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## EDUCATION

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| Ph.D., Religion (Theological Studies) | 1999 | Vanderbilt University    |
| M.A., Religion (Theological Studies)  | 1994 | Vanderbilt University    |
| M.Div., Christian Ministry & Theology | 1991 | Vanderbilt University    |
| M.A., Philosophy                      | 1986 | Memphis State University |
| B.A., Philosophy. Minor: Sociology    | 1984 | Memphis State University |

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### 1. Teaching (sorted in Appendices A, B, and C, pp. 16-21)

*Professor of Theology*, Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC, August 2021 – present.

*Associate Professor of Theology*, Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC, August 2008 – July 2021.

*Assistant Professor of Theology*, Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC, August 2003 – July 2008.

*Assistant Professor of Religion and Philosophy*, Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, August 2002 – May 2003.

*Adjunct Appointments*: Memphis Theological Seminary (1997-2001 & Summer 2006); Christian Brothers University (2000-2002); University of Memphis (2001); Stillman College (Summer 2005); Lancaster Theological Seminary (Fall 2020); United Lutheran Seminary (Fall 2012, Spring semesters 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021).

### 2. Administration

*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*, Howard University School of Divinity, January 2018 – June 2025. Prior to appointment, I acted temporarily in this role in January-March 2017.

Responsible for management of academic operations that include: course scheduling; registration; recruitment, onboarding, supervision and evaluation of faculty; assessment of courses and degree programs; graduation audit; and accreditation reporting.

*Acting Dean*, Howard University School of Divinity, January 2023 – May 2023.

Responsibility of oversight for academic, personnel, and facilities matters during the Dean's leave. Awarded the *University President's Medal of Achievement* (May 13, 2023).

October 1, 2025

*Academic Dean*, All Saints Bible College, Church of God in Christ, Memphis, TN, August 2001 – July 2002.

Through collaborative process, developed curriculum for the Fall 2002 opening of the college.

*Graduate Assistant*, Kelly Miller Smith Institute on Black Church Studies, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, 1989 – 1991.

Assisted the Director in various aspects of the Institute's work and served as liaison to the local clergy committee hosting the Memphis Black Church Study Forum.

### 3. Consulting

*Faculty Evaluator*, College Credit Recommendation Services, American Council on Education, Washington, DC, October 2008 – present.

### 4. Editorial Work

*Member*, Editorial Board, [\*Religious Studies Review\*](#) – Theology Area (Wiley, USA), October 2025 – present.

*Member*, Advisory Board, [\*The Wesleyan and Methodist Explorations Series\*](#), co-edited by Daniel Castelo and Robert W. Wall. Cascade Books, an imprint of Wipf and Stock Publishers. July 2021 – present.

*Member*, Editorial Board, [\*Pneuma: Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies\*](#) (Brill Publishers, UK), April 2020 – present.

*Member*, Editorial Board, [\*Black Theology: An International Journal\*](#) (Taylor & Francis Group, UK), February 2011 – present.

### 5. Church Affiliation and Ministerial Service

*Ordained Minister (Elder)*, Church of God in Christ, 1988 – present. Ordained in Tennessee Headquarters Jurisdiction. Current affiliation with Maryland Eastern Shore Jurisdiction.

*Member*, Roman Catholic and Pentecostal Joint Working Group, January 2021 – present. This multi-year series of ecumenical conversations is a bilateral dialogue between the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Pentecostal and Charismatic Churches of North America. <https://www.usccb.org/news/2021/celebrating-new-relationship-pccna-and-usccb> (last accessed September 14, 2022)

*Participant*, Ecumenical Listening Session of U.S. Synod of Roman Catholic Church, February 9, 2023. The 2021-2024 International Synod: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." The U.S. Synod Team, with support of the Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (CEIA) of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

*Member*, World Council of Churches and Pentecostals Joint Consultative Group, 2001 – 2005, 2007 – 2008. <https://www.oikoumene.org/what-we-do/church-and-ecumenical-relations/joint-consultative-group-between-the-wcc-and-pentecostals> (last accessed July 6, 2019)

*Instructor*, C.H. Mason Bible College, Memphis, Tennessee, 1998-2002. Tennessee 4th Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ. In 2001, merged with All Saints Bible College.

*Pastor*, Universal Church of God in Christ, Memphis, Tennessee, 1996-2002. Small urban mission in Tennessee 4th Jurisdiction. After congregation was disbanded for merger in 2003, its property (9-acre & 2-acre tracts) was transferred to Tennessee Headquarters Jurisdiction.

*YPWW (Youth) President and Associate Minister*, Lambert Church of God in Christ, Memphis, Tennessee, 1981-1990, 1992-1996. A 200-member inner-city church affiliated with Tennessee Headquarters Jurisdiction.

*Supply Pastor*, Andrews Tabernacle Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Lebanon, Tennessee, 1990-1992. Small rural congregation in the Southeast District of the East Tennessee Annual Conference of the First Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

## **AREAS OF SCHOLARLY INTEREST**

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Theology: 19<sup>th</sup> Century & 20<sup>th</sup> Century theology, systematic theology, philosophical theology, analytic theology, Black (African American) theology and ethics, and Pentecostal theology.

Philosophy of Religion: religious experience, religious language, religious epistemology, religion and science, religious pluralism, and metaphysics and cosmology.

