

DEAR POTENTIAL AND CURRENT CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Cedarville University's Culture Has Become More Troubling In Recent Years And May Be Getting Worse

Most faculty and staff want you to have a positive, healthy and safe experience while at school and are ready to help you in a professional, caring way should a need arise. However, your experience may vary depending on whom you ask for help. We wish we didn't feel the need to bring your attention to this, because we wish this wasn't a part of the CU culture.

Published reports show some administrators, faculty and staff have not helped students in critical times of need. Furthermore, some intentional actions have made matters worse for students who sought help, and other actions have put the whole campus at risk. The pages below are an orientation to CU's increasingly dangerous culture and share over 40 articles, starting in April 2020 with the revelation that in 2017, President White, along with the Board of Trustees, hired and protected the confessed sexual predator Anthony Moore to work for White and, in a role in the School of Biblical and Theological Studies, teach students and lead field trips.

Top-level administrators under President White's leadership have also shown a pattern of decision making that indicates, at best, bad judgment and, at worst, a disregard for placing more and more people at risk. Qualified, caring faculty have had their employment terminated while others have been targeted and discouraged to the point of choosing to leave. Less-qualified, less-credentialed personnel have been placed in key decision making positions that affect the well-being of students.

Thomas White Was Groomed By The Disgraced Paige Patterson At Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (SWBTS) To Be Cedarville's President

The quality and safety of the Cedarville University experience has declined significantly under Thomas White's leadership. Before coming to Cedarville, White and his wife, Joy White, worked for Paige Patterson at SWBTS and, in 2003, helped intimidate and silence Megan Lively, a victim of rape at SWBTS, [as Lively alleges in a report below](#). The SWBTS Board of Trustees [forced Patterson to resign in 2018](#) because of the Megan Lively scandal at SWBTS and for his history of other abuses. Patterson and SWBTS are defendants named [in a federal investigation and lawsuit](#) brought by a different victim alleging she was repeatedly stalked and raped at gunpoint in 2014 and 2015 by a male student and employee of the seminary, but was shamed and ignored when she reported it. Patterson was also [forced to resign in 2018](#) as the chair of Cedarville's Board of Trustees, thus ending his official institutional relationship with Thomas White, whom Patterson hired to be Cedarville's president.

White and Patterson hired Anthony Moore in 2017, but White fired him three years later when it became known to the public. White also recruited these key leaders to work at Cedarville from

acquaintances he made at SWBTS: Mindy May, Jon Wood and Jason Lee, all of whom also worked for Paige Patterson and knew Anthony Moore personally or indirectly.

The following list of published reports shares what is known as of June 30, 2020. We will update this list as necessary. The reports cover three categories:

- I. The recent revelation that Thomas White knowingly hired and protected, for three years, the confessed sexual predator Anthony Moore (31 articles)**
- II. Reports from students who went through traumatic events and were shamed by leaders on campus and/or given inadequate professional help (4 articles)**
- III. Faculty and student reports of mismanagement by top administrators and how those administrators created and encouraged a workplace of fear, intimidation and unfairness (8 articles)**

We wish we could say the university made significant changes in personnel and structures soon after the details about Anthony Moore were reported in April 2020, or soon after subsequent reports came out about the university not helping victims. But other than firing Moore and conducting an internal investigation of President White, the Board of Trustees has made no significant, hopeful changes. White has been reinstated as president and was directed by the Board of Trustees to complete training on victim prevention and advocacy. Two trustees--Danny Aiken and Mark Vroegop--resigned from the Board in protest against reinstating White.

The reports discuss the actions made by these persons:

- Dr. Thomas White, President-on-leave
- Dr. Anthony Moore, a confessed sexual voyeur-predator whom Thomas White hired in 2017 to work for his office and in CU's Bible department, and then fired in April 2020 when it became public knowledge that Moore had a history of sexual predation
- Dr. Jason Lee, Dean of the School of Biblical and Theological Studies and elder at Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville, who assisted White in hiding and protecting Moore
- Lt. Gen. (Retired) Loren Reno, Acting President and former VP for Academics
- Dr. Mindy May, Director of Counseling Services, who holds a Ph.D. in Biblical Counseling from Southwestern Baptist Seminary but is an unlicensed professional counselor, and whom Thomas White use to refer to as the "Iron Lady"
- Dr. Jon Wood, Vice President for Student Life and Christian Ministries
- Dr. Joy White, wife of President Thomas White
- Dr. Kristin DeWitt, Coordinator of CU's Title IX office
- Suzanne Lefever, RN, Assistant Dean, Director of Undergraduate Programs, Associate Professor of Nursing
- Craig Miller, the pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, Ohio, who worked with White and Lee to counsel Moore and protect him. Miller resigned from the pastorate on June 19, 2020, as reported below.

