

SSBR 2022 NOMINEE APPLICATIONS

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Nominee	Dissertation Title	Nominator (s)	Bio Snapshot
Dr. Amey V. Adkins-Jones, p. 3-16 Assistant Professor of Theology and African and African Diaspora Studies Boston College, Boston MA	"Immaculate Misconceptions: Black Mariology and the Christian Tradition of Trafficking Sex"	Dr. Evelyn Parker For Full Membership	Ph.D. Religion, Duke University M.Div. Duke University B.A. Religious Studies, African and African American Studies, University of Virginia
Dr. Ericka Dunbar p.17-27 Visiting Professor of Hebrew Bible/Louisville Post Doc, Payne Theological Seminary, PA	"Trafficking Hadassah: An Africana Reading of Collective Trauma, Memory, and Identity in the Book of Esther and the African Diaspora"	Dr. Mitzi J. Smith For Full Membership	Ph.D. Hebrew Bible, Drew University Th.M. Candler School of Theology M.Div. Interdenominational Theological Center B.S. Health Education, University of Florida
Dr. Barbara A. Fears p. 28-38 Assistant Professor of Religious Education, Howard University Divinity School, Washington, DC	"A Liberatory Pedagogy: The Underground Railroad as a Model for Christian Education"	Dr. Pamela Lightsey For Full Membership	Ph.D. Christian Education and Congregational Studies, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary M.T.S. Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary M.Div. Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary B.A. Psychology, University of Kansas
Dr. Shonda R. Jones p. 39-50 Executive Director of Academic Programs, Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, NC	"Graduate Theology School Choice: An Examination of Racial/Ethnic Minority Master of Divinity Students"	Dr. Emilie M. Townes For Full Membership	Ed.D. University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa M.Div. Brite Divinity School B.A. English, Texas Christian University
Dr. Kishundra King p. 51-60 Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and Director of Black Religious Thought and Life, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Rochester, NY	"Making Space for Black Girlhood: A Womanist/ist Pastoral Theology"	Dr. Phillis I. Sheppard for Full Membership	Ph.D. Religion, Psychology, and Culture, Vanderbilt University M.Div. Yale University Divinity School M.S. Counseling, Creighton University B.S. Biology, Xavier University
Dr. Lakisha R. Lockhart. p. 51-68 Assistant Professor of Christian Education, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA	"Doing Double-Dutch: Womanist Modes of Play as a Pedagogical Resource for Theological Education"	Dr. Michele E. Watkins Dr. John W. Kinney For Full Membership	Ph.D. Theology and Education, Boston College M.A. Religion, Vanderbilt University M.Div. Wesley Theological Seminary B.A. Claflin University
Dr. Valerie Miles-Tribble p. 69-77 Professor of Ministerial Leadership & Practical Theology, Berkeley School of Theology, GTU	"Assessing Student Leadership Competencies and Adequacy of Preparation in Seminary Training"	Dr. Rachel E. Harding For Full Membership	Ph.D. Leadership & Organizational Change, Walden University M.Div. Graduate Theological Union B.S. Hampton University
Dr. Anthony S. Neal p. 78-93 Associate Professor of Philosophy, Mississippi State University	"Common Ground: A Comparison of the Ideas of Consciousness in the Writings of Howard Thurman and Huey Newton"	Dr. Raymond Carr For Full Membership	D.A. Humanities, Clark Atlanta University M.Div. McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University B.A. Religion and Philosophy, Morehouse College
Dr. Chanequa Walker-Barnes p. 94 106 Professor of Practical Theology & Pastoral Care, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA	"Risk Factors for Gang Involvement Among Ninth-Grade Students: A Prospective Investigation"	Dr. Evelyn Parker For Full Membership	Ph.D. Clinical Psychology, University of Miami M.Div. Duke University M.S. Family Psychology, University of Miami B.A. Psychology, Emory University
Shatavia L. Wynn (ABD) p. 107-113 Visiting Instructor of Ethics and Society, Louisville Institute Post-Doctoral Fellow, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School	Working Title: "Black Women in White Dresses: A Critical Study in the Scholarly Aesthetics of Womanist Religious Thought"	Dr. Emilie M. Townes For Associate Membership	Ph.D. Candidate, Ethics & Society, Vanderbilt University M.A. Religion, Yale University B.A. Philosophy and Religion, Claflin University

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BLACK RELIGION

NEW MEMBER NOMINATION FORM

(Please print or type)

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**Nominee must write a paragraph stating how he or she plans to demonstrate commitment to the SSBR.

*** Nominee may attend the annual meeting in which they are being nominated after consultation with her/his nominator.

Current Position(s) and Institution(s)
Assistant Professor of Theology & African & African Diaspora Studies
Boston College

EDUCATION

Institution	Degree	Date Conferred
<u>Duke University</u>	<u>PhD Religion</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Duke Univ. Divinity School</u>	<u>MDiv</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>University of Virginia</u>	<u>BA Religious Studies 2005</u> <u>& BA African and African-American studies</u>	

Dissertation Title: Immaculate Misconceptions: Black Mariology and the Christian Tradition of Trafficking Sex

Nominator's Name Evelyn L. Parker, PhD

Nominator's Address _____

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Documentation Included: Curriculum Vita Letter of nomination Nominee's Statement

Application must be sent via a single email attachment (Word.doc or .pdf) to the

following address: ssbrnominations@gmail.com.

All materials must be received by
January 5, 2022.



February 21, 2022

SSBR Executive Committee
VIA EMAIL

Dear SSBR Colleagues:

I am pleased to nominate Amey Adkins-Jones for full membership in the Society for the Study of Black Religion. She is currently Assistant Professor of Theology and African and African Diasporic Studies and Affiliate Faculty in women and Gender Studies at Boston College, beginning this appointment in 2017. Prior to this appointment she was a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Liberation Theologies, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies at KU Leuven, Belgium in 2016.

Her teaching and research include Black Feminist Thought, Black and Womanist Theologies, Africana Religious Traditions, and Human Trafficking. She has published four articles in reputable journals and her manuscript, *Immaculate Misconceptions: Black Mariology and the Christian Tradition of Trafficking Sex*, is under review. Her CV indicates additional monographs in process and online essays.

Dr. Adkins-Jones will enhance our conversations and advocacy through her scholarship and teaching as well as her expertise in the publishing industry as a copyeditor and photographer. It is without reservations that I nominate her for full membership in the SSBR. I am confident her contributions to the Society will advance our mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evelyn L. Parker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Evelyn" on the first line and "L. Parker" on the second line.

Evelyn L. Parker, PhD
Professor *Emerita* of
Practical Theology



BOSTON COLLEGE

THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT

To the Society for the Study of Black Religion Membership Committee:

Greetings! I write with joyful enthusiasm to join the membership of the Society for the Study of Black Religion (SSBR).

As a Black feminist and womanist theologian, as well as a scholar and teacher of Black studies, I readily acknowledge that the members of SSBR past and present are those who have made my very existence in the academy possible. As such it would be an honor to join this historic organization. I hope to be considered for membership not only to be in greater connection and community with my fellow colleagues, but to offer my voice in continued support of our collective goals of study as liberation, certainly when so many of us continue to face trenchant racism, sexism, and white supremacy masked through elitist production, competition, and burnout in our work. I hold myself to the highest models of professional and scholarly standards in my work and life, and seek out the opportunity to further those commitments through SSBR as a space of conversation, critique, mentorship, fellowship, and respite. As a member I hope to continue learning from those who already so greatly have impacted my life, but to also commit to continuing the legacy and formation of Black religious scholarship not only through my work, but through any means that I can offer—financially, intellectually, strategically and interpersonally—to continue staging conversations in Black religious scholarship, while also supporting and working to ensure the continued thriving and capacity of Black religious scholars and the unique questions we face in the academy. I thank you for your esteemed consideration, and look forward to growing and continuing the work together.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amey V. Adkins-Jones".

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// EDUCATION

Duke University | 2016
PhD Religion (Christian Theological Studies)
Certificate in Feminist Theory (Gender and Sexuality Studies)

Universiteit van Amsterdam | 2013
Summer Institute on Sexuality, Society and Culture

Duke Divinity School | 2009
MDiv *magna cum laude*

University of Virginia | 2005
BA Religious Studies
BA African and African-American Studies

// FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Theology and African and African Diaspora Studies
Affiliate Faculty, Women and Gender Studies
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 2017—Present

// OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Fellow, Centre for Liberation Theologies (Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies), KU Leuven, Belgium 2016

// PUBLICATIONS

monographs

Immaculate Misconceptions: Black Mariology and the Christian Tradition of Trafficking Sex (submitting for review)

See No Evil: A Theology of Black Protest (in progress)

Preserved: Abundance and Memory in Black Women's Lives (in progress)

essays in journals

"See No Evil": The Work of God in the Age of Racial Reproduction" *International Journal of Systematic Theology* (forthcoming, Spring 2022)

"Aesthetics of Resistance: Black Theology and the Visual Culture of The Shrine of the Black Madonna #9." *Africana Studies Review* 7(1): 62-86 (2021).

"Black/Feminist Futures: Reading Beauvoir in *Black Skin, White Masks*." *South Atlantic Quarterly* 112(4): 697-723 (2013).

"From Crib to Cage: The Theological Calculus of Solitary Confinement." *The Muslim World* 103(2): 209-222 (2013).

essays under review

"They Never Call It Rape: Visual Violence and Theological Erasure in Couwenbergh's *Rape of the Negress*" (under review, sub. summer 2021)

"Stretched Beneath a Pear Tree: A Womanist Reading of Augustine's *Confessions*" (under review, sub. summer 2021)

essays + chapters in collections

"A Theological Anthropology of Racism" in *T&T Clark Handbook for Theological Anthropology*, T&T Clark, (New York, NY): 2021; 345-356.

"Through A Glass Darkly: Theological [Re]Visioning with All The Boys" in *Carrie Mae Weems: Strategies of Engagement*. McMullen Museum of Art, Boston College, 2018.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Black Feminist Thought
Black and Womanist Theologies
Black Church Studies
Africana Religious Traditions
Mariology
Human Trafficking

essays online

"How Will This Be? Advent 4B" Living by the Word Lectionary Commentary, *The Christian Century*, Dec 2, 2020, vol. 137, no. 25.

"Who Are You?: Advent 3B" Living by the Word Lectionary Commentary, *The Christian Century*, Dec 2, 2020, vol. 137, no. 25

"High Risk: Advent 4B" Living by the Word Lectionary Commentary, *The Christian Century*, November 24, 2020. Online.

"The Significance of Citation: Advent 3B" Living by the Word Lectionary Commentary, *The Christian Century*, Nov 17, 2020. Online.

"Before I Wake." In The Shadow of Charleston Special Symposium, *The Syndicate*, (July 28, 2015): <http://bit.ly/1JyHVmn>

"saturday." *DIVINITY Magazine*, (Spring 2015); reprinted in *Between Midnight and Dawn: A Literary Guide to Prayer for Lent, Holy Week, and Eastertide*, Paraclete Press (Spr 2016)

"Ad(vent) Nauseum." *Curator Magazine*, (Dec 11, 2014): <http://bit.ly/1F93aV4>

"Precious, Take Our Hand." *Stony Roads: Office of Black Church Studies Blog*, (Nov 24, 2009): <http://bit.ly/YfCnoP>

"Learning to Speak." *Faith and Leadership Blog*. Leadership Education at Duke Divinity, (Nov 10, 2009): <http://bit.ly/1bSkTP>

book reviews

"Credo." Rev. of and Symposium Introduction for *Blackpentecostalbreath*, Ashton Crawley. *The Syndicate*, (Oct 16, 2017): <https://bit.ly/2jvRBo4>

"Poetry and Pre-Occupied Religion: Thinking the Theology of the Multitude." Rev. of *Occupy Religion: Theology of the Multitude*, Joerg Rieger and Kwok Pui-lan. *The Syndicate*, (Oct 17, 2014): <http://bit.ly/1pGI4VR>

"A Commentary on the Talking Book." Rev of The Talking Book: African Americans and the Bible, Allen Dwight Callahan. The A.M.E. Church review. (Apr—June 2008): 68—70.

// PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

conference presentations

"On Faking It: Counterfeit Pleasures and Womanish Bodies in Augustine's Confessions," Invited paper, Augustine: Frontiers of Pluralism conference, Villanova University (Jun 2022)

"Beyond Man: Race, Coloniality, and the Philosophy of Religion." Invited session, American Academy of Religion annual meeting: San Antonio, TX (Nov 2021)

"Covid-19 and the Black Church." Invited session, American Academy of Religion annual meeting: San Antonio, TX (Nov 2021)

"Agency, Liberation, Transformation: Feminist Comparative Theological Perspectives." Respondent, American Academy of Religion annual meeting: San Antonio, TX (Nov 2021)

"Theological Reflections on the Work of Hortense Spillers." invited session, American Academy of Religion annual meeting (invited 2020, deferred to 2021).

"The Maps of Spring: Race, Westworld, and the Overrepresentation of the *Imago Dei*." American Academy of Religion annual meeting: Denver, CO (Nov 2018, accepted to program but unpresented due to medical leave).

"On Mysticism and Race." American Academy of Religion annual meeting: Denver, CO (Nov 2018, accepted to program but unpresented due to medical leave).

"Black the Color of Blood: Embodied Imaginaries and the Shrine of the Black Madonna." American Academy of Religion annual meeting: Boston, MA (Nov 2017).

"Africa on Abernathy: Embodied Imaginaries and the Shrine of the Black Madonna."

Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora biennial meeting: Seville, Spain (Nov 2017).

"Between Two Worlds: Bodily Remains" Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium (Africana Religious Studies): Drew Theological School, Madison, NJ (Mar 2017).

"Other Diasporas: Mary, Glissant, and Theology-in-Relation." American Academy of Religion annual meeting: San Antonio, TX (Nov 2016).

"For the Love: Mary, Glissant, and Theology-in- Relation." *Anthropos* Research Group, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, KU Leuven: Leuven, BE (Sept 2016).

"Hail, Mary: Intimacy, Ecstasy, and the Lesbian Relation of the Annunciation." American Academy of Religion annual meeting: Atlanta, GA (Nov 2015).

"Who's A Sinner, Who's A Slave? Sex Trafficking and the Rescue Industry" Roundtable Discussion. American Academy of Religion annual meeting: Atlanta, GA (Nov 2015).

"Uncontested Arrivals: Baartman, Borders and the Theopolitics of the Global Sex Trade." American Academy of Religion annual meeting: San Diego, CA (Nov 2014).

"Women Are From Venus: Baartman and the Pornotropic Imaginations of Border Crossing." National Women's Studies annual meeting: San Juan, PR (Nov 2014).

"Women Are From Venus: Saartjie Baartman and the Theo-Logics of Captivity." Centre for Women's and Gender Research, University of Bergen: Bergen, Norway (Apr 2014).

"From Hottentot to HeLa: The Unsolicited Immortality of Black Women's Bodies." American Academy of Religion annual meeting: Baltimore, MD (Nov 2013).

"Even Unto Death: Posthumous Theology and the Unsolicited Immortality of Black Women's Bodies." University of Virginia, Graduate Colloquium on Theology, Ethics & Culture: Charlottesville, VA (Apr 2013).

"Black Madonna or Mammy?: Configurations of Iconography and the Performative Aesthetics of Darkness," American Studies Association annual meeting: San Juan, PR (Nov 2012).

invited lectures

"The Fierce Urgency of Now," MLK Keynote Speaker, Anselm University, (Feb 2022)

"Antiracism and her Afterlives: Blackness and the Zombie," Fordham University, (Jan 2022)

"Visuals of Blackness and the Black Madonna in Christian History," Race and Justice Series, Union Theological Seminary of New York (Oct 2022)

"Blood in the Water: The Theological Afterlives of Race and Human Trafficking" Women's Consultation in Constructive Theology, Catholic Theological Society of America annual meeting (invited 2020, deferred to June 2021)

"What Remains: Reflections on Pedagogy, Pandemics, and Practices of Freedom" Keynote, Excellent in Teaching Day, Boston College Center for Teaching Excellent: Chestnut Hill, MA (May 2021)

"Do Black Lives Matter to God?" Boston College School of Theology and Ministry Continuing Education Series: Chestnut Hill, MA (Oct 2020).

"Claiming Our Voices: #SayHerName (Toward a Womanist Ethic of Resilience and Hope)" Spelman College, Consultation of African and African Diasporan Women in Religion and Theology: Atlanta, GA (July 2016).

"Mistaken Identities: Sex, Sarah Baartman, and the Imaginaries of Border Crossing," KU Leuven, Liberation Theology Forum: Leuven, BE (May 2016).

"#BlackLivesMatter and the Ethics of Solidarity," Vrije Universiteit, "Religion, Violence and Trauma" Course (R. R. Ganzevoort and S. Sremac): Amsterdam, NL (Oct 2015).

"Mary and the Incarnation," Duke Divinity School, Introduction to Theology Course (Willie Jennings): Durham, NC (Oct 2014).

"Sex Sells: Race and Theology in the Global Sex Trade." Duke University, GradX Presentation Series: Durham, NC (Apr 2013).

"Theology of the Body (Parts): HeLa Cells and the Afterlife" Duke University, Duke Theology Colloquy: Durham, NC (Feb 2013).

"Race, Rape and Redemption: Theologically Rendering Sexuality and the Black Church," Duke Divinity School, Theology of Black Church Traditions Course (J. Kameron Carter): Durham, NC (Oct 2012).

"Healing and Trauma in Incarcerated Populations: A Consideration of Race, Sex and Gender," North Carolina State University Department of Social Work, "Healing in Broken Places" Symposium: Raleigh, NC (Mar 2012).

"Silencing Simone: Between Frantz Fanon and the Second Sex," Center for Philosophy, Arts and Literature, "Simone de Beauvoir Today" Symposium: Durham, NC (Sept 2011).

"Race and Confinement: The Theological Implications of Solitary Confinement as Torture," Duke Human Rights Center at the Franklin Humanities Institute, Toward a Moral Consensus Against Torture Conference: Durham, NC (Mar 2011).

"Why We Write: An Introduction to Spiritual Autobiography at the Intersections of Race and Gender," Duke Divinity School, Identity and Spiritual Autobiography Seminar (W. Jennings and M. Fulkerson): Durham, NC (Jan 2010).

"Introduction to Close Reading and Theological Writing," Duke Divinity School, Office of Black Church Studies: Durham, NC (Sept 2009).

invited panels

"Breonna Taylor, Womanist Theology, and the Legacies of Justice" Union Presbyterian Seminary, Katie Geneva Canon Center for Womanist Leadership: Richmond, VA (Mar 2021). *Virtual*.

"otherwise is not a place but a practice (A. Crawley, 2021); New City Arts Initiative Fellowship art exhibition opening, artist talkback: Charlottesville, VA (Jan 2021)

"Radical Equality, Radical Congregants," Duke University, Women's Studies Colloquium, Respondent to Stephanie Rytialhti: Durham, NC (Jan 2014).

"Theologies of Human Trafficking," Duke Divinity School, Black Seminarians Union guest speaker: Durham, NC (Apr 2013).

"Mariology, Augustine and the Public/Private Distinction" Duke University, Duke Theology Colloquy, Respondent to Sean Larsen: Durham, NC (Dec 2012).

"Fields of Mudan—An Investigation of Intersectionality and Sex Trafficking," Duke Divinity School, film screening and faculty discussion: Durham, NC (Jan 2010).

"Theological Implications of Sex-Trafficking in Northern India: An Investigation of Impacts of Race and Gender in Christian Thought and Society," Duke Divinity School, Slavery and Obedience Seminar (W. Jennings): Durham, NC (Dec 2008).

"Homosexuality, Allies and the Black Church," Duke Divinity School, Office of Black Church Studies panelist: Durham, NC (Nov 2008).

"Race, Politics, and the Black Church in the Obama Moment," Duke Divinity School, respondent to Dr. J. K. Carter lecture: Durham, NC (Oct 2008).

public lectures (selected)

Keynote, "The Funny Thing About Figs," 44th Annual Theodore D. Mann Mayor's Community Prayer Breakfast (Newton, MA), Boston College: Newton, MA (May 2018)

Plenary Preacher, "Nevertheless, She Persisted," Annual Black Campus Ministries (BCM) New England Conference, Morningstar Baptist Church: Mattapan, MA (Feb 2018)

Plenary Preacher, "To Prophesy As Commanded," Black Campus Ministries National Staff Conference, InterVarsity: Atlanta, GA (Mar 2017)

Workshop Leader, "Lent In A Time of Protest," Black Campus Ministries National Staff Conference, InterVarsity: Atlanta, GA (Mar 2017)

Keynote, "Disturbing the Peace: Reconsidering Global Crisis and Christian Mission," Anderson University, "Peace and Conflict Transformation" Series: Anderson, IN (Mar 2012).

Visiting Lecturer, "The Black History of the Episcopal Church" and "Legacies of Pauli Murray," The Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter, Black History Month Adult Education Series: Mebane, NC (Jan—Feb 2011).

