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Objective

Seeking a long-term placement at either a faith-based NGO, church, or educational setting to serve adolescents who live in impoverished urban environments; motivated with experience and a firm theological education.

Profile


(*You may find my full biography at www.ryanr.org/ryan)

I am: a *spiritually mature* individual, who has been journeying with Christ and under the discipleship of others for over 10 years; *experienced serving adolescents*, working with various organizations and schools, as well as earning a Master's Degree in Youth Ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary; *called to serve people who live in impoverished environments*, acknowledging that all people have been created in the image of God, even those deemed the 'least of these' by our society; *inspired by a Baptist heritage*, raised in an American Baptist (USA) church and appreciative of Baptist ideals and theology, especially doctrine concerning mission, the priesthood of all believers, and the autonomy of the local church; *learned under Reformed theology*, upholding the theological continuance of great theologians past and present throughout the history of the Church; *married to a wonderful woman* named Stacy, who teaches me more about the love, grace, and mercy of God than anything I could read or study in a book; *a marathon runner*, keeping healthy and energetic so that I may continue the work of God for decades to come; *in love with life*, using the words of Jeremiah, "But if I say, I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name,' his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot." (Jeremiah 20:9)

Skills

(*You may read my writing samples and listen to messages at www.ryanr.org/academic)

I am: a *strong and effective communicator*, utilizing both written and verbal mediums, frequently speaking at youth retreats and other religious and non-profit functions – most recently as a panelist for Princeton Theological Seminary's "After Your First Call," May 2011; *an interpersonal and socially aware leader*, facilitating discussion among both small and large groups, utilizing various learning methods and philosophies, while also maintaining an awareness of various cultures, races, and ethnicities present in discussion; *a relationship builder*, placing high importance upon the individual, as a uniquely created, gifted, and loved child of God; yet, not at the expense of the corporate community; *a visioneer*, arousing ideas, creativity, and imagination among those with whom I serve and work; *driven*, focused on maintaining commitments – persistent to completion no matter the level of difficulty - orienting myself and others toward particular goals, directions, and outcomes; *self-sufficient*, relying upon my intellect, given skill-set, and determination to follow through with tasks in order to achieve desired outcomes and beyond; *a team player*, serving with humility and energy alongside my fellow co-workers, always looking for ways to build them up for continued service; *an innovator*, implementing diverse forms of thought, media, cultural scripts, and perspectives into both my work and teaching; *an academician* with strong reading comprehension, writing, and verbal skills; *a life-long learner*, acquiring knowledge that prepares me to equip others; *a developer of leaders*, investing time, energy, and life into those individuals who demonstrate innate qualities for leading others; *called to discipleship*, forming individuals within their unique talents and abilities to serve Jesus Christ in the world; and, a *servant* of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Experience (You may download this resume at www.ryanr.org/resume)

Media Specialist, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, Fall 2006 – Spring 2010

Assisted faculty, staff, and students with audio/visual and basic program needs, such as Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer and Safari, Mac Operating Systems, and Mixer Sound controls.

6th and 7th Grade Director, YMCA, Parkersburg, WV, Summer 2002 - 2004, 2006 - 2009

Planned and structured a 10 week Day Camp, including science, reading, fitness, off-site trips, and volunteer programs. Created and implemented curriculum, using various educational philosophies and approaches. Supervised 5 counselors in the care and instruction of over 30 children.

Camp Counselor, Camp Cowen, Cowen, WV, Summer 2003 – 2009

Served at Camp Cowen, counseling grades 9 -11, teaching occasionally. Also attended this camp from summer 1993 – 2002 as a camper.

Work Group Coordinator Intern, Urban Promise Ministries (UP), Camden, NJ, June 2008 – August 2008

Administered and organized the daily function of the Work Group program at UP; led workgroups and UP staff in a weekly devotional; authored UP workgroup manual; created and implemented a workgroup blog for both the workgroup participants and community residents; and conducted seminars on racial and ethnic sensitivity. Guided weekly panel and dinner discussions between workgroup participants and adolescent and community leaders who reside in Camden; led weekly tours for the workgroups through Camden in order to bring about awareness to both the history of the City of Camden and the harsh reality of urban poverty.

Student Ministry Intern, ORB Community Church, Red Bank, NJ, September 2007 – May 2008

Studied closely with the lead pastor of a small Christian community (about 150 people); met weekly for theological discussion and reflection upon principles of Christian responsibility and pastoral leadership; preached twice; gave two talks to the high school group; led communion once; volunteered weekly with the high school group (averaged over 40 students); led a small group of 4 young men; mentored a college student to become a small group leader; and participated in one weekend retreat and several one day gatherings with the high school group.

Senior Volunteer Leader, Young Life, Grafton, WV, August 2002 – May 2006

Commenced and led a weekly Young Life program comprised of 10 leaders and over 50 regularly attending students (averaged nearly 80 students toward the end of the given term); facilitated two gender exclusive small groups – personally led one discipleship group comprised of 5 young men; weekly lead speaker – cultivated skills in verbal, large group communication during this time; managed and facilitated a bi-weekly leadership meeting; led a group of leaders and students to a week-long camp for three consecutive summers; led the YL club on four retreats per year for three consecutive years; and, hosted monthly gatherings for the students and leaders, consisting of all-nighters, day trips, and evening night-outs.

Interim Student Minister, First Baptist Church, Williamstown, WV, May 2005 – September 2005

Oversaw the Student Ministries program of a local church (averaged over 1,000 adults and 100 students each Sunday). Initiated small group mentoring projects and volunteer opportunities for adolescents. Facilitated and led weekly evening gatherings, including skits, games, and a planned talk given by me. Coordinated volunteers, consisting of parents, adult leaders, and college students. Served with 7 other staff personnel.



Education

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, September 2006 - May 2010

Master of Divinity, Missional Theology emphasis

Master of Arts, Youth Ministry emphasis

*3.4 GPA on 4.0 Scale

Alderson Broaddus College, Philippi, WV, August 2002 - May 2006

Bachelor of Arts - Christian Studies

Minor - Education

*3.8 GPA on 4.0 Scale

Professional-Related Activities

Short Term Missionary, Living Water International - Clean Water Drill Trip, El Salvador, December 2010

License to the Gospel Ministry, First Baptist Church, Parkersburg, WV, January 2010

Together in the Lord Conference, ABC-USA, Orlando, FL, January 2010

Princeton Forums on Youth Ministry, Princeton, NJ, Spring 2008 - 2009

One-Day Youth Specialties Event, Queens, NY, Fall 2007

Short Term Missionary, Urban Promise Ministries, AB College Spring Break 2002-2006

Student Teacher, Math, Phillip-Barbour High School, Philippi, WV, Academic Years 2004-2005

Awards and Honors

Bryant Kirkland Excellence in Practical Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, May 2010

Alderson Broaddus College Graduate with Honors, May 2006

Magna Cum Laude, Alderson Broaddus College, Philippi, WV, May 2006

Outstanding Senior Award, Alderson Broaddus College, Philippi, WV, May 2006

Outstanding Senior Male in the Humanities Division, Alderson Broaddus College, May 2006

Appalachian College Association Citizen-Scholar Award, Alderson Broaddus College, May 2005

Morris-Tippens Scholarship, Full Tuition, Room & Board, and Book Waiver, Parkersburg H.S., May 2002

References Made Available Upon Request (You may download 5 references at www.ryanr.org/resume)
