

ATS announces new leadership development hire

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The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) is pleased to announce the hire of Lauren Johnson as program assistant for leadership development. These continued staff changes strengthen ATS and better position it to fulfill the strategic priorities set by the ATS Board of Directors.



Lauren Johnson will join the ATS staff as program assistant for leadership development. She will join the team currently led by Deborah Shadd, director of leadership development, and

Chelsea Yarborough, associate director of leadership programming. Her work will support the ongoing vitality of the ATS leadership communities of practice, as well as other programming designed to build both individual and institutional capacities for current and future leaders.

In her role, Johnson will focus on the planning and implementation of both onsite and online gatherings, supporting the work of member-comprised steering committees, and developing educational resources to expand learning across the member schools.

“We are thrilled to have Lauren joining our team,” said Shadd. “Not only does she bring great administrative experience in project coordination and facilitation but, even more importantly, she demonstrates a deep, consistent care for people and a desire to lift them up by providing the resources and supports they may need.”



I know she will contribute greatly to what we can offer to the membership through the ATS leadership development programming.”

Johnson has a variety of experience working on research projects and event planning in nonprofits and higher education. She has been involved in community organizing to facilitate common goals for stakeholders in both the United States and Africa. She has a Master of Social Work degree from California University of Pennsylvania.

Johnson will begin her full-time role on October 1.



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