Keynote, "Community and Growth: The Transformational Theologies of Ability in L'arche Community," Word Made Flesh Beggars Society Forum (International Podcast): Omaha, NE (Feb 2008).

research + teaching collaborations

- Co-Convenor, Consultation of African and African Diasporan Women in Religion and Theology, Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia (2016)
- Co-Organizer, "Human Traffic: Past and Present" Conference, Center for African and African-American Studies and Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University, Durham, NC (2010—2011)
- Research Associate, Office of Black Church Studies, Duke Divinity School (2009—2010)
- Editor, Stony Roads Blog, Office of Black Church Studies, Duke Divinity School (2009—2010)
- Assistant Editor, *Gatherings*: The Journal of the Office of Black Church Studies, Duke Divinity School (2008)

// TEACHING

undergraduate courses

Boston College

- Figures in Black Feminism: bell hooks (F'22)
- AADS Senior Capstone: Theorizing the Diaspora/ "In Search of Our Mother's Gardens" (S'22)
- God, Self, and Society (S'21, F'21)
- The Walking Dead: Zombies, Race, and the (After)Life of Death (F'20, F'21)
- Black Church, Black Protest (S'18, S'19, S'21)
- Introduction to Christian Theology I (F'17)
- Introduction to Christian Theology II (S'18, S'19)

Duke University

- The Walking Dead: Corpses and Canons on the Meaning of Life (F'13)

graduate courses

Boston College

- Feminist Theory and Theology (F'22)
- Into the Far Country: The Theology of Karl Barth (S'22)
- Black Feminist and Womanist Thought (reading course, S'21)
- Mariology (F'20)

Duke Divinity School

- Spiritual Autobiography (S'11, on site at Raleigh Correctional Center for Women)
- Riffing on Scripture: Art and the Bible (F'10, on site at Raleigh Correction Center for Women)

graduate precepts

Duke Divinity School

- Christian Identity and the Racial Formation of the Modern World (W. Jennings: S'13, S'10, F'9 (2 sections))*

- Slavery and Obedience (W. Jennings: S'13)
- Theology of Black Church Traditions (J. Carter: F'12)
- Introduction to Christian Ethics (S. Wells: S'10)*
- Introduction to Old Testament II (S. Chapman: S'10)*
- Suffering, Evil and Redemption (T. Williams: S'10)*
* independent teaching course sections

graduate dissertation committees

- Byron Wratee, Theology Department (Systematics), Boston College, *in progress*
- Nathan Wood House, Theology Department (Systematics), Boston College, *in progress*
- S. Kyle Johnson, Theology Department (Systematics), Boston College, *in progress*

graduate comprehensive exam committees

- Sarah Livick-Moses, Theology Department (Systematics), Boston College, 2022
- Chanelle Robinson, Theology Department (Systematics), Boston College, 2022
- Byron Wratee, Theology Department (Systematics), Boston College, 2021
- S. Kyle Johnson, Theology Department (Systematics), Boston College, 2019

graduate teaching supervision

- Laurel Marshall Potter, Theology Department (Systematics), Boston College, 2021
- Christopher Williams, Theology Department (New Testament), Boston College, 2019
- Joseph McCrave, Theology Department (Ethics), Boston College, 2017—2018

undergraduate research supervision

- Sydney Fosnick Davis, Undergraduate Research Fellow, Boston College, 2021—2022
- Alejandra Wright, Undergraduate Research Fellow, Boston College, 2019
- Annalise Deal, Undergraduate Research Fellow, Boston College, 2017—2018
- Sageene Francis, Undergraduate Research Fellow, Boston College, 2017—2018

undergraduate thesis supervision

- *Area (Expert) Reader*, Louise de Galard Terraube, "The Racialization of Muslim 'Othering' in France" Faith, Peace and Justice Program. Spring 2021
- *Area (Expert) Reader*, Ryan Dowd, "The Formation of Culturally Competent Teachers to Address the Complexities of Race in the American Education System." Faith, Peace and Justice Program. Spring 2019
- *Second Reader*, Annalise Deal, "The Pastoral Theology of Cecil Williams: 50 Years of Preferential Option for San Francisco's Poor." Honors Program. Spring 2018

// HONORS, GRANTS + AWARDS

selected fellowships + awards

- Kolvenbach Grant Award, Intersections Program, Boston College (2019)
- Dr. Sharon Watson Fluker Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Fund for Theological Exploration (2015—2016)
- Society of Duke Fellows, Duke University (2010—present)
- Dean's Graduate Fellowship, Duke University (2010—2015)
- Forum for Theological Exploration Alumni Symposium (2014, 2015)
- Graduate School Research Award: San Diego, California (2014)
- Travel Grant: Puerto Rico, Duke University, Women's Studies Department (2014)
- Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award Top 5%, Office of Assessment, Duke University (Fall 2013)
- Humanities, Arts, Science & Technology Alliance & Collaboratory (HASTAC) Scholar Fellowship (2013—2014)
- Kearns Mini Travel Grant: AAR (2013)
- Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Grant, AAR (2013)
- Graduate School Research Travel Award: Amsterdam, The Netherlands (2013)
- Anna K. Baxter Travel Award, American Studies Association (2012)

- Travel Grant: Ghana, Duke University, Women's Studies Department (2012)
- Fund for Theological Education Doctoral Fellowship (2010—2012)
- Ford Diversity Fellowship Honorable Mention (2010)
- Duke Divinity Dean's Scholarship, Duke University (2006—2009)
- Fund for Theological Education Ministry Fellowship (2006—2007)
- Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center Travel Fellowship, Israel-Palestine (2006)

seminars, institutes + workshops

- Intersectionality and Theology Workshop, Villanova University (Invited Participant, 2019)
- Africana Religious Traditions and the Americans Workshop, Mount Holyoke (Invited Participant, 2019)
- Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion New Teacher Dinner Workshop (Invited Participant, AAR 2017)
- Fellowship of Protestant Ethics (Invited Participant, 2016, 2017)
- NWSA Women of Color Leadership Project Award Participant (2015—2017)
- Wabash Teaching and Learning Doctoral Workshop (2015)
- Collegeville Institute Summer Writing Workshop Fellow, "Words That Sing" (2015)
- Feminist Scholars Digital Workshop (2014)
- Women's Coding Collective (2014)
- Institute for Sexuality, Society and Culture, University of Amsterdam: Amsterdam, The Netherlands (2013)
- Sexuality Summer School, University of Manchester: Manchester, England (2013)
- Summer Institute Fellow, Human Rights Campaign Foundation: Nashville, TN (2012)
- "Writing Is Thinking" Young Scholars Participant, Duke Center for Philosophy, Arts and Literature: Durham, NC (2011)
- Faculty/Graduate Seminar: "Toward an Ontology: Women and Republican Formation." Hortense Spillers, Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University: Durham, NC (2010)

media features

- "What Women Know," Massachusetts Council of Churches Women's History Month Series, 14 Apr 2021.
- "The Black Church," Panelist, *WGBH's Basic Black* (Boston's Local PBS), 19 Feb 2021.
- "Feminist Profile: An Interview with Amey Victoria Adkins-Jones," *Feminist Talk Religion*. Podcast. Feminist Studies in Religion Forum. Spring 2020.
- "How to Get Better at Living: Lessons from Almost Dying." *Agape Latte: Sharing Stories of Faith*. Podcast. 23 March 2019. <https://bit.ly/2v0kFKq>
- "Asking God to be God: An Interview with Dr. Amey Victoria Adkins-Jones." *All Shall Be Well: Conversations with Women in the Academy and Beyond*. Podcast. Intervarsity: Women in the Academy and Professions. 6 March 2019. <https://apple.co/2GgR6e2>
- "Fresh Perspectives: The multidisciplinary work of new faculty on religion and the African diaspora" *BC Communications*. 11 February 2018.
- "Look Ahead 2014." *Religion and Ethics Newsweekly*. PBS. 3 January 2014. <http://to.pbs.org/1i1FLKp>

// ACADEMIC SERVICE

departmental

- Member, Graduate Application Review Committee, Theology (2022)
- Member, Theology Undergraduate Program Assessment Committee (2021-2022)
- Member, AADS Admissions Committee (2021-2022)
- Coordinator, Black Women and Theology Inservice and Womanist Talkback, (Apr 2021) :: procured funding for 8 BIPOC and/or womxn-identified graduate and undergraduate students with interest in theological study to attend the Katie Geneva Cannon Center for Womanist Leadership virtual conference; organized and led a local talkback for attendees across universities through the BTI Consortium
- Panelist, Theology Department Graduate Program Series, (Feb 2021)
- Member, Graduate Application Review Committee, Theology Department (Jan 2021)

- Member, Departmental Lectures Committee, Theology Department, Boston College (2020—ongoing)
- Meditation Leader, Theology Department Graduate Chaplain Series, (Nov 2020)
- Member, Faculty Search Committee, Liberation/Latinx Theologies, Theology Department, (2019)
- Host, Women in Theology Graduate Group, Theology (May 2019)
- Member, Curriculum Committee, Theology (2017—2019)
- Member, Graduate Application Review Committee, Theology (Jan 2018)
- Member, Self-Study Review Committee, African and African Diaspora Studies Program, (2017—2018)
- Participant, Systematic Theology Colloquium, (2017—ongoing)

campus talks and lectures

- Keynote, "A Different Kind of Flame: How Spirit and Social Justice Shape Us," BRAVE Conference, Thea Bowman AHANA and Intercultural Center, Jan 2022
- Speaker, "Interview A Theologian," Introduction to Biblical Heritage, Y. Gillihan, Nov 2021
- Lecturer, "Sorrow Songs and Africana Study: The Significance of the Black Church in America," Introduction to African and African Diaspora Studies, M. McElwaine, March 2021
- Speaker, "Exploring Anti-Racist Pedagogies," Teaching Roundtables Program, Center for Teaching Excellence, Oct 2020
- Speaker, Faculty Seminar Series on Religious Resources to Combat Racism, Boisi Center, Oct 2020
- Respondent, "Toward a Liberating Anti-Racist Political Theology: Reading Johann Baptist Metz and James H. Cone Against American Anti-Black Necropolitics," Nathan Wood-House, Systematic Theology Colloquium, Sept 2020
- Keynote Panelist, Graduate Student Teaching Conference, Center for Teaching Excellence, August 2020
- Keynote, "Facing Death and the Zombies: Resiliency, Part 3," *The Show @6: BC and the Common Good*, July 2020
- Panelist, "Creative Process as a Vehicle for Critical Thinking," Excellence in Teaching Day: Making Learning Visible, Center for Teaching Excellence, May 2019
- Panelist, "Celebrating M. Shawn Copeland: Memory, Freedom, and Solidarity," Apr 2019
- Presenter, "They Never Call It Rape," Systematic Theology Colloquium, Apr 2019
- Panelist, Gabelli Presidential Scholars Women's Summit, Mar 2019
- Keynote, "How To Get Better At Living: Lessons from Almost Dying," Agape Latte, c21 Center, Mar 2019
- Keynote, "If BC Street Could Talk: Gender and Justice on Our Campus," Boston College Women's Collaborative, Mar 2019
- Speaker, "Interview A Theologian," Introduction to Biblical Heritage, Y. Gillihan, Mar 2019
- Keynote, "Black Faith Matters," Black Campus Fellowship, Feb 2019
- Keynote Panelist, "Backs Against The Wall: The Howard Thurman Story," Documentary Screening feat. Director, The Boisi Center, Feb 2019
- Keynote Introduction, Ashon Crawley, "In the Flesh: Prayer, Praise, Protest," AADS New Directions Lecture Series, Jan 2019
- Keynote, Gabelli Presidential Scholars Program Meeting, Jan 2019
- Panelist, "Teaching Empathy," Excellence in Teaching Day: Imagining the Future of Learning, Center for Teaching Excellence, May 2018
- Speaker, "From Virgin to Venus," AADS Works In Progress Series, Apr 2018
- Keynote, "The Etiquette We Seek: On Race and Faith," Conversations That Matter Series, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Apr 2018
- Keynote Introduction, Kimberly Foster, "Black Bostonians In The Media," Blacks in Boston Conference, Apr 2018
- Keynote, "What's Love Got To Do With It?," 4Boston Annual Justice Teach-In, Feb 2018

- Panelist, "Dialogues on the Monologues," Women and Gender Studies Program, Feb 2018
- Presenter, "On Faking It: A Womanist Reading of Augustine's *Confessions*," Black Faculty Writing Collective (Inaugural Pilot), Feb 2018
- Keynote, "Resilience in a Time of Resistance," Montserrat Coalition Dinner Club, Feb 2018
- Keynote Introduction, Willie Jennings, "To Hear the World Again: Giving Christians an Actual Doctrine of Creation," Annual Candlemas Lecture, Lowell Humanities Series, Jan 2018
- Keynote, "The Walking Dead: On Martin, Mo(u)rning, and Memory," BFSAA Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast, Jan 2018
- Jr. Faculty Nominee, "See No Evil: Technology, Violence, and the Future of Black Being," Andrew Carnegie Fellowship Program, Nov 2017
- Presenter, "Nothing But The Blood, or, Afterbirth," Faculty Colloquium Series, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Nov 2017
- Respondent, "Michelle Alexander and Walter Fluker: Mystical-Prophetic in Black—A Special Look at Mass Incarceration and the Black Lives Matter Movement," K. Spencer, Systematic Theology Colloquium, Oct 2017
- Presenter, "Made Flesh: Toward A Theology Without Purity," Faculty Brown Bag Lunch Series, Theology Department, Oct 2017

university life

- Participant, Design Thinking Working Group, Center for Digital Innovation in Learning, 2021-2022
- Planning Committee, Faculty Speaker and Mentor, Black Women Matter Retreat, The Women's Center, 2021-2022
- Mentor, RISE Mentorship Program, Women's Center, 2021-2022
- Participant, Black Women Faculty Reading Group, Center for Teaching Excellence, 2021-2022
- Participant, "So You Want To Talk About Race?" Faculty Reading Group, Center for Teaching Excellence, Spring 2021
- Participant, Course Preparation Retreat, Center for Teaching Excellence, Jan 2021
- Planning Committee, Faculty Speaker and Mentor, Black Women Matter Retreat, The Women's Center, Nov 2019
- Participant, Intersections Scholars Three-Day Sabbatical, May 2019
- Participant (sponsored), Women of Color in the Academy Conference, Northeastern University, Mar 2019
- Participant, Teaching for Inclusion and Social Justice Cohort, Center for Teaching Excellence, 2018—2019
- Participant, The Villa Faculty Writing Retreat, Intersections Program, June 2018
- Participant, Black Faculty Writing Collective (Inaugural Pilot), Spring 2018
- Participant, Civitas Lunch Series, Intersections Program, 2017—ongoing

additional professional development

- Participant, Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity, Spring 2022
- Participant, Black Women Scholars of Religion in Boston Writing Summit (Tituba's Brood), Northeastern University, Jan 2022
- Invited Participant, Sophia's Voice: Women Religious Scholars Leadership Summit, Playing Big Leadership Development Team, Spring 2021
- Participant, Black Women Scholars of Religion in Boston Writing Summit (Tituba's Brood), Northeastern University, Jan 2021
- Participant (sponsored), Women of Color in the Academy Conference, Northeastern University, Mar 2019

other professional service

- Steering Committee Member, Black Theology, American Academy of Religion (2019—2023)
- Invited Speaker, Health and Wellness In-Service, Duke University (2021)
- Invited Mentor, Political Theology Network Mentoring Initiative (2018)
- Steering Committee Member, Lesbian-Feminisms and Religion, American Academy of Religion (2017—2020)
- Duke Feminist Theory Workshop (2010—2014)
- Women's Studies Graduate Colloquium (2010—2014)
- Theology and Ethics Doctoral Colloquium (2010—2014)
- Graduate Member, Faculty Hiring Committee, Duke Divinity School (Church History, 2008—2009, Black Church Studies, Spring 2013)
- Undergraduate Member, Faculty Hiring Committee, University of Virginia (Religious Studies, 2005)

manuscript reviews

Abolition: A Journal of Insurgent Politics
Political Theology
Wiley-Blackwell

selected professional activities

- On-the-Ground Coordinator, Duke Engage Summer Program, Seattle, WA (2010)
- Co-Director, "Live at the Lampstand: Broadway Revue" Annual North Carolina AIDS Alliance Fundraiser, Duke Divinity School, (2008—2009); Vocalist (2006—2009)
- Chapel Assistant, Goodson Chapel and Duke University Chapel (2006—2009)
- Intern, Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope: Durham, NC. Office of Black Church Studies and Duke Center for Reconciliation (2008)
- PathWays Mission Intern, Duke University Chapel (2007—2008)
- Chaplain, Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope: Uganda and Rwanda, Office of Black Church Studies and Duke Center for Reconciliation (2007)

// COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Amistad Curriculum Review Committee, Newark Public Schools, 2020-2021
- Board of Directors, Bethany Cares, Inc. (2019—current)
- Board of Directors, Daughters of the African Atlantic Fund, Inc. (2015—2018)
- Board of Directors, Johnson Intern Program (2010—2012)
- Mentor, Johnson Intern Program (2011—2012)
- Physical Assistant for Differently-Abled Communities
Private Service, Durham, NC (2009—2011)
L'arche Daybreak, Richmond Hill, Ontario, CA (2007—2009)
Asha Niketan (L'arche), Kolkata, IN (2008)

// LANGUAGES

Speaking, Reading and Comprehension
English (Native), Dutch (A2), Mandarin Chinese (A2)
Academic Reading and Translation
French, Spanish, German, Greek (Koine), Hebrew

// PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Academy of Religion
- American Studies Association
- National Women's Studies Association
- Society of Christian Ethics

// LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

- Licensed Minister, Missionary Baptist Church
- Certified Group Fitness Instructor, Aerobics and Fitness Association of America (AFAA)
- Licensed Zumba Instructor
- Marathon Runner
- First Aid | CPR | AED Certified

// ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Copywriting | CMS | UX Design | HTML | CSS
- Photoshop | Indesign | Illustrator | Layout + Design
- Photography | Iconography

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BLACK RELIGION

NEW MEMBER NOMINATION FORM

(Please print or type)

Name of Nominee: Ericka Shawndricka Dunbar

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Office Phone [REDACTED] Home or Cell Phone [REDACTED]

Fax [REDACTED] E-mail address edunbar@payneseminary.edu

****Nominee must write a paragraph stating how he or she plans to demonstrate commitment to the SSBR.**

***** Nominee may attend the annual meeting in which they are being nominated after consultation with her/his nominator.**

Current Position(s) and Institution(s)

Visiting Professor of Hebrew Bible/Louisville Institute Post Doc, Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, OH

EDUCATION

Institution	Degree	Date Conferred
<u>Drew University</u>	<u>Ph.D (HB/OT)</u>	<u>May 22, 20220</u>
<u>Candler School of Theology at Emory</u>	<u>Th.M</u>	<u>May 13, 2012</u>
<u>Interdenominational Theological Center</u>	<u>M.Div</u>	<u>May 12, 2012</u>

Dissertation Title:

Trafficking Hadassah: An Africana Reading of Collective Trauma, Memory and Identity in the book of Esther and the African Diaspora

Nominator's Name Mitzi J. Smith

Nominator's Address [REDACTED]

Nominator's Email mitzij.smith@gmail.com

Documentation Included: Curriculum Vita Letter of nomination Nominee's Statement

Application must be sent via a single email attachment (Word.doc or .pdf) to the following address: ssbrnominations@gmail.com.

**All materials must be received
by January 5, 2022.**



October 28, 2021

Society for the Study of Black Religion
New Member Nomination Committee
ssbrnominations@gmail.com

Re: Nomination of Dr. Ericka Dunbar for SSBR Membership

Dear SSBR:

As a member of SSBR, I hereby nominate Dr. Ericka Dunbar for membership in SSBR. Dr. Dunbar's CV, completed nomination form, and commitment statement are attached. I have known Dr. Dunbar for about three years, having been introduced to her by Dr. Randall Bailey. As a Hebrew Bible scholar who completed her doctoral degree within the past year and a half and has now published her dissertation, she is already contributing to the study of Black religion. Her first authored book (based on her dissertation) entitled *Trafficking Hadassah: Collective Trauma, Cultural Memory, and Identity in the Book of Esther and in the African Diaspora* is highly anticipated and needed. Recently Dr. Dunbar agreed to serve as a co-editor of my upcoming sequel to *Stony the Road we Trod*, which is entitled *Bitter the Chastening Rod: Africana Interpretation after Stony the Road in an Age of #BLM, #MeToo, and #SayHerName*. Her work as an editor on that project was consistently critical, engaged, and invaluable. Dr. Dunbar has taught at Spelman College and is now at Payne Theological Seminary, two historically Black institutions; I have no doubt she served with excellence. I believe she will soon land a permanent position in the field and continue to contribute the study of Black religion in the classroom as well as in her scholarship. I enthusiastically and highly recommend Dr. Dunbar for membership in SSBR.

