

ATS welcomes Charles Galbreath as director of accreditation

The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Charles O. Galbreath as director of accreditation. Galbreath brings to the Association broad experience as an educator, pastor, and community leader. His scholarly interests include practical theology, urban ministry, theological education, and the intersection of faith and social justice.

Galbreath most recently worked as assistant professor of ministry at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY. He also served as associate dean, director of field education, and partnering professor at Alliance Theological Seminary in New York City, where he was instrumental in shaping ministerial formation and contextual education programs. His other teaching experience includes positions at: Northern Seminary in Lisle, IL; Seminario Teológico De Puerto Rico in San Juan, PR; and Nyack College in Nyack, NY.

Galbreath currently serves as senior pastor at Alliance Tabernacle in Brooklyn, NY. He previously served as senior pastor at Bowie New Life Assembly Church in Upper Marlboro, MD, and Victory Alliance Church in Union, NJ.

He actively serves on numerous community boards, including the Clergy Advisory Council of the Fire Department of the City of New York, the Center for Community Alternatives, Brooklyn Community Board 17, and the SUNY Downstate Medical Center's Community Advisory Board. He is also treasurer of the 67th Precinct Clergy Council.

In 2017, Galbreath was elected to the Board of Directors for the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination. In 2022, he was recognized by the magazine *City & State* as one of the Faith Power 100, New York's most influential religious leaders.

Galbreath received his undergraduate degree at Nyack

College, graduating magna cum laude. He also holds an MDiv from Alliance Theological Seminary and a ThM from Princeton Theological Seminary. He earned his PhD from Fordham University's Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education.



Appointment reflects commitment to member schools

As part of his responsibilities as ATS director of accreditation, Galbreath will serve a roster of schools and contribute to the education, training, and support of all schools for the purposes of effective theological education through accreditation. In addition, he will support the work of the Board of Commissioners in company with the rest of the accrediting staff.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Galbreath to the ATS Commission on Accrediting team," said Barbara Mutch, ATS senior director of accreditation. "He brings a unique blend of pastoral experience, academic leadership, and community engagement that aligns deeply with the mission and values of ATS. His appointment reflects our continued commitment to supporting member schools through thoughtful, collaborative accreditation processes. I look forward to working alongside him as we help schools navigate the evolving landscape of theological education with both rigor and compassion."

Galbreath is married to Flobien Vidal Galbreath, and together they have three children.