

Tim Atkins

Professional Experience

MORRISTOWN UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP

7/2013 - Present

Director of Religious Education (Full-Time, Lifespan)

Responsible for Faith Development in a church of 350 Members, 100 Children & Youth including:

- **Worship:** Collaborating with worship team on multigenerational worship and Time for All Ages, leading monthly Children's Chapels, and crafting occasional worship services. Original stories for worship have been published by WorshipWeb and used in numerous congregations.
- **Pastoral Support:** Providing pastoral support for children, youth, and families.
- **Management & Administration:** Supervising quarter-time RE Assistant and Nursery staff, creating and maintaining program budget, database management using both Realm and Church Windows, leading multiple RE committees, and teacher training and development.
- **Lifespan Education & Curriculum:** Selecting, curating, and creating curricula. Developing and teaching courses for all ages. Coordinating Covenant Group program. Launching and coordinating a Young Adult group and an Emerging Adult group.
- **Social Justice:** Managing the congregational Social Justice program 2016-17, which included launching an entirely new structure for justice programming and interfacing with community partners. Forming intentional, institutional connections between RE and Social Justice.
- **Communications:** Creating promotional materials, monthly newsletter columns, and weekly in-depth parent and teacher emails designed and sent through MailChimp.
- **Vision:** Leading a holistic visioning process for the Children's and Youth Program. Widely recognized for innovative work around implementing and adapting Think Orange Family Ministry philosophy for a UU context.

CHURCH OF THE LARGER FELLOWSHIP

12/2012 - 7/2014

Social Media Coordinator

Part time social media coordinator for an all-online UU Congregation. Responsibilities included graphic design, Google adwords, social media strategic planning, regular updates and podcasting.

C2 EDUCATION

8/2005 - 7/2013

Southeast Regional Trainer and Lead Instructor

Teacher for all subjects, grades three through twelve. Responsibilities included building, writing, and planning curriculum, and evaluating, scheduling, and training teachers for over 10 centers with 100+ employees. Conducting online training through WebEx and Adobe Connect platforms. Developing training guides and materials. Named 2006, 2007, 2011 National Teacher of the Year and 2011 Trainer of the Year. Co-Author of *C2 Education The Smarter College Essay Writing Guide, 2010 Edition*.

Training / Accreditation

RENAISSANCE MODULES

Teacher Development (4/2013)

Philosophy of RE (10/2013)

Multicultural (8/2014)

UU History (7-10/2014)

UU Identity (7/2015)

Family Ministry (10/2016)

Administration as Leadership (8/2013)

Worship (7/2014)

Curriculum (8/2014)

Adult Faith Development (1/15-3/2015)

Ministry with Youth (8/2015)

SELECTED TRAININGS

Think Orange Conference (April 2017)

Jr. / Sr. High School OWL Facilitator Training (July 2016)

Sexuality Issues for Religious Educators (Religious Institute, 2015)

Pastoral Care for Religious Educators (Through CLF - 2014)

AR/AO/MC Training (Post-GA 2013)

AWARDED ASSOCIATE LEVEL CREDENTIALING JUNE 2015

Denominational Leadership

UUA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

6/2015 - Present

Liaison to the Appointments Committee, 2016-present. Convener of Committees Working Group 2016-2017. Convener of Governance Working Group 2017-present. Elected Financial Secretary as of GA 2017. Primary responsibilities include Policy Governance and monitoring, appointments, policy & procedures development, and linkage work.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE OF THE UUA BOARD

7/2012 – 6/2015

Tasked with identifying leaders, especially from historically marginalized communities, to serve on a wide range of denominational committees. Served as Secretary June 2014 – June 2015.

LIBERAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Honored as the 2015 LREDA Fall Conference Keynote Speaker.

Selection of Presentations, Lectures, and Workshops

Star Island RE Week: Workshop Series on Think Orange (2016)

Think Orange: RE Committee Trainings/Retreats/Consulting (Multiple congregations)

Think Orange: Theory and Practice (Multiple conferences and retreats)

Social Media for Religious Educators (Multiple conferences and retreats)

GA Talks: Looking Outward (GA 2014)

Various Workshops on Denominational Leadership (GA 2014-2016)

Ministry and Worship in the Age of Technology (Defying Gravity, 2013)

21st Century Ministry: Using Social Media to Reach, Teach and Minister (Through CLF – 2013-2014)

Metro NY District Youth Advisor Training (10/2013)

Congregational Volunteer Experience

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF ATLANTA

5/2005 – 7/2013

Volunteer Social Media Coordinator

5/2006 – 7/2013

Created and led social media outreach, including Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr and Pinterest.

Stewardship Committee Member

1/2006 - 12/2008

Responsible for planning all-congregational events in conjunction with themed campaign.

Religious Education Teacher

7/2005 – 7/2013

Lead High School Youth Advisor, 2008-2013

Children's RE teacher, 7th Grade Neighboring Faith, 2005-2009

20/30s Group Co-Leader

5/2005 – 7/2013

Helped lead weekly group events during expansion from 100 on email list to 450.

Relevant Volunteer Experience

NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH

7/2009 – 5/2013

Municipal Liaison

Local leader of National Novel Writing Month in Atlanta. Publicity, recruiting, organizing events to encourage creativity, social media, weekly motivational emails, and fundraising. Won the 2010 "Donation Derby." Region expanded from 800 to 1500 participants with over 150 events.

Education

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

8/2000 - 5/2005

Bachelors of Science in Public Policy

Certificates in Social Psychology, Sociology

Recognized repeatedly for student leadership, including winning the J. Eskire Love Jr. Philanthropy Award. Named an Oxfam CHANGE Leader and to national leadership of National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness, the only Georgia Tech student in history to receive either honor.