Sincerely,

Mitzi J Smith

Mitzi J. Smith, Ph.D.
J Davison Philips Professor of New Testament
Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
Email: smithm@ctsnet.edu

Attachments

Ericka Shawndricka Dunbar

E Mail edunbar@payneseminary.edu

RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS: Religion and Social Change Africana Biblical Studies, Africana Diaspora Studies, Trauma Studies, Ethics, Cultural Studies, Women's Studies, gender based violence, women and children in the Bible, Human Trafficking discourses, the role and impact of religion on individual and collective/cultural identities.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, May 22, 2020

Drew University, Madison, NJ 07940

Area Hebrew Bible/Old Testament

Master of Theology, May 13, 2013

Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322

Master of Divinity, May 12, 2012

Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA 30314

Concentration Hebrew Bible, Biblical Studies

Bachelor of Science in Health Education, December 15, 2007

Department of Health Education & Behavior

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611

Specialization Health Studies

Associate of Arts, December 2004

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Professor of Hebrew Bible (July 2021 – October 2021)

Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures (Online Format)

Payne Theological Seminary

1230 Wilberforce Clifton Rd., Wilberforce, OH 45384

Visiting Professor of Hebrew Bible (March 2021 – May 2021)

Introduction to the New Testament (Online Format)

Payne Theological Seminary

1230 Wilberforce Clifton Rd., Wilberforce, OH 45384

Visiting Professor of Hebrew Bible (January 2021 – March 2021)

Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures (Online Format)

Payne Theological Seminary

1230 Wilberforce Clifton Rd., Wilberforce, OH 45384

Lecturer/Adjunct Professor (August 2020 – December 2020)

Introduction to the New Testament (Online Format)

Spelman College

350 Spelman Lane S. W., Atlanta, GA 30314

Lecturer/Adjunct Professor (June 2020 – July 2020)

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (Online and Intensive Format)

Spelman College

350 Spelman Lane S. W., Atlanta, GA 30314

Lecturer/Adjunct Professor (January 2020 – May 2020)

The Book of Esther Scripture, Sexual Exploitation, and the Politics of Identity Secrecy

Spelman College

350 Spelman Lane S. W., Atlanta, GA 30314

Lecturer/Adjunct Professor (August 2019 December 2019)
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
Interdenominational Theological Center
700 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Atlanta, GA 30314

Lecturer/Adjunct Professor (August 2019 December 2019)
Megilloth Esther
Interdenominational Theological Center
700 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Atlanta, GA 30314

Lecturer/Adjunct Professor (August 2019 December 2019)
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
Spelman College
350 Spelman Lane S. W., Atlanta, GA 30314

Assistant to the Professor (June July 2019)
Graduate Intensive Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy (Drew University)
Children's Defense Fund's Alex Haley Farm
1000 Alex Haley Ln, Clinton, TN 37716

Lecturer/Adjunct Professor (January 2019 May 2019)
The Book of Esther Scripture, Sexual Exploitation, and the Politics of Identity Secrecy
Spelman College
350 Spelman Lane S. W., Atlanta, GA 30314

Lecturer/Adjunct Professor (August 2018 December 2018)
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
Spelman College
350 Spelman Lane S. W., Atlanta, GA 30314

Adjunct Professor (August 2018 December 2018)
Introduction to Interpreting the Old Testament (Hybrid Course)
Memphis Theological Seminary
168 E Pkwy, Memphis, TN 38104

Professor (June July 2018)
Graduate Intensive Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy (Drew University)
Children's Defense Fund's Alex Haley Farm
1000 Alex Haley Ln, Clinton, TN 37716

Teaching Assistant (January 2018 May 2018)
Introduction to the New Testament Epistles (Online)
Dr. Shively Jackson Smith, Wesley Theological Seminary
4500 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington D.C, 20016

Teaching Assistant (September 2016 June 2017)
Cross Cultural Course Native Americans and Appalachia
Dr. Heather Elkins, Drew University
36 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940

Teaching Assistant (August 2016 September 2016)
Biblical Literature I (Intensive)
Dr. Danna Nolan Fewell, Drew University
36 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940

Teaching Assistant (January 2016 May 2016)
Introduction to Pastoral Care
Dr. Angella Son, Drew University
36 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940

Teaching Assistant (August 2011 May 2013)
Introduction to Hebrew Bible; Bible Sex and Sexuality; and Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
Dr. Randall C. Bailey, Interdenominational Theological Center

700 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30314

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant (January 2017 May 2017)

Conducted research for Dr. Traci West for publication, *Solidarity and Defiant Spirituality: Africana Lessons on Religion, Racism and Ending Gender Violence* (2019). Responsibilities included research, footnotes and bibliography.

Research Assistant (June 2015 August 2015)

Compiled research for Dr. Traci West for a forthcoming publication on African American women and violence. Responsibilities included research, footnotes, and bibliography.

Research Assistant (May 2015 September 2015)

Compiled research for Dr. Randall C. Bailey for a forthcoming publication on the Bible and sexuality. Responsibilities included research, footnotes, and bibliography.

Student Reference and Research Assistant I (September 2014 May 2017)

Drew University Library, 26 Madison Ave. Madison, NJ 07940

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Administrative Assistant (August 2016 May 2017)

Office of the Dean of Formation and Vocation
36 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940

Administrative Assistant (December 2015 August 2016)

Drew Theological School's Center for Lifelong Learning
36 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940

Administrative Assistant (September 2009 May 2012)

Office of the Registrar, Interdenominational Theological Center,
700 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Atlanta, GA 30314

COMPETENCIES AND RESEARCH

Third Comprehensive Exam An interdisciplinary exam on Collective Trauma, its use and relevance as a hermeneutical lens in Biblical Studies.

Fourth Comprehensive Exam Collective Trauma in the Book of Esther.

Dissertation Research "Trafficking Hadassah An Africana Reading of Collective Trauma, Memory and Identity in the Book of Esther and the African Diaspora." Dr. Kenneth Ngwa, Chair Dr. Angella Son, Dr. Traci West, and Dr. Danna Fewell, committee members.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES

Hebrew, Greek, Spanish, German, French

PUBLICATIONS

Trafficking Hadassah: Collective Trauma, Cultural Memory, and Identity in the Book of Esther and in the African Diaspora. Taylor & Francis Group. November 15, 2021.

Smith, Mitzi, General Editor. Angela Parker and Ericka Dunbar, Co editors. *"Bitter the Chastening Rod": African American Interpretation in the Age of #BLM, #SayHerName and #MeToo.* Work In Progress. Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, 2021.

Sidney K. Berman, Paul L. Leshota, Ericka S. Dunbar, Musa W. Dube and Malebogo Kgalemang (eds). *Mother Earth, Mother Africa, and Biblical Studies: Interpretations in the Context of Climate Change.* 29 BiAS Bible in Africa Studies, University of Bamberg Press, 2021.

"Sisters of the Soil... Surviving Collective, Cultural Traumatization Intertextualities between Hagar, the Ethiopian Virgin Girls in the Book of Esther, and Mother Africa" in *Mother Earth, Postcolonial and Liberation Theologies.* Lexington Books/Fortress Academic. August 19, 2021.

"For Such a Time as This? #Us Too Representations of Sexual Trafficking, Collective Trauma and Horror in the Book of Esther" in the *Bible and Critical Theory* Journal, Vol. 15, No. 2. December 2019.

https://www.bibleandcriticaltheory.com/issues/vol_15_no_2_2019_bible_and_critical_theory/

"Sisters of the Soil... Surviving Collective, Cultural Traumatization Intertextualities between Hagar, the Ethiopian Virgin Girls in the Book of Esther, and Mother Africa" in FAMA *feministisch politisch theologisch*. Theologisches Afrika edition, excerpt of Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians keynote translated into German. November, 2019.

<https://famabloggt.wordpress.com>

"Children in Proverbs," co written with Dr. Kenneth Ngwa, in *T & T Clark Handbook of Children and Childhood in the Biblical World*, Bloomsbury T & T Clark, Edited by Sharon Betsworth and Julie F. Parker. March 21, 2019.

BOOK REVIEWS

Kimberly Russaw, *Daughters in the Hebrew Bible*. Lanham Lexington, 2018. Pp. xii + 225. In *Biblical Interpretation* 27 (2019) 304 306

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

"Vulnerable Bodies & Vulnerable Geographies." Late Antique Reception Histories of Biblical Flight Panel, Exile (Forced Migrations and Biblical Literature Consultation). Society for Biblical Literature. November 2019.

"Sisters of the Soil... Surviving Collective, Cultural Traumatization Intertextualities between Hagar, the Ethiopian Virgin Girls in the Book of Esther, and Mother Africa." Keynote Speech/Paper Presentation, Mother Earth and Mother Africa in Theological/Religious/Cultural/Philosophical Imagination Conference, Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians/Botswana Chapter. University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana. July 2 5, 2019.

"For Such a Time as This? #Us Too Representations of Sexual Trafficking, Collective Trauma and Horror in the Book of Esther." Religion and Rape Culture Conference, The Shiloh Project Rape Culture, Religion and the Bible, The University of Sheffield, United Kingdom. July 6, 2018.

"Trafficking Hadassah Sexual Tourism, Islands and Esther A Psychological Reading." Islands, Islanders, and Scriptures Session. Society for Biblical Literature. November 2016.

Respondent, 2013 Charles B. Copher Annual Faculty Lecture Series, ITC, "General Sherman's March to the Sea and the Emergence of the Independent Black Church," by Dr. Love Henry Whelchel, Professor of Church History.

WEB-BASED WRITINGS

"For Such a Time as This? #Us Too Sexual Trafficking, Silence & Secrecy in the Book of Esther." *The Shiloh Project: Rape Culture, Religion and the Bible*. October 30, 2018.

Access at <https://shiloh-project.group.shef.ac.uk/> for such a time as this us too sexual trafficking silence secrecy in the book of esther/

WEB-BASED FEATURE

"International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women UN 16 Days of Activism Day 1 Ericka Dunbar"

https://shiloh-project.group.shef.ac.uk/un_16_days_of_activism_day_2_ericka_dunbar/

INVITED LECTURES

"Foregrounding Exile and Diaspora in Womanist Biblical Interpretation", Drew University, Madison, NJ., Virtual Gathering, March 23, 2021.

"Trafficking Hadassah An Africana Reading of Esther", Sponsored by the Department of Comparative Literature, The Jewish Studies Program, and the Society for the Study of Religion, Penn State, Philadelphia PA, Virtual Gathering, March 22, 2021.

"Getting Back to Basics Breaking the Chains of the Traditional Pastor (A Covid 19 Edition)", The B. Julian Smith Lecture, The Twenty Fifth Pastor's Conference & Seventy Seventh Founder's Celebration, Phillips School of Theology at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA. Virtual Conference. January 12, 2021.

"Reading the Bible for Black Women's Revolution Why Black Lives Matter for the Black Church," University College London, London, UK. July 4, 2018.

PODCAST INTERVIEWS

"One Night with the King," The Shiloh Project Podcast, hosted by Rosie Dawson, June 23, 2021.
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/one-night-with-the-king/id1517019190?i=1000526589148>

"Trafficking Hadassah," Classical Ideas Podcast, hosted by Gregory Soden, March 28, 2021.
<https://linktr.ee/Classicalideas>

ECCLESIALTICAL PRESENTATIONS

Invited Bible Study Leader, "Chosenness in the Book of Esther," Reclaiming the Bible A Lent "Detox," Bible Detox Series, Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice, Virtual Gathering, March 25, 2021

Presenter, "Table Manners for Radical Worship," The 7th Annual Christian Unity Summit & General Connectional Board, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Phoenix, AZ, August 19-23, 2019.

Presenter, "Bridges to Community Leadership & Activism," Phenomenal Women's Summit, National Institute for Human Development, Birmingham, AL, September 2, 2017.

SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTION

Faculty Representative, Curriculum Committee, Payne Theological Seminary, 2021.

Co-Chairperson, Graduate Division of Religion Student Association, 2016-2018.

Member, GDRSA Library Committee, August 2016-present.

Co-Organizer, GDR New Student Orientation, August 2016.

Co-Organizer, Black Lives Matter Program and March, October 2016.

Graduate Student Representative, Dean of Library Search Committee, 2014-2015.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Representative, of the Society of Biblical Literature for the Intention Foundry on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Anti-Racism, American Council of Learned Societies, 2021

Steering Committee Member, Womanist Interpretation Unit, Society of Biblical Literature, 2021-2023.

Co-Editor, *Bitter the Chastening Rod*, Lexington Books, Expected 2022.

Panelist, "Who's Reading Who? Interpretation & Ethics," The BRANE Collective, Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Religion and Culture, Virginia Tech, virtual conference, February 5, 2021.

Presider, Women in the Biblical World Session, Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA, November 2019. (cancelled)

Book Reviewer/Panelist, New Directions for the Enterprise, Book Review *Daughters in the Hebrew Bible*, African American Biblical Hermeneutics Session, Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO, November 2018.

Presider, Women in the Biblical World Session, Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, MA, November 2017.

Participant, FTE Alumni Consultation, Boston, MA, November 2017.

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

Joint Action and Advocacy on Issues of Justice and Peace Representative (CME CHURCH), National Council of Churches, 2018-2021.

Associate Minister (February 2015 - June 2017)
Calvary Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
25 Oak Street, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Associate Minister (August 2013 - August 2014)
Vanderhorst Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
66 Hanover Street, Charleston, SC 29403

Student Minister (August 2010 – May 2012)
Good News Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
2547 Parkway Drive, Lithonia, GA 30038

Student Minister (September 2009 – May 2010)
Turner Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
425 Toney School Road, Toney, AL 35773

Affiliate Minister (January 2008 – 2012)
Mount Olive Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
745 Woods Avenue, Orlando, FL 32805

Local Minister (September 2006 – 2013)
Central Metropolitan Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
4611 N. Pearl Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206

INVITED SERMONS

Communion, Connectional Young Adult Ministry, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, San Antonio, TX.
Forthcoming, May 26, 2019.
Title "I Shall Never Be Moved" Psalm 30 6

Homecoming and 103rd Church Anniversary, Carter Tabernacle CME Church, Orlando, FL. January 20, 2019. Sermon Title "Open the Door" Revelation 3 20 22.

Harvest Day, Central Metropolitan CME Church, Jacksonville, FL. November 11, 2018. Theme "Harvesting Souls Enriching Our Communities & Our World."
Sermon Title "Harvest Day Back to the Basics"

Church Anniversary, Mt. Olive CME Church, Orlando, FL. July 29, 2018.
Sermon Title "Stay in the Race" I Corinthians 9 24 27

Missionary Worship, West Tennessee Regional Conference, First Episcopal District, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN. July 24, 2018.
Sermon Title "When Women Link Up The Women's Missionary Society of Antiquity" Exodus 1 15 – 2 10.

Unity Summit: Young Adult Revival, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA. August 21, 2017.
Sermon Title "Investing in Diversity" John 4 1 26.

Quadrennial Connectional Richard Allen Young Adult Council Revival, AME Church General Conference, Philadelphia, PA. July 8, 2016.
Sermon Title "Stuck Between Emancipation and a Failed Liberation" Acts 16.

Commencement, Faith Journey Partnership in Parish Ministry Formation, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA. April 2011.
Sermon Title "Now Faith" Hebrews 11.

SOCIAL IMPACT

Fundraiser, Daughters of the African Atlantic Fund (September 2017 – November 2017)
Raised funds that would enable students to attend the 2018 Consultation in Bahia, Brazil.

Seminary Faculty, Children's Defense Fund, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy (July 2018 – Present).
Education and Child Advocacy, Clinton, TN.

Teacher, Jardin de Niños, Andres Quintana Roo, Tixcuytun, Tekax Yucatan May 2017.
Assisted teacher and taught English.

Contributing Writer, We Will Speak Out Coalition Working Together to End Sexual Violence, July 2017.
Reflections of the book of Esther as a story of Sexual Trafficking.

Volunteer, Feminist Studies in Religion Conference, June 18 21, 2017, Drew University, Madison, NJ.
Aided the conference organizer in implementing conference.

Contributing Writer, Testimonies of Hope (multi cultural & multi ethnic community), 2013 2016.
Contributed blog posts for TOH site and book.

Volunteer, Writing Assistant (September 2009 May 2013), ITC, 700 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Atlanta, GA 30314.

Volunteer, Tutoring & Mentoring Program (January 2008 July 2009)
The Olive Branch (501(c)3 Organization) 745 Woods Avenue, Orlando, FL 32805.

OTHER CAMPUS LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Vice-President, International Society of Theta Phi Honor Society, Interdenominational Theological Center, 2011 12
Participant, Faith Journey Partnership in Parish Ministry Formation, ITC, May 2010 April 2011

HONORS AND AWARDS

Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellow/Visiting Professor of Hebrew Bible, Louisville Institute, placement institution Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, OH, 2020 2022.
Scholar, 2020 Sacred Writes Public Scholarship Training, Sacred Writes Scholarship on Religion (Northeastern University), June 2020.
Recipient, The Rising Star of the Circle Award, Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians 30th Anniversary Celebration 1989 2019, July 2, 2019.
Recipient, Priscilla Patten Benham Prize in Dissertation Research, Drew University, April 2018.
Fellow, Forum for Theological Exploration Fellowship for Students of African Descent, 2018 19.
Fellow, Forum for Theological Exploration Fellowship for Students of African Descent, 2016 17.
Honoree, Summa Cum Laude, Interdenominational Theological Center, 2012.
Honoree, Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, 2011.
Honoree, Dean's List, Interdenominational Theological Center, 2009 2012.
Honoree, Superlative List, Interdenominational Theological Center, 2009 2012.
Honoree, National Dean's List, 2005 2007 2009 2013.
Recipient, G. Murray Branch and Charles Copher Hebrew Bible Award, ITC, 2012.
Recipient, Willis J. King Award, Gammon Theological Seminary, ITC, 2012.
Recipient, Alumni Award, Philips School of Theology, ITC, 2012.
Recipient, Bishop W. Yancy Bell Scholarship Award, Phillips School of Theology, ITC, 2012.
Recipient, C. C. Maloney Exegetical Essay Award, Gammon Theological Seminary, ITC, 2011.
Recipient, Bishop W. Yancy Bell Scholarship Award, Phillips School of Theology, ITC, 2011.
Recipient, Bishop Ronald Cunningham and Thomas L. Brown Award, Phillips School of Theology, ITC, 2010.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Participant, Vocation of the Theological Educator Gathering, Louisville Institute, Virtual Meeting, February 15 16, 2021.
Keynote Speaker, Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians Conference, Gaborone, Botswana, July 2 5, 2019.
Presenter, Society for Biblical Literature & American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 16 19, 2018, Denver, CO.
Participant, 2018 Forum for Theological Educators, Forum for Theological Exploration, November 14 16, 2018, Denver, CO.
Convener, Joint Action and Advocacy on Issues of Justice and Peace, Christian Unity Gathering, National Council of Churches, Washington D.C., October 14 17, 2018.
Faculty, 24th Annual Samuel D. Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry, Children's Defense Fund, July 16 20, 2018, Clinton, TN.
Admitted into Full Connection, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, July 27, 2017, Orlando, FL.
Participant, 23rd Annual Samuel D. Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry, Children's Defense Fund, July 17 21, 2017, Clinton, TN.
Participant, The Summit, Sojourners, June 21 23, 2017, Washington D.C.
Participant/Volunteer, Feminist Studies in Religion Conference, June 18 21, 2017, Drew University, Madison, NJ.
Participant, 2017 Christian Leadership Forum, Doctoral Cohort, Forum for Theological Exploration, May 31 June 3, 2017, Atlanta, GA.
Participant, Sixteenth Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium Africana Religious Studies, Drew University March 23 26, 2017.
Presenter, Society for Biblical Literature and American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 18 21, 2016, San Antonio, TX.
Ordained, Traveling Elder, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Annual Conference, August 4, 2016, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
Participant, 2016 Christian Leadership Forum, Doctoral Cohort, Forum for Theological Exploration, June 1 4, 2016, Atlanta, GA.

Participant, Society for Biblical Literature and American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 21-24, 2015, Atlanta, GA.

Participant, 2015 Christian Leadership Forum, Doctoral Cohort, Forum for Theological Exploration, June 3-6, 2015, Dallas, TX

Participant, 2014 Christian Leadership Forum, Doctoral Cohort, Forum for Theological Exploration, June 4-7, 2014, Evanston, IL.

Participant, 2014 Legacies of Black Feminisms A Black Queer Sexuality Studies Graduate Students Conference, Princeton University, October 11, 2014, Princeton, NJ

Ordained, Traveling Deacon, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Annual Conference, July 25, 2013, Orlando, FL

Participant, Society for Biblical Literature and American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 19-22, 2011, San Francisco, CA.

Participant, 2011 Fund for Theological Education Calling Congregations Conference, October 6-8, 2011, Atlanta, GA.

Participant, 2010 Fund for Theological Education Calling Congregations Conference, October 7-9, 2010, Atlanta, GA.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians, 2019 Present.

New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking, 2017.

Black Doctoral Network, 2016 Present.

National Center for Faculty and Diversity, 2014 Present.

Society for Biblical Literature, 2011 Present.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CONTINUING EDUCATION

- *Teaching Healthy Boundaries*, Lauren Sawyer and Lydia Mulkey, FaithTrust Institute, Seattle, WA November 10-14, 2020.
- *Attuned Listening for Imagination*, Dr. Nancy L. Westfield, Dr. Emilie Townes and Dr. Valerie Bridgman, Wabash Center, April 16, 2020.
- *Remembering Your Why (Helpful Resources for PhD Studies)*, Dr. Patrick Reyes, Drew University March 31, 2020.
- *Mustering Spirituality and Imagination*, Dr. Nancy L. Westfield, Dr. Willie James Jennings and Dr. Amy Oden, Wabash Center, March 26, 2020.
- *Job Market: How (and When) to Publish*, Dr. Stephen Moore, Drew University, March 11, 2020.
- *Tough Conversations in the Classroom*, Dr. Traci C. West, Drew University, February 19, 2020.
- *Writing & Publishing Workshop*, FTE @ the Children's Defense Fund, September 20-22, 2018.
- *Freedom School Initiative*, Drew University, January-May 2017.
- *Human Trafficking Symposium*, NJ Coalition on Human Trafficking, Drew University, March 2017.
- *Professional Internet Presence*, Workshop, Dr. Nyasha Junior, GDR Student Association and Dean's Office, Drew University, March 2017.
- *Student Employee Education Certification*, Drew University, February 2017.
- *Tech Savvy for Drew and Beyond*, Drew University, November 2016.
- *Mindfulness and Technology*, Drew University Center for Lifelong Learning, November 2016
- *White Privilege and Racism in the U.S.* Lecture by Jim Wallis, Drew University, October 2016.
- *Still Learning to be White and Why It's So Hard...* Lecture by Thandeka, Drew University, March 2016
- *Antidotes for Non-productive Guilt, Shame, and Self Blame*, Drew University Center for Lifelong Learning, March 2016
- *Dear White Christians... So Now What?* Lecture by Jennifer Harvey, Drew University, November 2015.
- *Technology and Sexuality*, Drew University, October 2015.

