

Matthew D. Blanton

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Education

Ph.D. Sociology

University of Texas at Austin

2025 (expected)

Austin, Texas

Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies

Fuller Theological Seminary

Concentration in International Development and Urban Studies

Summa Cum Laude, 3.95 GPA

June 2013

Pasadena, California

Bachelor of Arts in Intercultural Studies

North Greenville University

Summa Cum Laude, 3.95 GPA

May 2010

Tigerville, South Carolina

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to the Study of Society

University of Texas at Austin (Instructor: Robert Reece)

Fall 2020

Instructor: Culture, Ethnicity, and Diversity

Martin Luther Christian University, Meghalaya, India

February 2017- August 2015

Instructor: Culture, Ethnicity, and Diversity

Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Allahabad, India

February 2015- August 2015

Teaching Assistant: Activism

Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, USA

January 2015

Research Experience

Research Consultant

The California Endowment, Los Angeles, California

- Analyzed and synthesized interview data in order to chart progress and metrics for Northern California non-profit, community engagement programs

February 2013- May 2013

Research Consultant

Urban Strategies, Arlington, Virginia

- Contracted by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to research faith-based health programs and engagement in minority communities
- Researched and compiled an extensive literature review
- Conducted interviews with Hispanic evangelical leaders regarding health programs and the capacity of the local church for involvement

September 2012- December 2012

Relevant Work Experience

Minister and Community Organizer

July 2015- Present

Beyond Walls, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala

- Engage in pastoral ministry, leadership, counseling, and teaching for *Casa de Paz* church
- Lead “*Los Encomendados*,” a year-long leadership development program for university students interested in exploring vocational ministry
- Direct “*Agua es Poder*” (Water is Power), a nonprofit project providing clean water sources and financial education to low-income families
- Teach English to university students through the nonprofit project “*English Juntos*” (English Together)

Southeast Regional Mobilizer

October 2013- June 2015

National Immigration Forum, Washington DC

- Led the “Bibles, Badges, and Businesses” campaign in the Southeast
- Worked with religious, law-enforcement, and business leaders, overseeing a strategic political campaign on immigration reform including media, educational events, and congressional meetings
- Wrote and facilitated the placement of op-ed pieces in state, local, and national media outlets
- Work recognized in *National Journal*, *The New York Times*, and *USA Today*

Program Assistant

January 2013- April 2013

US Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Los Angeles, California

- Provided investigative assistance to special agents by translating immigration documents and interviews, inputting case materials into law enforcement databases, and editing reports
- Produced Reports of Investigation (ROIs) for closing cases regarding passport and visa fraud
- Provided administrative support to a large office staff

Refereed Publications

Blanton, Matthew. “The Art of the Possible: A Call for Political Intelligence (PQ) in Missiological Reflection.” *Missiology*, 46(4): 350-362

Non-Refereed Publications

Blanton, Matthew. “The Migrant Mandate: Missiology, Immigration, and the Local Church.” In *Working Papers of the American Society of Missiology; Vol. 3 Public Theology* (2017). Edited by Robert A Danielson and William Selvidge, Jr. First Fruits Press: Asbury, KY.

Conference Presentations

“The Art of the Possible: A Call for Political Intelligence (PQ) in Missiological Reflection.” American Society of Missiology Annual Meeting. Wheaton College. Wheaton, IL, June 2017.

“The Migrant Mandate: Missiology, Immigration, and the Local Church.” American Society of Missiology Annual Meeting. University of Northwestern St. Paul, MN, June 2016.