Cultural Studies: Black (African American) religion and culture, Pentecostal-Charismatic spirituality and church movements, social and political philosophy, theories of race and ethnicity, and science and technology in society.

## **GRANTS AND COLLABORATIVE WORK**

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1. *Project Director*, October 2023 – September 2024. [Chair's Award](#), a grant for recruitment and supervision of replacement lecturers in Sacred Texts at Howard University. Project budget: \$29,920, from National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).
2. *Project Director*, January 2022 – May 2023. "[Climate Change, Human Migration, and Practices of Environmental Sustainability— For the Healing of the Nations](#)," a curriculum development pilot project and event series to engage climate sciences and climate crisis, at Howard University School of Divinity. Project budget: \$10,000, from American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).
3. *Advisory Board Member*, February 2018 – 2022, with duties including review of proposals and participation in events for project faculty at various theological schools. Science for Seminaries Phase II, the Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion (DoSER) Program of the AAAS. Project budget: \$6,182,109, from John Templeton Foundation. <https://www.templeton.org/grant/science-for-seminaries-phase-ii>

4. *Project Director*, August 2014 – May 2017. “[Oh So Human, Yet So Divinely Complex: Science and Theology in the Exploration of Human Identity, Community and Purpose](#),” a curriculum development project and event series, at Howard University School of Divinity. Project budget: \$140,081, from AAAS. <http://www.scienceforseminaries.org/>
5. *Research Team Member*, June 2006 – June 2010. “Science and the Spirit: Pentecostal Perspectives on the Science/Religion Dialogue,” a research initiative co-directed by James K.A. Smith and Amos Yong. Seminars in Christian Scholarship Program at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Project budget: \$162,078, from John Templeton Foundation.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books:

1. *Dark Matters: African American Perspectives on Faith and Science*. (In Progress).

Through recovery and interpretation of neglected voices of Black religious thinkers who engaged science and technology from the late 19th century to the present, this book claims that far from being marginal, these voices offer essential ethical and theological insights that challenge the dominant conflict narrative and contribute to a reframing of the history of science and religion in the United States. By situating African American theology, too often left “in the dark,” within debates, for example, on evolution, nuclear weapons, space exploration, and cosmology, the project not only fills a critical gap in scholarship but also demonstrates how African American thought offers vital ethical and theological resources for aligning scientific and technological progress with justice, dignity, and human flourishing.

2. *T&T Clark Handbook of African American Theology*. London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2019. xiv + 448 pp. with index. Co-edited with Antonia Michelle Daymond and Eric Lewis Williams.

Intended as a concise guide and informative introduction to African American theology, this collection of more than 30 essays by established and emerging scholars engages Christian faith from various disciplinary approaches and from different contexts of experience in the United States.

3. *African American Theology: An Introduction*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2016. xv + 274 pp. with notes, bibliography, and name and subject indexes.

Based on more than 16 years of teaching, this publication is a comprehensive text that focuses on the history, sources, methodology, and multiple themes of African American theology.

4. *Methodologies of Black Theology*. Cleveland, OH: The Pilgrim Press, 2002; reprint, Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2008. xvi + 172 pp. with references, bibliography, and index.

*Methodologies of Black Theology* was 1 of 10 finalists in *Foreword Magazine*’s 2003 Book of the Year Award in the field of religion. This book was featured, as a best-selling title in theology, in the Fall/Winter 2002-2003 issue of *Theological Best Books*. In 2015, the book was listed in *The Huffington Post*’s report on The [40 Essential Books](#) for Any #BlackChurchSyllabus.

## Chapters in Books:

1. "Race, Religion, and Science," pp. 162-178, in *Religion, Science and Technology in North America: An Introduction*, edited by Whitney Bauman and Lisa Stenmark. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2024. This chapter is the print version of the article disseminated through Theology and Religion Online.
2. "African American Theology," pp. 411-424, in *Emerging Theologies from the Global South*, edited by Mitri Raheb and Mark A. Lamport. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2023.
3. "Black Theologians of the Spirit," pp. 309-316, in *T & T Clark Handbook of Pneumatology*, edited by Daniel M. Castelo and Kenneth M. Loyer. London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2020.
4. "Theology and Science: Disciplines at the Limits of Pentecostal Discourse," pp. 454-464, in *Routledge Handbook of Pentecostal Theology*, edited by Wolfgang Vondey. London: Routledge Press, 2020.
5. "General Theological Knowledge," pp. 235-256, in *Church of God in Christ Standardized Ordination & Licensure Textbook*, revised edition, edited by Alonzo Johnson. Memphis, TN: Church of God in Christ Publishing House, 2019.
6. "Charles Harrison Mason as Sign Reader and Interpreter," pp. 43-62, 148-153, in *With Signs Following: The Life and Ministry of Charles Harrison Mason*, edited by Raynard D. Smith. St. Louis: Christian Board of Publication, 2015.
7. "Methodologies of African American Theology," pp. 124-135, in *The Oxford Handbook of African American Theology*, edited by Anthony B. Pinn and Katie G. Cannon. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.
8. "On the Compatibility/Incompatibility of Pentecostal Premillennialism with Black Liberation Theology," pp. 191-206, in *Afropentecostalism: Black Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity in History and Culture*, edited by Amos Yong and Estrela Alexander. New York: New York University Press, 2011.
9. "Can Religious Experience Be Reduced to Brain Activity? The Place and Significance of Pentecostal Narrative," pp. 117-132, in *Science and the Spirit: A Pentecostal Engagement with the Sciences*, edited by James K.A. Smith and Amos Yong. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2010.
10. "Spiritual Egalitarianism, Ecclesial Pragmatism, and the Status of Women in Ordained Ministry," pp. 215-233, in *Philip's Daughters: Women in Pentecostal-Charismatic Leadership*, edited by Amos Yong and Estrela Alexander. Princeton Theological Monograph Series. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Press, 2009.
11. "Black Theology," in *The Global Dictionary of Theology*, pp. 111-118, edited by William Dyrness and Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2008.