Ericka Dunbar SSBR Commitment Statement:

As an Africana biblical scholar, I am committed to research and activism that probes how Africana people engage, interpret, and are impacted by biblical texts. My current research explores African presence in the book of Esther as I note how African girls are among the virgin girls gathered and sexually trafficked by the Persian king. I compare this cultural trauma to the sexualized abuse and enslavement of Africana girls and women during the Maafa. This dialogical cultural study enables me to assess how the content of sacred texts, and ideologies and values embedded within, influence and impact the religious experiences of African diasporic peoples. Specifically, I excavate euphemisms, oppressive images, stereotypes and social and cultural attitudes regarding Africana female identity, and Africana identity more broadly, within the Bible and society to illustrate how these social myths and imaginings often justify and lead to violence and oppression. I plan to demonstrate commitment to the SSBR by: (1) Continuing to model and inspire ethically responsible and holistic interpretations of biblical texts that centers the African presence/identity in the Bible. (2) Continuing to evaluate the impact of biblical texts and interpretations of these texts on Africana/Black identity. (3) Utilizing intersectionality and polyvocality as frameworks to discover and critique the multiple layers of oppression, subjugation, and often silenced identity in religious and non-religious contexts. (4) Structuring classes that foregrounds Black religious experiences, Black scholarly voices, and perspectives, including contextualized biblical interpretation. (5) Publishing with a focus on Black religious experience.

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BLACK RELIGION

NEW MEMBER NOMINATION FORM

(Please print or type)

Name of Nominee: Barbara A. Fears

Mailing Address: 2900 Van Ness NW

Washington, D.C. 20008

Office Phone 202-806-0616 _____ Home or Cell Phone 224-587-8821 _____

Fax _____ E-mail address barbara.fears@howard.edu _____

**Nominee must write a paragraph stating how he or she plans to demonstrate commitment to the SSBR.
*** Nominee may attend the annual meeting in which they are being nominated after consultation with her/his nominator.

Current Position(s) and Institution(s) _____ Assistant Professor of Religious Education _____

Howard University School of Divinity

EDUCATION

Institution	Degree	Date Conferred
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Garrett-Evangelical Theological School PhD 2015

Garrett-Evangelical Theological School MTS 2006

University of Kansas BA 1982

Dissertation Title: *A Liberatory Pedagogy: The Underground Railroad as a Model for Christian Education*

Nominator's Name Pamela R. Lightsey _____

Nominator's Address 610 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60605 _____

Nominator's Email plightsey@meadville.edu

Documentation Included: Curriculum Vita Letter of nomination Nominee's Statement

Application must be sent via a single email attachment (Word.doc or .pdf) to the following address: ssbrnominations@gmail.com.

All materials must be received by
January 5, 2021.



01 November 2021

To: Dr. Evelyn Parker, President Society for the Study of Black Religion

Re: Nomination for membership into SSBR

Dear Dr. Parker and Colleagues of SSBR:

Please receive this correspondence as my nomination of Dr. Barbara Fears for membership into the Society for the Study of Black Religion. I have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Fears since 2002 when I was a PhD student at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. At the time, Dr. Fears was working on her MDiv with clear potential for doctoral work. It has been fantastic to see her excel academically and to get to know her as an exceptional colleague.

As you will see from her CV, Dr. Fears has the requisite credentials for acceptance into SSBR. Her contributions to research and study of Black religion includes her ongoing analysis of the 19th century underground railroad as well as her very timely work in critical race theory.

As a religious educator, Dr. Fears' academic publications include reviews of a few works by current members of SSBR, articles in well-accepted journals within the area of religious education, an upcoming full manuscript and several book chapters. She has managed to accomplish this level of writing while maintaining a 3/2 course load at Howard University School of Divinity and continuous service as a hospital chaplain (admirable during this pandemic).

Members of this body should know that not only is Dr. Fears an exceptional scholar, she is, as we say in my hometown, "good people." That is to say, she is someone we will enjoy working with - at a time when the work that we must do is intense, not as appreciated as we would desire, and even dangerous in some areas of this country. Notwithstanding, I recommend Dr. Barbara Fears to this body without reservation and trust she will be received into the membership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pamela R. Lightsey, PhD'.

Pamela R. Lightsey, PhD
VP of Academic Affairs | Associate Professor of Constructive Theology
Meadville Lombard Theological School

Date: October 30, 2021

To: Dr. Evelyn Parker, President and Membership of the
Society for the Study of Black Religion

From: Barbara A. Fears, Ph.D.

Re: Membership Nomination

Dear President and Members of the Society for the Study of Black Religion (SSBR):

I thank my classmate and colleague, Dr. Pamela R. Lightsey, with support from my Dean, Rev. Dr. Yolanda Pierce, for nominating me for membership into the Society. As requested, I write to explicate my support for the mission and members of the organization.

I commit to supporting SSBR by scholarship and by service in a Black theological institution (Howard University School of Divinity), a Black church (Trinity United Church of Christ), and the Black community (worldwide). Additionally, I commit to supporting the organization by my presence and active participation at the annual conference, and as my schedule permits, at public presentations and celebrations of SSBR members. Finally, I commit to supporting the guild by paying the annual dues.

I have been inspired by both the scholarship and collegiality within SSBR. In fact, I have been privileged to study under and to work with several SSBR members who mentored and encouraged me during my doctoral program, and other SSBR members whose work continues to inform my ever-evolving perspective on an array of religious topics. If accepted for membership into this elite guild, I look forward to contributing to the vast array of groundbreaking research by, for and about black religious praxis and to experiencing the same sense of comradery that I witnessed as a student.

Respectfully Submitted,



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EDUCATION

- Clinical Pastoral Education, Summer Intensive (2004) and Residency (2015-16)
- Doctor of Philosophy, Christian Education and Congregational Studies, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, 2015.
 - ❖ Dissertation Title, *“A Liberatory Pedagogy: The Underground Railroad as a Model for Christian Education.”*
 - ❖ Exam Areas: Critical-Emancipatory Pedagogies, History and Theories of Christian Education, Systematic Theology, and Critical Race Theory-Cultural Studies.
- Master of Theological Studies, Theology and Ethics, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, 2006.
 - ❖ Thesis Title, *“Black and Womanist Theologies: The Rhetoric and the Realities in the Theologies of James Cone and Katie Cannon.”*
- Master of Divinity, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, 2005.
- Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, 1982.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Junior Faculty Writing and Creative Works Academy, Howard University, 2018 & 2021.
- Provost’s Distinguished Service Award, Howard University, 2021.
- ATS Roundtable Seminar for Newly Appointed Faculty, The Association of Theological Schools, 2020.
- Wabash Center Fellowship, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, 2020-21.
- Grant Writing Workshop, Georgetown/Howard University Center for Clinical and Transnational Science.
- Workshop for Early Career Theological School Faculty, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, 2019-20.
- Adrienne M. and Charles Shelby Rooks Fellowship, United Church of Christ, 2007-12.
- Sara Fleming Endowed Full Tuition Fellowship, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2011-12.
- Outstanding Student, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2006.
- Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowship, 2005 & 2008.
- Ernest Campbell Preaching Award, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2005.
- Barbara J. Allen Scholarship, Trinity United Church of Christ, 2004, 2005 & 2008.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- The American Academy of Religion,
- The Association of Practical Theology, and
- The Religious Education Association.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Institutional Review Board,
- Blackboard,
- Distance Learning, and
- Writing Across Curriculum.

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Howard University School of Divinity (HUSD), Washington, D.C.

2017-present

Assistant Professor of Religious Education

- Write for publication, present papers at industry conferences, lecture, and preach at local venues,
- Serve on school, student and university committees including HUSD Continuing Education (Chair), Master of Divinity, Executive, Field Based Studies, Commencement, Doctor of Ministry and Doctor of Ministry Re-Design, and Strategic Planning committees, student Master of Divinity thesis and Doctor of Ministry projects, and the Howard University Prioritization Program (2019),
- Advise students and teach courses in the history, theory, and practice of ministry, including the following:
 - ❖ History and Philosophy of Religious Education,
 - ❖ Introduction to Theological Writing,
 - ❖ Minister as Educator,
 - ❖ Pastoral Care Practicum,
 - ❖ Senior Colloquy,
 - ❖ Spiritual Formation and Ministry Leadership, and
 - ❖ Women in Ministry.
- Served as program administrator and session presenter (3/21) with HUSD-Sojourners co-sponsored Theology and Racialized Profiling and Justice Cohort (2020-21).

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL

2008-2014

Teaching Assistant

- Assisted professors and students as requested, reviewed, and graded student written assignments and oral presentations, facilitated group discussions in and outside of class and lectured in the following courses:
 - ❖ Christology and Theological Anthropology,
 - ❖ Doctrine of God and Doctrine of Creation,
 - ❖ History of Christian Thought and Practice,
 - ❖ Introduction to New Testament,
 - ❖ Introduction to Theology,
 - ❖ Pneumatology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology, and
 - ❖ Theological Education in the Parish.

PUBLICATIONS

Fears, Barbara A. Book Review of *Critical Race Theory in Education Informing Classroom Culture and Practice* edited by Keonghee Tao Han and Judson Laughter. New York: Teachers College Press, 2019. *The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching*, May 28, 2021, 2(2).

Fears, Barbara A. A Book Review of *Exploring Pedagogic Frailty and Resilience: Case Studies of Academic Narrative* edited by Ian M. Kinchin and Naomi E. Winstone. *The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching*, March 30, 2021, 2(1), <https://serials.atla.com/wabashcenter/issue/view/190>

Fears, Barbara A. “Race, Disability and COVID-19: A DisCrit Analysis of Theological Education.” *Religions*. January 7, 2021, 12(1), 35, <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel12010035>.

Fears, Barbara A. Mary Boys. *Database of Christian Educators of the 20th Century - Biola University*, November 2020.

Fears, Barbara A. "Unchained, but Unchanged: In Need of a Revolution." *Human Rights*. Washington: Civil Rights and Social Justice Section of the American Bar Association, December 2019.

Fears, Barbara A. "Countering the Colorblind Rhetoric." *Religious Education Journal*. July 2019, 114 (4), 486-499.

Fears, Barbara A. "The Underground Railroad as a Model of Christian Education, Anti-Racism and Human Rights Advocacy." *Religious Education Journal*. January – February 2017, 112 (1), 19-32.

Fears, Barbara A. Review of *Beyond the Pale Reading Theology from the Margins*, edited by Miguel A. De La Torre and Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas. *Religious Education Journal*. October – December 2013, 108(5):549-550.

Fears, Barbara A. A Book Review of *Contextualizing Theological Education*, edited by Theodore Brelsford and P. Alice Rogers. *Religious Education Journal*. October – December 2010, 105(5):550-551.

Fears, Barbara A. Dictionary entry for Ruth Duck in *The Westminster Dictionary of Women in American Religious History*. London: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008, 64.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Fears, Barbara A. "Misogyny in the Church: A Womanist Perspective." In *Wounded in the Manger: Theological Essays on Church Hurt* edited by DeWayne R. Stallworth and Kevaughn Mattis. Eugene: Wipf and Stock Publishers. Submitted.

Fears, Barbara A. A Book Review of *Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus: Harlem Renaissance Theology and Ethic of Resistance* written by Reggie L. Williams. *Journal of Religious Thought*, 2022.

Fears, Barbara A. *Christian Clichés Stunting Spiritual Growth, Ill-Informing the Masses, and Misshaping Christians in the Faith*.

Fears, Barbara A. *All White People Don't ... The Obligatory Response of Absolution*.

Fears, Barbara A. *Settler Colonial Christianity: A Critical Race Theory Response*. Book Proposal. (Submitted).

Fears, Barbara A. (ed) *Womanist Transitions: Educating for Faithful Living*.

PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Fears, Barbara A. "Patriarchal Church Hurt: Misogynoir in Ecclesial Contexts and Its Solutions." Paper presented at the Junior Faculty Writing and Creative Works Academy, Howard University, Washington, D.C., July 2021.

Fears, Barbara A. "Advocacy via Critical Race Theory." Guest Presenter, Spirituality and Social Justice Activism in the African American Tradition, Meadville-Lombard Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, Zoom, July 8, 2021.

Allen, Kerri, Mitzi Smith, Barbara Fears, and Quantisha Smith. Panelist, "Toxic Theology in the Church," sponsored by the PC(USA) Disparities Experienced by Black Women and Girls Task Force, May 27, 2021.

Fears, Barbara A. "What Do You Have to Give?" Keynote Speaker at the Interfaith Peace Service, *Peacemaking Through Truth-telling: Interfaith Reflections on Race, Faith and Justice*, University of Indianapolis (UIndy), Zoom, April 14, 2021

Fears, Barbara A. "Book Review and Endorsement." Carmichael Crutchfield, *The Formation of a People: Christian Education and The African American Church*, Valley Forge: Judson Press Publishers, 2020.

Carro, Daniel, Barbara A. Fears, Emily Peck-McClain, Mark Vitalis and Chad Pecknold. "The Role of Faith in Theological Education and Formation." Panelist at the Washington Theological Consortium Annual Faculties Convocation, Washington, D.C., September 2019.

Fears, Barbara A. "Countering Fear of the Other: Critical Race Theory in Religious Education." Paper presented at the Mid-Atlantic Regional American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Conference, New Brunswick, NJ, March 2019.

Hearn, M., C. Keefe-Perry, J. Freeman, M. S. Sayilgan and B. A. Fears. "Closing Plenary Session Beyond White Normativity: Creating Brave Spaces." Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2018.

Fears, Barbara A. "Controlling Black and Brown Bodies: Stopping the Normative Gaze." Paper presented at the Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2018.

Fears, Barbara A. "Making the Case: Employing Critical Race Theory in Religious Education." Paper presented at the Junior Faculty Writing and Creative Works Academy, Howard University, Washington, D.C., July 2018.

Fears, Barbara A. "Who Is My Neighbor in a Post-Christian World?" Paper presented at the United Church of Christ Central Atlantic Regional Conference, Bethesda, MD, June 2018.

Fears, Barbara A. "What Shall We Teach Our Children?" Nannie Helen Burroughs Lecture. Howard University School of Divinity. Washington, D.C. March 2018.

Fears, Barbara A. "Underground Railroad as a Model of Collaboration, Liberation and Education." Paper presented at the Faculty Showcase of the 101st Alumni Convocation of the Howard University School of Divinity. Washington, D.C., November 2017.

Fears, Barbara A. "For Such a Time as This: The Underground Railroad as a Model for Teaching about Power, Privilege and Politics." Paper presented at the Society for Race, Ethnicity and Religion Conference, Nashville, TN, October 2017.

Bobo, Luke B., and Barbara A. Fears. "Black Spirituals, Hip-Hop and Rap Musical Genres: A Pathway to Explore Daily Assaults on the Personhood of African-Americans." Paper presented at the Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2014.

Fears, Barbara A. "The Underground Railroad: A Model of Collaboration, Liberation and Education." Paper presented at the Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2012.

Contributor. "Adam, Eve, and Jesus." In *I've Got Talent Showcasing My Work for Jesus*, Vacation Bible School materials created for Urban Ministries, Inc., Calumet City, IL. Developed curriculum and instructional materials for students and teachers for a vocational project for four age groups: preschoolers (under 4 years old), 5-8 years old, 9-11 years old and 12 years old and older. June 2016.

Consultant. "Disparities Experienced by Black Women and Girls." Researched and wrote report about the disparities experienced by straight and LGBTQIA+ Black women and the adultification of Black girls for presentation by the Black Women and Girls Task Force at the 224th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA). Moved from Baltimore, MD to Virtual due to pandemic, June 2020.

Reviewer, *Religions On-Line Journal*, 2021-present

Member, Religious Education Association Advisory Committee, July 2021-July 2022.

Contributor. "For the Black Soul of America." Grant funded by the Lilly Foundation, John Ahn (PI), Howard University School of Divinity, 2021.

MINISTERIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Heartland Hospice, Fairfax, VA

2018-present

Spiritual Care Coordinator

- Conduct spiritual care/psycho-social evaluation of terminally ill patients and caregivers,
- Develop and implement spiritual/emotional end-of-life care plan for patient and/or family members,
- Document pastoral-care encounters according to company protocol and industry standards,
- Provide spiritual/emotional care at end-of-life and post-mortem (i.e., prayers, commendations, funeral services, bereavement calls, etc.), and
- Participate in interdisciplinary team rounds to coordinate patient care.

NorthShore University HealthSystem, Evanston and Skokie, IL

2007-2017

On-Call Chaplain – Spiritual Care and Music Therapy

- Assessed and provided case-specific/culturally sensitive emotional, spiritual, grief support and pastoral presence as appropriate for faith tradition of patients, family members and staff who may be ill, dying, or bereaved,
- Trained new on-call chaplains on routine duties,

- Initiated and participated in ethics consults (i.e., critically ill patient care options), and
- Provided updates to the cultural competency section of the annual mandatory employee training that were more culturally sensitive and that were more reflective of contemporary demographics and current scholarship (2013, 2014 and 2015), and to the domestic and workplace violence sections that were more sensitive to and reflective of contemporary social realities [i.e., male-on-male, female-on-male and female-on-female] (2015), for which I received a Service Values Award.

**Amita Health – Alexian Brothers Hospice, Hanover Park, IL
Registry Hospice Chaplain**

2016-2017

- Introduced hospice services and treatment options to potential patients and/or to family members,
- Developed and implemented end-of-life care plan to provide spiritual/emotional support to patient and/or to family members,
- Provided spiritual/emotional support to patient and/or to family members at end-of-life and/or post-mortem (i.e., prayers, commendations, funeral services, etc.), and
- Participated in interdisciplinary team rounds providing updates to coordinate care.

**Amita Health – Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Elk Grove Village, IL
Chaplain Resident, Clinical Pastoral Education**

2015-2016

- Assessed the spiritual needs of patients, family and staff and provided case- and culturally sensitive pastoral ministry as appropriate for the occasion (i.e., ill, dying, bereaved) and as appropriate for the faith tradition (i.e., Christian, Muslim, Jewish, agnostic, atheist, etc.),
- Engaged peers in professional development discussions, participated in Interfaith memorial and other worship services (i.e., Maundy Thursday), and coordinated the Good Friday worship service,
- Assisted in training externs and registry chaplains on overnight shift duties, and
- Presented special project research (e.g., book review on lament, implications of socio-political contexts on pastoral care).

SELECT CORPORATE WORK EXPERIENCE
Wespath Investment Management, Glenview, IL

2009-2014

Research Intern and Research Analyst – Sustainable Investment Strategies

- Assessed the environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices of companies in the agency's \$20 billion investment portfolio,
- Promoted the sustainable investment strategies of the agency at corporate annual meetings, conferences, and as part of issue-specific working groups,
- Co-wrote articles, voted proxies, screened, and approved securities purchases,
- Developed a methodology for quantifying the ESG-integration practices of the agency's external investment managers, and
- Project managed, co-wrote, and edited the agency's inaugural sustainability report, which received a Responsible Investor (RI) Reporting Award 2015 commendation.

**General Board of Pension & Health Benefits of The United Methodist Church 2004-2006
Evanston, IL**

Research Intern and Research Analyst – Corporate Relations

- Conducted issue specific ESG research (i.e., oil spill, access to water, private prisons),
- Presented shareholder interests at corporate annual meetings,
- Voted proxies, screened, and approved securities purchases,
- Trained new personnel, co-authored procedural manuals, and articles, and
- Reviewed proposals, evaluated services, negotiated contract, and facilitated transition of proxy voting and social screening vendors.

Lucent Technologies, Naperville IL

1996-2002

Market Systems Engineer – Sales and Service

- Served as central point-of-contact for pre- and post-sale inquiries of telecommunication products and services to customers in the U.S., Asia, Europe, Central and Latin America,
- Authored product specification documents for software developers to create and for testers to verify product functionality meets customer specifications and national and international standards, and for documentation and training developers to create relevant marketing, installation, operations and maintenance documents, and training materials,
- Coordinated activities of and negotiated with stakeholders to design hardware and to develop software to meet customer specifications and industry standards, and
- Trained national and international personnel on quality assurance procedures designed to increase efficiency, to minimize redundancy, to verify customer specific functionality and to identify software products for resale to other customers.

AT&T, Naperville, IL

1991-1996

Writer/Project Manager – Documentation and Training

- Conducted documentation and training needs analysis to determine documentation and training requirements for staff to market and for customers to install, to operate and to maintain telecommunications hardware and software products and services,
- Assessed scope of work to estimate the cost of developing documentation and training materials, then negotiated budget, contract deliverables and schedule,
- Provided status updates, responded to client inquiries, and ensured projects were developed on time and within budget,
- Determined staff writing assignments and schedule,
- Researched, wrote, verified, and edited product documentation used for marketing, installation, operation and maintenance of telecommunication equipment and services,
- Designed instructional materials and developed quality assurance procedures to ensure proper and efficient use of hardware and software products and services, and
- Organized marketing conferences to introduce and to train 500-700 personnel on new and enhanced products and services and organized professional development conferences for up to 500 employees across multiple business units to facilitate personal growth and professional development.

AT&T, Oakbrook, IL and Kansas City, MO
Account Executive – Marketing and Sales

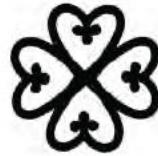
1987-1991

- Researched, developed, and implemented territorial marketing strategy to identify and to pursue sales opportunities,
- Conducted face-to-face customer presentations and negotiated sale of telecommunication products and services,
- Developed and facilitated employee product and process training, and
- Authored and edited articles for in-house publication.

