

# Josh deLacy

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## EDUCATION

### Calvin University

B.A. English and Political Science

- 3.985 unweighted GPA, Pi Sigma Alpha
- President of Calvin Running Club
- Detail and communication editor for *Dialogue* arts journal
- Journalist for *Chimes* student newspaper; member of Honors Student Council, Model United Nations club, & Amnesty International club

September 2009–May 2013

Grand Rapids, MI

## WRITING PROJECTS

### the post calvin

Founder and Editor

- Established and developed an online writing community of Calvin College alumni that published 2,539 posts from 72 regular writers and 141 guest writers
- Grew an audience of approx. 6,500 monthly website visitors, 1,500 Facebook followers, and 400 email subscribers
- Led the production of two print anthologies, personally designing and typesetting both volumes and directing a team of volunteer visual artists, copyeditors, and proofreaders

May 2013–August 2020

Online

### Traveling on Trust

Founder and Writer

- Self-published twice-weekly blog posts during a 7,000-mile, two-month hitchhiking journey across the United States
- Appeared in TV, radio, newspaper, & magazine news, including NPR

June 2013–August 2013

Online

## PUBLICATIONS

### Fiction

- “Kenny.” *Levee Magazine*, May 2020, pp. 100–122.
- “A Friend Asked Me the Other Day.” *The Emerson Review*, Sept. 2016, pp. 22–35.
- “Attraction and Repulsion.” *Front Porch Review*, July 2013.
- “The Binding of Me.” *Underground Voices*, Dec. 2012.
- “Running.” *Crack the Spine*, Oct. 2012.

### Creative Nonfiction

- Monthly blog posts (approx. 1,000 words) featuring personal stories, commentary on popular culture, political and religious reflection, and humor. *the post calvin*, July 2013 to June 2020.
- “What Climbing a Cascade Volcano Feels Like.” *Wanderlust*, Aug. 2019.
- “Japanude.” *The Bookends Review*, Dec. 2016. Reprinted in *The Bookends Review: The Best of 2016*, Jan. 2017, pp. 21–25.
- “A Day in the District.” *Page & Spine*, July 2014.
- “I Am Lord Voldemort.” *Flux*, June 2014.
- “We Had Lived.” *Linnet’s Wings*, June 2014.
- Twice-weekly blog posts (approx. 1,000 words) about hitchhiking. *Traveling on Trust*, June–Aug. 2013.

### Book Design

- the post calvin. *the post calvin: Essays 2016–2019*. 2019.
- the post calvin. *the post calvin: Selected Essays 2013–2016*. 2016.

### Articles and Reviews

- “Distinctly Northwest: Liturgies of Nature and Holy Mystery.” With Kevin Pearson. *Episcopal Cafe*, June 2018.

- “Pillow Talk: Improving Dialogue about Christian Sexuality.” *Perspectives*, Mar. 2013.

## Guest Blog Posts

- “Seventy Times Seven.” *The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia’s Youth Creation Care Pilgrimage*, Sept. 2020.
- “Cleaning Moby Dick: Books as Multimedia.” *CIVA*, Jan. 2020.
- “Celebrating the Seasons at St. Luke, Renton.” *The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia*, Nov. 2017.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Branded Look LLC

Founder

- Founded a branding and website development company that works primarily with small businesses and nonprofits
- Worked closely with clients to create custom logos, branding, and social media accounts that reflect an organization’s personality and goals
- Designed and developed more than two dozen websites ranging from heavily customized Wordpress starter themes to Wordpress Divi templates to Wix websites
- Recruited and directed freelance photographers, logo designers, printers, and backend web developers

February 2014–Present  
Seattle, WA

### St. Luke Episcopal Church

Communications Director

- Directed online and print communications for a 100-member church
- Implemented livestreamed services and facilitated the transition to online-only church during the COVID-19 pandemic

October 2014–Present  
Renton, WA

### St. James Episcopal Church

Communications Specialist

- Overhauled the 150-member church’s communication system by standardizing channels and schedules, including weekly MailChimp, social media, and print announcements and monthly newsletters
- Created an original style guide and applied it across permanent signage, print materials, social media accounts, and website

April 2016–July 2017  
Kent, WA

### American Forests

Programs and Policy Intern

- Wrote public comments, advocacy letters, blog posts, and social media posts for the 145-year-old national conservation nonprofit
- Lobbied Congressional staffers on Capitol Hill in support of Green policies
- Created a report on the organization’s major projects and long-term impacts, reporting directly to CEO Scott Steen