12. “The Church of God in Christ and the Azusa Street Revival,” pp. 243-257, in *The Azusa Street Revival and Its Legacy*, edited by Harold D. Hunter and Cecil M. Robeck. Cleveland, TN: Pathway Press, 2006; reprinted, Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2010.
13. “The Epistemic Publicity of Academic Black Theology,” pp. 187-189, in *Religious Studies, Theology and the University: Conflicting Maps, Changing Terrain*, edited by Delwin Brown and Linell Cady. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2002.

#### Articles:

1. “Initiation (Water Baptism) in North American Pentecostalism.” *Worship* 98, no. 4 (October 2024): 354-369. This article is followed by Kimberly Hope Belcher, “Response to Frederick Ware,” pp. 370-373.
2. “Initiation (Water Baptism) in North American Pentecostalism.” *Spiritus: ORU Journal of Theology* 9, no. 2 (October 2024): 175-188. This article is followed by Kimberly Hope Belcher, “Response to Frederick L. Ware,” pp. 189-191.
3. “Response to Kimberly Hope Belcher.” *Spiritus: ORU Journal of Theology* 9, no. 2 (October 2024): 193-194. This response is to Kimberly Hope Belcher’s “Initiation Sacraments and Directions for Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue: An Essay for the Exploratory USCCB/PCCNA Dialogue,” pp. 171-183.
4. “Diversifying Academic Leadership through Impactful Mentorship.” *The Department Chair* 35, no. 2 (October 2024): 13-15. Co-authored with Christie Chung, Kim M. Davis, and Roberto Sánchez.
5. “Impactful Mentoring across Race and Gender.” The 2023 ACAD Fellows’ Colloquium on Mentorship and Leadership. *The ACAD Leader* (October 2023). <https://acad.org/resource/2023-acad-fellows-colloquium-on-mentorship-and-leadership/>
6. “[Race, Religion, and Science](#).” In *Bloomsbury Religion in North America: Western Sciences, Technology, under the collection “Religion in a Global Context,”* edited by Whitney Bauman and Lisa Stenmark. Theology and Religion Online, Bloomsbury Publishing, 2021. <https://www.theologyandreligiononline.com/bloomsbury-religion-in-north-america>
7. “Undercurrents in the Deeper Waters: Reflections on Science, Theology, and Professional Competency.” Featured in “Spotlight on Theological Education.” *Religious Studies News* (May 2019): <http://rsn.aarweb.org/spotlight-on/theo-ed/science-and-theological-education/science-theology-and-professional-competency>
8. “Meanings and Transformations of Humanity in Theology, Philosophy, and Science.” *Religious Studies Review* 44, no. 4 (2018): 379 -382.
9. “African American Pentecostalism and the Public Square.” *Journal of the Interdenominational Theological Center* 44, no. 1-2 (Fall 2016-Spring 2017): 99-114.

10. "Oh So Human, Yet So Divinely Complex: Science and Theology in the Exploration of Human Identity, Community, and Purpose." *Seminary Ridge Review* 19, no. 1 (Autumn 2016): 44-55.
11. "An Interim Assessment of the Pentecostal Manifesto Series." *Journal of Religion* 94, no. 1 (January 2014): 97-107.
12. "Neo-Pentecostal Spirituality and Theology of Creativity in the Work of Barbara A. Holmes." *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 35, no. 1 (2013): 75-86.
13. "The Prophetic Voice and Silence of Pentecostalism in the Theology-Science Dialogue: A Response to Amos Yong's *The Spirit of Creation*." *Australasian Pentecostal Studies*. Issue 15 (January 2013). <https://aps-journal.com/index.php/APS/article/view/122/119> (last accessed March 18, 2016)
14. "Toward an Alternative Engagement of Black Theology with Modern Science." *Black Theology: An International Journal* 9, no. 3 (2011): 334-355.
15. "What Does It Mean to Be 'Black' and 'Holy'?" *Black Theology: An International Journal* 6, no. 1 (January 2008): 119-131.
16. "Amos Yong's *The Spirit Poured Out on All Flesh: Pentecostalism and the Possibility of Global Theology*." *Journal of the European Pentecostal Theological Association* 28, no. 1 (2008): 77-83. This review article is followed by Amos Yong, "Extending the Conversation: A Response to Frederick L. Ware," pp. 84-93.