Midwest Research Institute, Kansas City, MO
Research Psychologist – Biobehavioral Science

1983-1988

- Designed data collection, tracking, and analysis methods,
- Established and maintained quality control procedures for data collection, and retrieval,
- Researched and maintained bibliographic database for responding to request for proposal and for report preparation,
- Recruited, screened, scheduled research participants, and conducted experimental sessions with human subjects on breast cancer, smoking cessation and 60Hz electro-magnetic field studies, and
- Co-authored research proposals, project reports and journal articles, and presented research results at customer meetings and industry conferences.



SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BLACK RELIGION

NEW MEMBER NOMINATION

(Please print or type)

Name of the Nominee: Shonda R. Jones

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**Nominee must write a paragraph stating how he or she plans to demonstrate commitment to the SSBR
***Nominee may attend the annual meeting in which they are being nominated after consultation with her/his nominator.

Current Position(s) and Institutions(s)

Executive Director of Academic Programs Wake Forest University

EDUCATION

Institution	Degree	Date Conferred
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa	EDd	2014
Brite Divinity School	MDiv	1998
Texas Christian University	BA	1993

Dissertation Title: Graduate Theology School Choice: An Examination of Racial/Ethnic Minority Master of Divinity Students

Nominator's Name Emilie M. Townes

Nominator's E-Mail emilie.m.townes@vanderbilt.edu

Documentation included: Curriculum Vita Letter of Nomination Nominee's Statement

Application must be sent via email file attachment to:

SSBR Executive Committee
ssbrstudentasst@gmail.com



Office of the Dean

1 October 2021

SSBR Executive Committee
VIA EMAIL

Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to enthusiastically nominate Shonda R. Jones for full membership in the Society for the Study of Black Religion. She is currently the Executive Director of Academic Programs at the School of Professional Studies of Wake Forest University, beginning this position in August 2021. Previously, she joined the administrative team of Wake Forest University School of Divinity in 2011 and served as the senior associate dean of strategic initiatives and integrative learning and assistant teaching professor of intercultural theological education. She is also the principal investigator for the Gilead COMPASS Initiative Faith Coordinating Center that focuses on preparing ministry and nonprofit leaders to address the needs of vulnerable populations in the South such as rural communities in Appalachia, African Americans, and LGBT peoples.

In her current position, Jones uses her knowledge about strategic leadership to foster strong relational ties and successful academic experiences and she was selected for the position because of her deep knowledge of theological education. She has joined leadership team in the School of Professional Studies that seeks to find innovative ways to provide flexible, affordable, and relevant programs for adult learners.

I believe Dr. Jones will enhance our conversations as she brings the perspective of a theological educator who is now employing those commitments and skills in a larger educational endeavor that includes faith, health, inclusive leadership, and ethics. I nominate her without reservations as she will be a collegial member of our society and will foster the atmosphere of lively intellectual exchange that is one of the hallmarks of SSBR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "EMT".

Emilie M. Townes
Dean
Distinguished Professor of Womanist Ethics and Society

CURRICULUM VITAE
OF
SHONDA R. JONES
Executive Director of Academic Programs
Wake Forest University

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RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

The United Methodist Church
North Texas Annual Conference, Ordained Elder

EDUCATION

Doctor of Education, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Educational Leadership, Policy, and Technology Studies
Executive Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration
Dissertation: “Graduate Theology School Choice: An Examination of Racial/Ethnic Minority Master of Divinity Students”

Master of Divinity, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
Major areas of study: Theology, ethics, and culture

Bachelor of Arts, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
Major: English; Minor: Religious Studies

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- 2021 Cultural Intelligence – CQ Certification
Cultural Intelligence Center
- 2019 Certificate, Cornell University
Innovation Strategy
- 2017 Summer Institute for Intercultural Communication, Reed College
- 2018 Focus area: Race, Reconciliation, Reparations
- 2011 HERS Institute: Higher Education Leadership Development Program, Wellesley College
Women in senior leadership development program to aid in filling leadership pipelines
Focus areas: Strategic Change Management, Institutional Awareness, and Self-Knowledge

RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

Fields of specialization: Graduate Higher Education Studies; Intercultural theories and praxis; Critical Race/Ethnic Studies; Womanist approaches to community building. Main scholarly interest: The intersection of graduate theological school choice and race; examination of intercultural practices that promote communal thriving among faith leaders and communities; HIV/AIDS and faith advocacy and stigma reduction.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Wake Forest University

Executive Director of Academic Programs. Wake Forest University School of Professional Studies, Charlotte, NC. August 2021— present. Education-focused innovator who develops and oversees a compelling portfolio of relevant academic programs for adult learners. Oversees a portfolio of academic programs in healthcare, theological education, educational studies, and diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Principal Investigator. Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Winston-Salem, NC. January 2021— present. Responsible for the Gilead COMPASS Initiative® Faith Coordinating Center, including all preparations and administration for the \$5 million grant working to address the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Southern United States by collaborating with and building the capacity of faith communities.

Senior Associate Dean of Strategic Initiatives and Integrative Learning, and Assistant Teaching Professor in Intercultural Theological Education. Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Winston-Salem, NC. February 2019 – 2021. Visionary senior administrator, providing strategic and operational leadership for the School of Divinity. Oversees a portfolio of institutional responsibilities that focus on strategic planning, institutional assessment, integrative learning processes and programs.

Assistant Teaching Professor in Intercultural Theological Education and Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Services. Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Winston-Salem, NC. May 2011 – February 2019. Provided robust and strategic leadership, established best practices in recruitment and admissions, promoting diversity and inclusion, engaging student learning through teaching courses in intercultural competency and co-curricular skills building and engagement.

Special Assistant to the University Provost. Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Winston-Salem, NC. May 2011 – July 2016. Facilitator and manager of the Diversity and Inclusion Partners Council and special projects coordinator in the Office of the Provost; and Deputy Coordinator for Title IX.

Candler School of Theology, Emory University

Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Services. Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. July 2003 – May 2011. Senior Administrator provided full leadership, management, supervisory, administrative, operational and program development responsibilities for the theology school's student services offices including admissions, financial aid, and student programming that services over 500 graduate students. Administered a \$1 million operational budget and disbursed a \$5 million scholarship budget annually—primarily endowed funds; managed a collaborative team able to successfully attract one of the most diverse student bodies in theological education in North America. Responsibilities included the structuring of programs and management of the hiring, training and supervision of staff to ensure unit effectiveness and productivity. Collaborated with various offices ensuring the highest levels of student satisfaction and for developing and maintaining effective channels of communication with students, faculty, academic programs, and campus student service units.

Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University

Director of Student Services. Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. July 2000-June 2003. Administrator for admissions, recruitment, financial aid program, office of community life, and facilitator of all student services. Analyzed qualifications of prospective students utilizing established admissions standards, guidelines and criteria, reviewing unusual circumstances as appropriate. Corresponded with prospective students, applicants, alumni/ae, members of University community, and others seeking information on admissions standards, academic and non-academic programs and student activities. Provided oversight with recruitment efforts and managed the financial aid program (\$1.4M annually). Served as point of contact for students in need of assistance and provided general student services support to the instructional faculty/staff and student body. This support includes providing prompt problem resolution, options for receiving personal support from the campus or community, tutorial/remediation remedies designed to improve student success, retention, and other strategies to meet campus benchmarks and goals.

Director of Financial Aid. Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. Sept 1998-June 2000. Administrator of the financial aid program for the theology school. Instructed students on the application process. Facilitated decisions on awarding scholarships, grants, and other monetary assistance. Maintained in-depth knowledge of available private and federal financial aid programs. Responsibilities included budget management and financial analysis for \$1.2M budget.

United Methodist Church

Assistant Pastor. Columbia Drive United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA. June 2008-June 2011. Volunteer Preacher and worship leader; assumed responsibility for congregational and outreach ministries.

Associate Pastor. Clarkston United Methodist Church, Clarkston, GA. Dec 2005-June 2007. Preacher and worship leader; assumed responsibility for the church, staff, and congregational members, as well as resolved issues that may have arisen in the Senior Pastors absence. Special ministry area included Youth and Family Ministry, giving special emphasis to middle school and high school age youth and their families. Responsible for recruiting and training advisors for youth ministry groups and worked to plan adequate and effective programs and activities. Assisted in the development of programs which deepened the ties of the congregation to the local community and promoted ministries that focused on active service to others.

Assistant Pastor. St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church, Dallas, TX. Aug 1997-July 2003. Preacher, worship leader, bible study facilitator, and AIDS ministry programming. Coordinated and facilitated work of church volunteers and provided pastoral leadership to various ministries to ensure vitality of lay leadership in those ministries and their proper alignment with the mission and vision of the church.

HIV/AIDS Community-Based Organization

Coordinator of Minority Outreach & Coordinator of Care Teams. AIDS Interfaith Network, Fort Worth, TX. 1995-1998. Recruitment and advisement of minority volunteers; administered culturally proficient services to HIV/AIDS clients. Developed work plans and provided quality control and input into project deliverables and program development. Provide direct supervision to over 100 volunteers. Managed client relations for multiple programs; periodically led efforts in responding to and managing HIV/AIDS funding opportunities (including federal requests for proposals, private foundation and unsolicited proposals, and private funding opportunities).

INTERCULTURAL AND GLOBAL EXPERIENCES

Seminars and Committees

Equitable Institutional Accountability Workgroup, Wake Forest University, 2020-present
Member, WFU President's Commission on Race, Equity, and Community, 2019-present
Member, WFU Race, Memory, and Slavery Project, 2019-present
Workshop on Intercultural Skills Enhancement Conference, 2018
Summer Institute for Intercultural Communication, Reed College, 2017
Diversity as a Strategic Change Process, WFU Office of Professional Development Center, 2017
Chair, Korean Initiative, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, 2016-2017
Member, WFU Diversity and Inclusion Executive Advisory Council (DIEAC), 2015-present
Chair, WFU Diversity and Inclusion Partners Council, 2011-2016
Intercultural Development Inventory Qualifying Seminar, 2015
Winter Institute for Intercultural Communication, Wake Forest University, 2015
Member, WFU President's Commission on LGBTQ Affairs, 2014
Anti-Racism and Diversity, North Texas Conference, UMC, April 2002
Member, Black Church Studies Committee, Candler School of Theology, 2006-2009
Member, Committee on Gender, Ethnic, Racial Concerns, Perkins School of Theology, 1998-2000

International Academic Travel

- South Africa (Johannesburg, Durbin, Cape Town), Winter Break 2019/2020
- Egypt (Cairo, Giza, Luxor), Winter Break 2018/2019
- Israel (Tel Aviv, Haifa, Palestine, Jerusalem), Winter Break 2017/2018
- South Korea (Seoul, Busan – Yonsei University, Ewha Woman’s University), 2017, 2018
- Belgium (Brussels – University of Kent), 2012
- The Netherlands (Universiteit Leiden, Ghent University, Universiteit Utrecht), 2012
- Brazil (São Paulo, Londrina, Rio de Janeiro – University of São Paulo, Methodist University of São Paulo), 2009
- Ghana (Accra, Kumasi, Cape Coast – University of Accra), 2005

HIGHLIGHTED INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS DEVELOPED

2019-2021 *Flourish+Reach* Innovation Strategy, Wake Forest University School of Divinity.
Thought Leader and Chair of the school’s innovation team charged with developing new degree and nondegree offerings.

2017-2019 Korean Initiative, Wake Forest University School of Divinity.
Awarded funding from the University Provost to establish relationship with Yonsei University and Ewha Woman’s University; Established MOU with Yonsei University, United Graduate School of Theology

2013-present Wake Div Dialogue Series, Wake Forest University School of Divinity.
Sustained dialogue engaging the community in critical conversations regarding intersections of identity, as well as other pressing issues.

SELECTED LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND COMMITTEES

Within the University

Equitable Institutional Accountability Workgroup, Wake Forest University, 2020-present
Title IX Policy Implementation, Wake Forest University, 2020-present
Renaming Wingate Hall Subcommittee, Wake Forest University, 2020-present
University Priorities Committee, Wake Forest University, 2019-present
Plan for Academic Excellence, Wake Forest University, 2019-present
University Affordability Initiative, 2019-present
President’s Commission on Race, Equity and Community, Wake Forest University, 2019-present
Academic Initiatives and Diversity Subcommittee, Wake Forest University, 2019-present
Steering Committee, WFU Slavery, Race & Memory Project, Wake Forest University, 2019-present
University Dean’s Council, Wake Forest University, 2017-present (periodically)
President’s Commission on LGBTQ Affairs, Wake Forest University, 2014-2015
Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Partners Council, Wake Forest University, 2011-2015
Well-Being Steering Committee, Wake Forest University, 2012-2014
Judicial Hearing Board for Sexual Misconduct, Wake Forest University, 2013-present

Within the School of Divinity/ School of Theology

Curriculum Innovation Committee, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, 2020-present
Chair, Innovation Strategy Team Wake Forest University School of Divinity, 2019-present
Search Committee, Director of Finance and Administration, Wake Forest, 2019
Faculty Search Committee, Dunn Chair, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, 2018
Grant Writing Committee, Lilly Endowment, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, 2013

Academic Review Committee, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, 2011-present
Senior Administrators Council, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, 2011-present
Chair, Admissions & Scholarship Committee, Wake Forest School of Divinity, 2011-present
Dean's Council, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 2003-2011
Academic Review Committee, Candler School of Theology, 2003-2011
Advanced Studies Committee, Candler School of Theology, 2003-2011
Admissions, Scholarship, & Honors Committee, Candler School of Theology, 2003-2011
Chair, Search Committee, Associate Dean of Students, Candler School of Theology, 2008
Black Church Studies Committee, Candler School of Theology, 2006-2009
Candler School of Theology Dean Search Committee, 2006
Candler School of Theology Building Committee, 2006
Strategic Planning Committee, Candler School of Theology, 2003-2007
Grant Writing Team, Lilly Endowment, Perkins School of Theology, 2001-2002
Perkins School of Theology Dean Search Committee, 2001
Dean's Cabinet, Perkins School of Theology, 2000-2003
Committee on Gender, Ethnic, Racial Concerns, Perkins School of Theology, 1998-2000

Within Theological Education

Chaplaincy Innovation Lab, funded by Templeton Religion Trust at Brandeis University, 2021-present
Organizational and Educational Models in Theological Education, ATS, 2020-present
ATS Accreditation Team Member: Liberty University's Rawlings School of Theology, 2019
ATS New Standards Editorial Group, Standard 6, The Association of Theological Schools, 2019
Chair, ATS Peer Learning Grant with Wake Forest, Vanderbilt, and Yale, 2018
Selection Committee, First Book Grant for Scholars of Color, Louisville Institute, 2017
Steering Committee, The Student Personnel Administrators' Network (SPAN) of The Association of Theological Schools (ATS), 2010-2016
Convener, Enrollment Officers of United Methodist Theological Schools, 2006-2010
Selection Committee, The Fund for Theological Education (FTE), Graduate Scholarships, 2005

Within the Community

LPGA Amateurs Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, 2021 - present
Moderator, National Black Leadership and Empowerment Project series, 2020
Delta Arts Center, Advisory Board, 2020-2021
HIV and Faith Advisory Board Meeting, Gilead COMPASS Initiative, 2019
Tournament Operations, Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Amateurs, 2018-present
Steering Committee, Grads to Golf, Piedmont Triad LPGA Amateurs, 2016-present
Board of Directors, Executive Women's Golf Association (EWGA), 2011-2018
Board of Directors, AIDS Survival Project; Chair, HR & Board Development, 2005-2009
Concerned Brothers and Sisters of Atlanta, Grassroot Community Organization, 2004-2006
Board of Directors, AIDS Arms, Inc.; Chair, Program Services Committee, 2000-2003
Board of Directors, Malcolm X Community Services, Program Services, 2000-2003
Board of Directors, Project Transformation, North Texas Conference, UMC, 2001-2003
Board of Directors, TCU's Black Alumni Alliance, 1999-2003

Within the Church

Advisory Board, Foundry House Intentional Community, The UMC, Western NC, 2017-2020
Committee Member, The Dream Council for the Young Clergy Initiative, The United Methodist Church, General Board of Higher Education & Ministry, 2013-2017
Assistant Pastor, Columbia Drive United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA., 2008-2011
Police Chaplain, City of Clarkston, Clarkston, Georgia, 2006-2010
Associate Pastor, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Clarkston, GA., 2005-2007
Assistant Pastor, St. Luke “Community” UMC, Dallas, TX., 1997-2003
Task Force on the Status of Clergywomen, North Texas Conference, The UMC, 2001-2003
Anti-Racism Team, North Texas Conference, The United Methodist Church, 2001-2003
Committee Member, Georgia Harkness Scholarship Committee, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, The United Methodist Church, 2006-2011
National Advisor, Young Adult Seminarians Network, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, The United Methodist Church, 2005-2011

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Transforming Service: Reflections of Student Services Professionals in Theological Education, Shonda R. Jones and Pamela R. Lightsey, editors. Pickwick Publications (2020).

Articles and Book Chapters

“Signs of Hope in Parched Places? Toward Financial Wellness in Theological Education,” *Special Report on the Economics of Ministry* (working title), Lilly Endowment Inc., (Forthcoming, 2020).

“Graduate Theological School Choice: A Case for Multiplicity,” In *Transforming Service: Reflections of Student Services Professionals in Theological Education*, Pickwick Publications (2020).

England, K., & Jones, S. (2014). “Indiana.” In J.N. Friedel, J. Killacky, E. Miller, & S. Katsinas (Eds.), *Fifty State Systems of Community Colleges: Mission, Governance, Funding & Accountability*. Johnson City, TN: The Overmountain Press.

COURSES TAUGHT

Art of Ministry: Intercultural Development
A Community Leadership Toolkit
Race and Reconciliation
Religion, Race, and Reconciliation: South Africa
Financial Leadership for Ministry
Pastoral Leadership in the Black Church
Intercultural Learning in Intentional Communities
Korea: Conflicts, Reconciliation, and Peacemaking
Contextual Education

DISSERTATIONS AND DIRECTED STUDIES

- Felecia Cunningham, EdD candidate, University of Alabama, Proposal Defense, Spring 2019
- Michael Eley, Janiece Williams, and Dayhige Wright, MDiv candidates (advanced elective studies), Pastoral Leadership in the Black Church, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Fall 2019
- Lovelle McMichael, MDiv candidate (advanced elective studies), Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Fall 2020

GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING

2020 Gilead COMPASS (**COM**mitment to Partnership in Addressing HIV/AIDS in Southern States) Initiative, \$5 Million

2018 ATS Peer Learning Grant - \$10,000

2017 Fund for Theological Exploration, Institutional Doctoral Network-\$40,000

2016 Fund for Theological Exploration, Institutional Doctoral Network-\$40,000

2016 Sustainability Grant: Economic Challenges Facing Future Ministers-\$125,000

2013 Early Career Pastoral Leadership Development Initiative, Lilly Endowment, Inc., Member of grant writing team with Dr. Gail O'Day and Dr. Jill Crainshaw-\$500,000

2013 Theological School Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Future Ministers, Lilly Endowment, Inc.-\$250,000

2002 Theological Program for High School Youth, Lilly Endowment, Inc., Member of grant writing team with Dr. Evelyn Parker and Dr. Joerg Rieger-\$1.8 Million

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Considering the Cost: A Report on the Initial Findings of an ECFFM Peer Learning Grant with Vanderbilt Divinity School, Wake Forest School of Divinity, and Yale Divinity School,” 2019

“Challenging Conversations While Engaging Issues of Diversity and Inclusion,” Boston University School of Theology, 2019

“Embracing Multiplicity: Harnessing the Power of Difference Within Our Student Communities.” Association of Theological Schools (ATS) SPAN Conference, Plenary Speaker, 2017

“Hospitality & Language in Theological Education,” Wake Forest University School of Divinity, 2015 - 2019

“Benchmarking: Building and Motivating a Theological Education Recruitment and Student Services Team,” Association of Theological Schools (ATS) SPAN Conference, 2012

“The Dawning of a New (Technological) Day: Innovations in Interactive Media/Communications for Recruiting Theology Students,” Association of Theological Schools (ATS) conference, 2007-2010.

“Using Social Media in Theological Education Recruitment,” ATS Presidents Conference, 2009

“AIDS and the African American Community,” AIDS Arms, Dallas, TX, 2003

“Mentoring the Next Generation of Women,” Women in Theology & Ministry Program, Candler School of Theology, 2003

“Preparing Applications for Graduate and Professional Schools,” Idealist.org – Action without Borders, Nonprofit Career Fair, 2011

“Why Graduate Theological Education?” Harvard Divinity School, Diversity & Explorations Program, 2008

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Named “Modern-Day Saints: Christian Leaders Who Are Changing the World in Our Communities, Churches, Seminaries and Country,” *Huffington Post*, April 2017
- Most Outstanding Doctoral Student, School of Education, University of Alabama, 2014

- Selected by Emory University's President's Commission on the Status of Women for the HERS Wellesley Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration, 2010-2011
- Selected by Emory University for a class of 14 leaders for the Excellence Through Leadership (ETL) program. The program's mission is to strengthen leadership performance across the university and establish a leadership pipeline for succession planning, 2008-2009
- Award of Excellence, University and College Designers Association, Recruitment Series for Candler School of Theology, 2006
- Association for Theological Schools (ATS) Women in Leadership Award, 2000
- Book Award, 1998. Outstanding student in church and society course. Dr. Darryl Trimiew-Professor. Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University.
- Granville & Erline Walker Ministerial Scholarship, 1996-1998.
- Full Tuition Award, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, 1995-1998.
- Ronald McNair Scholar, 1991-1993.

INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT SERVICES

Offer proven value to graduate theological schools by engaging a range of clients to identify opportunities and barriers to future success through Communal Collective Consulting, LLC.

- The Association of Theological Schools, Advisor Consultant, 2020-2021
- Christian Theological Seminary, Admissions and Enrollment Review, 2020
- Phillips Theological Seminary, Search Consultant for Dean of the Seminary, 2020
- Memphis Theological Seminary, Faculty & Senior Leaders Intercultural Development, 2019
- Columbia Theological Seminary, Intercultural Development for Board & Faculty, 2019-2020
- Lancaster Theological Seminary, Search Consultant for Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Seminary, 2018-2019
- Lancaster Theological Seminary, Enrollment Assessment, 2015
- Union Theological Seminary (NY), Thought Leadership & Practice Development for Enrollment and Financial Services, 2014
- Brite Divinity School, Strategic Staffing Inventory and Evaluation, 2013-2014
- Lancaster Theological Seminary, Admissions & Enrollment Strategic Operational Plan, 2013

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES AND AFFILIATIONS

Leadership and Participation

- Association of Theological Schools African American Deans and Presidents, 2017-present
- Association of Theological Schools Biennial Meeting for Deans and Presidents, 2016, 2018, 2020
- Association of Theological Schools Student Personnel Administrators Network, 2010-present
- Gathering First Fruits: National Summit on the Economics of Ministry, 2019
- NASPA Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education Annual Conference, 2019
- FTE Institutional Doctoral Network Annual Gathering, 2016, 2017, 2019
- AACRO Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) XV Conference, 2017, 2005
- National Conference on Student Recruitment, Marketing, and Retention, 2016
- FTE Christian Leadership Forum (CLF), 2016
- National Conference for LGBT Equality: Creating Change, 2013, 2015

- Community Leaders' Workshop, Making it Real: Addressing Sexual Health Education and Disease Prevention in Minority Communities at the Intersection of Faith and Real Life, Southeast AIDS Training and Education Center, Emory University School of Medicine, 2009
- Convocation for Pastors of Black Churches, General Board of Discipleship, The United Methodist Church, 2007, 2009, 2011
- The Fund for Theological Education (FTE) Calling Congregation Conferences, 2008
- Pastoral Leadership Search Effort Summit, 2006
- Wholeness in Theological Education: Student Health and Wholeness, ATS, April 2002
- Anti-Racism and Diversity Team, North Texas Conference, UMC, April 2002
- Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, Southern Methodist University, July 2002
- NASPA's National Academy for Leadership and Executive Effectiveness, January 2000
- ATS's Women in Leadership, November 1999, November 2000
- Strategies in Recruiting Graduate & Professional Students, March 1999

Membership

- LPGA Amateurs Golf Association, 2017-present
- American Academy of Religion, 2001-2009
- Association for the Study of Higher Education, 2006-2012
- NASPA | Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, 2005-2019
- Executive Women's Golf Association, 2007-2017
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., 1993-present

Shonda R. Jones, Ed.D.



Statement of Interest Society for the Study of Black Religion

It would be an honor to join in the mission of the Society for the Study of Black Religion (SSBR) to engage in scholarly research and the production of knowledge about the broad diaspora of Black religion and Black religious experiences.

As a womanist, the lens by which I seek knowledge is heavily dependent upon lived experiences, embodiment, community, partnership, and justice. By this, I mean to suggest that my religious and moral reflections place Black women at the center. This methodology for me is not only liberative, but places needed value on thriving and flourishing amid the oppressive systems at the intersections of race, gender, class, sexism, and heterosexism. The works of Katie Geneva Cannon, Delores S. Williams, and Emilie M. Townes have contributed to how I employ womanism as an interpretative principle. Further, womanist scholars and practitioners who have centered questions on human activity and our limited ability to fully partner with God through more just human relationships have influenced how I engage neighbors, faith communities, and the academy. Yet, my womanist formation refuses to submit to evil and suffering since my work and activities with God and creation are rooted in an emancipatory hope.

It is this justice-centered womanist rooting that is foundation to my work in theological education, and now in establishing new academic programs to meet the evolving needs of working professionals. I welcome the opportunity to join SSBR and be supportive of its work in convening scholars, committee responsibilities, and leading program efforts related to my scholarly and professional expertise. I am particularly interested in innovative ways to stretch imaginations on how knowledge is produced and valued among those in higher education, through narrative inquiry and evidence-based solutions for holistic wellness in black communities.



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Society for the Study of Black Religion new member nomination

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Dr. Kishundra King for membership in the Society for the Study of Black Religion. Dr. King is a 2021 graduate of Vanderbilt University Graduate Department of Religion/Religion, Psychology, and Culture. Dr. King was a fellow in the Theology and Practice Fellows program at Vanderbilt University, where she demonstrated that she is a disciplined scholar, an excellent teacher, and a reliable mentor with her peers and master level graduate students.

I was able to observe Dr. King's emergence as a scholar-practitioner when she served as the Teaching Fellow for the required Pastoral Theology and Care class. She is a patient, highly organized, and innovator pedagogue. She brought these same capacities working with me on the Annual Womanist Ethnography Conferences, first as a research assistant and as a fellow. In this role she was involved in every aspect of conference development—design, panelist selection, promotion, and budget. She is an invaluable colleague in this work.

Her research questions arose out of her experience with Black girls in counseling and advisement and her dissertation deftly traces the absence of Black girls in womanist thought and thereby re-evaluates the epistemological claims that undergird Womanist Practical Theology. It was an interdisciplinary, constructive, and a much-needed contribution to Womanist Thought and offers a way forward that takes Black girls' experiences seriously.

Dr. King's research is a distinctive contribution because Black girls have not been centered in theology, child studies, or womanist thought. Given the reality of racism, sexism, and the continued exploitation of women and girls in the United States and globally, her research is both timely and needed. Her dissertation, *Making Space for Black Girlhood: A Womanish Pastoral Theology* is a thoughtful articulation of a womanist pastoral theology of black girls lived experience. Kishundra tested, as it were, her argument, by presenting preliminary research at the 2017 Womanist Approaches to Religion/ Psychology, Religion, and Culture session at the

American Academy of Religion. The panelists who responded to her work were impressed with her presentation encouraged to publish her research.

She is currently at work on her first book and is expanding the research begun in her doctoral studies toward this publication.

It is my pleasure to nominate Dr. King for membership in the Society for the Study of Black Religion and I do so with my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phyllis Isabella Sheppard".

Phyllis Isabella Sheppard

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BLACK RELIGION NEW MEMBER NOMINATION FORM

(Please print or type)

Name of Nominee: Dr. Kishundra King

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Office Phone ([REDACTED]

Home or **Cell Phone** [REDACTED] Fax _____ E-mail address kking@crcds.edu

****Nominee must write a paragraph stating how he or she plans to demonstrate commitment to the SSBR. *** Nominee may attend the annual meeting in which they are being nominated after consultation with her/his nominator.**

Current Position(s) and Institution(s)

Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and Director of Black Religious Thought and Life
Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

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EDUCATION

Institution Degree Date Conferred:

Vanderbilt University, Graduate Department of Religion, Religion, Psychology and Culture, Ph.D. 2021

Yale University Divinity School, Master of Divinity, 2015

Creighton University, Master of Science in Counseling, , 2012

Xavier University (Ohio), Bachelor of Science, Biology, 2010

Dissertation Title: *Making Space for Black Girlhood: A Womanish/ist Pastoral Theology*

Nominator's Name: Phyllis Isabella Sheppard, Ph.D.

Nominator's Address: Vanderbilt University Divinity School/Graduate Department of Religion

Nominator's Email: phillis.i.sheppard@vanderbilt.edu

Documentation Included: X Curriculum Vita X Letter of nomination X X Nominee's Statement

Application must be sent via a single email attachment (Word.doc or .pdf) to the following address: ssbrnominations@gmail.com. All materials must be received by **January 5, 2022**.

NOMINEE'S STATEMENT:

Commitment statement: I am excited by the possibility of joining the Society for the Study of Black Religion (SSBR). My hope is that my participation in SSBR will inform my approach to Black religious studies as I work to develop the Black Religious Thought & Life program at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. To demonstrate my commitments to SSBR, I, first, intend to be an active participant in annual meetings. Second, I plan to support the work of my colleagues researching and discussing Black religious experiences. Third, I will be open to dialogue and collaboration with colleagues as I navigate my teaching, service, and research in Black religious thought and life.

Kishundra D. King

Email: kking@creds.edu

EDUCATION

Doctorate of Philosophy in Religion

May 2021

Area: Religion, Psychology, & Culture
Vanderbilt University, Nashville,
Tennessee

Dissertation: *Making Space for Black Girlhood: A Womanist/Pastoral Theology*

Committee: Phyllis I. Sheppard (Chair), Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore, Jaco Hamman, &
Emilie M.
Townes

Master of Divinity

May 2015

Yale University Divinity School, New Haven,
Connecticut

May

Master of Science in Counseling

2012

Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska

May

Bachelor of Science - Biology

2009 - 2012

Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Practical Theology Director of Black Religious Thought & Life

Fall 2021 - Present

Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Rochester, New York

Womanist Ethnography Conference Fellow

July 2021-Present

Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee

Visiting Instructor of Pastoral Theology & Care

Fall 2020 Spring 2021

Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana

Master Teaching Fellow

Fall 2019

Graduate Department of Religion

Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee

Dr. James Byrd, Supervising Professor

Digital Specialist and Online Teaching Fellow

Fall 2018 & Fall 2019

Foundations in Theological Education

Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee

Prof. Viki Matson, Supervising Professor

Guest Lecturer in Cultural Adolescent Development

Fall 2016 & Fall 2021

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

SELECT COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Pastoral Care & Counseling

Introduction to Pastoral Theology

Discerning the Context for Ministry in the 21st Century

Theological Perspectives on Pastoral & Spiritual Care & Counseling

Black Church Perspectives on Faith, Understanding and Belief

From Protest to Formation: African American Religious Traditions

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Principal Investigator

Fall 2018 July 2021

Understanding Black Girlhood in Black Church and Society

Graduate Department of Religion

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

- Completed and submitted research proposal and application to the Institutional Review Board
- Created and distributed advertisements for participants
- Designed and developed focus group and interview questions
- Conducted interviews

Senior Research Assistant for Dr. Phyllis I. Sheppard

January 2018 June 2021

Womanist Ethnography Conference

Graduate Department of Religion

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

- Co-planning the third annual Womanist Ethnography and Black Women's Vocation Conference
- Co-coordinated and co-designed the "This is my Calling: Womanist Ethnography and Black Women's Vocation" Conference funded by the Louisville Institute Project Research Grant (November 3, 2018)

Graduate Research Assistant for Religion, Psychology, and Culture

May 2015 May 2016

Graduate Department of Religion

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

- Copy-edited publications on behalf of the department faculty

Research Assistant for Dr. Derrick Gordon

May 2014 May 2015

The Consultation Center, New Haven, Connecticut

- Wrote and submitted research proposals to the Institutional Review Board
- Prepared and constructed focus group questions

PROFESSIONAL GUILDS

- *Pastoral Psychology*, Editorial Review Board (2021-Present)
- Womanist Ethnography Conference
- Society of Pastoral Theology (SPT) ○ Co-organizer for the Society of Pastoral Theology's Pre-Conference for Scholars of Color (2016-2021)
 - Ad Hoc Committee for the Future of SPT, Member (2016-2017)
- American Academy of Religion (AAR) ○ Childhood Studies Group Steering Committee Member (2019-Present) ○ Psychology, Culture, & Religion Group Steering Committee Member (2021Present)
- American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC), Student Member
- Wabash Teaching Seminar for Doctoral Students (2019-2020 Cohort)

CERTIFICATIONS IN RESEARCH & TEACHING**Certificate in Online Teaching Specialization**

March 2020

Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching

Certificate in Human Research

June 2019 June 2022

Vanderbilt University Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative

**Certificate in Responsible Conduct
for Research for Social & Behavioral Sciences**

June 2019 June 2022

Vanderbilt University Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative

Certificate in Humanities Teaching & Learning

May 2018

Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching

Wabash Certificate for Teaching in Diverse Institutional Contexts May
2018

Vanderbilt University Graduate Department of Religion

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

CLINICAL CERTIFICATIONS

National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (PASS) February 2019

National Board for Certified Counselors

*In Preparation for a License in Professional Counseling (LPC)

Certificate in Clinical Pastoral Education

Summer 2013

Bridgeport Hospital, Bridgeport, Connecticut

One Unit

CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

Counselor for STARS Student Assistance Program (SAP) August 2018 July 2020

Sunset Middle School Site Placement (August 2019 July 2020)

Hunters Lane High School Site Placement (August 2018 July 2019)

STARS Nashville, Nashville, Tennessee

Department of Children's Services

May 2017 August

2018

Substance Abuse Specialist and Consultant

Renewal House Organization, Nashville, Tennessee

Specialized Crisis Counselor

May 2016 August 2018

Youth Villages Organization, Nashville, Tennessee

Spiritual Care Partner

August 2015 August 2016

Begin Anew, Nashville, Tennessee

Graduate Student Mental Health Intern

September 2013 May 2014

Connecticut Mental Health Center's Substance Abuse Treatment Unit, New Haven, Connecticut

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Women of Color Graduate Department of Religion Group Co-Convener

August 2017 May 2021

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

- Organized monthly colloquiums
- Invited special guests to share their doctoral work with the group
- Facilitated mentorship opportunities among women of color in the Graduate Department of Religion

English Language Center - Writing and Speaking Consultant

August 2015 May

2016 Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

- Provided one-on-one writing consultations and feedback sessions with students writing in English as a second language
- Conducted one-on-one speaking and presentation consultations with students

Women's Pre-Doc Student Group Leader

August 2014 May 2015

Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut

- Supported women interested in doctoral work
- Organized bi-weekly meeting agendas
- Invited special guests to share their experiences with the group
- Facilitated group discussions about doctoral programs and the application process

McDougal Student Life Fellow

August 2014

May 2015

Yale University Graduate Student Life, New Haven, Connecticut

- Create interactive events for graduate students
- Implement educational programs and social opportunities for international students

Faculty Search Committee Student Representative

October 2014 March

2015

Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut

- Attended search committee meetings
- Discussed student needs and interests when selecting candidates
- Organized student conversations with prospective candidates

Graduate Assistant for Student Achievement

July 2011 – June

2012

Creighton University Center for Student Success and Retention, Omaha, Nebraska

- Provided one on-one academic counseling and mentoring to undergraduate students
- Assisted in the instruction of *Strategies for Academic Success* and *Strategies for Student Success* courses for first year students

Graduate Intern

August 2011 – December 2011

Creighton University Career Center, Omaha Nebraska

- Provided career counseling to undergraduate students and alumni
- Reviewed and critiqued résumés, cover letters, and personal statements as well as provided feedback to students regarding professional etiquette

PRESENTATIONS

A Kaleidoscope Analysis: Toward a Womanist/Theology

November

2020 Paper, American Academy of Religion
Boston, Massachusetts (Virtual)**Womanist Pastoral Theology for the Future:**

November 2017

Impediments and Possibilities for Black Girl Magic
Paper, American Academy of Religion
Boston, Massachusetts**Call My Mama! Toward an Intrapyschic Holding Environment**

September 2017

Paper, Symposium for Black Women and Girls
Providence, Rhode Island**The State of Pastoral Theology**

June 2017

Data Presentation, Society for Pastoral Theology Annual Meeting
Dallas, Texas

BOOK REVIEWS

The Spiritual Lives of Young African Americans* written by Almeda M. WrightReading Religion*

January 2019

Sensing Sacred: Exploring the Human Senses in Practical Theology and Pastoral Care

edited by Jennifer Baldwin
Journal of Pastoral Theology

November 2017

***Black Practical Theology* edited by Dale P. Andrews and Robert London Smith Jr.**
Practical Matters Journal

October 2016

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Louise A. Taylor Award May 2021
for Graduate Students with Promise in the Humanities
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE) Fellow August 2019
Forum for Theological Exploration, Decatur, Georgia

Fellowship in Theology and Practice August 2015 – July 2021
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee



NEW MEMBER NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: **Dr. LaKisha Lockhart**

Mailing Address: _____

Office Phone **706-464-7725** Home or Cell Phone _____

E-mail address **lakisha.lockhart@upsem.edu**

**Nominee must write a paragraph stating how he or she plans to demonstrate commitment to the SSBR.
*** Nominee may attend the annual meeting in which they are being nominated after consultation with her/his nominator.

Current Position(s) and Institution(s)

Assistant Professor of Christian Education, Union Presbyterian Seminary, 3401 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23227

EDUCATION

Institution	Degree	Date Conferred
<u>Boston College</u>	<u>Ph.D. Theology & Education</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>Vanderbilt University</u>	<u>M.A. Religion</u>	<u>2012</u>
<u>Wesley Theological Seminary</u>	<u>M.Div.</u>	<u>2011</u>
<u>Claflin University</u>	<u>B.A.</u>	<u>2008</u>

Dissertation Title:

Doing Double-Dutch: Womanist Modes of Play as a Pedagogical Resource for Theological Education

Nominator's Name: **Rev. Dr. Michele E. Watkins**

Nominator's Address: **University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park, Maher 292, San Diego CA 92110**

Nominator's Email **mwatkins@sandiego.edu**

Documentation Included: Curriculum Vita Letter of nomination Nominee's Statement
Application must be sent via email file attachment to:

All materials must be received by January 5, 2022



Department of Theology and Religious Studies
Rev. Dr. Michele E. Watkins
Assistant Professor
Maher Hall 292
5998 Alcalá Park

January 5, 2022

Dr. Evelyn Parker, President &
The Executive Committee
Society for the Study of Black Religion
Re: SSBR 2022 Nomination Letter – **Dr. Lakisha R. Lockhart**

Dear Members of the SSBR Executive Committee:

As a part of our sacred trust, our illustrious guild receives within its fold new inductees who have been nominated by members in good standing. These persons must have earned a Ph.D and has demonstrated a commitment to the academic study of Black religious experiences. In accordance with our standards and tradition, it is with great enthusiasm that I write to formally recommend **Dr. Lakisha Renee Lockhart** for induction into the Society for the Study of Black Religion.

Dr. Lockhart is an Assistant Professor of Christian Education at Union Presbyterian Seminary. I came to know Dr. Lockhart and her work about 12 years ago while a doctoral fellow through the Forum for Theological Exploration. I was first greatly impressed with her passion and commitment to a genre within the study of Black religion that centers and values the lives of Black women, womanist play, and liberative religious education.

Dr. Lockhart is an accomplished scholar who has added to new knowledge to the study of the intersections between education, Black Religion, Womanist Studies, and Religious Education. She has co-authored a number of publications. One of Dr. Lockhart's most compelling works that I have used in the classroom is entitled "United Against Racism: Churches For Change," published by the National Council of Churches. Additionally, Dr. Lockhart has received a number of prestigious fellowships and honors inclusive of but not limited to grants from the First Wornom Innovative Grant from the Religious Education Association and Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion.

I am nominating Dr. Lockhart's for membership as an investment in our Society's present and future work. The study of the religious experiences of Black people needs to be even more deliberate about its inclusion and support of subversive and multi-generational scholars of African descent who are utilizing both traditional and contemporary methodologies. For these are the voices that our students' students will find formative for the relevance and viability of the field. We need these voices to be voices we can trust, and it is without question for me that Dr. Lockhart is one of those many voices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michele E. Watkins".

Rev. Dr. Michele E. Watkins



Dr. Stephen Ray, President
Society for the Study of Black Religion

Dear Dr. Ray:

I am pleased and honored to forward this letter of nomination for Dr. Lakisha R. Lockhart for membership in the Society for the Study of Black Religion. One of the concluding actions of my tenure as Dean of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology was to invite Dr. Lockhart to join the faculty of this institution. She is a bright emerging scholar whose presences and capacities are shaping and reshaping the character of this place and theological education. She has earned degrees from multiple institutions: Boston College, PhD; Vanderbilt University, MA; Wesley Theological Seminary, MDiv; Claflin University, BA.

Her scholarship is unique in that it is cross disciplinary combining play theory from the social sciences and womanist theology and pedagogy from within theological and religious education. She has combined these various disciplines into what she has termed womanist modes of play. Using a play foundation and her womanist consciousness, she uses her womanish modes of play as pedagogical tools to educate the whole person in transformative and liberating new ways. Her new pedagogical technique allows for all people to engage in more inclusive, intersectional, interreligious, intercultural work that can be transformational for individuals, communities, the church, theological education, and education as a whole.

She not only believes in the power of play, movement, aesthetics, and creative arts in life and in theology, but she actively advocates and uses the body as a locus for doing theology through engaged and embodied pedagogical practices.

Her continued emergence and development will be supported, encouraged, and guided by her participation in the SSBR. The Society will certainly be blessed by her manifest and shared gifts of mind, person, and spirit.

I nominate her with enthusiasm and endorse her with neither qualification nor hesitation. As I thank you for your consideration, I extend my kindest regards and very best wishes.

