

# Matthew David Morris

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Matthew David Morris (he/him) is a seasoned professional in the field of online and hybrid education, possessing a wealth of expertise in digital engagement, creative writing, content marketing, and public ministry.

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## EXPERIENCE IN DIGITAL PEDAGOGY

### **Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO**

– Adjunct Instructor

March 2023 - June 2023

- Developed a comprehensive 10-week course utilizing Canvas, effectively facilitating active student engagement and emphasizing the demonstration of digital presence
  - Employed various strategies, including weekly introductory videos, video responses, and video integration into the grading process, effectively capturing student interest and promoting their active involvement
  - Cultivated a dynamic and interactive learning environment that fostered deep reflection, rigorous critical thinking, and the establishment of a strong sense of community among the students

### ***The Chapel with Nadia Bolz-Weber, Denver, CO***

– Director, Organizer, Visioner

Feb 2021 - April 2022

- Collaboratively established the framework, design, and ethos of an exclusive, subscription-based social network on the Mighty Networks platform, serving as an online sanctuary for a community exceeding 3000 members over the course of one year
  - Cultivated and nurtured a sense of belonging and unity within the Chapel community through direct engagement with its members
  - Orchestrated synchronous online gatherings via Zoom Webinar, including Daily Prayer sessions, fostering a profound sense of togetherness and a shared spiritual experience

### **Grace Memorial Episcopal Church, Portland, OR**

– Digital Missioner, Associate Pastor

October 2021 - November 2022

- Innovated various forms of online worship and ministry contextual to the needs of the community, providing ample opportunities for active lay participation
  - Oversaw the upkeep and management of the church's digital assets and online platforms
  - Fostered a sense of fellowship and facilitated pastoral care within hybrid environments

## SKILLS

Vibrant imagination

Critical thinking

Deep relationality

Theologically trained

Experience on Canvas, Blackboard, Zoom, Google Suite Apps, Microsoft Products, Apple products, Dropbox, Wordpress, Weebly, Ghost, HTML & CSS, Mobile Apps, Hootsuite, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

## EDUCATION

**Iliff School of Theology,**  
Denver, CO — *Master of Divinity*  
2020

**Portland Community College,**  
Portland, OR — *Associate of Arts*  
2016

## AWARDS

**Iliff Student of the Year,**  
2020  
Awarded to a graduating master's student for scholarship, leadership and service within the life of the school, and promise for future service in society.

## **Episcopal Diocese of Oregon, Portland, OR**

— Digital Resource Specialist

March 2020 - July 2020

- Assisted the Bishop directly in orchestrating a seamless transition from traditional in-person church services to dynamic hybrid formats through the implementation of customized educational programs designed for clergy.

- Developed and implemented training sessions to educate clergy on utilizing digital technologies effectively, ensuring seamless transitions and maximizing the potential of online platforms

- Fostered a culture of criticality among clergy and lay leaders regarding the use of digital platforms, encouraging thoughtful evaluation and discernment to ensure the alignment of online activities with the values and mission of the church

## **Hybrid Pedagogy and Digital Pedagogy Lab, Denver, CO**

— Student Consultant

2012-2016

- Actively participated as a student consultant, offering invaluable expertise, insights, and recommendations

- Analyzed existing pedagogical approaches in hybrid and online learning environments, identifying opportunities to enhance student agency by encouraging active participation, self-directed learning, and autonomy

- Prioritized student-centered pedagogies that promoted inclusivity and critical thinking within the confines of Learning Management Systems

## **OTHER ONLINE CONTENT CREATION EXPERIENCE**

### **Lectio Musica Podcast, [lectiomusica.com](http://lectiomusica.com)**

— *Creator, Writer, Producer*

2018

- Produced, recorded, and released a highly acclaimed weekly podcast centered around the lectionary, integrating original music and insightful reflections on the songwriting process.

- Implemented a meticulously crafted content calendar and recording schedule, ensuring the punctual release of a new episode each week throughout the 15-episode season.

### **Bishop in the Grove, [bishopinthegrove.com](http://bishopinthegrove.com)**

— *Author, Publisher*

2010-2013

- Authored and maintained a widely read blog dedicated to exploring spirituality, faith, and practice

- Undertook end-to-end ownership of the content creation process, including meticulous editing, proofreading, and image curation of dynamic imagery, ensuring a consistently high standard of quality and engagement

- Leveraged expertise in website design and development, utilizing the robust WordPress platform to create an optimized online presence

## **LANGUAGES**

English (fluent)

Spanish (semi-fluent)

## **ORDAINED MINISTRY IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

2019-2023

- Served as Transitional Deacon and Vocational Priest

- Granted release from Ordained Ministry with good standing in June 2023