

Dr. Mason Lee

*Director, Contextual Education
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Mason came to the Graduate School of Theology in the Fall of 2020 after completing his PhD in Practical Theology and Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary. He serves as the Director of Contextual Education and is an Assistant Professor of Practical Theology. While his primary appointment is in the School of Theology, Mason also enjoys the opportunities he gets to teach courses for the Department of Bible, Missions, and Ministry. In addition to his teaching and administrative roles at ACU, Mason also serves as the interim preaching minister for the Albany Church of Christ in Albany, Texas and works with the Siburt Institute for Church Ministry as a member of their Looking Team.

Mason is a native Texan who grew up on the Gulf Coast in the small town of High Island on the Bolivar Peninsula, between Galveston and Houston. After high school Mason went to York College in York, Nebraska on a basketball scholarship, but soon realized that you have to be good at basketball to play at the college level. After completing his degree in Biblical Studies, Mason went on to earn Masters Degrees from Abilene Christian University (MDiv) and Boston University (STM) before earning his PhD.

Mason and his wife, Kelci, have been married for 10 years, and have one daughter; Addison Constance. They also have two dogs. When Mason isn't teaching, writing, or preaching, he's usually playing with Addison, working in the yard, or learning to cook new things.



Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Princeton Theological Seminary <i>Doctor of Philosophy</i> May 2020	Princeton, NJ
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Area: Practical Theology & Homiletics• Dissertation: “Learning to Speak of God”: Patience as a Homiletical Virtue	
Boston University <i>Master of Sacred Theology</i> May 2015	Boston, MA
Abilene Christian University <i>Master of Divinity</i> May 2014	Abilene, TX
York College <i>Bachelor of Arts</i> May 2010	York, NE

TEACHING POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Practical Theology 2020-Present Graduate School of Theology Abilene Christian University	Abilene, TX
Teaching Assistant 2015-2020 Princeton Theological Seminary	Princeton, NJ
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PR 2100- Introduction to the Practice of Preaching	
Adjunct Professor of Bible 2016 York College Online	York, NE
Teaching Assistant/Graduate Assistant 2011-2014 Abilene Christian University Graduate School of Theology	Abilene, TX

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Director of Contextual Education 2020- Present Graduate School of Theology Abilene Christian University	Abilene, TX
Co-Director 2016-2020 Sustaining the Preaching Life Initiative	Princeton, NJ
Editorial Assistant 2016-2020 Theology Today	Princeton, NJ

MINISTRY POSITIONS

Interim Minister 2020-Present Albany Church of Christ	Albany, TX
Interim Pulpit Minister 2016 Monmouth Church of Christ	Tinton Falls, NJ
Preaching Minister 2010-2014 Avenue B Church of Christ	Ballinger, TX
Assistant Campus Minister 2008-2010 York College	York, NE
Preaching and Youth Ministry Intern 2007-2009 Central Church of Christ	Topeka, KS

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- “Embracing Our Finitude: Patience as Method for Theology and Ministry”
Encounter, Under Review
- “Vulnerable Good News: Distance and Patience in Gospel Performance”
Homiletic, Under Review
- “Prophets and Sour Grapes: Wrestling with Theological Traditions in Homiletical Theology”
Theology Today, 78.1 (2021): 43-55
- “Texts of Terror in Homiletical Theory: A Typology and Assessment”
Restoration Quarterly, 63.2 (2021): 65-80
- Reading the Bible Together: The Virtue of Patience as a Resource for Navigating Interpretive Disagreements in Congregations
Discernment: Theology and the Practice of Ministry, 5.1 (2019): 25-45
- From Technique to Character: Preaching in a Globalized World
Restoration Quarterly, 60.1 (2018): 9-28
- “In Union and Distinction”: Barth, Ricoeur, and Spirit in Preaching
Restoration Quarterly, 58.3 (2016): 160-176
- A Ricoeurian Vision: Reading the Biblical Text for the Narrative Sermon
Restoration Quarterly 57.1 (2015): 19-37
- More than the “Sermon on the Law”: Alexander Campbell and the Old Testament
Stone-Campbell Journal 18.1 (2015): 181-193
- “Now is the Acceptable Time; Now is the Day of Salvation”: Reading 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2 in Light of its Narrative Substructure
Restoration Quarterly 56.1 (2014): 1-13

