

# Curriculum Vitae

Francesca Debora Nuzzolese, Th.D.

## Main Areas of Specialization

- Psycho-spiritual Approaches to Urban Ministry
- Cross-Cultural Theories and Practices of Care and Counseling
- Integration of Spirituality and Psychotherapy
- Psychological Theories of Personality and Human Development
- Individual, Couples, Family, and Group Psychotherapeutic Theories and Techniques
- History and Development of the Pastoral Care and Pastoral Counseling Movements and their Relationship to the General Ministry of the Church
- Socio-cultural Dimensions of the Pastoral Care and Counseling Movements
- Research Methods in Practical Theology
- Spiritual Formation of Individuals and Congregations
- Mystical Theology

## Courses taught:

- Foundations of Pastoral Care and Counseling
- Pastoral Care with at-risk Women and their Families
- Spiritual Formation I
- Spiritual Formation II: Continuing the Journey
- Pastoral Care in Crisis and Conflict
- Understanding Our Selves for More Effective Ministry: Transference and Countertransference in the family and in the parish
- From Prayer to Care: Learning with Julian of Norwich
- Spiritual Foundations for Self and Ministry
- The Good Life: Philosophical and Spiritual Traditions
- Case Studies in Pastoral Care
- Pastoral Care of the Urban Family: Restoring Hope in the midst of Struggle
- Pastoral Care in Grief and Loss, Living and Dying
- Psychology of Adult Development
- Theological Reflection on Pastoral Practice: Research Methodologies
- Personal Transformation
- Touching the Untouchables: Pastoral Care in the Dark Alleys of Human Existence
- Sexuality on the Spectrum: Pastoral Ethics on Human Sexuality
- Re-Routing Human Trafficking: Psycho-Spiritual Responses to the Crisis of our Time
- Trauma-free Zone? Psycho-Spiritual Responses to a Traumatized World
- Cultivating Character across Faith Traditions: Jewish, Christian, Muslim views

**Educational Background:**

2009		Spiritual Direction Certification Guild for Spiritual Guidance, NY
2005	Th.D.	Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
1999	C.P.E.	Clinical Pastoral Education Covenant Counseling Center, Atlanta, GA Peter McCallum Cancer Institute, Melbourne, Australia
1997	Th.M.	Melbourne College of Divinity, Melbourne, Australia
1994	B.D.	Bachelor of Divinity Baptist International Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland
1990	E.F.C.	English First Certificate, Cambridge Language School, London, England
1988	D.C. S.	Diploma in Classical Studies, Liceo Cagnazzi di Altamura, Altamura, Bari (Italy)

**Professional Experience:**

2014-present	Founder and Director of <i>BeTheLifeline</i> , non-profit foundation for anti-trafficking advocacy, education and outreach.
2011-present	Pastoral Care Minister and Theologian in Residence, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, PA
2005-present	Associate Professor (with Tenure) of Pastoral Care and Spiritual Formation, Palmer Theological Seminary and Eastern University, Philadelphia, PA.
2007-present	Lecturer in Pastoral Theology, Care and Counseling, Melbourne College of Divinity, Melbourne, Australia
2005 -present	Pastoral Counselor in Private Practice, Philadelphia, PA
2002-2003	Teaching Assistant, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA
2000-present	Spiritual Retreat Leader, Psycho-spiritual Educator
1999-2005	Pastoral Counselor Resident, Care and Counseling Center of Georgia, Atlanta, GA

1999-2003	Pastoral Care Intern, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA
1997-1999	Hospice Chaplain, Peachtree Hospice, Atlanta, GA Chaplain Resident, Peter McCallum Cancer Institute, Melbourne, Australia
1996-1997	Pastoral Psychotherapist, The Village Well Counseling Center, Melbourne, Australia
1996-1997	Teaching Assistant, Whitley College, Melbourne, Australia
1995-1996	Pastor, St. Mark's Community Church, Melbourne, Australia
1994	Volunteer Missionary with British Missionary Society, Tirana, Albania
1992	Chaplain Intern, Goochland State Prison, Goochland, VA
1990-1993	Pastor, Chiesa Evangelica Italiana. Italian Evangelical Church, Zurich, Switzerland

**Academic achievements:**

2006	Wabash Grant for Pre-Tenured Faculty
1994	Magna cum laude, Baptist International Seminary Student Speaker, Commencement Exercises

**Licenses:**

2000	Ordained, Druid Hills Baptist Church (CBF affiliation), Atlanta
2014	LPC (License as Professional Counselor, in process)
2013	AAPC Certified Counselor (in process)

**Publications:**

*Sex Trafficking: Engaging Theology and Practice.* Co-editor with Bill Prevett (Oxford Center for Mission Studies) and John Blevins (Emory University, School of Public Health). Work in progress. Estimated publication date Spring 2017.

