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*Curriculum Vitae*¹

Associate Professor of Constructive Theology and African American Religion
Princeton Theological Seminary
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Education

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Ph.D. in Religion (Ethics & Society), August 2004 – December 2009

passed with honors (Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies)

Dissertation: “Poor Urban Black Women and Prospects Towards Thriving: The Importance of Frankfurt School Critical Social Theory for Womanist Theo-ethical Discourse”

Readers: Drs. Victor Anderson, Melissa Snarr, Ted Smith, and Lewis Baldwin

Yale University, New Haven, CT

Divinity School

M.A. in Religion & Ethics, August 2002 – May 2004

Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN

B.S. Political Science, Economics Minor, August 1998 – May 2002

Honors: Summa Cum Laude, Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society

Academic Publications (Books)

Unfinished Business: Black Women, the Black Church and the Struggle to Thrive in America (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2012).

- Reviewed by *Choice Magazine*; *Black Theology: An International Journal*; *Theology Today Journal* and *The Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics*; Book discussed on KERA/NPR Program “Think” with Kris Boyd; Nominated for the Wheatley Book Awards

Religious Resistance to Neoliberalism: Womanist and Black Feminist Perspectives (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2015).

Redeeming Azusa: Rethinking the Theological and Democratic Imagination (Work-in-Progress)

Notes from A Native Daughter: De-Colonizing Theological Education in the 21st Century (Work-in-Progress)

¹ Revised June 25, 2017.

Published Journal Articles and Book Essays/Forthcoming Articles and Essays

“Revisiting The *Imago Dei*: A Critical Investigation,” in *Macmillan Handbook on Gender and God*. Ed. Sian Hawthorne (forthcoming 2018 with Palgrave Macmillan)

“Challenging A New Frontier of Market Morality: The Case of Sweatshop Economics” in *Markets and Morals*. Ed. Ted Smith (forthcoming 2018 with Routledge Press)

“When White is the ‘New Black’: Religious Populism in the Age of Obama,” in *Religion in the Age of Obama*, eds. Juan Floyd-Thomas and Anthony Pinn (forthcoming 2018)

“Love as Revolutionary Practice: Frederick Douglass and Black Feminist Religious Perspectives,” in *Solidarity, Striving, Struggle: The Moral, Political, and Religious Thought of Frederick Douglass*. Editors Timothy Golden and Cynthia Nielsen (forthcoming Cambridge University Press, Fall 2017)

“Rethinking Hope: The Importance of Radical Racial Realism for Womanist Religious Thought” in *Racism and Resistance: Essays on Derrick Bell*. Ed. Timothy Golden (forthcoming SUNY Press, Fall 2017)

“A Conversation on Freedom: Buddhist and Womanist Thought” in *Journal of Buddhist-Christian Studies*. Fall 2016.

“African American Theology and Doctrines of God,” in *The Oxford Handbook of African-American Theology*, eds. Anthony Pinn and Katie Cannon. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014: 139-152.

“Daughters, Arise: Celebrating African Feminist Christologies,” in *the Journal of Africana Religions*, Vol. 2, No. 3, Fall 2014: 385-394.

“What’s Love Got to Do With It?: Lovelessness Within the Sorted-Out City,” in the *Journal of Religion, Race, and Ethnicity*, January 2014, Vol. 5/Issue One: 1-34.

“Saving Black America?: A Womanist Analysis of Faith Based Initiatives,” in *The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, Vol. 33, No. 1, Spring/Summer 2013: 63-81.

“African American Liberative Ethics” in *Ethics: A Liberative Approach*, ed. Miguel de la Torre. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013: 109-126.

“The Ambiguities of Neighbor-Love: Reading ‘Agape’ From the Margins,” in *Beyond the Pale: Reading Christian Ethics from the Margins*, eds. Miguel de la Torre and Stacey Floyd-Thomas. Westminster John Knox Press, 2011: 161-168.

“Global Economics and US Public Policy: Prospects on the Means and Ends of Liberation for the Global Poor,” *Black Theology: An International Journal*, Issue 9:1, June 2011: 9-33.

“Global Political Economy & Its Neo-Colonial Vices: Postcolonial Theological Reflections on Economic Justice” in *Journal of Postcolonial Networks*, Vol. V, No. 2, Issue 21, Winter 2011: 1-16.

“Womanist Theology and Ethics: The Increasing Significance of Class and Poor Black Women,” in *Princeton Theological Review*, Vol. XV, No. 2, Issue 41, Fall/Winter 2009: 79-90.

“Forging Community and *Communitas*: Toward a De-Masculinization of Christology in Black Churches” in *Walk Together Children: Black and Womanist Theologies, Churches, and Theological Education*, eds. Dwight Hopkins and Linda Thomas, Cascade Books, 2010: 24-42.