DICTIONARY & ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

“Churches of Christ- United States” in *Database of Religious History* (Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia, 2020)

“Massacre of the Innocents, Christianity” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2020)

BOOK REVIEWS

“Preaching to Teach: Inspire People to Think and Act” by Richard W. Voelz
Encounter, Forthcoming

“Practicing the Preaching Life” by David B. Ward
Encounter, Forthcoming

“God in Fragments: Worshipping with Those Living with Dementia” ed. Matthew Salisbury
Homiletic, 45.2 (2020)

“A Hermeneutic of Wisdom: Recovering the Formative Agency of Scripture” by J. de Waal Dryden
Restoration Quarterly, 61.3 (2019)

“Theologies of the Gospel in Context: The Crux of Homiletical Theology” ed. David Schnasa Jacobsen
Homiletic, 43.2 (2018)

“Wrestling with the Word: Preaching Tricky Texts” by Kate Bruce and Jamie Harrison
Homiletic, 43.1 (2018)

“Preaching Politics: Proclaiming Jesus in an Age of Money, Power, and Partisanship” by Clay Stauffer
Encounter, 77.3 (2017)

“The Mission of Preaching: Equipping the Community for Faithful Witness” by Patrick Johnson
Restoration Quarterly, 59.4 (2017)

“Paul on Baptism: Theology, Mission and Ministry in Context” by Nicholas Taylor
Homiletic, 42.1 (2017)

“Homiletical Theology in Action: The Unfinished Theological Task of Preaching” ed. David Schnasa Jacobsen
Homiletic, 42.1 (2017)

“Proverbs and the Formation of Character” by Dave Bland
Restoration Quarterly, 59.2 (2017)

“The Challenge of Preaching” by John Stott
Restoration Quarterly, 59.1 (2017)

“Paul and the Trinity: Persons, Relations, and the Pauline Letters” by Wesley Hill
Restoration Quarterly 58.4 (2016)

“Apostle of the Last Days: The Life, Letters, and Theology of Paul” by C. Marvin Pate
Restoration Quarterly 57.4 (2015)

PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

“To Tear Down and Build Up: The Virtue of Patience and the Task of Preaching in a New World”
Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN | February 2019

“Embracing Our Finitude: Patience as Method for Theology & Ministry”
Austin Graduate School of Theology, Austin, TX | February 2019

“Learning to Speak of God: Patience as Method in Homiletical Reasoning”

Christian Scholar's Conference, Nashville, TN | June 2018

“Vulnerable Good News: Distance and Patience in Gospel Performance”

Academy of Homiletics, Dallas, TX | December 2017

“Contemporary Trends in Homiletics: Conversations in Theory and Practice”

Christian Scholar's Conference, Nashville, TN | June 2017

“In Union and Distinction: Barth, Ricoeur, and Spirit in Preaching”

Christian Scholar's Conference, Abilene, TX | June 2015

“More Than the ‘Sermon on the Law’: Alexander Campbell and the Old Testament”

Stone-Campbell Journal Conference, Knoxville, TN | March 2014

CHURCH PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

“Un-Parentesized Discipleship: Luke 10:25-37”

Regional Festival of Young Preachers, Abilene, TX, 2014

“Going to Church: Reasons Young Adults Choose a Faith Community”

ElderLink Conference, Dallas, TX, 2013

“Living into the Sermon on the Mount”

Keynote Speaker, Memorial Road Church of Christ Retreat, 2011

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Association for Theological Field Education	2020-Present
The Academy of Homiletics	2015-Present
American Academy of Religion	2018-Present
The Association of Practical Theology	2014-Present
Stone-Campbell Scholars Community	2014-Present

GRANTS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative, Phase 1 Lilly Foundation Indianapolis, IN	2021
Princeton Doctoral Fellowship Princeton Theological Seminary	2015-2020
Robert Lee Jones Memorial Travel Grant Christian Scholar's Conference	2017-2018
Thesis Award: Outstanding Homiletical Analysis Graduate School, Abilene Christian University	2014
Best Thesis Award Abilene Christian University Graduate School of Theology	2014
Isaac Errett Award for Excellence in Scholarship in Stone-Campbell Studies Stone-Campbell Journal Conference	2014

LANGUAGES

Koine Greek | Advanced Reading
Biblical Hebrew | Intermediate Reading
German | Basic Reading
French | Basic Reading