*Pathways out of Hell: imagining healing and wholeness for victims of sex trafficking - and the rest of us.* Book manuscript in progress.

“Human Trafficking in Thailand,” Book Review for *Journal of Pastoral Theology* (Spring 2015).

*LIFELINE: a play about human trafficking, and the long road to healing.* Written and Produced by Francesca Nuzzolese, Philadelphia, 2014 (copyright in progress)

*Just Care: pastoral counseling with socioeconomically vulnerable women.* Lambert Academic Publishing, 2012.

"12 Steps to Compassionate Living," Book Review for Prism Magazine, January 2011.

"Somebody's Daughter," Book Review for Prism Magazine, March 2011.

"Living into Hope," Book Review for Prism Magazine, November 2010.

"Just Care: pastoral counseling in the sub-cultures of poverty." Chapter contribution in *Women Out of Order: Women in cross-cultural experience*, Jeanne Stevenson Moessner & Theresa Snorton, Eds. Fortress Press (2009).

"The Risks of Teaching and Caring with Women at risk". In *The Journal of Pastoral Theology* (Spring 2008).

"Leaking Roofs Matter: Responding to Pamela Cooper White's *Shared Wisdom*." In *Pastoral Psychology* (Fall 2006).

"Children and Worship: Re-valuing the Role of Children in Congregational Life." In *The Australian Baptist Witness* (Spring 1996).

### **Selected workshops, spiritual retreats, and public lectures**

"Spiritual Resources for the Spiritually Exhausted", Workshop for the Baptist World Alliance Congress, Cape Town, SA, July 2015

"Caring for the Carers: a psycho-spiritual training for staff of Restoration Home, World Hope International, Freetown, Sierra Leone, June 2015

"What does the Lord Require of *US*: theology and politics in the anti-trafficking campaign" Workshop for Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church, Inaugural Anti-trafficking Conference, January 2015

"The Spirituality of Care" Seminar for Italian Baptist Pastors and Lay Leaders, Bari, Italy, January 2015

"Theological Reflection in the Service of Better Praxis" Workshop for ICAP Global (International Conference against Prostitution), Wisconsin, 2014

“*Lifeline*: a Play about human trafficking and the long road to healing.” Performed in Philadelphia, 2014 and 2015

“Soulful Spirituality: Spiritual Resources for Leaders and Congregations,” American Baptist Churches of New Jersey Academy. Lectures, Spring 2014

“The Spirituality of Social Activism.” Workshop for Priscilla Institute, Eastern University, 2014

“Why Should we Care about Syria: Theological Responses to Global Issues.” Lecture, Church of the Holy Trinity, 2013

“Who Are the Least of These? Vulnerability and Sex Trafficking,” Bohlen Lecture, Church of the Holy Trinity, 2013

“Loving God, Loving Self, Loving Other,” Main Address, American Baptist Women Annual Conference, NJ, 2013

“Pathways out of Hell: Imagining Healing for Survivors of the Sex Trade,” American Academy of Religion, Chicago, 2012.

“What's Love Got to Do with It? Ethical Implications of Human Trafficking,” Windows on the World, Eastern University, Philadelphia, 2012

“Finding Joy in the Midst of Darkness: spiritual resources for those who work with victims of sex trafficking,” International Conference Against Prostitution, Wisconsin, 2011

“Breathing Spirit into Pastoral Practice,” main address at National Baptist Conference, Victoria Baptist Union, Melbourne, Australia, 2010

“Care and Cure, Salvation and Healing,” Lectures, Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Overbrook, Pa, 2010

“Donne Sradicate” (“Uprooted Women: immigration and exploitation of women in the global economy”), Public Lecture, sponsored by Circolo Federiciano, Altamura, Italy, 2009.

