

# Brandon Berg, MA

Adjunct Faculty

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I have pastored full-time for 22 years in the Northwest and in Northern California: 12 years as a youth pastor and 10 years as the lead pastor of a church my wife and I planted in our home city of Vancouver. I also do some coaching and assessing of church planters through an organization called Discover Church Planting. In January 2019, my wife and I resigned from the church we planted and now live in Eugene, where I am the Discipleship and Community Life Pastor at New Hope Eugene.



## Academic Background

- MASF, Spiritual Formation, George Fox University
- BA, Management and Organizational Leadership, George Fox University

## Expertise and Interests

At the heart of spiritual direction is the premise that God is present in our daily lives in limitless ways. The core of my graduate work centered on ways to help people discover who they are and how God is present with them.

Thomas Merton said this describing spiritual direction: “The whole purpose of spiritual direction is to penetrate beneath the surface of a person’s life, to get behind the façade of conventional gestures and attitudes which one presents to the world, and to bring out one’s inner spiritual freedom, one’s innermost truth, which is what Christians call the likeness of Christ in one’s soul.” I love walking people through this journey!

## Primary Teaching Responsibilities

- MSBS 407- Christian Faith and Thought

## Outside the Classroom

My wife Joy and I are young empty-nesters and enjoy spending time together. Walking, hiking, bike riding, and hanging out with our two adult kids are all things we love. We also have two little pups,

Maggie and Molly, who keep us busy. I enjoy golf, a good cup of Stumptown coffee, time alone, and time with good friends.