### Book Reviews:

1. Review of: *Theologizing in Black: On Africana Theological Ethics and Anthropology*, by Celucien L. Joseph. *Journal of Africana Religions* 10, no. 1 (2022): 140-142.
2. Review of: *After Whiteness: An Education in Belonging*, by Willie James Jennings. *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 60, no. 3 (2021): 333-335.
3. Review of: *Frederick Douglass: America's Prophet*, by D. H. Dilbeck. *Journal of Church and State* 61, no. 3 (2019): 518-520.
4. Review of: *Black Theology - Essays on Global Perspectives*, by Dwight N. Hopkins. *Black Theology: An International Journal* 17, no. 1 (2019): 169-171.
5. Review of: *Is Everyone Really Equal? An Introduction to Key Concepts in Social Justice Education*, 2nd edition, by Özelm Sensoy and Robin DiAngelo. *Reflective Teaching* (March 2018). [https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/book\\_reviews/is-everyone-really-equal/](https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/book_reviews/is-everyone-really-equal/)
6. Review of: *Albert Cleage Jr. and the Black Madonna and Child*, edited by Jawanza Eric Clark. *Black Theology: An International Journal* 16, no. 1 (2018): 90-92.

7. Review of: *Transformative Religious Experience: A Phenomenological Understanding of Religious Conversion*, by Joshua Iyadurai. *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 38, no. 3 (2016): 355-357.
8. Review of: *Teaching Civic Engagement*, edited by Forrest Clingerman and Reid B. Locklin. *Reflective Teaching* (August 9, 2016).  
<http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/article.aspx?id=29508>
9. Review of: *Teaching Global Theologies: Power and Praxis*, edited by Kwok Pui-Lan, Cecilia González-Andrieu, and Dwight N. Hopkins. *Reflective Teaching* (January 18, 2016).  
<http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/article.aspx?id=29372>
10. Review of: *The Divided Mind of the Black Church: Theology, Piety, and Public Witness Fire*, by Raphael G. Warnock. *Black Theology: An International Journal* 13, no. 3 (2015): 299-300.
11. Review of: *Black Fire Reader: A Documentary Resource on African American Pentecostalism*, by Estrela Y. Alexander. *Black Theology: An International Journal* 12, no. 3 (2014): 295-297.
12. Review of: *The Cambridge Companion to Black Theology*, edited by Dwight N. Hopkins and Edward P. Antonio. *Black Theology: An International Journal* 12, no. 1 (2014): 88-91.
13. Review of: *The Universe Bends toward Justice: Radical Reflections on the Bible, the Church, and the Body Politic*, by Obery M. Hendricks, Jr. *Black Theology: An International Journal* 10, no. 3 (2012): 360-362.
14. Review of: *Black Fire: One Hundred Years of African American Pentecostalism*, by Estrela Y. Alexander. *Canadian Journal of Pentecostal-Charismatic Christianity* 3 (2012): 173-177.
15. Review of: *The Depth and Destiny of Work: An African Theological Interpretation*, by Nimi Wariboko. *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 33, no. 3 (2011): 459-460.
16. Review of: *African American Folk Healing*, by Stephanie Y. Mitchem. *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 30, no. 2 (2008): 367-368.
17. Review of: *Joy Unspeakable: Contemplative Practices of the Black Church*, by Barbara A. Holmes. *Journal of Religious Thought* 59, no. 1-2, and 60, no. 1. (2006-2007): 202-205.
18. Review of: *Three-Fifths Theology: Challenging Racism in American Christianity*, by Lewis T. Tait, Jr., and A. Christian van Gorder. *Journal of Religious Thought* 59, no. 1-2, and 60, no. 1. (2006-2007): 205-209.
19. Review of: *Blow the Trumpet in Zion: Global Vision and Action for the Twenty-First Century Black Church*, edited by Iva E. Carruthers, Frederick D. Haynes III, and Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 29, no. 1 (2007): 166-167.

20. Review of: *Religion in Late Modernity*, by Robert C. Neville. *Journal of Religious Thought* 57, no. 2, and 58, no. 1-2 (2005): 195-198.
21. Review of: *Ultimate Realities*, edited Robert C. Neville. *Journal of Religious Thought* 57, no. 2, and 58, no. 1-2 (2005): 198-202.

### Other Publications:

1. "Love in Action," p. 17, in *Pilgrimage to Pentecost: 50 Daily Devotional Meditations*, edited by David D. Daniels. Memphis, TN: Church of God in Christ Publishing House, 2014.
2. [\*Church of God in Christ: Religious Beliefs and Healthcare Decisions\*](#). Religious Traditions and Healthcare Decisions Handbook Series. Park Ridge, IL: Park Ridge Center for the Study of Health, Faith, and Ethics, 2003. 12 pp. Co-authored with Chere B. Hall.

### LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

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1. "Reflections on the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea (325)," presentation for panel discussion at 54th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies. Northwest University, Kirkland, WA. March 15, 2025.
2. "University-Wide Discussions on Artificial Intelligence: Finding a Place for the Humanities at the Roundtable," presentation at and moderation of roundtable discussion at 81st Annual Meeting of the American Conference of Academic Deans. Phoenix, AZ. February 19, 2025.
3. "Language, Reality, and Truth: A Response to Nimi Wariboko's Theory of African Pentecostal Experience," paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Theological Society. Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ. April 6, 2024.
4. "Afropessimism and the Dogged Strength of Blackness: An Assessment of the Grounds for a Theology of Hope," lecture given at the annual meeting (virtual) of the Canadian Theological Society, Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre of St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. May 25, 2022.
5. "Blackness and Beloved Community: An Exploration of Conceptual Routes to a Theology of Race," professorial lecture given at Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC. February 24, 2022.
6. "The 'Jesus Idea' of Universal Community," paper presentation at the Annual Meeting (virtual) of the American Theological Society. Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ. March 20, 2021.
7. "Theology, Science, and Liberation of the Oppressed," lecture given at John Leland Center for Theological Studies, Arlington, VA. November 14, 2019.
8. "Challenges of Christian-Muslim Dialogue in Contemporary Black Theology," paper presentation at Science and the Christian Life," keynote presentation at the Luce-Hartford

Conference on “Christian-Muslim Relations: Black Church-Black Mosque: A Shared History.” Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT. June 18, 2019.