Respectfully,

John W. Kinney
Professor of Theological Studies





LAKISHA R. LOCKHART

RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR & PLAY FACILITATOR

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy
Boston College - 2018
Theology & Education

Master of Arts
Vanderbilt University
2012

Master of Divinity
Wesley Theological
Seminary
2011

Bachelor of Arts
Claflin University
2008

Dr. Evelyn L. Parker

President, Society for the Study of Black Religion
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Susanna Wesley
Centennial Professor of Practical Theology
Perkins School of Theology at
Southern Methodist University
P.O. Box 750133
Dallas, TX 75275

Dear President Parker and Members of SSBR,

I have known and heard about the Society for the Study of Black Religion for many years now. Back when I was still in my Ph.D. program and coming to conferences to see black scholars whose work inspired me and that I hoped to one day know, it was clear that this society was different. With a fifty-two year legacy of "engaging in scholarly research and discussion about the religious experiences of Black people" this society has distinguished itself as a brilliant and devoted community of scholars with intentionality and purpose.

As a junior scholar in religious education and practical theology I have developed a deep appreciation for so many members of this Society and the Society itself. It has been a place for many black scholars who have been isolated in other areas to experience support, collegiality, and shared wisdom. I would be honored to be a part of such an a legacy. If afforded the privilege of membership I plan to commit my time and resources to being financially and physically active through paying my dues and attending annual meetings. I also plan to continue to push to be a productive scholar, to produce research and have discussions about the religious experience of black people.

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration.
Joy & Peace,



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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy
Boston College - 2018
Theology & Education

Master of Arts
Vanderbilt University
2012

Master of Divinity
Wesley Theological
Seminary
2011

Bachelor of Arts
Claflin University
2008

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Religious education; practical, liberation, and Womanist theologies; ethics and society; multiple intelligences; embodied faith and pedagogies; theological aesthetics' theopoetics; creativity, imagination and play.

My current research focuses on utilizing womanish play as pedagogy for teaching and learning across difference in theological education.

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

My teaching takes seriously the benefits and necessity of play, movement, aesthetics, creative arts, and embodiment as foundational as I advocate for the usage of the body as a locus for doing theology and theological reflection. Engaged and embodied pedagogy, mutuality, and providing a ludic learning environment foster intercultural and interreligious learning, dialogue, and teaching that can be transformative. Using engaged and embodied pedagogy makes space for the embodied, ontological, and epistemological realities of all persons and communities allowing for the uplifting and valuing of diverse, and often marginalized, voices and experiences. I not only see myself as professor, but as a facilitator, rope jumper, game-player, sojourner, advocate, disruptor and catalyst for critical consciousness, liberation, and engagement that leads to action and change.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY 2021 - PRESENT

- Embodied Faith (Fall 2021)

CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY 2020- 2021

- Introduction to Pastoral Theology Online (Fall 2020 & Spring 2021)
- AIDS and Violence (Fall 2020)
- Pedagogies (Spring 2021)
- CDF Proctor Freedom Seminary (Summer 2021)

VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY - SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

- Multiple Intelligences (2018-2020)
- Philosophy of Education (2017-2020)
- Education in Context (2017-2020)
- Embodied Faith (2019-2020)
- Youth Ministry Intensive (2019)

WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

- Formation & Discipleship (Hybrid, Summer 2018)
- Formation & Discipleship (Hybrid, Fall & Summer 2016)



LAKISHA R. LOCKHART

RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR & PLAY FACILITATOR

CONSULTING & DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

FORUM FOR THEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION 2018- PRESENT

- Consultant on behalf of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Campus Ministry for Theological Exploration of Vocation Initiative (CMTEV).
- Servicing 104 Campus Ministries across the US.

VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY - SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

- Served as Program & Faculty Director of STREAM Youth Theology Institute (2016-2019).
- Servicing high school students as they explore what it means to live out their faith in the world.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author of *United Against Racism: Churches for Change: Facilitator's Guide*. National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. Friendship Press, 2018.
- "Let's Dance: Zumba and the Imago Dei of Beautiful Black Bodies" *The Other Journal: An Intersection of Theology & Culture*. Vol. 26: Sport, Spring 2016.
- Review of *The Grace of Playing: Pedagogies for Leaning into God's New Creation* by Courtney Goto in *Religious Education* Volume 112, 2017 – Issue 3.
- "My Wildest Dream: A Letter to My Black Son." *Religious Education*. Volume 115, 2020.
- "Got Body." *The FTE Guide to Discernment Retreats*. Decatur: The Forum for Theological Exploration, 2019.

PUBLIC LECTURES & PODCASTS

- "Power of Play." The Distillery Podcast for Princeton Theological Seminary, 2020
- Theopoetics Podcast. Ep. 01 A Poetics of Theopoetics with Dr. Lakisha Lockhart and Callid Keefe-Perry, 2018.
- The Rising: Spirituality for Revolution Podcast. E14 What is Theopoetics? Centering Creativity, Imagination, and The Arts in Spirituality with Lakisha Lockhart & Callid Keefe-Perry, 2018.
- "Holding Lightly: Cultivating Playfulness in Youth." Co-presentation with Dr. Courtney Goto. Joy and Adolescent Faith and Flourishing Project at Yale University, New Haven, CT, 2017.

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CONFERENCES/PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 "Daughter of The Revolution: Black Women, The Civil Rights Movement and Soundtracks for Liberation a Panel Discussion. Beyonce Mass. University of Redlands, Redlands, CA
- 2018 "Art, Faith, and the Pursuit of Justice: The Sanctuaries and Interreligious Interculturalism among Artists Working for Social Change. Presented with a colleague at the Religious Educators Association Conference in Reston, VA
- 2018 "Vocational Play." Presented at Campus Ministry Theological Exploration of Vocation gathering as an Idea/Exploration Lab Leader. Indianapolis, IN
- 2016 "Tag... You're It: Play as a Resource for Violence Caused by Educational Dislocation." Presented at the Association of Practical Theology. New York City
- 2015 "Being Scandal-less: Re-imagining the Narrative of the Successful Black Woman." Presented at American Academy of Religion in the Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group. Atlanta, GA
- 2014 "Theological Edu-PLAY-tion:*Interplayas* a pedagogical tool for the 'un-making' of violence and aggression." Presented at the Religious Educators Association. Chicago, IL

COHORTS/FELLOWSHIPS/RETREATS

- 2020 Wabash Digital Salon Cohort: Tending to the Body and Soul of Early Career Theological School Educators
- 2019 Weekend Retreat facilitation for campus ministry group Pres House on "Finding Purpose Through Play." Madison, WI.
- 2019 Facilitated a Play Field Day and Picnic at Campus Ministry Theological Horizons. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2018 A Convocation of Christian Leaders, Leadership Education at Duke Divinity, Durham, NC
- 2018 Convening of Practical Theologians of Color, Auburn Seminary, NY
- 2017 Co-facilitator of Deepening Circle retreats and workshops with Arts|Religion|Culture organization
- 2018 Joy and Adolescent Faith and Flourishing Scholar-Practitioner Collaborative with Yale Center for Faith and Culture and the Yale Youth Ministry Institute, Yale University, New Haven, CT

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SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- 2020-2023 Executive Secretary, Religious Education Association
- 2020-2023 Member of Advisory Council for the Katie Geneva Cannon Center for Womanist Leadership
- 2020 Member of Nominations Committee for Association of Practical Theology
- 2020 Small Group Leader for Digital Forum on Youth Ministry, Princeton Theological Seminary
- 2019- 2020 Member of Advisory Council of the Religious Education Association
- 2019- 2020 Member of Committee on Religious Education in Public Life and Global Communities of the Religious Education Association
- 2018-2020 Member of Seminary track faculty team for Children's Defense Fund Freedom School
- 2018 High School Youth Theology Institute Advisory Team through the Lilly Endowment, Inc.
- 2017- 2019 President, Arts, Religion, Culture Organization

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2011-Present	American Academy of Religion
2017-Present	Arts, Religion, and Culture (ARC)
2017-Present	Association for Youth Ministry Education
2007-Present	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
2013-Present	Religious Education Association
2016-Present	The Association of Practical Theology

AWARDS/HONORS

- 2018 Millennial Womanist to Watch with The Millennial Womanist Project
- 2018 Images of Success at Alma Mater Claflin University, Orangeburg, SC.
- 2017 First Wornom Innovative Grant From Religious Educators Association Project Title: Art, Faith, and The Pursuit of Justice.”

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January 1, 2022

My Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Rev. Dr. Valerie Miles-Tribble for membership in the Society for the Study of Black Religion. A tenured, full professor of the Graduate Theological Union, Rev. Dr. Miles-Tribble is also a community activist and ecumenical pastor, ordained in the American Baptist church, who has served several multidenominational congregations; and, since 2015, is pastor of the Faith Presbyterian Church in Oakland, California.

Miles-Tribble's work is grounded in the public-facing role of the historical Black church and lifts its sacred wisdom and vision alongside the keen social justice analyses and transformative commitments of the African American activist tradition. She teaches, writes, mentors and preaches drawing on the prophetic and liberative practices of the Black church – centering womanist/feminist, constructive and practical theologies, as well as spiritualities of Africa and the Afro-Atlantic world.

Miles-Tribble understands the crux of her work to be preparing and strengthening religious leaders for public justice ministry in what she calls "Black Lives Matter times." Her writing offers models to clergy and others who are looking for ways to live out their alliance with the most vulnerable and assaulted in our society; to be in support of racial, economic, environmental and gender equity; and to heighten awareness of the complexity and challenge of being in the modern world while moving it, and ourselves, toward a greater ethic of human connectedness; toward restorative and visionary practices of democracy and of beloved community.

Her recently published book, *Change Agent Church: Urgency for Action in Black Lives Matter Times*, advocates for significant revisions of theological training toward encouraging, enabling and emboldening religious leaders as active witnesses in the work of fighting injustice and creating a transformed world. Miles-Tribble impels her readers, students and colleagues to move beyond gestures of tolerance toward authentic recognition of shared humanity. Her book received the GTU Borst-Rast Prize honorable mention award in 2021.

Rev. Dr. Miles-Tribbles will bring acuity, passion and collegiality to her involvement with the Society for the Study of Black Religion. I am happy and honored to recommend her admission to the organization.

Sincerely,

Rachel E. Harding

Rachel E. Harding, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Ethnic Studies, University of Colorado Denver

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BLACK RELIGION

NEW MEMBER NOMINATION FORM

(Please print or type)

Name of Nominee: VALERIE A. MILES-TRIBBLE
Mailing Address: Berkeley School of Theology (BST)
2606 Dwight Way Berkeley CA 94704
Office Phone 510-841-1905 x235 Home or Cell Phone
Fax _____ E-mail address V.miles-tribble@bst.edu

**Nominee must write a paragraph stating how he or she plans to demonstrate commitment to the SSBR.

*** Nominee may attend the annual meeting in which they are being nominated after consultation with her/his nominator.

Current Position(s) and Institution(s)
Full Professor - GTU/BST / core doctoral faculty

EDUCATION

Institution	Degree	Date Conferred
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SEE CV

Dissertation Title:

Nominator's Name Dr. Rachel Harding, U. Co Denver

Nominator's Address Assoc. Professor, Indigenous Spiritual Traditions Dept Ethnic Studies

Nominator's Email Rachel.Harding@ucdenver.edu

Documentation Included: Curriculum Vita Letter of nomination Nominee's Statement

Application must be sent via a single email attachment (Word.doc or .pdf) to the following address: ssbrnominations@gmail.com.

All materials must be received by
January 5, 2021.



Valerie Miles-Tribble, PhD DMin

Professor of Ministerial Leadership & Practical Theology



Education

PhD, Walden University (Management) Leadership & Organizational Change
DMin, San Francisco Theological Seminary (GTU)
MDiv, GTU-ABSW (now Berkeley School of Theology)
Certificate-Summer Leadership Institute, Harvard Divinity School
MPH, University of California at Berkeley
BS, Hampton University

Contact

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Social Media Presence

Twitter: [@CanBeStill](https://twitter.com/CanBeStill)

Philosophy of Teaching

My pedagogical approach in the MDiv, MCL, DMin and PhD curricula integrates a womanist theoethical and practical theological lens. My research focus in leadership theory, adaptive change theory, and organizational development examines behavioral ethics and justice dynamics in churches, communities, and society. I view public theology to be an essential component of practical theology as burgeoning fields of interdisciplinary scholarship and praxis. I develop courses in leadership theory, behavioral ethics, adaptive change and systems theory as well as ethical approaches to intersectional social justice issues. In this complex world, discipleship and positive social change must be viewed as interconnected. Prophetic ministry extends beyond the pulpit to revitalize hope in communities, challenge injustice, and help folks move from disenfranchised to empowered. Using extensive marketing / multidisciplinary background in business, church, academy, and community activism, I encourage practitioners to be contextually creative and prophetically transformative in any leadership role they pursue.

BST-Full Professor

Faculty Advisor to master and doctoral students / Dissertation Chair to DMin students (6)
Faculty Representative to BST Board of Trustees, 2019-2022
Member, DMin Academic Committee (approval review for dissertation proposals)
BST Curriculum Subcommittee / ATS Assessment team
Co-Coordinator / Recruiter for DMin Tract - Womanist / Feminist Approaches -Transformational Leadership

Course Development / Rotation thru 2021

DM-6032 Constructive Theology & Critical Interpretation II: Final Dissertation Proposal Preparation (DMin Core)
RSCE-4030 Restorative Justice: Intersectionality & Womanist Theoethics (Justice & Reconciliation)
RSCE-4290 Change Agent Church in Black Lives Matter Times (Justice & Reconciliation/ Creative Church)
RSCE-8201/8401 Womanist Theology & Ethics (Spirituality & Resiliency; Justice & Reconciliation)
FTCE-4050 Practical Theology: Public Praxis in Black Lives Matter Times (Creative Church & Community)
IDS-6000 Interdisciplinary Seminar (Doctoral Seminar jointly w/ Dr. A Holder, GTU Coordinator / PLTS)
FT-2537 How to Lead Almost Anything: Effective Leadership Ethics and Practices (MCL/MDV core course)
Guest Lecturer, Change Agent Church – (LSTC at Univ. Chicago for Dr. Linda Thomas, 2020)
Women's Studies in Religion (WSR) Seminar – supervised Newhall Fellows (2020); teach in Spring 2022)

Rotation thru 2018

STCE-6007 Theology & Ethics Seminar (PhD/ThD foundations co-taught with Dr. Rita Sherma, CDS. Fall 2017)
FTRS-4050 Practical Theology: Public Praxis in Black Lives Matter Times (Intersession/Spring 2018)
FTCE-4000-level: Change Agent Leadership: Guiding Organizational Change for Social Reform Activism
DM-5052 Womanist Theology / Methodological Approaches; Women's Studies Religion and Society (jointly taught a 2015 cohort with visiting professor, Dr. Linda L. Thomas, LSTC)
ST-2463 Introduction to Womanist Theology and Ethics

CE-5015 Ethics to Lead & Transform (Doctoral elective)
FT-2771 How to Create and Sustain Social Ministries
RSCE-2261 Morality in Social Life (also DM-6038 Morality & Society, created as doctoral-level course)
RSCE-3400 Womanist Survival Ethics: Lyrical Lens of Erykah Badu, Lauryn Hill, Jill Scott

GTU Consortial Faculty Services

Distinguished Faculty Lecturer (2021); peer selected for November 2021 presentation
Core Doctoral Faculty in two Academic Departments: Theology & Ethics and Religion & Practice
GTU Faculty Council (two-year term rotation, 2019-2021)
GTUX: “Political Speech as Hermeneutic” in series -Lure of Power: Religion, Politics & Insurrection (May 2021)
GTU Board Select Committee on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (2020-2021)
Panelist – GTU Sustainability Conference (2020 and 2021). Proposed book chapter in Volume II
Co-Instructor, IDS-6000 Interdisciplinary Seminar w/ Dr. Arthur Holder (Fall 2021)
Doctoral Advisor (2020-2021)– PhD (4 T&E / 3 R&P / 1 IDS)
Steering Committee, GTU Women Studies in Religion (WSR, 2015-present; Chair/Lecturer: 2019-2021)
Consortial GTU Rep (Theology & Ethics) to faculty search committee–Starr King (SKSM-2018)
Consortial GTU Rep (Religion & Practice) to faculty search committee–Pacific School of Religion (PSR-2017)
Newhall PhD Supervising Faculty (2017-)
Consortial Representative to GTU Library Collections Director search committee (2018)
Co-Instructor, Theology & Ethics Departmental PhD Seminar w/ Dr. Rita Sherma (2017-2018)

Professional Services and Association Work

ABC-USA, Ministers Council
American Academy of Religion (AAR)–Women in Religion Academic Mentor (2017-2020)
American Academy of Religion (AAR)–Womanist Approaches, Religion & Society, Steering Com (2018-2023)
American Academy of Religion (AAR)- Theology of MLK, Steering Committee (2019-2023)
AAR-Western Region, Faculty Chair–Womanist / Pan African Units (2017-present)
Member, Association of Practical Theology / Member, Academy of Religious Leadership
Faith in Action / PICO National Network–Consultant, Prophetic Women’s Voices Initiative (2014-2015)
Sojourners Magazine, Washington DC - Core contributor, articles and commentaries (2015-present)
Golden Key International Honor Society (Leadership & Organizational Change)
FIA Pastoral community organizer, Faiths Initiatives–Technical Assistance Consultant (Strategic planning; Board leadership development; Training Presenter: Capacity-building)

National Association Appointments / Forums

Association of Theological Schools ATS), Mid-Career Faculty Intensive (2021 – In progress, essay / paper)
Women of Color in Ministry National Network (WOCIM): National Leadership Council and RISE Advisory Team
WOCIM-Rise Together Mentorship Project: NorCal Western Region Affiliate, Grant Coordinator (2018-2021)
Association of Theological Schools (ATS), Advancing Women in Leadership–National Leadership training (2017)
NorCal Martin Luther King Foundation–SF. King & Faith Lecture Series, Presenter /Panelist (2016-2021)

Selected Publications and Submissions

Book: *Change Agent Church: Urgency for Action in Black Lives Matter Times* (Lanham: Lexington-Fortress Academic, Rowman & Littlefield, 2020). ISBN: 978-1-9787-0174-8. Recipient, GTU-Borst-Rast Prize, Honorable Mention Award - 2021

Book Chapter: “Baby Suggs and the Clearing Rock of Ages: Womanist Theoethic of Survival Justice in Sustainable Societies: Interreligious Interdisciplinary Responses (UK Springer Series: *Sophia Studies in Cross-Cultural Philosophy of Traditions and Cultures* (peer-reviewed- 2021 publication)

Issue Editor, Review & Expositor Journal themed issue: Leading Change As Sacred Praxis (Sage: 2021 release) and Article: “When Dark Deeds Come to Light: Countering Negative Gender/Power Tropes from Bible to Boardroom”

Article: “Change Agent Teaching for Interreligious Collaboration in Black Lives Matter Times,” (Wiley: *Teaching Theology & Religion* 23:140-150 (September 2020). doi:10.1111/teth.12556

Teaching Theology & Religion. Sept 2020 Book Review: Teaching For a Multifaith World, Edited by Eleazar Fernandez. (Eugene: Pickwick Publications, imprint of Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2017), Introduction, xiii-xxviii; 220 pages. ISBN: 978-1-4982-3974-5

Article: “Restorative Justice as a Public Theology Imperative,” Special Issue: Seeking the Welfare of the City. (Sage Publishing: *Review & Expositor* 114:3 (September 2017) doi:10.1177/00346373172104

Article: “Leading with High Notes of Compassion and Harmonic Chords of Justice,” *Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision in Ministry*, 38:1 (Spring 2018, ISSN:2325-2847). <http://journals.sfu.ca/rpfs/index.php/rpfs/>

Article: “Mrs. Lot: Vilified or Victim? Sinner or Salt?” Issue: Biblical Matriarchs. (Sage Publishing: *Review & Expositor* 115:4, Fall 2018). doi:10.1177/0034637318792858

Article: “Public Theology: Dilemmas for Embodying the Evangel,” (*American Baptist Quarterly: The Church’s Public Witness*, 2017 peer-review, 2019 release)

Article, Sojourners Online Magazine: “Hell You Talmbout: Protest Music Meets the Church in the Streets” <https://sojo.net/articles/hell-you-talmbout> (8-21-2015)

Article, Sojourners Magazine (printed): “Can You Hear It? Hip-hop, Spoken Word, and the Voice of Prophetic Ethics” <https://sojo.net/magazine/february-2016/can-you-hear-it> (February 2016)

Article, Sojourners Online Magazine: “Three Years Later, What the Movement Has Learned from Eric Garner” <https://sojo.net/articles/three-years-later-what-movement-has-learned-eric-garner> (7-17-2017)

AAR / Reading Religion Book Review: Hayes, Diana L. “*No Crystal Stair: Womanist Spirituality*” (2017)

Wabash Center Book Review: Bonner, F; Marbley, A; & Truitt et al., Ed. “*Black Faculty in the Academy: Narratives for Negotiating Identity and Achieving Success*” <http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/article.aspx?id=29305> (7-15-2015)

Article, Sojourners Online Magazine: “Are We Missing the Prophetic Connection?” (Advent Reflection series) <https://sojo.net/articles/advent-reflections/are-we-missing-prophetic-connection> (12-12-2014)

Crouch, W. & Gregory, J. *What We Love About the Black Church*, Judson Press, 2010. Authored Chapter Response: “Praise and Respect.” Judson Press (2010). ISBN-13: 978-0817016449

Article, Response to “The Forum: Are the strategies of care different when fear is all around us?” *Journal of Supervision and Training in Ministry*, 2008. <http://journals.sfu.ca/rpfs/index.php/rpfs/>

Qualitative Research (DMin) on public role of black church through womanist lens: *The ‘Change Agent’ Black Church-Biblical and Historical Context for Renewed Commitment to Social Reform in a Multicultural Setting*. SFTS / GTU Library (2006). Copyright filed United States Office of Copyright Permissions.

