



The Reverend Dr. Donald B. Stouder

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Curriculum Vitae

With over 48 years experience health care, I am a seasoned first responder, chaplain, counselor, medical ethicist, department director and adjunct professor. I am also a recognized digital artist, writer, and photographer. I seek to touch lives, make care and comfort more accessible, model and teach compassion, and leave the world a little better than I found it.

Experience

BEREAVEMENT AND VOLUNTEER MANAGER, RELIANCE HOSPICE PALM DESERT - 2020-PRESENT

Provide individual and group grief support and counseling; Provide counseling and spiritual care to hospice patients and their families at home and in facilities; Developed staff support programs. Lead Expressive Writing ZOOM groups.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE HUMANIST CHAPLAINCY, INC – 2015-PRESENT

Coordinate activities of over 400 volunteers at Desert Regional Medical Center, a Level II Trauma Center. Provide chaplain coverage at Eisenhower Medical Center and Mission Hospice. Generated grant support and developed Covid-19 staff support programs.

CHAPLAIN AND HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, UC SAN DIEGO HEALTH – 2005-2015

Chaplain and Hospital Development Manager working with organ donor families in crisis, end-of-life situations. Developed protocols and education programs in donation consent that are now used throughout the nation.

DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL CARE, SHARP GROSSMONT HOSPITAL – 1995-2005

Built a successful staff and volunteer based spiritual care program. Introduced an effective Bioethics program. Built strong relationships with staff and provided staff support programs. Helped create the Center for Mindfulness Education.

OTHER WORK AND VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Affiliated Community Minister, UU Church of the Desert, 2017-2023
Volunteer Wilderness Ranger, Cleveland National Forest, 2013-2016
Owner-Curator, @PositiveSpace Gallery Online Space
Juried Show: Rancho Mirage Art Festival, 2021
Juried Show, Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor Center, 2014.
Board Chair, AIDS Memorial Quilt SD Chapter, 1991-1995
Artist Commission: UCSD-Lifesharing Public Galleries, 2014

Education

- Graduate Theological Foundation – Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care and Counseling, 2015. Awarded Carl R. Rogers Scholarship in Pastoral Care and Counseling.
- Clinical Pastoral Education Internship-Residency (8 Units), Sharp Memorial Hospital, Trauma and Oncology, 1994-1996.
- Graduate Study in Health Care Ethics, Emory University and University of Washington at Seattle, 1996-1997.
- The Thomasine Seminary, Master of Divinity Degree with additional study at the Education for Ministry Program, Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, 1993.
- Chadwick University, Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies, 1990.

Professional Achievements

- Grief and Bereavement Specialist, Critical Incident Stress Certified, Myers-Briggs Personality Type Counseling Certified. Board Certified Pastoral Care Specialist, American Association of Pastoral Counselors.
- National Seminar Speaker and Workshop Facilitator. Appointed to a two year term beginning in 2022-2024 National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Ethics Advisory Council.
- Elected to United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) National Bioethics Committee, three year term 2012-2015. Bioethics Committee Chair, Sharp Grossmont Hospital. On-Call Ethics Committee Member, University of California San Diego Medical Center. Adjunct Instructor in Bioethics throughout San Diego County.

Honors and Awards

- University of California Chancellor's Advisory Council on LGBTQ+ Issues.
- Carl R. Rogers Scholarship in Pastoral Care and Counseling.
- ACE Palliative Care Project Finalist, City of Hope.
- Chaplain Emeritus, Sharp Grossmont Hospital.
- Distinguished Service, HRSA Organ Donation Breakthrough Collaborative.
- Finalist, Sharp Healthcare Spirit of Caring Award.
- Distinguished Service, Millburn-Short Hills (NJ) Volunteer First Aid Squad

Credentials and Certifications

- Faith Group: Unitarian Universalist. Ordained 1993. Affiliate Fellowship since 1995.
- Ecclesiastical Endorsement for Chaplaincy, The Humanist Society, expires 2023.
- Certified Family Service Coordinator, Lifesharing Organ and Tissue Donation (UCSD).
- Certified Pastoral Care Specialist, American Association of Pastoral Counselors.
- Member, Association of Professional Chaplains, Spiritual Care Association, Association for Bioethics and the Humanities.
- Private Pilot License, Single Engine Fixed Wing Land, FAA. Tailwheel and High Performance Endorsements. FAA Remote sUAV Pilot (Drone) License.
- Certified Race Management Official, US Sailing.

Selected Published Works (others via Google)

Stouder, DB. (2015). **The Role of the Hospital-Based Physician in Organ Donation.** San Diego Physician, August 2015, 19-22.

Stouder, DB. (2015). **First on the Scene: Crisis Intervention in Spiritual Care.** (1st ed). New York: Createspace Publications.

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Stouder, DB. (2012). **Clinical Bioethics in the Twenty-First Century: An Integral Perspective.** WebMedCentral, n, 10-22.

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Stouder, DB. (2004). **Along the Thomasine Path.** (1st ed). New York: iUniverse.

Stouder, DB. (contributing author). (2004). **Wilderness Basics.** (6th ed). San Francisco: Mountaineers Books.

Stouder, DB. (2000). **Seasons of a Ministry: A Memoir in Sermon and Story.** (1st ed). Philadelphia: Xlibris.