9. “Oh So Human, Yet So Divinely Complex: Science and Theology in the Exploration of Human Identity, Community, and Purpose,” paper presentation at “Science and the Christian Life,” the Spring Academy of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, PA. April 20, 2016.
10. Panel Discussion on “Science and the Next Generation of Religious Leaders: The Science for Seminaries Project.” International Society for Science and Religion (ISSR), American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and Association of Theological Schools (ATS) Pre-Conference Session. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Atlanta, GA. November 20, 2015.
11. Panel Discussion on Merold Westphal’s *Whose Community? Which Interpretation?: Philosophical Hermeneutics for the Church* at 43rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies. Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri. March 8, 2014.
12. “Democracy and Beloved Community: Ideals for Shaping the Role and Future of the Black Church in American Pluralist Society,” public lecture. Faculty-Student Colloquium, Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC. February 11, 2013.
13. Panel Discussion on Curtiss Paul DeYoung and Allan A. Boesak’s *Radical Reconciliation: Beyond Political Pietism and Christian Quietism*. Annual Alumni Convocation and Cynthia Wedel Lecture. Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC. October 18, 2012.
14. Panel Discussion on “Apocalypse 2012?: The Fringe and the Mainstream.” Annual Conference of the Religion News Writers Association, Bethesda, Maryland. October 5, 2012. <https://rna.org/2012-conference> (last accessed March 18, 2016).
15. “Implications of Pentecostal Egalitarianism for Christian Participation in American Democratic Society,” paper presentation at 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies. Regent University Divinity School, Virginia Beach, VA. March 1, 2012.
16. “Re-Imagining Holiness for the Public Square,” paper presentation at 42nd Annual C.H. Mason Theological Seminary Founders Week. Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA. February 20, 2012.
17. “Embodied Agency and Spirit Baptism: Human-Divine Partnership in the Fulfillment of Life,” paper presentation at 40th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies. Memphis, TN. March 12, 2011.
18. “Prophecy the Common Good!: The Promise and Problem of Moral Realism in the Political Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr.,” paper presentation at Consultation on the Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Atlanta, GA. October 30, 2010.

19. "Emergentist Panentheism as a Metaphysical Framework for Pneumatological Theism," paper presentation at 38th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies. Eugene Bible College, Eugene, OR. March 28, 2009.
20. "On the Compatibility/Incompatibility of Pentecostal Premillennialism with Black Liberation Theology," paper presentation at Joint Session of Black Theology Group and Pentecostal Charismatic Movements Consultation. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Chicago, IL. November 2, 2008.
21. "Renewal of Holiness Teachings in the Church of God in Christ," paper presentation at D.J. Young Heritage Foundation. Kansas City, KS. October 10, 2008.
22. "Theology of Nature without Moral Realism: A Response to Jürgen Moltmann," paper presentation at Plenary Session of the 37th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies. Duke University Divinity School, Durham, NC. March 14, 2008.
23. "Have You Tried Jesus?: The Possibility of Divine Healing as a Stimulus for Human Action," paper presentation at Diversity Group Session on Pentecostalism, Cosmologies, and Medicine at the 37th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies. Duke University Divinity School, Durham, NC. March 13, 2008.
24. Panel Discussions on Recent Books in Pentecostal Studies: (1) Amos Yong's *The Spirit Poured Out on All Flesh: Pentecostalism and the Possibility of Global Theology* and (2) William C. Turner's *The United Holy Church of America*, 36th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies. Lee University, Cleveland, Tennessee. March 8, 2007.
25. "How Do We Study Academically the Church of God in Christ?," paper presentation at the 2nd Conference on Pentecostalism at C.H. Mason Theological Seminary. The Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA. February 20, 2007.
26. "Spiritual Egalitarianism, Ecclesial Pragmatism, and the Status of Women in Ordained Ministry," paper presentation at Symposium on Women in Pentecostal and Charismatic Leadership. Regent University Divinity School, Virginia Beach, VA. February 17, 2007.
27. "Martin Luther King, Jr., and Economic Justice," lecture for ENGAGE Program, Community Ministry of Montgomery County. Am Kolel Sanctuary and Retreat Center, Beallsville, MD. January 18, 2007.
28. "Divine Encounter, Social Justice, and Human Interests," paper presentation for 2nd Annual Meeting of African American Clergy of the United Church of Christ. Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC. November 1, 2006.
29. "Historical Studies and the Development of African American Pentecostal Theology," paper presentation for Conference on "William J. Seymour and the Politics of Pentecostal Historiography." West Angeles Cathedral, Los Angeles, CA. April 26, 2006.