I. The recent revelation that President Thomas White knowingly hired and protected the admitted sexual predator Anthony Moore for three years at CU.

1. [**It Takes a \(9Marx\) Village**](#)
April 16, 2020
Todd Wilhelm, *Thou Art The Man*
2. [**Are Some Christian Colleges Like Cedarville University Becoming Dumping Grounds for Fallen Pastors/Theologians Like Anthony Moore? A Guest Post by Todd Wilhelm**](#)
Apr 17, 2020
Dee Parsons, *The Wartburg Watch*
3. [**Cedarville University Professor Reportedly Fired From The Village Church For Sexually Abusing a Male Subordinate**](#)
April 21, 2020
Todd Wilhelm, *Thou Art The Man*
4. [**Moore's Voyeurism, Patterson's Generosity, and White's Belief in Restoration!**](#)
April 23, 2020
Todd Wilhelm, *Thou Art The Man*
5. [**Crisis at Cedarville University: On the Anthony Moore Scandal**](#)
April 24, 2020
Todd Wilhelm, *Thou Art The Man*
6. [**Cedarville U Fires Professor With History of Admitted Sexual Abuse**](#)
April 24, 2020
Julie Roys, *The Roys Report*
7. [**Cedarville President Apologizes for Hiring Admitted Sex Abuser as More Details Emerge**](#)
April 27, 2020
Julie Roys, *The Roys Report*
8. [**"Oh, What a Tangled Web We Weave" - UPDATED!**](#)
April 27, 2020
Todd Wilhelm, *Thou Art The Man*
9. [**Cedarville's plan to save Anthony Moore abandoned its students — and Moore**](#)
April 28, 2020
Russell L. Meek, Religion News Service

10. [Beyond Cedarville: Why Do Pastors Keep Getting Rehired After Abuse? Victims' advocates caution institutions against plans to "restore" fallen leaders](#)
April 28, 2020
Kate Shellnutt, *Christianity Today*
11. ["Biblically Consistent" Cedarville University Knowingly Hires and Then \(Three Years Later\) Fires Sexual Abuser](#)
April 28, 2020
William Trollinger, *Righting America*
12. [Father of Cedarville Student Says President Misled Him About Professor's Sexual Misconduct](#)
April 29, 2020
Julie Roys, *The Roys Report*
13. [Leaked Email Reveals Cedarville President Withheld Information From Trustees & Conflicts With Public Statements](#)
April 29, 2020
Julie Roys, *The Roys Report*
14. [Anthony Moore & the Connection Between Grace Church, The Village Church and Cedarville University](#)
April 30, 2020
Todd Wilhelm, *Thou Art The Man*
15. [The Village Church Disputes Account by Cedarville President Regarding Anthony Moore; Names Others It Told About Moore's Past](#)
May 1, 2020
Julie Roys, *The Roys Report*
16. [Secret Letter From Grace Baptist Church To Members Is Revealed](#)
May 1, 2020
Todd Wilhelm, *Thou Art The Man*
17. [Cedarville U Places President Thomas White on Administrative Leave; Appoints General Reno Acting President](#)
May 1, 2020
Julie Roys, *The Roys Report*
18. [Why Thomas White Should Resign: An Open Letter to Thomas White](#)
May 1, 2020
Todd Wilhelm, *Thou Art The Man*

