

# Elizabeth DeGaynor

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## EDUCATION

**DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL**, Durham, NC Th.D., *May 2015*  
Christian Education and Practical Theology  
Dissertation Title: *Learning (Re)formation: An Ethnographic Study of Theological Vision and Educational Praxis at Grand Rapids Christian Schools*

Dissertation committee: Fred Edie (Advisor), Randy Maddox, Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Barbara Day (UNC-Chapel Hill), and David Smith (Calvin College)

**DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL**, Durham, NC M.T.S. (Magna Cum Laude), *May 2009*  
Concentration in Theology

**THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA**, Charlottesville, VA M.A. in English, *August 1996*  
Concentration in Victorian literature

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**, Ann Arbor, MI A.B. in English (with Distinction), *May 1993*  
Concentration in British literature and Composition

## TEACHING & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Teaching Areas: Practical Theology, Christian Formation, Theology & Literature**

**VIRGINIA EPISCOPAL SEMINARY**, Alexandria, VA  
**Assistant Professor of Christian Formation and Practical Theology** *July 2019 - Present*

**DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL**, Durham, NC  
**Associate Director, Master of Arts in Christian Practice degree program** *May 2015 - Present*

- Develop curriculum for three concentrations, including content, pedagogy, and technological implementation
- Recruit students in partnership with Admissions and Communications Offices (clarify branding and determine marketing strategies; review applications and engage with prospective students)
- Support students in partnership with Office of Academic Formation & Programs (advise students on course selection and academic progress; oversee portfolio assessments and ongoing remediation)

**Instructor**, *Christian Formation of Youth in Varied Contexts* *Fall 2019*

**Instructor**, *Engaging the World through Literature* *Fall 2016-19*

**Instructor**, *Christian Formation in Congregations & Communities* *Fall 2015 & Spring 2017-19 & Summer 2019*

**Instructor**, *Doctor of Ministry Thesis Seminar (Research & Writing)* *Spring 2017-19*

**Instructor**, *Advanced Practical Theology* *Summer 2015*

**Instructor**, *Christian Ethics* *Fall 2014 & Summer 2015-17*

**Instructor**, *Anglican-Episcopal History and Theology* *Summer 2013*

**Instructor**, *The Mission of Youth Ministry* *Summer 2012*

**Co-Instructor**, *Introduction to the Education of Christians* (Fred Edie) *Fall 2014*

**Co-Instructor**, *Youth Minister as Communicator of Gospel* (Fred Edie) *Fall 2012*

**Lead Preceptor**, *Christian Ethics* (Amy Laura Hall) *Spring 2011*

**Lead Preceptor**, *Love in the Christian Tradition* (Amy Laura Hall) *Fall 2010*

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**THE COVENANT SCHOOL, Charlottesville, VA**  
**Chair and Teacher, Department of English**

*October 1996 - June 2007*

- Managed Upper School English Language and Literature faculty, including performance assessment and facilitation of professional development; governed school policy as a member of Academic Council
- Elected to founding committee for Meaningful Faculty Evaluation©; responsible for overseeing the Faculty Culture Profile© and mediating between faculty and administration
- Coordinated Virginia Association of Independent Schools accreditation for Language Arts (K-12)
- Developed and taught 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade British, American and Advanced Placement literature curricula; revamped Covenant Summer Reading Program (assignments and textual recommendations)
- Taught “British Literature” (grade 11); “American Literature” (grade 12); “AP English Literature and Composition” (grade 12); “Composition Seminar” (grades 9-12)

**THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Charlottesville, VA**  
**Instructor, Department of English Literature**

*September 1995 - July 1996*

- Developed “English and Oral Traditions,” required course for Commerce and Education students
- Taught public speaking skills, rhetoric, logic, narratives, folklore, marketing, and broadcasting

**Teaching Assistant, Department of English Literature**

*September 1994 - May 1995*

- Assisted undergraduate students in clarifying material, choosing topics, and composing essays

**Writing Tutor, UVA Writing Center**

*January 1996 - May 1996*

- Tutored graduate and undergraduate students in composition, organization, and critical thinking

**GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Grand Rapids, MI**  
**Writing Tutor, Language Arts Division**

*September 1993 - June 1994*

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, Ann Arbor, MI**  
**Teaching Assistant, Department of Women’s Studies**

*January 1993 - May 1993*

**Peer Tutor, English Composition Board**

*September 1992 - May 1993*

**PUBLICATIONS**

Co-author of chapter with Dr. Barbara Day, “Educating the Whole Child: Intellect, Emotion, and Spirit, with Wisdom and Passion” in *Schooling for Tomorrow’s America*. Eds. Marcella L. Kysilka and O.L. Davis, Jr. (Charlotte: Information Age Publishing, 2013) Volume in *Research in Curriculum and Instruction* series

Chapter, “The Word: Creative and Poetic” in *Holy Things for Youth Ministry: Thirteen Practical Sessions*. Ed. Brian Hardesty-Crouch (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2011)

*DELTA KAPPA GAMMA BULLETIN* (January 2011)

Article with Barbara Day, “Annotated Bibliography of Materials for Spirituality in the Classroom: Fostering Social and Emotional Learning and Developing Moral Schools”

**FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY** (July 1998)

Lesson plan, “Double, double, toil and trouble”: A Dual Exploration of *Macbeth* (<http://www.folger.edu/eduLesPlanDtl.cfm?lpid=575>)

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**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA** (1995)

Co-published a hypertext anthology, “The Gothic: Materials for Study”

(<http://graduate.engl.virginia.edu/enec981/Group/title.html>)