30. “The Church of God in Christ and the Azusa Street Revival,” paper presentation for Theology Session, Azusa Street Revival Centennial Celebration. Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles, CA. April 25, 2006.
31. “Black Pentecostalism, Contemporary Science, and Narrative Constructions of Reality,” paper presentation for Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion. Baltimore, MD. March 16, 2006.
32. “The Sun Do Move: Persisting Tension between Christian Theology and Scientific Cosmology,” Chapel Address at American Baptist College, Nashville, TN. March 15, 2006.
33. “Pentecostalism and the Prosperity Gospel,” paper presentation for Conference on Pentecostalism. C.H. Mason Theological Seminary, Interdenominational Theological Center. Atlanta, GA. February 21, 2006.
34. “The Use of Signs in the Preaching of Charles Harrison Mason,” paper presentation at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies. Regent University Divinity School, Virginia Beach, VA, March 12, 2005.
35. “Biblical and Theological Reflections on Christian Morality in Democratic Society: The Priority of Human Dignity, Freedom, Justice, Equality, and Community in Our System of Moral Values,” Lenten Lecture Series at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, Berwyn Heights, MD. February 16 & 23 and March 2, 9 & 16, 2005.
36. “Turning the World Upside Down: Martin Luther King Jr.’s Call for a Revolution of Values,” lecture for Martin Luther King Jr. Chapel Service at Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, AL. January 13, 2005.
37. “Problems and Prospects of Cultural Memory in the Study of African American Religion,” paper presentation at Symposium on Cultural Memory and the American South. Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, AL. March 19, 2003.

## MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

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1. “Are Faith and Science at Odds?” *Jude 3 Podcast*. March 4, 2025. Interviewed by Lisa Fields. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cRHpu9fkcw> (last accessed March 31, 2025).
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13. “Apocalyptic Symbols,” a contribution to interpretations of the theology and preaching of the Reverend Jeremiah Wright. *Vital Theology* 5, no. 2-3 (October 2008): 11. Interviewed by David W. Reid.
14. Guest on Television Talk Show, “Mega-Churches and the African American Community,” InterFaith Roundtable (later “Faith in Action”), Program no. 51. Mayor’s Office of Cable & Communication, Baltimore, MD. Program taped on January 25, 2007, for month-long airing on Public Access Channel TV25 during February 2007. Karen Frances, Producer.
15. Guest on Radio Talk Show, “Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Letter from Birmingham Jail,” a discussion produced by Interfaith Voices, a National Public Radio program. January 6 – 9, 2006. Interviewed by John Parman.
16. “Loyalty to Humankind,” a contribution to theological interpretations of Hurricane Katrina. *Vital Theology* 2, no. 7 (September 25, 2005): 11-12. Interviewed by David W. Reid.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Academy of Religion, 1991 – present.  
American Association of University Professors, 2004 – present.  
American Conference of Academic Deans, 2018 – present.  
American Theological Society, 2012 – present.  
Society for Pentecostal Studies, 2005 – present.

## SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

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### Academic Guild:

*Co-Leader*, Theological Education Interest Group, Society for Pentecostal Studies, March 2024 – present.  
*Member*, Executive Committee, American Theological Society, 2013-2015.  
*Member*, Research Grants Jury, American Academy of Religion, 2011 – 2014.  
*Member*, Steering Committee, Pentecostal-Charismatic Studies Consultation, American Academy of Religion, 2006 – 2010.  
*Section Leader*, African American Religion Session, Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Academy of Religion, 2005 – 2007.

### Howard University:

*Member*, Academic and Health Affairs Committee, Faculty Senate, September 2025 – present.  
*Member*, Bison Vision Council, Office of the Chief Strategy Officer, October 2024 – present.  
*Member*, Assessment Committee, October 2019 – present.  
*Member*, Faculty Development Committee, 2018 – 2025.  
*Member & Chair* (2009-2011), Committee on Committees of the Faculty Senate, 2008 – 2015.  
*Reviewer*, Intramural Research Program, Office of the Vice Provost for Research, 2009 – 2010.  
*Member*, Governance, Constitution and Bylaws Committee of the Faculty Senate, 2004 – 2007.  
*Member*, Research Advisory Council, 2005 – 2010.

**Howard University School of Divinity:**

*Member*, Executive Committee, 2010 – present.

*Member & Chair* (2014 [Spring], 2015 – 2017), Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee, 2010 – 2017, 2025 – present.

*Member*, Master of Divinity Degree Program Committee, 2003 – 2007, 2009 – 2010, 2015 – 2017, 2025 – present.

*Academic Advisor*, Dual Degree Program (MDiv-MSW), 2018 – present.

*Member & Chair* (2017-2018), Outcomes Assessment Committee, 2017 – present.

*Member*, Self-Study Steering Committee, 2021-2022.

*Member*, Grievance Committee, 2003 – 2007, 2014 – 2018.

*Chair*, Lectures Committee, 2012 – 2014.

*Member*, Curriculum Review and Revision Task Force, 2008 – 2013.

*Co-Chair*, Self-Study Steering Committee, 2010 – 2012.

*Chair*, Honors and Awards Committee, 2008 – 2012.

*Chair*, Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Faculty Search Committee, 2008-2009.

*Member*, Learning Resources (Library) Committee, 2003 – 2007.

*Member & Chair* (2005-2007), Chapel Worship & Lectures Committee, 2003 – 2007.

*Member*, Homiletics Faculty Search Committee, 2005-2006.

**Stillman College:**

*Member*, Judiciary Committee (Academic Affairs and Code of Conduct), 2002 – 2003.

**Vanderbilt University Divinity School:**

*Vice-President*, Alumni/ae Council, 2002 – 2003.