“Falling in Love with God,” Spiritual Retreat, Media Presbyterian Church, Pa, 2009.

“What does Freud have to do with Jesus: Psychological insights and Theological reflections,” Media Presbyterian Church, Media, PA, 2008

“From Prayer to Leadership: A workshop for Youth Leaders,” Hopewell UMC, Hopewell, PA, 2008

“From Contemplation to Action – and back again: learning from the wisdom of the Mystics,” Lecture Series, Paoli Methodist Church, Paoli, PA, 2007

“Spiritual disciplines in the service of self-care: a spiritual retreat for women in ministry,” American Baptist Women Pastors, Annual Convention, Valley Forge, PA, 2007

“Exploring the Complexities of Diversity for Teaching and Learning,” Workshop presented at Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, Crawfordsville, IN, 2007

“The Risks of Teaching *With* People at Risk: An invitation to dialogue and reflection,” Workshop presented at the Society for Pastoral Theology Annual Conference, San Juan, PR, 2007

“Some Pastoral Challenges to Cross-cultural Ministry: an insider perspective,” Keynote address to the One in Christ Conference of the ABCNJ, Mount Holly, NJ, 2007

“Spiritual Growth and Discipleship,” Lecture for Philadelphia Baptist Association, Germantown, PA, 2006

“The Other Face of Evangelicalism: A Cross-Cultural Perspective,” Lecture, Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Philadelphia, PA, 2006

“Spiritual Growth through the Practice of Spiritual Disciplines,” Lecture Series, Bethany Collegiate Presbyterian Church, PA, 2006

“The Gifts of Spiritual Disciplines,” Lecture Series, Paoli Methodist Church, PA, 2006

“*Lectio Divina*: a tool for the spiritual growth of church groups,” Workshop for First Baptist of Philadelphia, PA, 2006

“Introducing a Relational Understanding of Countertransference,” Workshop for SFE Supervisors, Palmer Theological Seminary, 2006

“Leaking Roofs Matter: Responding to Pamela Cooper White’s *Shared Wisdom*,” Paper presented at the Pastoral Psychology Study Group, AAR Meeting in Philadelphia, 2005

“Befriending Anger: a Psychodramatic Approach,” Workshop for CPE Supervisors in Training at Care and Counseling Center of Georgia, GA, 2004

“Diversity or Domestication? An Intersubjective Approach to the Phenomenon of Diversity,” Workshop presented at the Society for Pastoral Theology Annual Conference, Denver, CO, 2003

“Exploring the Roots of Aggression: A Psychodramatic Attempt,” Lecture, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 2002

**Volunteer Service:**

Baptist World Alliance – Member on the Commission for Worship and Spirituality  
Board Member – A Good Measure Foundation (USA)  
Board Member – Grandin Symposium on Faith and Health (USA)  
Counselor for A.V.A.T – center for the rehabilitation of drug and alcohol abusers (Italy)  
Camp Counselor – Baptist Youth Ministries and Summer Camps (Italy)  
Missionary in Mexico City – Virginia Baptist Missionary Society (Mexico)

**Church Service:**

*Church of The Holy Trinity:* pastoral minister and theologian in residence  
*Church of the Loving Shepherd:* guest preacher  
*First Baptist Church of Philadelphia:* member, deacon, preacher, volunteer program for Emmanuel Ministry (ministry with homeless citizens)  
*Paoli Methodist Church:* lectures and adult psychospiritual education  
*Bethany Collegiate Presbyterian Church:* lectures and adult psychospiritual education  
*Media Presbyterian Church:* lecturer, spiritual director and pastoral counselor  
*Hopewell UMC:* adult psychospiritual education  
*Overbrook Presbyterian Church:* guest preacher, and psychospiritual educator  
*Chiesa Cristiana Evangelica Battista di Altamura:* guest preacher and psychospiritual educator

**Professional societies:**

1998-present	American Academy of Religion
1999-present	Society of Pastoral Theology
2008-present	Guild for Spiritual Guidance
2009-present	Spiritual Directors International
2011-present	Friends of Julian of Norwich
2011-present	ICAP Global (International Alliance Against Prostitution)
2013-present	American Association of Pastoral Counselors

**Languages:** Italian, English, Spanish, classical Greek and Latin