R. MATTHEW SIGLER

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I. EDUCATION

Ph.D. Boston University, 2014 M.A. Asbury Seminary, 2007 B.A. Huntingdon College, 2001

II. ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

September 2015-Present

SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Seattle, WA

- a. Teaching Responsibilities
 - -Assistant Professor of Wesleyan Studies (Primary teaching responsibilities include seminary courses in worship, church history, United Methodist history, doctrine, polity, and undergraduate University Foundations courses)
 - b. Administrative Responsibilities
 - **-United Methodist Liaison** (Responsibilities include working with United Methodist students and representing the seminary to various United Methodist judicatories)
 - c. University Governances or other committees
 - -SPS Admissions Committee (2015-current)
 - -Vocation Taskforce (March 2018-current)

August 2013-May 2015

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

Winfield, KS

- a. Teaching Responsibilities
 - -Teaching Professor in the Religion Department (History of Methodism, Worship Planning, Introduction to Youth Ministry, and Adolescent Spirituality)
- b. Administrative Responsibilities
 - -Interim Campus Minister (July 2014-August 2015)

January 2015

UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Dayton, OH

- a. Teaching Responsibilities
 - -Adjunct Professor (United Methodist Worship)

June 2013, June 2015

a. Teaching Responsibilities

-Adjunct Professor (Leading and Designing Congregational Worship)

III. PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

a. Books

Methodist Worship: Mediating the Wesleyan Liturgical Heritage (Routledge Methodist Studies Series, 2018).

b. Articles

- "New Traditions and Old Apostasies." *Liturgy* 31.1 (December 2015): 51-57.
- "Not Your Mother's Contemporary Worship: Exploring CCLI's 'Top 25' List for Changes in Evangelical Contemporary Worship." *Worship* 87.5 (September 2013): 445-463.
- "'Our Hearts Reply': Charles Wesley's Lyrical Technique as a Prescription for Rooted Emotion." *Liturgy* 28.2 (April 2013): 39-47.
- "Reconsidering the Role of Music in Worship: A Tale From the Vineyard." *Liturgy* 32.1 (October 2016): 46–53.

c. Reviews

The Reason Why We Sing, by Heather Josselyn-Cranson. The Hymn 68.4 (Fall 2017): 48. We Have Seen His Glory: A Vision of Kingdom Worship, by Ben Witherington, III. Doxology 27 (2010):105-107.

d. Encyclopedia Entries

"Christianity in Modern Europe and America: Lent." *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Fall, 2017).

IV. INVITED PUBLICATIONS

"Incorporating 'Contemporary' Into a Liturgical Framework." *Worship Arts* (May-June 2015): 25-26.

V. MANUSCIPTS IN PREPARATION

"Baptism and the Eucharist," in *A Wesleyan Theology of Baptism* (Foundery Books, *forthcoming*).

VI. ACADEMIC PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

"Irenics and Polemics in 19th Century Methodist Liturgical Revision: Thomas O. Summers' Approach to Liturgical Reform." Paper presented at Societas Liturgica, Wurzburg, Germany, August 7, 2013.

VII. ECCLESIAL PUBLICATIONS

(selected publications from seedbed.com)

- "A Hymn for Christmas Eve," December 24, 2015.
- "Designing Worship for Christmas Sunday," December 13, 2016.

- "Fragmented by Age," November 18, 2013.
- "Let Us Join Our Friends Above: Reclaiming a Robust Vision of the Communion of Saints in Worship," November 1, 2016.
- "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending: An Appeal for Advent," November 4, 2016.
- "Misplacing Charisma: Where Contemporary Worship Lost Its Way," August 19, 2014.
- "No Stranger Thing Than Baptism," February 17, 2017.
- "Renewal and Liturgy: Why I am A Methopentecostlican," September 8, 2015.
- "Singing of God and Grief in the Midst of Tragedy," April 18, 2013.
- "Six Things That Have Changed Since I Began Leading Contemporary Worship," August 12, 2014.
- "Stuck in No Man's Land: The New Sound of Contemporary Worship," September 2, 2014.
- "The Tuba in the Praise Team: Mishaps and Successes in Recruiting Church Musicians," August 23, 2016.

VIII. OTHER: INVITED PRESENTATIONS, PANELS AND PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS

"(Re)Tuning Charles Wesley." Presentation at the annual meeting of the Charles Wesley Society, Point Loma, CA, March 12, 2016.

IX. RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

a. Ecclesial Employment

Interim Campus Minister • Southwestern College, Winfield, KS, July 2014-July 2015 Minister of Music • Church of the Cross Boston, Boston, MA, April 2008-August 2013 Worship Arts Pastor • Great Commission Fellowship, Wilmore, KY, August 2004-August 2008

Worship Arts Pastor • Jubilee Shores UMC, Fairhope, AL, August 2001-May 2004 Student Minister • Jubilee Shores UMC, Fairhope, AL, August 2001-May 2004 Youth Minister • Opp First UMC, Opp, AL, May 1999-May 2001

X. PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Society of Church History North American Academy of Liturgy Societas Liturgica Charles Wesley Society Wesleyan Liturgical Society Wesleyan Theological Society