Co-published a hypermedia critical edition of all four issues of *The Germ: Thoughts toward Nature in Poetry, Literature, and Art* (<http://www2.iath.virginia.edu/courses/ennc986/germ.html>), used in developing the E-text Center's resources (<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/modeng/modengG.browse.html>)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**KUYERS INSTITUTE AT CALVIN COLLEGE: Christian Teaching & Learning: Pathways and Possibilities (October 2017)** Conference Presentation: "Minds and Bodies, Souls and Screens: Theological Anthropology and Online Pedagogies"

**CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND HISTORY: Christian Historians and the Challenges of Race, Gender, and Identity (October 2016)**

Conference Presentation: American Common Schools as "nurseries of a free (Protestant) republic"

**KUYERS INSTITUTE AT CALVIN COLLEGE: Virtues, Practice, and Imagination (October 2015)**  
Conference Presentation: "Racialized Theological Imagination and the Resulting Christian Practices: A Dutch Calvinist Case Study"

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT CANTERBURY CHRIST CHURCH UNIVERSITY (UK): Foundations: Underpinning Christian Education (July 2014)**

Keynote Lecture: "Ethnographic Research at Grand Rapids Christian Schools"

**DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL: Colloquia for Christian Education Gathering (April 2014)**  
"Educational Architecture"

**DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL, Th.D. Colloquia**

"Racialized Geography of Churches and Schools in Grand Rapids" (December 2014);

"Teaching as a Conversation" (October 2011); "Practical Theology and Pedagogy" (September 2011)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING: Coming Out Religiously: Religion, the Public Sphere, and Religious Identity Formation (November 2013)**

Conference Presentation: "The Place and Function of Religion in Schools (Past, Present, Future)"

**KUYERS INSTITUTE AT CALVIN COLLEGE: Virtues, Vices, and Teaching (October 2013)**

Conference Presentation: "(Un)Witting Hypocrisy and (Dis)Integrating Practices of Christian Education"

**KUYERS INSTITUTE AT CALVIN COLLEGE: Education as Formation: Christian Approaches (October 2011)** Conference Presentation: "There is No Such Thing as a Neutral Educational Process"

**DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL, Love in the Christian Tradition (October 2010)**

Academic Lecture: "Sacramentality in Marilynne Robinson's *Gilead*"

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL (NC Eta State Organization, April 2010)**

Workshop Facilitation: "Religion and Spirituality in the Public High School Classroom"

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**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH CONFERENCE (February 1998)**

Conference Presentation: "Unmasking the Contemporary Appeal of Shakespeare's Comedy"

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PEER TUTORING IN WRITING** (November 1993)  
Workshop Facilitation: “Exploring the Role of Nurturing in Peer Tutoring”

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Leadership & Service)**

**DUKE YOUTH ACADEMY** (Durham, NC)

**ACADEMIC MINISTRY COORDINATOR**

*2007 - Present*

Write and revise curriculum, equip faculty and support staff as we sojourn with youth during the one-week residency and the year-long online components

**DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE IN REFLECTIVE AND FAITHFUL TEACHING (CRAFT)  
PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

*Spring 2015 – Summer 2019*

Organize and lead sessions each semester, oversee faculty-reviewed instruction and teaching portfolio development, and support doctoral students as they apply for jobs

**EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

*Fall 2015 –*

*Spring 2017*

Invited to be part of the Task Force on Christian Formation, a response to the Galilee Commission Report of 2013. Priorities include supporting various educational networks in the diocese and identifying Christian practices that prepare us to go forth into the world as disciples of Jesus.

**AMERICA READS** (Duke University and Durham Public Schools)

*Academic Years 2007-09, 2013-14*

- Mentored undergraduate tutors in the program to help them develop their teaching skills
- Tutored elementary students, individually and in groups, with a particular focus on language acquisition and reading comprehension
- Worked with teachers on learning strategies and lesson-planning

**GATHERING OF DOCTORAL PROGRAMS IN RELIGIOUS PRACTICES & PRACTICAL THEOLOGY**

Southeast Region, Duke Divinity School (Durham, NC)

*April*

*2012*

Candler School of Theology at Emory University (Atlanta, GA)

*March 2010*

- Selected to represent Duke Th.D. program with Emory and Vanderbilt students
- Nominated to plan Gathering in March 2012 at Duke Divinity School

**CALVIN COLLEGE SUMMER SEMINAR**

Reflective Pedagogy and Christian Practices (Grand Rapids, MI)

*June 2011*

- Selected to study with college and seminary professors
- Presented two follow-up colloquia to doctoral students at Duke Divinity School

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY** (Cambridge, England)

*July 2000*

Awarded summer fellowship from The Covenant School;

Earned a I (A+) in “Shakespeare, Religion, and the Supernatural”

**THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA**

*January 1999*

Educational Consultant, Teaching Resource Center

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### **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS**

**ISSACHAR FUND** (Grand Rapids, Michigan)

*July 2014*

Awarded a Writer’s Retreat to fund completion of dissertation

**RAY C. PETRY SCHOLARSHIP, DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL** (North Carolina)

2007-2009

Full-tuition award given for “academic achievement and promise for significant future contributions in the field of religious studies”

**CENTER FOR CREATIVE LEADERSHIP** (Colorado)

*June 2006*

Received a scholarship to attend the Leadership Development Program

**PRESIDENTIAL CITATION, GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL FOR HUMANITIES** (Virginia)

*July 2004*

Nominated by a student as the educator who has had the greatest influence on intellectual growth

**GOLDEN APPLE AWARD FOR TEACHING** (Virginia)

*May*

2003

Recognized for distinguished performance in education and dedication to students

**FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY** (Washington, D.C.)

*July*

1998

National Endowment for the Humanities Research Fellow