

PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY NAMES ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HOMILETICS



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Thompson received the Lilly Faculty Fellowship in Theological Education and Program of Theology and Practice Fellowship from Vanderbilt and a Doctoral Fellowship from the Fund for Theological Education. Her teaching experience includes Association of Chicago Theological Schools Doctor of Ministry in Preaching, McCormick Theological Seminary, and Vanderbilt University. She also served as an instructor-coach at the Academy of Preachers in 2010. Her experience as a campus pastor at Asuza Pacific University prepared her well for interacting with and modeling for a wide variety of students.

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