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OBJECTIVE

To faithfully serve a Christian organization in a senior leadership role, utilizing my experience as a communicator, strategist, and administrator to lastingly impact the world for Christ.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Divinity (Honorary; conferred in recognition of professional accomplishments) Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, NC, 2006.

Master of Arts Philosophy of Religion, Liberty University Graduate School of Religion, Lynchburg, VA, (Graduation with honors, 3.6 GPA), 1995.

Bachelor of Science Religious Studies, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA. (Graduation with honors, 3.8 GPA), 1993.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro Attended, 1982-1985.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

“Senior Leadership in Higher Education: Crisis Leadership Management,” Harvard University Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts. (Certificate program by invitation only; March, 2009-present).

Media training Hamilton and Associates, LLC., Pittsburgh, PA, 2008-present.

Amsterdam 2000: The Billy Graham Conference for Evangelists. Rai Conference Center, The Netherlands, August 2000.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Christian broadcasting: *SoundRezn* (television host / producer); *Exploring the Word* (radio host). January 2011-present.

Center for Christian Worldview and Apologetics, North Greenville University, SC Director, 2011-present.

Southern Evangelical Seminary and the Veritas Graduate School, Charlotte, NC President, 2006-2010.

Focus On The Family, Colorado Springs, CO Director of Teen Apologetics, 2004-2006.

National Director of Applied Apologetics (contractor /consultant), North American Mission Board 2001-2003.

Faith In Focus Apologetics Ministries, Inc., Greensboro, NC Founder and president, 1996-2003.

Friendly Avenue Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC. Youth/campus minister, 1994-1996.

Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, VA. Senior adult ministry assistant, 1992-1994.

Liberty Prison Outreach, Lynchburg, VA. Bible study/outreach leader, 1990-1992.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Public speaking / teaching: Have spoken in over 1,300 churches, and on 100+ university campuses throughout all 50 U.S. states, Canada, South America, Europe, and Africa.

Development / budgeting / donor relations: Led successful \$3.9 million dollar capital campaign (finishing ahead of schedule while maintaining a separate \$1.6 million annual general operating fund).

Personnel / management: Led staff of up to three dozen employees. Oversight of hiring, personnel policies, staff development, and employee benefits.

Project management: Led all facets many diverse major projects, including building program for 28,000 SF expansion; oversight of accreditation compliance and renewal; long and short-term partnership agreements, marketing, publishing, and more.

Professional writing: Author of nine original books and over 150 published articles.

Radio broadcasting: Has interviewed hundreds of on-air guests, including national leaders (James Dobson, Chuck Colson, Franklin Graham, Mike Huckabee, and others).

Member, NRB (National Religious Broadcasters).

Public relations: On-air, on-camera representation before media affiliates including CNN, CSPAN, New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, *et al.*

National and community-wide Christian events, 1996-present: Planner / Exec. director for dozens of conferences, concerts, special events, television and radio broadcasts.

OTHER AWARDS AND SERVICE

Board member: BRB radio (a division of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association), 2008-present.

Salt and Light Award, 2000: Given by World Publishing.

North Carolina Jaycee's "Forty Leaders Under Forty," award, 1998.

REFERENCES

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST