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**EDUCATION**

**M.A. Theological Studies**

Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky. 2019 to 2023

Completed MATS degree. Graduation May 2023

**M.S. Journalism/M.A. International Studies**

Ohio University, 1987

**B.A. International Studies**

Ohio University Center for International Studies, 1981

**PASTORAL EXPERIENCE:**

**Assistant Pastor**

Fitzgerald Church, Covington, La. August 2023 to June 2024

Duties included:

\*Pastoral care in residences, nursing homes and hospitals.

\*Assisted in driving and delivery of some 80 meals to needy shut-ins at their residences in rural Louisiana.

\*Managed, wrote and edited church website, Facebook page and weekly email newsletter.

\*Assisted pastor in weekly Sunday service, including scripture reading, communion, baptism and sermons.

\*Conducted worship service and Bible study periodically and when Pastor is absent.

\*Served as worship leader and guest preacher at five other New Orleans-area churches.

**VOLUNTEER CHURCH WORK**

Co-authored, edited and published book ***Has he a Horse: 180-year history of the United Methodist Church of Chagrin Falls.*** September 2020 to 2022

**Served as UMCCF Communication Team Leader and Church Council member**. 2014 to 2019

Leader of team that spearheaded planning, funding and creation of new website, church signage and purchase of video equipment for remote online access to streaming worship services. Attended monthly Church Council meetings. Served as Wesleyan Shepherd, providing pastoral care to elderly and sick church members. Church greeter, usher, scripture reader, acolyte, eulogist and communion server. Leader of weekly morning prayer meeting.

**SECULAR EXPERIENCE**

**Owner & Managing Consultant**

WOODWARD COMMUNICATION

Athens and Chagrin Falls, Ohio 1990 to present

Strategic Communication Consulting (writing, editing, content creation) for respected national and international clientele such as NETFLIX, political candidates/campaigns, and select for-profit and non-profit enterprises.

**Newsman: Staff Writer and Editor**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Columbus and Cleveland offices, Ohio 1987 to 1990

Reported, wrote and edited daily news for the AP, the oldest and

largest worldwide news service. Covered Statehouse politics,

Ohio government, OSU, law enforcement and courts.

Transferred to Cleveland AP bureau after National NYC

Desk added an enterprise position to cover Northeast Ohio, the

largest metropolitan area in the state. Cleveland enterprise

reporting assignments included U.S. presidential and Ohio

gubernatorial campaigns, spot and breaking news, college

and professional sports. Initiated enterprise and investigative

reporting that resulted in numerous stories on the national,

business and international AP wires. Published stories in the

*New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Der*

*Spiegel* and hundreds of print and broadcast members of the

national and international AP news cooperative.

OHIO UNIVERSITY Communication and Marketing

**National Media Liaison/Senior Writer** 1992 to 2000

Primary media contact for queries from local, national and

international media. Organized news conferences and served as

university spokesman. Edited opinion pieces for faculty and

administrators. News and op-ed pitches and placements for

faculty and administrators, including the *New York Times,*

*Washington Post, Chronicle of Higher Education, Wall*

*Street Journal,* CNN, CBS News and the BBC. Provided media

relations counsel to senior university administrators and faculty.

Supervised writing, editing and distribution of 100+ news

releases annually. Served as writer and editor for staff, alumni

and research publications.

OU Center for International Studies

**Assistant Director for Communication/Graduate Programming 2000 to 2002**

Wrote news releases, photographed Center events and distributed news and photos to media and Ohio University community by daily blast emails, Web postings and media pitches. Attended semi-annual U.S. Army Foreign Affairs Officer college recruitment fair at the Monterey (California) Defense Institute, recruiting officers for graduate programs in Southeast Asian, African and Latin American studies. Advised more than 100 international graduate students per year and assigned work-study jobs. Served as Center grant writer and editor. Organized, publicized and moderated weekly university-wide faculty forum presentations by Center faculty on a variety of international studies topics.

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THE E.W. SCRIPPS COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION

**Ph.D. candidate 2013 to 2016**

Accepted full scholarship, covering tuition, fees and including an office on the historic College Green of the Athens campus. Served as Teacher of Record at Scripps School of Journalism with stipend to teach core Multiplatform Reporting and News Writing class.

Withdrew from Scripps doctoral program after two years to serve as Legal Guardian and daily caregiver for daughter Loretta Woodward, severely injured with Traumatic Brain Injury in a car accident October 2015. Loretta made a miraculous recovery over a period of four years and returned to independent living in 2019. I followed my “calling” and enrolled and completed studies for the M.A. in Theological Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.

AWARDS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

• As a doctoral candidate, appointed by Scripps Journalism School Director Robert Stewart as Scripps School judge in 2014-16 annual online newspaper contests in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

\*Awarded Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) bronze medal for Excellence in News Writing — Research Medicine and Science Writing.

\*Awarded CASE bronze medal in the Special Constituency Magazines category.

• Columnist, Board of Contributors, *The Athens Messenger.*

• “Problems May Close Landfill" series won AP award for Enterprise Reporting.

•Successful grant writing experience included a six-figure grant from the Henry Luce Foundation to the Ohio University Center for International Studies and grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, Cleveland, to the Alexander Local School District.

•President, Friends of the Ohio University Libraries. Spearheaded the creation of an endowed fund that provides three annual scholarships to student employees at Alden Library, a top 100 research library nationwide. Managed book sales.

•Volunteer leader with Boy Scout Troop 357 and for Athens City Schools athletic events. Leader of 12-day wilderness expedition at Philmont Boy Scout Ranch, New Mexico.

•Communication Committee Chairman, Athens County American Heart Association. Volunteer writer and photographer, Athens County Red Cross.

•2015 inductee into Chagrin Falls High School Athletic Hall of Fame as varsity letterman on the CFHS Ohio State Championship Cross-Country team. Elected President of CFHS Class of 1972. Voted most popular and best leader.

**Additional Detail & References Upon Request**