19. [Trustees Call On Retired Air Force General To Restore Badly Damaged Credibility of Cedarville University](#)
May 4, 2020
Todd Wilhelm, *Thou Art The Man*
20. [The Scandal Deepens at Cedarville University](#)
May 5, 2020
William Trollinger, *Righting America*
21. [Anthony Moore Led 5-Day Student Trip to AL & TN Last Fall, but Mentions of Him Removed From Cedarville Website](#)
May 9, 2020
Julie Roys, *The Roys Report*
22. [Rape Victim Whose Story Ousted Paige Patterson Says Cedarville Pres Thomas White Was Part of Cover-Up](#)
May 21, 2020
Julie Roys, *The Roys Report*
23. [Cedarville Hires Law Firm to Conduct Investigation; Retains PR Guru Mark DeMoss](#)
May 23, 2020
Julie Roys, *The Roys Report*
24. [Thomas White – Servant of the Most High or Just Another Entitled Baptist Leader Living Large off of the Donations of Others?](#)
May 25, 2020
Todd Wilhelm, *Thou Art The Man*
25. [The Rise and Fall of Paige Patterson: On the Two Year Anniversary of Patterson’s Firing at SWBTS](#)
May 29, 2020
Todd Wilhelm, *Thou Art The Man*
26. [Pastor Who Oversaw Anthony Moore’s “Restoration” Resigns from Cedarville Church](#)
June 13, 2020
Julie Roys, *The Roys Report*
27. [Jason Duesing Should Recuse Himself from Thomas White Investigation](#)
June 18, 2020
Todd Wilhelm, *The Wartburg Watch*

28. [Cedarville President Reinstated Despite ‘Clouding’ Former Employee’s Past Abuse](#)

June 26, 2020

Kate Shellnut, *Christianity Today*

29. [Cedarville President Reinstated Despite ‘Deeply Troubling’ Hiring Decision](#)

June 26, 2020

Joe Carter, *The Gospel Coalition*

30. [Cedarville University’s Board Reinstates the *Benevolent* Dr. Thomas White, Dr. Danny Akin Quits the Board and CBMW Quietly Removes White From the Board](#)

June 26, 2020

Todd Wilhelm, *The Wartburg Watch*

31. [Cedarville Reinstates President White; Trustees Akin & Vroegop Resign](#)

June 26, 2020

Julie Roys, *The Roys Report*



II. Reports from students who went through traumatic events and were shamed by leaders on campus and/or given inadequate professional help.

1. [Rape Victim at Cedarville Asks: “Where was my protection?”](#)

May 19, 2020

Julie Roys and Kiara, *The Roys Report*

Podcast with Transcript



Replies



2. [**Cedarville University Appears to Have Manipulated a Sexual Harassment Complaint. Where Was Dr White?**](#)
May 20, 2020
Dee Parsons, *The Wartburg Watch*
3. [**Rape, Sexual Harassment, and More: The Cedarville Stories are Multiplying**](#)
May 26, 2020
William Trollinger, *Righting America*
4. [**Former Cedarville Student: I was told, “It was a stupid decision to go to the ER for being suicidal”**](#)
June 2, 2020
Alisha Blosser, *The Roys Report*

III. Faculty and student reports of mismanagement by top administrators and how those administrators created and encouraged a workplace of fear, intimidation and unfairness.

1. [**The Justice Collective Documents Allegations That Cedarville University Violated the Higher Learning Commission Mandates**](#)
Apr 27, 2020
Dee Parsons, *The Wartburg Watch*
2. [**Professors Describe “Public Shaming” & “Toxic” Culture at Cedarville University**](#)
May 7, 2020
Julie Roys, *The Roys Report*
3. [**No Safeguard, No Whole: Why I Left Cedarville University**](#)
May 12, 2020
Julie L. Moore, *Righting America*
4. [**A “Culture of Silencing, Denial, and Psychological Manipulation”: The Stories from Cedarville University Just Keep Piling Up**](#)
June 9, 2020
Introduced by William Trollinger, *Righting America*
5. [**“You Are Made to Feel Like an Enemy”: Even More Stories from the Toxic Academic Community that is Cedarville**](#)
June 12, 2020
Introduced by William Trollinger, *Righting America*

6. [**A Pastor's Resignation and a Former Student's Story: More on the Wreckage Wrought by the Fundamentalists Takeover of Cedarville**](#)
June 16, 2020
Introduced by William Trollinger, *Righting America*

7. [**"Iron Lady" Mindy May – Best Qualified For the Job or Another Case of Loyalty Rewarded by Thomas White?**](#)
June 24, 2020
Todd Wilhelm, *The Wartburg Watch*

8. [**Dr. Ruth Lowrie Markham Recaps Her Meeting With Cedarville University President, Dr. Thomas White**](#)
June 26, 2020
Todd Wilhelm, *The Wartburg Watch*

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