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Dr. Langston joined the faculty of CIU's Seminary & School of Ministry in 2011 and has taught Chaplain Ministries from that date until the present. Before coming to Columbia, he served as pastor of a congregation in North Carolina, law enforcement chaplain, and United States Navy chaplain. He is also a graduate of the Naval War College. He is ordained and endorsed through the Southern Baptist Convention.

Education

- PhD, University of Aberdeen
- DMin, Bethel Theological Seminary
- MDiv, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
- MA, The Naval War College
- BS, University of Louisiana

Publications

- **Langston, Michael W.** 2021. "Chaplaincy-A Specialized Path to Ministry Preparation." *Didaktikos: Journal of Theological Education*; Vol. 5, issue 1 (September).
- **Langston, Michael W.** 2021. "Opportunities of Virtual Learning Environments: Best Practices in Online Doctoral Programs." In *Developments in Virtual Learning Environments and the Global Workplace*, ed. Stephanie Swartz, Belem Barbosa, Izzy Crawford, and Susan Luck (Hershey, PA: IGI Global Publishing).
- **Langston, Michael W.** 2019. "Establishing the Practical Significance of the Influence of Evangelical Theology on an Evangelical Military Chaplains Praxis of Chaplaincy: A Constructivist Grounded Theory Approach." PhD diss., University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland.

- **Langston, Michael W. and Kathy J. Langston.** 2017. From Despair to Hope: A Forty-Day Devotional. Silverton, OR: Lampion Press.
- **Langston, Michael W.** 2017. "Forward." in Essential Chaplain Skill Sets: Discovering Effective Ways to Provide Excellent Spiritual Care, Keith Evans, Bloomington, IL: WestBow Press: vii-x.
- **Langston, Michael W. and Kathy J. Langston.** 2016. A Journey to Hope: Healing the Traumatized Spirit. Silverton, OR: Lampion Press.
- **Langston, Michael W.** 2012. "The Military Chaplain: The Presence of Christ in Dangerous Places." Connection (Spring): 16.
- **Langston, Michael W.** 2012. "The Ten Functional Areas of Chaplaincy." Unpublished Mss for CHP 6100 Introduction to Chaplaincy, Columbia Biblical Seminary, CIU. Columbia, SC. (listed in CHP 6100 Intro to Chaplaincy Course)
- **Langston, Michael W.** 1996. "Developing Spiritual Vitality in an Evangelical Protestant Military Chapel Worship Program." DMin diss., Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN.

Conference Presentations

- **Christian Missionary Alliance Chaplains Conference, Secondary Traumatization, self-Care and Others-Care, Nashville, TN.** May 29-31, 2021.
- **Richland County Sheriff's Department, Law Enforcement Chaplaincy, Columbia, SC.** Sept-Nov 2020.
- **Military Chaplains Association of the United States Institute and Annual Conference, The Ancient Art of Hospitality in Modern Chaplaincy.** Washington DC. October 2018.
- **International Conference Police Chaplains (ICPC) Region 6 Chaplain Conference, What Law Enforcement Chaplains Need to know about Military Chaplaincy and assisting Military Families in Crisis.** St Simons Island, GA, March 2018.
- **Orangeburg Reginal Medical Center Chaplains/First Responders Psychological First Aid Seminar.** Secondary Traumatization, Psychological First Aid, NOVA Crisis Intervention Training. RMC Orangeburg, SC, March 2018.
- **South Carolina Public Safety Chaplains Association Annual Conference, Secondary Traumatization and Chaplaincy, PTSD and Moral Injury.** Columbia, SC, October 2017.
- **South Carolina State Guard Chaplain Training, Basic Chaplain Training.** Columbia, SC, April-May 2017.
- **SBC Asian Chaplaincy Conference, PTSD, Moral Injury, Secondary Traumatization and Chaplaincy.** Seoul, Korea, January 2017.
- **SBC European Chaplaincy Conference, PTSD, Moral Injury, Secondary Traumatization and Chaplaincy.** Ramstein Air Base, Landstuhl, Germany, October 2016.
- **Southern Baptist Convention Chaplains Conference, PTSD, Moral Injury, Secondary Traumatization and Chaplaincy.** St Louis, MO. June 2016.

- **South Carolina Army National and Air National Guard Chaplain Conference**, Secondary Traumatization, Healing and Hope. S.C. July 2016.
- **South Carolina Department of Corrections Chaplains Conference**, “Crisis and Trauma Care for Chaplains.” (Conference Leader), Myrtle Beach, S.C., October 2014
- **International Conference Police Chaplains, “The Professional Nature of Police Chaplaincy”**, 41st Annual Training Seminar, Columbia, SC., July 2014
- **MCA, National Institute**, “Professional Certification for Military Chaplains”, San Diego, CA, 2014.
- **Motor Racing Outreach Association Chaplains Conference** (NASCAR Chaplains), “Theology, Chaplaincy and Leadership,” Concord, NC, 2013.
- **SBC Chaplains Conferences**, “A Theology of Chaplaincy, and Ministry of Presence in Chaplaincy,” San Diego (Sept 2012), Raleigh, (Oct 2012), and Kansas City (Nov 2012).
- **Naval Education Training Command Flag/General Officer Symposium**, “Religious Diplomacy: Cleric to Cleric Engagement,” Pensacola, FL, 2010.
- **Senior/Executive Leadership Course**, “U. S. Navy Military Chaplaincy,” Naval Station, Newport, RI, 2010.
- **U. S. Central Command Chaplain’s Conference**, “Religious Leader Engagement and Diplomacy,” Muscat, Oman, 2009.
- **U. S. Central Command Chaplain’s Conference**, “Diplomatically Engaging Islamic/Eastern Culture Religious Leaders,” Cairo, Egypt, 2007.
- **Afghanistan Ministry of Defense**, “Education and Curriculum Development,” Kabul, Afghanistan, 2006.