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PERSONAL:

Date of Birth: October 4, 1954

Current Positions: Associate Professor of Applied Theology
Executive Director, Black Congregations Resource Center
Howard University, School of Divinity,
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National Director, Healing Communities USA
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Associate Pastor, Salt and Light Ministries, Inc.
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Washington, DC

EDUCATION:

B.A. (Religion and Music) Morehouse College, 1975

M. Phil. (Religion and Society) Drew University, 1979

Ph.D. (Religion and Society) Drew University, 1983

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: HIGHER EDUCATION:

Instructor in African and African American Studies, Jersey City State College, 1977-78

Instructor in Church and Society, Drew University, The Theological School, 1978-83

Assistant Professor of Church and Society, Drew University, The Theological and Graduate Schools, 1983-86

Associate Professor of Church and Society, Drew University, The Theological and Graduate Schools, 1986-87

Associate Professor of Church and Society and Director of Black Church Studies and Ministries, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1987-90

Visiting Associate Professor of Black Church Studies, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, 1989-90

Dean for First Professional Studies, New York Theological Seminary, 1990-96

Professor of Church and Society, New York Theological Seminary, 1996-98

Visiting Distinguished Professor of Religion and Public Policy, Eastern College, 2000-03

Visiting Professor of Judeo-Christian Values, Ursinus College, 2023-24

RESEARCH and DEVELOPMENT (representative):

Principle Investigator for “Walking in the Light: The Church Responds to Domestic Violence”, grant from Ford Foundation to New York Theological Seminary, 1994-95

Principle Investigator for “An Assessment of the Social Service Dimension of Non-Degree Theological Education among African-Americans”, grant from Ford Foundation to New York Theological Seminary, 1996-97

Vice President and Director of Faith-Based Initiatives, Public/Private Ventures, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1998-2001

Member, Faith Based Task Force, Transition Team for Philadelphia Mayor-elect John Street (1999)

Faculty Fellow, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, Yale University, 2001

Consultant, Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2001, 2006-2009

Faculty Team (with Drs. Brent Coffin and Cheryl Sanders) Howard/Harvard Clergy Empowerment Forum: New Strategies for Public Religious Leadership 2005

Member, Children in Poverty Task Force, American Baptist Churches/USA 2005-2008

Executive Session on Community Corrections, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2013-2016

LeadingwithConviction Fellow, JustLeadership USA, 2017

Researcher, Faith Based Reentry Resources for Federal Bureau of Prisons, Sampson, Johnson and Associates, 2021-2024

Member, Director’s Think Tank, Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Department of Health and Human Services, 2022

Consultant, Evaluation of Federal Prisoner Reentry Programs, Research Triangle Institute, 2023-present

Principle Investigator for “Worship and Social Justice” grant from Calvin Institute for Christian Worship, 2024-present

Researcher, “Be-Healed: Black Male Mental Health and Community Supports” with University of Michigan School of Social Work, 2024-present

Co-chair, Transition Subcommittee on Corrections and Reentry for County Executive Alicia Brayboy, 2025

PUBLICATIONS (representative):

The African-American Church and Welfare Reform: Toward A New Prophetic Perspective, The Center for Public Justice (1999)

“Prophecy and Presence” in *Missing Connections: Public Perceptions of Theological Education and Religious Leadership*, Elizabeth Lynn and Barbara Wheeler, eds. Auburn Studies (1999)

“Go and Do Likewise: The Church’s Role in Caring for Crime Victims” in *God and the Victim*, Lisa Barnes Lampman and Michelle Shattock, eds. (Wm. Eerdmans:

- 1999)
- Faith-Based Institutions and High-Risk Youth Public/Private Ventures* (2000)
- “Religion in the Hood: Faith-Based Initiatives with High-Risk Youth”: Chapter in *Serving Those in Need: A Handbook for Managing Faith-Based Human Services Organization* by Edward Queen, ed. (Josey-Bass: 2000)
- “Mobilizing African American Faith Communities: A Strategy for Improving the Achievement of African American Students in Rural School Districts” with Patricia Kusimo, *Rural Educational Issues Digest*, (2001)
- “Religion Class at Sing Sing Prison,” with Victoria Lee Erickson, in *New York Glory: Religions in the City*, Tony Carnes and Karpathakis, eds. NYU (2001)
- “Offering Intermediaries,” in *The Challenge of Faith*, Vol. 1:2 (2002)
- “The Challenge of Faith: What Faith-Based Organizations Do Well,” in *The Challenge of Faith*, Vol. 2:1 (2003)
- “A Philosophy of Urban Youth Ministry,” in *City Lights: Ministry Essentials for Reaching Urban Youth*, Scott Larson and Karen Free, eds. Group Publishing (2003)
- “Rethinking the role of African American churches as social service providers. “Lewis, Jr., C. E. & Trulear, H. D. *Black Theology*. (2008)
- “Healing Communities: Faith Based Strategies toward Prisoner Reintegration,” With Robert Franklin and Stephanie Boddie, Annie E. Casey Foundation (2010)
- Ministry with Children and Families: The Way Forward*, Contributing Editor with W. Wilson Goode and Charles Lewis, Judson Press, (2011)
- “Ecclesia Behind the Razor Wire,” in *Prism: America’s Alternative Evangelical Voice*, (2013)
- “Christian Education and Prison Ministry,” in *Journal of the Interdenominational Theological Center*, (2015)
- “The Black Church and Public Policy,” in Alton Pollard and Carol Duncan, eds. *Black Church Studies Reader: An Anthology* (2015)
- “Engaging Churches in Caring for Incarcerated Persons and Their Families,” in *Christianity Today*, Pastors’ Newsletter, (March 2017)
- “Beyond Recidivism Reduction,” in *Reentry Central*, (April 2017)
- Healing Communities: A Handbook for Creating Congregational Culture for Correctional Ministry*,” with Denise Strothers, Scott Larson, Lawrence Rodgers, Herman Haynes, Cristobal Kimmenez and Yolanda Summons; HCUSA/Kindle (September, 2021)
- Welcome Home: Reflections for Men and Women Returning from Incarceration* (Heritage Publications September 2022)
- “Poverty Policy and Racial Disparities in Mississippi: A Legislative Analysis of Community (Dis)investment in the Black South” Antoine, Lovell, Belinda Smith, Harold D. Trulear, and Kareem Maitland, submitted to *Journal of Poverty*

MEMBERSHIPS and ASSOCIATIONS’

American Academy of Religion
Society for the Study of Black Religion
North American Association of Christians in Social Work
Correctional Ministries and Chaplains Association
Religious Volunteer, East Jersey State Prison, Benner SCI-PA, Northern State Prison (NJ)
Phi Beta Kappa, Gamma of DC, Chapter Vice President
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
JustLeadership USA
Community Connections for Youth
PraxisConnections, Advisory Board
Formerly Incarcerated College Graduates Network, Board Member
Prison-to-PhD, Advisory Board Member
Certified Instructor, Inside/Out Prisoner Exchange Program
Center for the Restoration of Impaired Clergy, Board Member

EDITORIAL BOARDS

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