January 2013–May 2013  
Washington, DC

### REVUE

Journalism Intern

- Wrote articles about West Michigan music, arts, film, beer, dining, and entertainment for a monthly magazine with a circulation of 15,000
- Copyedited and fact-checked articles and blurbs

January 2012–May 2012  
Grand Rapids, MI

## PRESENTATIONS

### Sermons

- “The Light of Hitchhiking.” St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Feb. 9, 2020, Renton, WA.
- “Waiting in Advent with *Orbiting Jupiter*.” St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Dec. 15, 2019, Renton, WA.
- “On the Basis of Love: Ecology and Philemon.” St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Sept. 8, 2019, Renton, WA.

### Speaking Engagements

- “What Are Young Adults Searching For and Can They Find it in the Episcopal Church?” Organized and led panel discussion (with Heather Irwin and Katya Nemeč). Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, Nov. 8, 2019, Lynnwood, WA.
- “Thriving As a Writer in College and Beyond.” Panel discussion (with Abby Zwart, Will Montei, and Jack Van Allsburg). Festival of Faith and Writing, Apr. 16, 2016, Grand Rapids, MI.
- “Traveling on Trust.” Ballard NW Senior Center, Jan. 29, 2016, Seattle, WA.

- “Traveling on Trust.” Ballard Rotary Club, Jan. 12, 2016, Seattle, WA.
- “Traveling on Trust: Stories from the Road.” Furman University, Oct. 6, 2015, Greenville, SC.

## Lectures

- “Social Media Marketing.” Guest lecturer for E365: Digital Writing. Calvin University, Sept. 29, 2014, Grand Rapids, MI.

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

<b>The Episcopal Church</b> <i>Lay Deputy to General Convention</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected by the 26,000-member Diocese of Olympia to create and vote on policy at The Episcopal Church’s international convention in July 2021</li> </ul>	<i>October 2019–July 2021 Baltimore, MD</i>
<b>Agents of Change</b> <i>Website Developer and Publicist</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Created a website, social media accounts, and marketing materials in support of the Seattle-based homeless shelter Mary’s Place</li> <li>• Manage fundraiser promotions, write profiles of new members, and design auction flyers and other print materials</li> </ul>	<i>May 2015–Present Seattle, WA</i>
<b>Youth Creation Care Pilgrimage</b> <i>Trail Guide</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided Episcopalian teenagers, diocesan staff, clergy, and volunteer chaperons on a week-long pilgrimage across the Olympic Peninsula</li> <li>• Published daily blog posts and coached teenagers in blog writing</li> </ul>	<i>August 2019 and August 2020 Seattle, WA</i>
<b>University of Washington Case Competition</b> <i>Coach</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coached University of Washington’s first-place team at Boeing’s Northwest Case Competition</li> </ul>	<i>January 2020 Seattle, WA</i>

## HONORS & AWARDS

<b>William B. Eerdmans Literary Award</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received Calvin University’s highest award for excellence in creative writing</li> </ul>	<i>May 2013</i>
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## SKILLS

<b>Website Design and Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proficient in HTML, CSS, Wordpress, Divi, Wix</li> <li>• Experienced with cPanel, Google Analytics, SEO</li> <li>• Familiar with PHP, Javascript</li> </ul>
<b>Adobe Suite</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proficient in InDesign, Acrobat</li> <li>• Familiar with XD, Illustrator, Photoshop, After Effects</li> </ul>
<b>Email Marketing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proficient in MailChimp, Constant Contact</li> </ul>
<b>Social Media Marketing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experienced with Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Hootsuite</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proficient in Google Drive, Microsoft Office, iMovie, Zoom</li> <li>• Experienced with livestreaming</li> </ul>

## INTERESTS

### **Mountaineering**

- Mts. Rainier, Fuji, Hakusan, Tateyama, Mulhacén, Elbert, Wheeler Peak, Ben Nevis, Snowdon, Scafel Pike, Baker, Olympus, Adams, Hood, St. Helens, Shuksan, Black Tusk

### **Rock Climbing**

- Lead climbing, sport climbing, canyoneering

## REFERENCES

### **Dr. Debra Rienstra**

*Calvin University*

- Professor of English
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### **Dr. Gary Schmidt**

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### **Dr. Jennifer Holberg**

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