

Rev. Jason Smith

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Professional Experience

- Alliance of Baptists** Atlanta, Ga. (remote)
Congregational Engagement Specialist (part-time) 2014 – present
- Serve as development director for a denominational organization with a focus on justice and advocacy with a budget of \$640,000 and primary contact for major donor portfolio of 200 and liaison for a constituent base of 3,500 (41 states); supervise six-member development committee
 - Serve as chief grant writer; maintain foundation relations, a portfolio of 5 foundation donors, and income of \$156,500 in 2018; prepare development budget, prepare project budgets for ministry partners for grants and foundations
 - Visit with congregations and donors to explore new and nurture existing partnerships
- First Presbyterian Church** Arkadelphia, Ark.
Supply Preacher (part-time) 2015 – present
- Lead worship, organize liturgies and preach on Sunday mornings, lead seasonal Bible studies
- Ouachita Baptist University, Sutton School of Social Sciences** Arkadelphia, Ark.
Adjunct Professor (part-time) 2016 – present
- Teach “The Contemporary World” (CORE 1023), an interdisciplinary course incorporating global politics, human rights, economics, world religions, and contemporary historical context
- Calvary Baptist Church** Washington, D.C.
Director of Youth and Ministry Assistant 2010 – 2014
- Provided an engaging environment for middle and high school youth through weekly activities, theological studies, and social activism; organized groups on the national mall for advocacy rallies on issues of immigration reform, and civil rights
 - Managed front office, supervised volunteers, assisted ministry interns; assisted pastoral staff with office administration; assisted with processing tithes and gifts
 - Coordinated communication projects, weekly bulletin, newsletters, social media

Education

- Wesley Theological Seminary** Washington, D.C.
M. Div., ‘With Honors,’ Oxnam Scholar 2011 – 2014
Co-director, Urban Fellows Restorative Justice program.
- Ouachita Baptist University (OBU)** Arkadelphia, Ark.
B.A. Magna Cum Laude; Political Science, History, Spanish 2004 – 2008

Professional Development

- “Professional Grant Development Workshop,” Grant Training Center, Denver, Co. (2017)
- “Christian Leadership Forum,” Forum for Theological Exploration, Atlanta, Ga. (2017)

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Professional Development (continued)

- “How We Gather,” Ecumenical Denominational Leaders Gathering, sponsored by the Fetzer Institute and Harvard Divinity School, Austin, Texas (2017)
- Dismantling Racism Works training, Durham, N.C. (2017)
- “The Art of Asking” major gift solicitation training, Institute for Charitable Giving, Costa Mesa, Calif. (2016)
- “Convergence Emerging Leaders Summit,” Center for Progressive Renewal, Phoenix, Az. (2014)

Additional Experience

Service/Affiliations

- Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, Washington, D.C. (2016 – Present)
- Board of Directors, Interfaith Arkansas (2015 – Present), Chair (2017 – Present)
- Association of Fundraising Professionals, Arkansas Chapter (2014 – 2015)
- Multicultural Organization Reaching Equality (MORE) OBU faculty sponsor (2017 – Present)

Languages and International Work

- Spanish, native speaker; Portuguese, limited proficiency

Special Skills

Preaching, teaching, crafting prayers and liturgy, foundation relations, grant proposal writing, donor relationship-building, event planning, “Moves” management, board development, major gift solicitation

Platforms

Constant Contact, eTapestry, Facebook, Google Drive, GoToMeeting, Instagram, Microsoft Office Suite, Snapchat, SproutSocial, Twitter, Wordpress, Workfront., Zoom Meetings

References

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