

# MATTHEW DAVID HOFFMAN

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## EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

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**LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT PHILADELPHIA** **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**  
Master of Sacred Theology (STM), focused on Lutheran Studies & Interfaith Engagement, May 2017.  
Pursuing Ordained Ministry: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod.

**UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK** **New York, New York**  
Master of Divinity (MDiv) with a focus on Interreligious Engagement, May 2015. Senior Thesis:  
*Choosing Violence: Exploring Modern Christian & Muslim Theological Justifications for Violence.*

**CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION AT BELLEVUE HOSPITAL CENTER** **New York, New York**  
Completed 1 Unit (400 hours) of an ACPE-accredited hospital chaplaincy program. Provided pastoral care for over 300 patients, families, and staff members on surgical and psychiatric floors.

**LOUISIANA PRACTITIONER TEACHER PROGRAM, THE NEW TEACHER PROJECT** **Baton Rouge, Louisiana**  
Achieved Level 1 Teaching Certificate in Secondary Social Studies, Grades 7-12, through alternative certification program approved by the Louisiana Department of Education.

**MIAMI UNIVERSITY** **Oxford, Ohio**  
Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*, University Honors with Distinction, Phi Beta Kappa, May 2010. Dual Major with Political Science, Minor in Latin American Studies.

## EXPERIENCE

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**WARREN WILSON COLLEGE** **Asheville, North Carolina**  
*Associate Director of Interfaith Initiatives* *July 2019-Present*  
*Instructor of Religious Studies & Global Studies* *August 2018-Present*  
*Adjunct Instructor, Religious Studies* *July 2015-July 2018*

- Developed and teach an Introduction to World Religions class for 20 students, offered five times. 2018-2019 Diversity Fellow & 2018 Service-Learning Fellow. Advise 15 students.
- Courses taught: Rel. & Environmental Justice, Exploring Religions, Introduction to Islam, Food & Religion, & Taught two First Year Seminar Courses on Various Topics.
- Design and support a Minor in Interfaith Leadership, including an introductory and capstone course. Incorporated innovative elements, blending curricular and co-curricular experiences.
- Inside Out Program: Taught two World Religion courses inside the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women, half students from the college and half women from the facility.
- Incorporated Service-Learning Opportunities into Course Work
- Worked closely with WWC Chaplain to help plan interfaith events and support students on campus, including implementation of an Interfaith Strategic Planning Grant through IFYC.

**ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN & SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH** **ASHEVILLE & SYLVA, North Carolina**  
*Vicar (Pastoral Intern)* *September 2017-August 2019*

- Help run Lutheran Campus Ministry at Western Carolina University, planning weekly meetings, on campus pastoral care with students, and various activities and retreats.
- Participate and plan worship, including preaching monthly; Teach faith formation classes; Lead Evangelism team; Provide pastoral care; Develop innovative worship services.

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, OFFICE OF GLOBAL SPIRITUAL LIFE (GSL)****New York, New York***Graduate Student Intern & Teaching Assistant**August 2013-May 2015*

- Co-Taught undergraduate course on Faith, Spirituality, and Civic Engagement, a core course in the Minor in Multifaith and Spiritual Leadership, through NYU-Wagner.
- Organized and trained 125 students, staff, and faculty members through a program called Faith Zone, which teaches participants to create spaces for interfaith interactions.
- Collaborated with NYU LGBTQ Student Center to host a monthly series called “Queering Faith,” creating space for conversations about faith, spirituality, and gender identity.

**EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM****Baton Rouge, Louisiana***High School Social Studies Teacher, Teach For America Corps Member**August 2010 – June 2012*

- Taught 150 students each year at East Baton Rouge Acceleration Academy, an alternative public school, in various courses including: World Geography, Spanish, Civics, and Economics.
- Redesigned school-wide Positive Behavior and Intervention System, served on the School Improvement Team, and led faculty workshops on technological integration in the classroom.

**HONORS & GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS****WARREN WILSON COLLEGE:** Service-Learning Fellow; Cairn Vocational Fellow; Diversity Scholars Fellow**INTERFAITH YOUTH CORE:** 17-18 Campus Strategic Planning, 17 & 18 Curriculum Development Grants**STATE OF FORMATION:** 2018-2019 State of Formation Blogging Fellow**UNIVERSITAS GADJAH MADA—INDONESIAN CONSORTIUM FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES:** 2013 Henry Luce Foundation Fellow. Took two classes and conducted research on post-conflict reconciliation in Moluccas & Java.**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY GLOBAL SPIRITUAL LIFE:** Award for Outstanding Program, *Queering Faith***MIAMI UNIVERSITY:** President’s Distinguished Service Medal; Joseph Hogan Research Scholar**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, PRESENTATIONS, & ADVOCACY****WARREN WILSON COLLEGE:****Asheville, North Carolina**

Presented at 2018 IFYC IDEALS Symposium: Building Research and Practice (13-14 September, 2018)

Better Together Day: Lecture on Media and Islamophobia (April 6th, 2017)

Faculty Advisor for Showing Up for Racial Justice Student Organization (2017-Present)

Case Study Teaching Methodology Conference Participant at Harvard, Pluralism Project (Jan 2019)

2019 CIC/IFYC Seminar on Teaching Interfaith Understanding (Summer 2019)

**COMMUNITY EVENTS****Asheville, North Carolina**

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church: Islam 101 Adult Sunday School (March 13, 2016)

Speaker at Peace Vigil Against Muslim Travel Ban (February 7th, 2017)

Habitat Brewing, Pints with a Prof Night: Islamophobia, Then and Now (July 18th, 2017)

**INTERFAITH FEDERATION OF GREATER BATON ROUGE****Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Leadership Board, Youth Initiative Intern

*March 2011-August 2012*

Worked on public outreach and programs for the Federation, including interfaith dialogue events.

Developed a comprehensive interfaith youth leadership program for IFGBR.

**SKILLS & INTERESTS**

- Teaching, Curriculum Design, & Assessment
- Experience with Multifaith Engagement, Interfaith Dialogue, anti-Islamophobia Work
- Microsoft Office, Google Drive, Social Media
- Deep interest in incorporating service-learning and experiential education