Research Interests

African-American Theologies, Black Philosophy and Critical Race Theory
Theology, Christian Ethics and Political Economy
Christian Ethics, Feminist Critical Social Theory, and Feminist Philosophy
Afro-Pentecostalism and Pneumatology
Globalization & Decolonial Theologies
Womanist Theologies & Black Feminist Religious Thought

Professional Appointments

Princeton Theological Seminary, Associate Professor of Constructive Theology and African American Religion, 2017-present

Brite Divinity School, Associate Professor of Theological and Social Ethics & Director of Black Church Studies, 2015-2017

Brite Divinity School, Assistant Professor of Theological and Social Ethics & Director of Black Church Studies, 2009-2015

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Contemporary Theological Ethics
African American Theologies
Global Theologies Among Women of Color
Womanist Theology and Ethics
Christian Ethics and Economy
Modern Christian Political Thought
Introduction to Black Church Traditions and Culture

Yale University Divinity School, Visiting Associate Professor of Theological and Social Ethics, Spring 2016

Course Taught:

Black Religion in the New Public Square

Tennessee State University, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy

Spring 2007, Fall 2007

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Philosophy

Honors/Fellowships/Grant Awards

The Catherine Saylor Hill Faculty Excellence Award, Brite Divinity School, 2017

Delegate To White House Religious Scholar Briefing on Faith Based Initiatives, 2012

Brite Divinity School Research Fellowship, 2012 & 2015

Wabash Summer Research and Writing Fellowship, 2011

Wabash Pre-Tenure Theological Faculty Fellowship, 2010

Fund For Theological Education Dissertation Fellow, Fund for Theological Education, Inc., 2008

Fund For Theological Education Doctoral Fellow, Fund for Theological Education, Inc., 2004-2007

Dwight Hooker Fellowship Prize, Yale University Divinity School, 2004, award given for academic excellence and further doctoral study in theology and ethics

Abraham L. Malherbe Scholarship, Yale University Divinity School, Fall 2002-2004

Presidential Scholarship, Tennessee State University, Fall 1998 – Spring 2002

Professional Ministerial Experience

Associate Pastor, Cathedral of Praise Church (COGIC), Nashville, TN, 2006-2008

Campus Student Chaplain, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2005-2006

University Lectures

“Re-thinking Azusa: Black Religion and the Democratic Imagination.” Sankofa Lecture Series delivered at Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, Texas, February 9-11, 2017

“Love as a Political Possibility: Toward Assemblage Theories in Feminist/Womanist Theology.” Public Lecture delivered at Boston University School of Theology, Boston, Massachusetts, April 7, 2016.

“Love as a Political Possibility: Religious Resistance to Neoliberalism.” Public lecture delivered at Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, March 17, 2016.

“The Search for Beloved Community: A Womanist Theo-ethical Turn.” Public Lecture delivered at Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, CT, January 23, 2015.

“Searching for Lutie: A Theo-Ethical Politics of Inclusion within Black Churches.” Howard Thurman Lecture delivered at Emory University, Atlanta, GA, on October 16, 2013.

“God’s Triumph Over Evil?: Questions of Theodicy and Suffering within Black Religion.” Three Lectures given at Princeton Theological Seminary for the Summer Institute for Black Theology and Leadership, Princeton, NJ, July 19, 2013.

“Women, Poverty, and Global Economy: The Role of Black Religion.” Lecture given at Wake Forest University Divinity School Conference “Articulations of Humanity within Black Religious Life,” April 19, 2013.

“Envisioning the Future of Theology and Ethics: A Womanist Perspective.” Lecture given at Graduate Theological Union (GTU), Berkeley, CA, March 18, 2013.

Academic Presentations

“A De-Colonial Reading of Azusa: Toward a Poetics of the Black Sacred,” Paper presented at the “God-Seminar” in November 2016 at the American Academy of Religion.

“New Theologies of Gender and Sexual Justice,” Panelist paper given at 2016 Black Church Studies Spring Symposium in April at Princeton Theological Seminary.

“Rethinking Agents and Patients in Christian Social Ethics: Being Faithful in Unfaithful Times,” Response Paper given at “Religion and Power: New Directions in Social Ethics Conference” in March 2015 at Princeton University.

“Queering Faith in US Black Christianity: Black Feminist and Womanist Perspectives,” Paper presented at the 2015 Queering Gender and Faith Conference in Berlin, Germany.

“*Bonheoffer’s Black Jesus* in Light of Race and Gender,” Paper presented in November of 2014 at the American Academy of Religion.

“The Future of Race and Class: The Emergence of the New Black South,” Paper presented in November of 2015 at the American Academy of Religion.

“The Black Church: A Prophetic Tradition?,” C.H. Mason Founder’s Day Lecture given at the Interdenominational Theological Center, C.H. Mason Seminary, Atlanta, GA, February 8, 2013.

“Saving Black America?: A Womanist Analysis of Faith Based Initiatives.” Paper given at the Society of Christian Ethics, Washington D.C., 2012.

“Womanist Pedagogical Horizons: Creative Chaos, Moral Imagination, and Flourishing within Community.” Paper Given at Southwest Regional American Academy of Religion, Dallas, TX, 2011.

“Spirituality and Political Resistance: Celebrating the Black Feminism of Mercy Amba Oduyoye.” Lecture given at University of Ghana, Accra, July 15, 2011

Global Economics and US Public Policy: Prospects on the Means and Ends of Liberation for the Global Poor.” Paper given at the Society of Christian Ethics, San Jose, CA, 2010.

