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EDUCATION

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
M.A. in Communication, studies ongoing, fall 2010 to present

Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
M.Div., including year-long internship in Ayr, Scotland, 3.8 GPA, May 2009

St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN
B.A., English and Religion with distinction, *cum laude*, May 2005

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Director/Mission Developer, The Project F–M, Fargo, ND
Spring 2011–Present

Freelance Writer, specializing in church and new media, emergent church, Reformed theology, worship, mainline congregational life, and curriculum
2008–present

Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Hallock, MN
2009–2011

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

“When the Pastor’s Study Moves to Cyberspace: An Examination of Ecclesial Social Media Policies,” 2011, for review *Journal of Media and Religion*

Chapters in Books

“Pastoral Perspective,” *Feasting on the Gospels: Matthew*, Westminster John Knox Press, forthcoming 2012

“If You Ask Me to Tell My Call Story One More Time I’m Going to Punch You in the Face, or, ‘Navigating Call’” *Keeping the Faith in Seminary*, Ellen Roscher, ed., Aveida Press, forthcoming 2012

“Making Space for Questions,” *Renew: 50 Theologians Under 50 Share One Great Idea for Reinvigorating the Church*, David Lose, ed., Center for Biblical Preaching, Luther Seminary, forthcoming 2012

Copeland, Adam J. and Thorvilson, Megan J. "A Couple of Feminists," *My Red Couch: And Other Stories on Seeking a Feminist Faith*, Claire Bischoff and Rachel Gaffron, eds., Pilgrim Press, 2005

Non Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

"Gospel Foolishness, a sermon on 1 Cor:1-18-31," *Lectionary Homiletics*, forthcoming 2012

"Open-Minded Preaching: Sharing a word with the 'spiritual, but not religious,'" *Journal for Preachers*, forthcoming 2012

"The Ten Commandments 2.0," *Word and World*, forthcoming 2012

"Prophetic Discontent, a sermon on 1 Kings 19:1-15," *Lectionary Homiletics*, August/September 2011

"Creative Uses of Children's Choirs: Cute Kids or Worship Leaders?" *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts*, 42:2, p. 37-41

Reviews

"One New Book for the Preacher," *Journal for Preachers*, 34:4, 2011

Magazines and Curricula

"Called to Farm," *Presbyterians Today*, Oct 2011, p. 27-30

"Same-Sex Marriage: For Better or for Worse?" *The Thoughtful Christian*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2011

"Tattoos: A Good Idea?" *The Thoughtful Christian*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2011

"Songfest: Challenges for a hymnal committee," *The Christian Century*, Sept 7, 2010, 127:18, p. 30-31

"Faithful Budgeting: Connecting our spending habits to our beliefs," *The Thoughtful Christian*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2011

"The mission trip was great! Now what?" *The Thoughtful Christian*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2011

"Generational Ties: Bridging the Gaps," *The Christian Century*, Feb 9, 2010, v127:3: p 10-11

"Setting Priorities as a Leader," *The Presbyterian Leader*, Presbyterian Publishing

Corporation, 2010

“Challenges and benefits of calling a part-time pastor,” *The Presbyterian Leader*, Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, 2010

“The Christian Funeral,” *The Thoughtful Christian*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2009

Opinion/Editorials

“To whom it may concern: the art of the public invocation,” MPR.org, Minnesota Public Radio, March 18, 2011

“The Minnesota breakfast crew vs. the Twitterati: Cherishing a sense of perspective,” *MinnPost*, Jan. 18, 2011

“Church's supposedly nonpolitical DVD takes sides in the governor's race,” MPR.org, Minnesota Public Radio, Sept 30, 2010

Digital Publications and Scholarship

Regular Featured Blogger, *The Christian Century*, spring 2010

“A Twitter Theology,” Patheos.com, Mainline Protestant Portal, Jan 4, 2011

“Not What, But How,” The High Calling.org, Jul 16, 2010

“How Twitter Makes Me a Better Pastor,” WorkingPreacher.org, The Center for Biblical Preaching, Luther Seminary, Aug 3, 2010

“A Review: Thomas G. Long’s ‘Accompany Them With Singing--The Christian Funeral,’” WorkingPreacher.org, Center for Biblical Preaching, Luther Seminary, April 26, 2010

Invited Talks and Presentations

“The Ten Commandments 2.0,” Middle Tennessee Presbytery Workshops, Sept 2011

Conference Preacher, Montreat Youth Conference, June 2011

Interviews and Citations in Books and Popular Press

Guest on *World Have Your Say*, BBC Radio, “The Topic of Cancer: following the death Christopher Hitchens we ask ‘can you ever fight cancer with a positive attitude?’” Dec 16, 2011

Interviewed for “Click to Save: The Digital Ministry Bible,” Elizabeth

Drescher and Keith Anderson, Morehouse Publishing, forthcoming May 2012

“Cyberspace: Young Bullies’ New Playground” *The Presbyterian Outlook*, Leslie Scanlon, Nov 28, 2011. Cited: “Adam J. Copeland, a Presbyterian minister from North Dakota (and an occasional writer for the Outlook), blogged last fall in *Christian Century* that his searching turned up a surprising dearth of church social media policies. ‘I expect the main reason is that policies like this often develop because of misuse and abuse, not before it,’ Copeland wrote.”

“High Tech, High Touch,” *Presbyterians Today*, Kathy Wolf Reed, Aug/Sept 2011. Multiple quotes.

Whitsitt, Landon, “Open Source Church: Making Room for the Wisdom of All,” Alban, 2011. Cited: “In response to an August 2010 *New York Times* opinion piece on clergy burnout by United Church of Christ minister Jeffrey MacDonald, blogger and pastor Adam Copeland responds: ‘It’s all about the parishioners, MacDonald says. They’re the problem. Somehow he suggests the issue isn’t pandering pastors...’”

Professional Experience and Service

Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song, Presbyterian Church (USA), member, 2008–present

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Kittson County Chapter, Board Member, 2010–2011

North Dakota Professional Communicators, member, 2010–present

National Presbyterian Youth Ministry Council, Presbyterian Church (USA), co-moderator, 2000–2003

Awards

- Tuition Waiver, University of North Dakota, 2010
- Emma Gaillard Boyce Memorial Award, Columbia Theological Seminary, 2009
- Emma Gaillard Boyce Memorial Fellowship, Columbia Theological Seminary, 2009
- Columbia Scholarship, Columbia Theological Seminary, 2005–2009
- Ministry Fellow, Fund for Theological Education, 2005