Benjamin A. Simpson

George W. Truett Theological Seminary - Baylor University
One Bear Place #97126 - Waco, Texas 76798-7126 - (254) 710-6680
Ben_Simpson@baylor.edu

Professional Information

Current Position:Associate Director of Spiritual Formation, George W. Truett TheologicalSeminary, Baylor University

Academic Fields:Christian Spiritual Formation, Christian Ethics

Education

2015 Perkins School of Theology, SMU
Dallas, Texas
Certificate in Spiritual Direction

2011 The University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas
Master of Arts in Religious Studies (Religious Ethics Concentration)

2005 Dallas Theological Seminary
Dallas, Texas
Master of Arts in Christian Education (Children's Ministry Concentration)

2002 Baylor University
Waco, Texas
Bachelor of Arts in Religion (Christian Ethics Concentration)

Teaching Experience

George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University:

Fall 2021 – Present	Instructor – Spiritual Formation I, III, and IV Supervisor - Spiritual Direction I, II, III, and IV
Fall 2019 – Spring 2021	Co-Instructor - Spiritual Formation I, II, III, and IV Supervisor - Spiritual Direction I, II, III, and IV
Summer 2020 – Spring 2021	Covenant Group Mentor, Doctor of Ministry Program
Spring 2018 – Fall 2019	Covenant Group Mentor - Spiritual Formation I, II, III, and IV

Books

The Grace of Les Misérables: Leader Guide. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2019.

What Makes a Hero? The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus: Leader Guide. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2017.

The Trouble with the Truth: Leader Guide. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2014.

Journey 101: Daily Readings: Knowing God, Loving God, Serving God: Steps to the Life God Intends. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2013.

Table Talk: Volume 1: Devotions. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2013.

Table Talk: Volume 2: Devotions. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2013.

Jesus is Lord: The Cry of a Kingdom Citizen: Youth Edition. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2013.

Committed to Christ: 40 Devotions for a Generous Life. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2012.

Other Publications

"Review: The Good and Beautiful You," *Baptist Standard*, June 16, 2022.

"Lessons 8 - 10" in *Solomon: No Ordinary Kind of Wisdom: A Study of 1 & 2 Chronicles: Connect 360 Bible Teaching Guide*. Dallas, Texas: BaptistWay Press, 2021, pgs. 104-135.

Development of online courses for the Tony Evans Training Center on the following topics:

- Exposition of John's Letters
- Exposition of Jonah
- Exposition of Malachi
- Introduction to Expository Preaching
- Kingdom Prayer
- Lessons from the Life of Elijah
- Spiritual Growth
- The Gospel of John, Part 1

Book reviews in *The Englewood Review of Books*, 2013-2020.

"The Ragamuffin Legacy," *Relevant Magazine Online*, April 2013.

"Social Media & Spiritual Formation" in *Becoming a Praying Congregation: Churchwide Leadership Tools*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009.

"Checking In: Social Location Technologies and the Practice of Ministry." *Collide Magazine* 18 (July/August 2010), 52-54.

"Old Wine in New Wineskins: Branding and Ministry." *Collide Magazine* 18 (July/August 2010), 22-23.

"Designing the Experience: Worship Planning and Church Leadership." *Collide Magazine* 17 (May/June 2010), 14-16.

"Media and Spiritual Formation." *Collide Magazine* 14 (November/December 2009), 38-40.

"Filling in the Gaps: A Vision for Christian Media." *Collide Magazine* 11 (May/June 2009), 20-24.

"Gathered, Yet Mediated: Can the Church be the Church in a Live Stream Environment?" *Collide Magazine* 10 (March/April 2009), 16-18.

Devotional pieces in *Devozine*, a United Methodist resource for teenagers, 2009-2010.

"The Collision of Sound and Space: How Our Church Gatherings Shape and Form Character." *Collide Magazine* 7 (September/October 2008), pgs. 20-22.

Presentations

June 2022 — With Clint Patterson, "More Than a Mascot: Creating Opportunities for Faith Integration and Christian Stewardship," 2022 Christian Society for Kinesiology, Leisure, and Sport Studies, Waco, TX

Ministry Experience and Church Involvement

2021 - Present — Member and Sunday School Teacher, First United Methodist Church, Killeen, TX

2015 - Present — Service as a spiritual director to laypersons and ministry leaders

2018	Interim Director of College Ministries, First United Methodist Church, Waco, TX
2016 - 2021	Member and Sunday School Teacher, First United Methodist Church, Waco, TX
2013 - 2016	Minister to Students, University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas
2006 - 2008	Youth Minister, FirstLight United Methodist Church, Gardner, Kansas
April 2005	Ordination to the Gospel Ministry, First Baptist Church, Allen, Texas
2003 - 2005	Children's Ministry Associate, First Baptist Church, Allen, Texas
2002 - 2003	Children's Ministry Intern, Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano, Texas