“The Role of the Pentecostal Scholar in the Twenty-First Century.” Paper given at the Annual International COGIC Scholars Forum, Memphis, TN, 2009.

“Black Women & Urban Poverty: Emilie Townes’ Theological Vision of Justice in Developing Prospects Toward a Womanist Political Theology.” Paper given at the Annual American Academy of Religion, Panel Celebrating the Works of Emilie Townes, Chicago, IL, 2008.

Service to the Profession /University Service

Book Manuscript Peer-Reviewer, Fordham University Press, 2016.

Book Manuscript Peer-Reviewer, Westminster John Knox Press, 2014.

Book Manuscript Peer-Reviewer, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2013.

Co-Chair, Ethics Section, American Academy of Religion, 2015-present.

Co-Convener, Women’s Caucus, Society of Christian Ethics, 2012-2015.

Co-Convener of African-American Interest and Working Groups, Society of Christian Ethics, 2008-2012.

Served on Board Nomination Committee, Society of Christian Ethics, 2012.

Participant, Consultation on Sexuality within Black Churches, two year project sponsored by Columbia University and the Arcus Foundation, Facilitator – Dr. Josef Sorett, 2011-2012.

Participant, Consultation on the Engagement of Buddhist Texts in Womanist Discourse, sponsored by Harvard Divinity School, Facilitators – Drs. Charles Hallisey and Janet Gyatso, 2013.

Faculty Member, QEP Taskforce for Integration, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, TX, 2010-2011.

Faculty Member, Admissions Committee, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, TX, 2010-2011.

Faculty Member, Diversity and Social Justice Committee, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, TX, 2009-2010.

Co-Chair, Martin Luther King Committee, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2005-2006.

Church/Community Presentations & Lectures

“Gender Justice in Church Practices.” Speaker for Sunday Morning Worship at Mount Ararat Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY, April 24, 2016.

One-Day Intensive “Ethics and Christian Leadership.” Theological Seminar for Christian Educators, Community Baptist Church, Milwaukee, WI, February 27, 2016.

“Toward a Theology of Thriving.” A Workshop I presented for clergy and church leaders at the Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference in Houston, TX, February 16, 2016.

“The Power of Women Who Lead.” Sermon Delivered at Friendship West Baptist Church in Dallas, TX, December 6, 2015.

“The Work of Racial Justice for the 21st Century Church.” Keynote talk delivered at the Executive Council Retreat for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), November 16, 2015.

“The Church’s Call to Build Beloved Community: Addressing Race and Sexuality.” Keynote Talk delivered at the Wild Goose Festival in Hot Springs, NC, July 13, 2015.

“Blessed Are Those Who Mourn: Remembering the Charleston Nine.” Homily Delivered in Remembrance of Charleston Shooting, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, TX, June 30, 2015.

“Christian Ethical Solidarity With Black Lives Matter.” Keynote Talk delivered for the 3rd Center for African American Studies Conference at University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX, February 20, 2015.

“Confronting Poverty From the Heart of Christian Faith.” Panelist Paper delivered at the Poverty and Faith Conference (Dykes Foundation) at South Main Baptist Church, Houston, TX, September 19, 2014.

Panelist, Eighth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium for the Dallas Institute of the Humanities, January 21, 2013.

“Revisiting Beloved Community: The Call of the 21st Century Black Church.” Lecture for Black Seminarians Group at Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas, April 10, 2012.

“Cosmopolitanism: Biblical Ethics in A World of Strangers?” Lecture for the “City of Imagination” Lecture Old Testament Series at the Dallas Institute for Humanities and Culture in Dallas, Texas, December 14, 2011.

“Strength to Love.” Speech for Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast in Springfield, IL, November 14, 2011.

“Progressive Pentecostalism: Exploring Race, Class, and Sexuality.” Clergy Lecture presented at the National Convocation of the Fellowship in Las Vegas, NV, July 5, 2011.

“Occupy Wall Street: Role of the Black Church.” Clergy Workshop in this topic at Friendship West Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, November 28, 2011.

“Prophetic Utterances: Frameworks of Race, Gender, Class, and Sexuality.” Clergy Workshop in this topic at Friendship West Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, January 24, 2011.

“Fashioning Prophetic Languages of Transformation: Black Clergy Leadership Development.” Clergy Workshop in this topic at Friendship West Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, November 22, 2010.

External Support/Institutional Grants For Black Church Studies Program

Oreon E. Scott Foundation Grant, received Spring 2011
\$10,000 grant awarded to host the 2011 State of the Black Church Summit at Brite Divinity School, April 2011, discussing the future of black churches in relation to race relations, gender equality, and sexual justice.

Disciples of Christ Reconciliation Grant, received Spring 2011
\$10,000 grant awarded to host the 2011 State of the Black Church Summit at Brite Divinity School, April 2011, discussing the future of black churches in relation to race relations, gender equality, and sexual justice.

Professional Memberships

The American Academy of Religion
Society for Pentecostal Studies
The Study for the Society of Black Religion

Religious Affiliation: Pentecostal/Church of God in Christ (COGIC)