*Member*, Alumni/ae Council, 2000 – 2003.

*Member* (alumni), Field Education Advisory Committee, May 1991.

*Member* (student), Homiletics/Liturgics Faculty Search Committee, 1990 – 1991.

*Member* (student), Honor Council, 1988 – 1989.

*Member* (student), Personnel and Policy Committee, 1990 – 1991.

*Chairman* (student), Black Seminarians, 1989 – 1990.

*Secretary* (student), Black Seminarians, 1988-1989.

## APPENDIX A – COURSES TAUGHT

### Howard University School of Divinity:

**THEO 221. Philosophy of Religion.** Fall semesters: 2003, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017, 2021, 2023. Spring semesters: 2004, 2006, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2020.

**THEO 305. Systematic Theology I.** Fall semesters: 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024.

**THEO 310. Systematic Theology II.** Spring semesters: 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2025.

**THEO 315/515. Black Theology.** Fall semesters: 2003, 2004, 2017, 2019. Spring semesters: 2009, 2013, 2016, 2022.

**THEO 322. Theological Responses to Atrocity.** Spring 2017.

**THEO 325. Modern Theology.** Fall 2004.

**THEO 333. Democracy: Theological Perspectives.** Fall semesters: 2012, 2016, 2024.

**THEO 335. Theologies of Liberation.** Fall 2003.

**THEO 337. Theories of Salvation.** Fall 2010, Spring 2011.

**THEO 340/546. Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr.** Fall 2011. Spring semesters: 2006, 2010, 2015, 2018, 2021, 2023, 2025.

**THEO 343/525. The Holy Spirit: Pentecostal Perspectives.** Spring 2004. Fall semesters: 2008, 2014.

**THEO 345/545. Theology and Science.** Fall 2009, Fall 2025.

**THEO 370. Religious Thought of Howard Thurman.** Fall semesters: 2021, 2023.

**THEO 385. M.L. King, Jr., and Malcolm X.** Spring 2024.

**THEO 407/507. Race, Ethnicity & Religious Myth.** Fall 2015.

**THEO 415. The Preacher as Theologian.** Spring semesters: 2012, 2016, 2022. *Team-Taught with Dr. Kenyatta Gilbert.*

**THEO 523. Pentecostal Theology (DMin Module).** Fall 2018.

**THES 510. DMin. Seminar: Research & Writing.** Fall semesters: 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010.

**FDSM. Faith Development and Spiritual Formation.** Faith Development and Spiritual Formation is divided into six segments that span the M.Div. program, introducing students to the study of the resources for, and the practice of, spiritual discipline. Course numbers **205 & 206** deal specifically with spiritual disciplines, numbers **305 & 306** deal with religious autobiography, that is, the development of a framework for describing and assessing one's faith journey, and numbers **405 & 406** deal with discernment of one's place in ministry. **205:** Fall semesters: 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2015, Spring semesters: 2005, 2006; **206:** Spring semesters: 2004, 2010, 2012, 2016; **305:** Spring 2009, Fall semesters: 2012, 2016; **306:** Spring 2013; **405:** Spring 2007, Fall semesters: 2010, 2017; **406:** Fall semesters: 2006, 2008, Spring semesters: 2004, 2006, 2011, 2015.

**Thinking Theologically I & II.** Continuing Education Program. October 2005.

United Lutheran Seminary:

**HTH 214. African American Theology.** Also listed under the numbers **HTH 205B** and **HTH 335B**. Fall 2012. Spring semesters: 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021.

Lancaster Theological Seminary:

**TH 226W. Issues in Religion & Science: Origins, Diversity, Interconnection.** Fall 2020 (Term 1).

Memphis Theological Seminary:

**CH 34. Religious Thought of Howard Thurman.** Fall 1998.

**CH/CM 43. Historical Development of Black Religions in America.** Fall semesters: 1997, 1999.

**CH/CM 44. The Rise of Independent African American Churches and Denominations.** Spring 2000.

**TH/AA 42. Martin and Malcolm: The Roles of Religion in Issues of Social Justice.** Summer 1997 (Term I), Spring 2001.

**TH/CM 33. African American Theology.** Fall 1997; Summer Sessions: 1998 (Term II), 2001 (Term II).

**TH/ET 03830. Issues in Science and Religion.** Summer 2006.

University of Memphis:

**AAAS 4251. African Religions in the Diaspora.** Spring 2001, Fall 2001.

Christian Brothers University:

**RS 291, 293. African American Religious History.** Spring 2000, Fall 2000, Summer 2002 (May Session).

**RS 292, 299. Martin and Malcolm.** Summer 2000 (May Session), Spring 2001.

Stillman College:

