

# The Rev. Rachelle D. Sam

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## EDUCATION

<b>Virginia Theological Seminary</b> , Alexandria, VA Diploma of Anglican Studies	May 2019
<b>Harvard Divinity School</b> , Cambridge, MA Master of Divinity	May 2010
<b>Rice University</b> , Houston, TX Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies	May 2007

## ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE

### St. Albans School, Washington, D.C.

<i>Director of Social Service Program</i>	September 2019 - present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Work with leadership to articulate a vision for the social service program</li><li>● Establish and maintain partnerships with non-profit organizations and community stakeholders</li><li>● Engage students and families in meaningful service-learning projects that encourage reflection and a lifelong commitment to service</li><li>● Provide administrative support and leadership for student service groups and initiatives</li><li>● Manage the social service budget</li><li>● Monitor students' progress towards fulfilling their service requirement and communicate students' progress</li><li>● Oversee the Bishop John T. Walker Fellowship</li></ul>	
<i>Assistant Director of Skip Grant Program</i>	January 2017 - present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Offer academic and emotional support to St. Albans students from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented</li><li>● Collaborate with students, faculty, parents, and coaches to promote student growth and improvement in all aspects of school life</li><li>● Assist with the planning of monthly meetings</li><li>● Interview prospective Skip Grant Program students for the Upper School</li></ul>	
<i>Grade-level Dean for Form Three (Ninth grade)</i>	September 2015-June 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Made mission-aligned decisions about discipline issues to promote adolescent growth, foster a sense of community, and supported the school's mission and values</li><li>● Led faculty discussions on the academic and emotional development of ninth grade students in quarterly faculty meetings</li><li>● Monitored the progress of ninth grade students and work closely with parents, advisors, and teachers to develop strategies for academic success</li></ul>	

## CHAPLAINCY EXPERIENCE

### St. Albans School, Washington, D.C.

<i>Upper School Chaplain</i>	September 2019 - present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Plan and lead weekly chapel services and annual services with the Senior Chaplain and Student Vestry</li><li>● Offer pastoral care to students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni</li><li>● Collaborate with Upper School leadership, Community Life Team, and healthcare and counseling teams to support members of the community and nurture a sense of belonging for all</li><li>● Coordinate with the music department to encourage student participation in chapel</li><li>● Celebrate and communicate how we live into our Episcopal identity</li><li>● Share in preaching and presiding at weddings, funerals, baptisms, and morning prayer services</li></ul>	

### Memorial Hermann Hospital, Houston, TX

<i>Chaplain Intern</i>	June 2019 - August 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Completed 400 hours of CPE training in cardiovascular, surgery, and trauma units</li><li>● Worked with multidisciplinary hospital teams to offer pastoral care</li></ul>	

## TEACHING & ADVISORY EXPERIENCE

### St. Albans School, Washington, DC

September 2013- present

#### *Religion Studies Teacher*

- Teach Upper School required and elective religion courses: *The Bible*, *World Religions*, and *African American Religion*
- Collaborate with the Science Department to co-teach a Bioethics unit for students taking Biotechnology
- Lead advisory group of tenth grade students and facilitate discussions on social and emotional learning, studentship, and diversity and inclusion

### Groton School, Groton, MA

September 2010 – June 2013

#### *History Teacher and Coach*

- Taught required ancient history and world history courses: *Sacred Texts*, *Ancient Peoples* for ninth grade students, *World and the West* for tenth grade students
- Designed and taught a religion elective course on political forgiveness
- Served on the board-level Diversity Committee
- Collaborated with student groups and faculty to plan and implement diversity curriculum and all-school dialogues
- Served as an affiliate for Lower School and Upper School girls dormitories

## PARISH EXPERIENCE

### St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C.

#### *Adjunct Priest*

September 2019 - present

- Share in the preaching and presiding during Sunday services
- Assist with pastoral care and formation, as opportunities emerge

### St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Groton, MA

September 2018 – August 2019

#### *Seminarian*

- Develop liturgical leadership and pastoral care skills
- Assist with confirmation classes

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Tools for Reflection & Learning**, Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education, October 2021
- **Cards on Race: A Tool to Examine Race in America Training**, October 2020
- **SEED Seminar**, National SEED Project, September 2019-May 2020
- **Joy of Advising**, *Institute for Social and Emotional Learning*, August 2020
- **Seeing the Face of God in Each Other: Anti-Racism Training**, Diocese of Washington, May 2018
- **Education for Ministry Mentor Foundations**, Diocese of Atlanta, August 2017
- **The Science of Teaching and School Leadership Academy**, St. Andrew's Episcopal School, July 2017
- **Missional Voices National Gathering**, April 2017
- **Teaching and Experiencing World Religions: Summer Institute**, Georgetown University, 2016
- **Empathy, Intimacy, and Technology**, St. Paul's School, 2016
- **Advanced Service Learning Institute: Academics, Engagement, and Purposeful Action**, NYSAIS, 2016
- **Intensive Bioethics Course**, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University, 2015