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# Rev. Emily Nelms Chastain

## History of Christianity and Methodist Studies

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### EDUCATION

**Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA** - *Ph.D., Theology*

Ph.D. Candidate | May 2025

History of Christianity (American Religious History) and Methodist Studies

Advisor: Rev. Dr. Christopher H. Evans

Second Reader: Dr. Dana L. Robert

*Qualifying Exams/* American Religious History

*Teaching Areas:* Historiography, Long 19th Century, 20th-21st Century, American Methodism

World Christianity

Historiography, Methodology, American Christianity and Mission History,  
Global and Transnational Evangelicalism, Global/Worldwide Methodism

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Writing Workshop for UMC Commissioning Papers (Summer 2023)  
Women in World Christianity - Dr. Dana Robert (Fall 2023)  
UMC General Conference Travel Seminar - Dr. Cristian De La Rosa (Spring 2024)  
United Methodist Polity and Ministry - Dr. Jay Williams (Spring 2024)  
American Christian History - Dr. Christopher Evans (Spring 2024)

**Garrett-Evangelical Theological School** - *Adjunct Professor, Course of Study*

SEPTEMBER 2023 - PRESENT

Teaching and supporting students seeking licensure in the UMC through Course of Study (curriculum outlined by General Board of Higher Education of the UMC)

United Methodist Polity and Administration (October-November 2023)

Theological Heritage IV: Wesleyan Movement (July 2024)

**First United Methodist Church, Birmingham, AL** - *Small Group Leader*

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2019

Five-week class covering Wesleyan history (British and American), theology, polity, and connection

“What It Means to be United Methodist”

**Wallace State College, Hanceville, AL** - *Adjunct History Instructor*

AUGUST 2009 - MAY 2010

Lecturer and instructor for World History courses

## PUBLICATIONS





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The Association of PhD Students within the School of Theology at Boston University provides support, education, and advocacy for doctoral students at the BU School of Theology and works closely with the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and the STH Advanced Studies Committee

**College of Arts & Sciences Alumni Board, University of Alabama at Birmingham** - *Member*

AUGUST 2019 -