**LOG 131. Logic.** Fall 2002, Spring 2003.

**PHL 435. Epistemology.** Spring 2003.

**REL 131. Introduction to the Old Testament.** Fall 2002.

**REL 132. Introduction to the New Testament.** Spring 2003.

**REL 230. Introductory Theologies.** Summer 2005.

**REL 333. Prophets of the Old Testament.** Fall 2002.

**REL 334. Life and Writings of Paul.** Summer 2005.

**REL 336. Basic Christian Beliefs.** Summer 2005.

**REL 436. History of Christianity.** Fall 2002.

**REL 438. Contemporary Theology.** Summer 2005.

C. H. Mason Bible College/All Saints Bible College:

**Hermeneutics.** Spring 2000, Winter 2001.

**Introduction to Theology.** Winter 1999, Fall 1999, Winter 2000, Fall 2000, Fall 2001.

**Theology of the Holy Spirit.** Winter 1998, Spring 1999.

## APPENDIX B – DISSERTATION, THESIS, AND PROJECT SUPERVISION

1. Second Reader, Ph.D. dissertation. Valerie R. Landfair, *Trouble in My Way, I Have to Cry Sometimes: Silent Prayers of Sorrow and Lament*, Regent University Divinity School, September 2017.
2. Second Reader, D.Min. project. Fr. Stan U. Ukwe, O.P., *Music as Tool of Worship: A Study of the Unitive Function of Music in Post-Vatican II Liturgy at Saint Francis Xavier and Saint Augustine Catholic Churches*, Howard University School of Divinity, May 2012.
3. Second Reader, D.Min. project. Beverley Miles, *The Missiological Challenge of the Miracle Temple Church to Disciple Postmodern African American Men Using Futuristic Eschatological Bible Prophecy*, Howard University School of Divinity, May 2011.
4. Second Reader, D.Min. project. Joyce A. Graham, *House of Determination: Development of a Faith-Based Foster Care Group-Home for African American Girls in the State of Maryland*, Howard University School of Divinity, May 2011.
5. Committee Member, D.Min. project. Herbert W. Corbin, *Eucharistic Renewal: A Theology for Using African American Spirituals in the Service of Holy Communion*, Howard University School of Divinity, May 2010.
6. Second Reader, D.Min. project. Earnest Richard Swan, *Ministry to the Fatherless Poor: Developing a Mentoring Program for Pre-School Children in Hanover, Virginia*, Howard University School of Divinity, May 2010.
7. Committee Member, D.Min. project. Melvin G. Rippy, *Pragmatic Spirituality: The Effectiveness of Spirituality in the Addict and Alcoholic Recovery Process*, Howard University School of Divinity, May 2010.
8. Committee Member, D.Min. project. Tippy Spann, *Enhancing Holistic Children Services in Washington, DC: A Partnership Design between John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church and Jessie LaSalle Elementary School: Project R.E.A.C.H.*, Howard University School of Divinity, March 2007.
9. Committee Member, D.Min. project. Thomas J. Wooden, *First Baptist Church, Louisa, Virginia: A Qualitative Church Growth Survey*, Howard University School of Divinity, December 2006.
10. Committee Member, D.Min. project. Franklin Lance, *The Efficacy of Black Theology as a Framework for Pastoral Succession and Ministry at the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland*, Howard University School of Divinity, November 2006.
11. Committee Member, D.Min. project. Carol L. Green, *Enhancing the Role of the Church in Prison Aftercare: Reducing the Recidivism Rate among African American Males in Urban Settings*, Howard University School of Divinity, May 2006.

12. Committee Member, D.Min. project. Gregory Robinson, *A Pastoral Care Approach to Developing Successful Marriages for Couples in Transformation Church, Baltimore, Maryland, 2000-2005: A Premarital Counseling Model*, Howard University School of Divinity, March 2006.
13. Second Reader, D.Min. project. Shelia R. Graves, *Pay It Forward: A Faith-Based Program for the Socialization of At-Risk Adolescent African American Males*, Howard University School of Divinity, December 2005.
14. Advisor, M.A. thesis. Tracie Williams, *The Concept of Liberation in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*, Howard University School of Divinity, May 2004.

## APPENDIX C – FIELD EDUCATION AND DIRECTED STUDIES

Field Education Supervision (Memphis Theological Seminary):

1. **Field Education Intensive.** Prison Ministry of Liberty Church of God in Christ, Memphis, Tennessee. Summer 1999.

Direction of Student Independent Studies (Howard University School of Divinity):

1. **DIVD 303. Directed Study.** Liberation Theologies of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. Fall 2017.
2. **DIVD 302. Directed Study.** Pneumatology (Theologies of the Holy Spirit) in Pentecostal Churches. Fall 2014.
3. **DIVD 302. Directed Study.** Introduction to Theological Writing. Spring 2014.
4. **DIVD 302. Directed Study.** Theological Methodology (in Systematic Theology and Christian Ethics). Spring 2014.
5. **DIVD 301. Directed Study.** Ethnographic Study of Democratic Practices in the Local Congregation. Fall 2012.
6. **DIVD 301. Directed Study.** Women Preachers as Theologians Interpreting the Call. Spring 2012.
7. **THEO 442. Directed Study.** Pentecostal Perspectives on Social Justice in the New Testament Church of God in Jamaica. Spring 2007.
8. **THEO 442. Directed Study.** The Role of Women in Jamaican Immigrant Pentecostal Churches in Canada. Spring 2007.
9. **THEO 440-01. Directed Study.** Systematic Theology. Spring 2007.
10. **THEO 440-02. Directed Study.** Systematic Theology. Spring 2007.
11. **THEO 442. Directed Study.** Black Theology and Civil Rights Movement. Spring 2006.
12. **THEO 441. Directed Study.** Personalism in the Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. Spring 2006.
13. **HISU 516. Directed Study.** Prophetic Thought in the African American Church. Fall 2005.
14. **THEO 541. Directed Study.** Theology and Praxis of Ministry to African American Youth. Spring 2005.
15. **THEO 541. Directed Study.** Black Theology and Pastoral Care. Fall 2004.