 2012 - present
- Member of the Satchel Ford Elementary School Improvement Council (Columbia, SC): January 2012 - August 2014
- Member of the New Church Development Committee of Trinity Presbytery (Columbia, SC): March 2009 - August 2014
- Board member of the Camping Association of the Presbyteries of Northwestern Pennsylvania (CAPNWP): January 2007 - January 2009
- Board member of Cornerstone Child Care (Meadville, PA): August 2007 - January 2009
- Board member of Hospice of Crawford County, PA: September 2007 - January 2009
- Member of the CAPNWP executive director search committee: January - May 2008
- Moderator of the session of North Shenango Presbyterian Church (Linesville, PA): July 2006 - April 2007

## **MEMBERSHIPS/ASSOCIATIONS**

- American Association of Pastoral Counselors
- Georgia Association of Marriage and Family Therapists

## **LANGUAGES**

- French (advanced)
- German (basic reading and conversation)

## **INTERESTS/HOBBIES**

- Marathon trail running, hiking, and cycling
- Classically-trained double bassist
- Whole foods plant-based cooking and baking
- Organic gardening