Quantitative Research (PhD) on GTU student assessment for leadership roles: *Assessing Student Leadership Competencies and Adequacy of Preparation in Seminary Training*. UMI / ProQuest 3682536 (2014/2015)

Panels / Presented Papers

AAR Western Region Panel (March 2021) “Raising the Power of Our Voices in the Public Square: What’s Next?: A Womanist Roundtable” (Moderator/ Organizer)

GTU-Sustainability Conference (March 2021)
“The Great Revolution,” Plenary B, Visions for a Viable Tomorrow: The Arc of Justice , GTU-March 2021

WSR Chair Lecture (May 2021)

“Urgency for Intersectional Justice: Amplifying Women’s Studies in Religion as a Faith-Driven Pathway”

WSR Chair Lecture (June 2020)

“Pedagogical Purpose of My Book – Change Agent Church in Black Lives Matter Times: Urgency for Action”

“Envisioning King’s Beloved Community in Black Lives Matter Times”, NorCal MLK Foundation MLK “The Time for Justice” (Jan 2020)

Cal Lutheran / Pacific Lutheran Theological School (PLTS) – 2018 Commencement Keynote, Berkeley

PLTS Panelist – Founders Day Interreligious Lecture Series (2018)

Paper: “The Reality Shifts of the Dream” at NorCal MLK Foundation Lecture Series. Grace Cathedral-San Francisco (2018)

Paper: “The Struggle Today for Beloved Community” Keynote-NorCal MLK Foundation, San Francisco CA (2017)

Paper: “The Reality of the Dream: Ethical Dilemmas” at American Academy of Religion, Western Region Conference, Rosemead CA (AARWR, 2017)

Paper: “Baby Suggs and the Clearing Rock of Ages” at GTU Conference on Sustainable Societies: Interreligious, Interdisciplinary Responses, Berkeley CA (2017- Upcoming: Chapter 27, Springer publication 2021)

Keynote: “Public Theology: Dilemmas for Embodying the Evangel” at ABC-USA, Theologians Conference: The Church’s Public Witness, Portland OR (2017 – Published as issue feature in 2019)

Paper: “Prophetic Change Agents in Black Lives Matter Times: A Womanist Theoethical Approach to Communitarian Social Reform Activism” at Black Religion, Materiality, & Atlantic World Symposium, SFTS (2016) honoring the late Dr. James Noel (paper to be published in a future volume)

Clergy / Ministerial Services

Faith Presbyterian Church (PCUSA): Interim Pastor 2015–present (annual appointment, SF Presbytery).

Denominational SF Presbytery Presentation / Training PC-USA (2020 via Zoom platform)

Denominational Ministers Council Presentation / Training ABC-USA (2021 via Zoom platform)

Ordained American Baptist – USA (2001); Licensed 1999

Church Plant, Chartered 1996: Assistant Minister (15 years)–Imani Community Church (ABC, USA).

Oakland Community Organizations (OCO) / Faith in Action–Organizer Intern/ Board / Activist Leader

Ecumenical Preacher – multi-denominational congregations, ABC, ABC/Progressive, UCC, UMC, and PCUSA.



December 5, 2021

SSBR New Member Nominations
c/o Rev. Michele Watkins, PhD – Executive Director, SSBR
University of San Diego

Dr. Rachel E. Harding, PhD - Nominator
University of Colorado, Denver

RE: Statement of Commitment to SSBR

Dear Colleagues:

I am honored to pursue the nomination process for membership in the Society for the Study of Black Religion. This statement serves to highlight my commitment to the Society and its ongoing professional contributions in support of black religious studies. I enclose an updated CV with links (where possible) to recent publications and titles under publication. I am thankful to Dr. Rachel Harding for her nomination and collegial encouragement. As one of few full-time African American female faculty at the GTU with an earned PhD, I have 20+ years of GTU consortial experience in teaching, administration, and extensive ecclesial/pastoral leadership in the Bay Area. Business experience, scholarship in leading organizational change, and pastoral roles in black congregational service fuel my passion to mentor ethical leaders in a complex yet divisive world. As pastor / professor, I feel a heightened responsibility to amplify research and praxis in religious studies in order to sustain and extend the historical black church's crucial public witness in community. Thus, I commit to (1) center the prophetic liberative lenses of black religious traditions, e.g., African spirituality, womanist / feminist theoethics, ecojustice, and practical/public theology extending beyond pulpits to revitalize hope; (2) continue strategic interreligious collaborations to empower justice transformation; (3) uphold the legacy of preaching and teaching to sustain black religious roots in global theological approaches while challenging the injustices. I encourage students to embody public justice witness as change agents. Again, I thank you in advance for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valerie Miles-Tribble".

Rev. Valerie Miles-Tribble, PhD DMin
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Change-Agent-Church-in-Black-Lives-Matter-Times-Urgency-for-Action

Featured Speaker Events that Promoted BST and GTU

Nominated and approved by GTU Council of Deans as the 2021 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer



Posted on: Wednesday, April 14th 2021, 12:15pm



The Graduate Theological Union (GTU) is pleased to announce that Dr. Valerie Miles-Tribble will be recognized as the 2021 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer on November 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM PST.

Each November, the GTU faculty honors a distinguished professor who embodies the scholarly standards, teaching excellence, and commitment to ecumenism that define the GTU. Nominations are made by GTU faculty and are then considered by the Council of Deans, which selects the lecturer.

Dr. Miles-Tribble is Associate Professor of Ministerial Leadership and Practical Theology at Berkeley School of Theology (BST) and is a member of the Core Doctoral Faculty. She is also the Chair of the Women's Studies in Religion Steering Committee. Her book *Change Agent Church in Black Lives Matter Times: Urgency for Action* was published by Lexington Books/Fortress Academic in 2020.

The 46th annual Distinguished Faculty Lecture will be titled, "Our Pedagogical Charge: Weaving Hope and Justice into the Gossamer-thin Fabric of Religious Democracy."

News & Events

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Served on GTU / Women's Studies in Religion Steering Committee including Co-Chair with Dr. Jennifer Davidson (2018-2019), and as the Chair for two-year term (2019-2021). Serving in ex-officio capacity, 2021-2022.

Join Us

WSR Zoom Roundtable
MONDAY - June 22, 2020
4:00PM-PST

for the Zoom ID/password, RSVP to WSR@ses.gtu.edu

On Being CHANGE AGENTS for Justice
Amid Pandemics of COVID-19 and Virulent Racism



Thursday, 2 November 2017

7 pm Panel and Discussion | Reception to Follow
Dinner Board Room | Flora Lamson Hewlett Library



Leslie Bowling-Dyer is a doctoral student at the Graduate Theological Union in Historical and Cultural Studies. Her research explores the significance of social identities in African-American religious communities.



Sharon R. Fennema is Assistant Professor of Christian Worship at the Pacific School of Religion. Her work addresses intersections of critical race, post-colonial, and gender theories with spiritual practices from worship to protest.



Valerie Miles-Tribble is Associate Professor of Ministerial Leadership and Practical Theology at the American Baptist Seminary of the West. Her work as a womanist scholar, practical theologian, and activist informs her pedagogy.



Jennifer Owens-Jofré is a doctoral candidate at the Graduate Theological Union. Her dissertation mines the devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe in a Latino Catholic parish in the Los Angeles area. Its implications for Mariology and for ministry.



Rita D. Sharma is Director and Associate Professor at the GTU's Center for Hindu Studies and is Core Doctoral Faculty at the GTU. She is Editor-in-Chief of *The International Journal of Dharma Studies* and co-founded the Hindu Studies Unit at the American Academy of Religion.



Women's Studies in Religion

 GTU | Women's Studies in Religion



This event is a Virtual Roundtable with Rev. Dr. Valerie Miles-Tribble, PhD - Associate Professor of Ministerial Leadership and Practical Theology and author of the newly released book: *Change Agent Church in BLM Times*. As current Chairperson of the Women's Studies in Religion Certificate Program, Valerie share from her book and will be joined by WSR Steering Committee to reflect on the critical importance of women's voices in scholarship and public witness.

**Urgency for
Intersectional Justice:
Amplifying Women's
Studies in Religion as a
Faith-Driven Pathway**

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 // 4-5:30pm
Online via Zoom
Free Event



2021 Lecturer: Rev. Dr. Valerie Miles-Tribble

This lecture is aimed to focus a positive light on Women's Studies as a pathway or focus area of specialization that many graduate schools might have; yet are we under-utilizing this opportunity, even at the GTU? Across theological education, emphasis on Women's Studies in Religion can become a path to attract diverse voices to raise new lenses of scholarship, ministry, and justice praxis. As the outgoing chairperson of GTU-WSR, I want to raise some observations about creating pathways for intersectional justice. I also want to suggest if amplified to encourage women and (men) to examine intersectional disparities and non-traditional approaches. I suggest that faculty and students can be more intentional to forge pathways that take seriously the justice issues continually raised by intergenerational and interfaith voices beyond binary presumptions that inhibit identities and otherwise, limit the authenticity of diversity and equity.

TO REGISTER (or for more information), contact wsr@ses.gtu.edu

**RAISING THE POWER OF OUR VOICES in the
PUBLIC SQUARE: WHAT'S NEXT?**

A Womanist Roundtable



Dr. Erika D. Gault
University of Arizona



Dr. Sakera Young-Scaggs
Stanford University



Dr. Valerie Miles-Tribble
GTU-BST
Moderator – Unit Chair



Rev. Ineda P. Adesanya
GTU



Rev. Leslie Bowling-Dyer
GTU

AAR Western Region - Womanist Unit
Graduate Theological Union (GTU)
Webinar Panel - Saturday March 20, 2021
8:30-10:00AM (PST)
<https://www.gtu.edu/events/gtu-hosts-2021-annual-meeting-aar-western-region>

Roundtable also streamed FB Live thru Panelists' pages
<https://arizona.zoom.us/j/99154398850?pwd=TXJJaXRDTXF2NE0XQzdrFFYTWTGtQT09>

American Academy of Religion - National Steering Committee, Womanist Approaches to Religion & Society. American Academy of Religion – Western Regional Conference, Womanist / Pan African Unit panel and moderator (2020). Currently, I still serve as Faculty Co-Chair of the AARWR Womanist / Pan-African Unit

**What is Our Charge (as
Churches serving)
Amid Two Pandemics?**




Rev. Valerie Miles-Tribble PhD DMin
Author: Change Agent Church in Black Lives Matter Times: Urgency for Action (2020)

Featured speaker, ABC-USA Baptist Ministers' Council of Northern CA (regional workshop 2021) and conducted a regional justice workshop for the San Francisco Presbytery churches in 2020.

Sacramento Black Clergy Fellowship Zoom Meeting

Monday, July 12, noon-1:30pm

Special Guest Speaker



Rev. Dr. Valerie Miles-Tribble
ORDAINED CLERGY, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND SERVANT

Currently leading a 4-part training series for the Sacramento Baptist Clergy Alliance (PICO/Faith in Action) in 2021-2022 with modules from my book, Change Agent Church in Black Lives Matter Times: Urgency for Action.

**SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BLACK RELIGION
NEW MEMBER NOMINATION FORM
(Please print or type)**

Nominee must write a paragraph stating how he or she plans to demonstrate commitment to the SSBR. * Nominee may attend the annual meeting in which they are being nominated after consultation with her/his nominator.

Current Position(s) and Institution(s)

Beverly B. and Gordon W. Gulmon Humanities Scholar and Associate Professor of Philosophy Mississippi State University

EDUCATION

Institution Degree Date Conferred

B. A. Religion (Philosophy minor)

M. Div. (Theology) McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University

D. Arts (Humanities) Clark Atlanta University

Dissertation Title:

Common Ground: A Comparison of the Ideas of Consciousness in the Writings of Howard Thurman and Huey Newton

Nominator's Name: Dr. Raymond Carr

Nominator's Address:

Nominator's Email: rcarr.theology@gmail.com

Documentation Included: Curriculum Vita Letter of nomination
Nominee's Statement

Application must be sent via a single email attachment (Word.doc or .pdf) to the following address: ssbrnominations@gmail.com. All materials must be received by January 5, 2022.

January 5, 2022

Dear Nomination Committee,

It gives me great pleasure to nominate Dr. Anthony Sean Neal for membership into the SSBR. To facilitate his nomination, I will briefly mention my relationship to Dr. Neal, highlight some of his contributions to the field of religion, and identify what I believe he will contribute to the society, if his nomination is successful.

First, I have known Dr. Neal for at least ten years or more, presenting papers with him at several conferences. These events include the AAR in San Diego (2013), where we delivered papers for the Black Theology Group, and the *Carl Spain Center on Race Studies & Spiritual Action* at Abilene Christian University where we participated, along with Molefi Asante, in a conference addressing the problem of race in America. Dr. Neal and I have continued more informal, critical conversations outside of such events, particularly since we both do our thinking in ecumenical and inter-religious directions in the same Christian tradition.

Secondly, what stands out about Neal's work, among other things, is his attention to the life and thought of Howard Thurman. His seminal contributions on Thurman's mysticism, including *Howard Thurman's Philosophical Mysticism and Common Ground: A Comparison of the Ideas of Consciousness in the Writings of Howard Thurman and Huey Newton*, are shaping the still burgeoning thought that surrounds Thurman's prodigious documentary record. His support of the work of Walter Fluker and his recent Dean's Eminent Scholar Award from Mississippi State University testify to his importance in the field and classroom.

His work in the field of black philosophy and black religion epitomizes the founders' intentions for establishing the SSBR. As you know Dr. Charles H. Long, for example, accented the importance of having SSBR members who represent a range of disciplines that embrace black creative ascetics within the context of the Atlantic world and beyond. In my mind, Neal's thinking and contributions honors the best ambitions of our society and its efforts to negotiate the powers and possibilities for the affirmation of black life in America. I support his nomination without reservation, knowing we will embrace a colleague who will contribute to the rich intellectual space that has been cultivated by the Society for the Study of Black Religion (SSBR).



Raymond Carr, PhD
Research Associate Moses Mesoamerican Archive
Harvard University

Statement of Commitment

During my years as an undergraduate student at Morehouse College, I made the personal decision to commit myself to the highest levels of scholarship. I was not content with being just another good student, but I also wanted to produce meaningful scholarship, which I considered to be my part in the tradition of the Black freedom struggle. In fulfilling this personal commitment, I finished my Morehouse years as the top student in my department. I was then commissioned as an Officer in the Navy Chaplain Corp. Since finishing my doctorate in 2012, I have furthered my scholarly commitment by writing two books on Howard Thurman which have both been well received. I have authored seventeen articles and book chapters. I have won an alumni award from Mercer University and I was inducted into the Collegium of Scholars of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Chapel at Morehouse College. I also made a conscious decision to go back to the State in which I spent my childhood and take a position at one of the major universities there, making me the first African American in my department and the only African American tenured philosopher to ever teach in Mississippi. I am also a former president of the Mississippi Philosophical Association and I hold a board position with the American Philosophical Association. I list these examples as a demonstration of the commitment I bring to Academia in general and it is this same commitment that I will bring to the Society for the Study of Black Religion.

Anthony Sean Neal
Beverly B. and Gordon W. Gulmon Humanities Scholar
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Arts in Humanities, Clark Atlanta University, 2012. Major, Humanistic Inquiry, Minor, Africana Studies (African American Philosophy and Religion).

2 semesters directed study w/*late* Dr. Edward L. Smith (Interdenominational Theological Center), Process Philosophy Spring 2007- Spring 2008 (noted on Clark Atlanta University transcript)

Master of Divinity, Mercer University, McAfee School of Theology, 2005, Philosophical Theology.

Bachelor of Arts, Morehouse College, 2001, Religion and Philosophy, *cum laude*.

Associate of Applied Science, State Technical Institute at Memphis, 1997, Biomedical Engineering Technology.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATIONS:

Aesthetics, African American Philosophy and Religion (African American Modern Era, NeoClassical African Philosophy), Critical Theory, Neo-Platonism

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION:

Humanistic (Renaissance) Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Africana Studies, Philosophy of Religion, Social and Political Philosophy

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Fall 2020- *present* Associate Professor of Philosophy, Mississippi State University

Fall 2018- *present* Faculty Fellow Shackouls Honors College, Mississippi State University

Fall 2016- *present* Affiliated Faculty, African American Studies, Mississippi State University

Fall 2016- 2020 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Mississippi State University

Fall 2015- Spring 2016 Director of Honors Program for Paine College

Fall 2014- Spring 2016 Program Coordinator in Philosophy and Religion

Fall 2011- Spring 2016 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Paine College

Summer 2010 Visiting Senior Lecturer, Knutsford University College, Ghana

Summer 2009-Spring 2010 Adjunct Professor, Atlanta Christian College

Fall 2009-Spring 2012 Adjunct Professor, Georgia Piedmont Technical College

Spring 2009 Adjunct Professor, Morehouse College

Summer 2008-2009 Visiting Senior Lecturer, Ghana Christian University College

Fall 2007-Spring 2008 Graduate Assistant. Clark Atlanta University

AUTHORED BOOKS

Howard Thurman's Philosophical Mysticism: Love Against Fragmentation,

(Lanham, MD: Lexington Press, 2019)

Common Ground: A Comparison of the Ideas of Consciousness in the Writings of Howard W. Thurman and Huey P. Newton, (Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, 2015)

A Freedom Gaze: The Modern Era of the African American Freedom Struggle,

(Lanham, MD: Lexington Press, forthcoming) 49,268 words

EDITED JOURNALS

(Guest) Ed., Anthony Sean Neal, ***The Acorn Journal: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence***, v.20, September 21, 2021

SCHOLARLY RECEPTION

Howard Thurman's Philosophical Mysticism: Love Against Fragmentation:

Reviewed by Anwar Uhuru, APA Newsletter on Philosophy and the Black Experience, “Textual Mysticism: Reading the Sublime in Philosophical Mysticism,” (Vol. 19:2, 2020)

Reviewed By Robin Friedman, *Journal of Dewey Studies*, “Book Review: Howard Thurman’s Philosophical Mysticism,” Vol.3:1, 116-122, 2019

2019 Inductee Morehouse College Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel Collegium of Scholars

2019 Mercer University, McAfee School of Theology Alumni Discovery Award Author meets critics session DLE II (Diverse Lineages of Existentialism) Conference, by Edward O’byrn, Michael Barber, and Darian Spearman, George Washington University, June 3-5, 2019

Reviewed by Darian Spearman, September 17, 2019, “On the Mystical Logic of Howard Thurman,” Black Issues in Philosophy Blog, <http://blog.apaonline.org/2019/09/17/on-the-mystical-logic-of-howard-thurman/>

Common Ground: A Comparison of the Ideas of Consciousness in the Writings of Howard W. Thurman and Huey P. Newton:

Reviewed by Tunstall, Dwayne A. (co-author), Hinojosa, Felipe (co-author), *The Acorn*, “(R)evolutions of Consciousness In Thurman and Newton,” (Vol.17:1, 2017) p. 61-77

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Imposing Morality: Cultural Perspectives on Truth Apologies, and Forgiveness in the U.S.A.,” in Crimes Against Humanity in the Land of the Free: Can a Truth and Reconciliation Process Heal Racial Conflict in America?, p. 73-90, Imani Scott, ed. August 2014 (Praeger), *peer reviewed*.

“Freedom Gaze,” *Displacement in Language, Literature, and Culture*, Sylvia Arroyo, ed. May 2018, p. 97-117. *peer reviewed*

“Distal vs Proximal: Howard Thurman’s Jesus and the Disinherited as a Proximal Epistemology,” *Decolonizing American Philosophy*, Corey McCall, Phillip McReynolds, eds. February 2021 (SUNY Press), *peer reviewed*. 7267 words

“Did You Bring Me Here to Be You,” *The Color, Shape, and Tone of Diversity, Equity, and Race in Twenty-first Century America*, Emily Allen Williams, ed., August 2021, (Lexington Press), *peer reviewed*. 5543 words

“Black Life [Matters] Extracted from the Death of Religious Symbols,” *Taking on the Cross*, Tim Moore, ed., 2021,(Nurturing Faith), *peer reviewed*. 4715

“Race and Functional Ultimacy: Choosing Freedom,” *Creolizing Sartre*, Storm Heter, ed., *forthcoming*, (4085 words)

ARTICLES

Journal of Pan-African Studies. "From the Suppression the Repression: Connecting the Ideological Lineage of W. E. B. Du Bois to Huey P. Newton" (July 2016) p. 32-46 *peer reviewed*

Journal of Black Theology, “Howard Thurman’s Mystical Logic: Creatively Encountering Oneness,” (Vol. 16:1, 2017) p. 224-244 *peer reviewed*

APA Newsletter on Philosophy and the Black Experience, “Howard Thurman: Philosopher,” (Vol. 17:2, 2018) *peer reviewed*

“Freedom Gaze: African Freedom Aesthetic,” APA Newsletter on Philosophy and the Black Experience (Vol. 19:1, 2019) edited version

APA Newsletter on Philosophy and the Black Experience, “Not the Sound of the Genuine! A Review Essay of Kipton Jensen’s Howard Thurman,”, (Vol. 20:1, 2020) 3036 words

“Existential Musings in the Modern Era of the African American Freedom Struggle,” *1000-Word Philosophy: An Introductory Anthology*, (February, 2021), <https://1000wordphilosophy.com/2021/02/16/african-american-existentialism/> 996 words, *peer reviewed*

“New Directions in African American Philosophy for the Study of Thurman and King” *The Acorn: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence*, v.20, September 21, 2021 6537 words

“Thurman’s Philosophical De-Mystified Mysticism” Neal, Anthony (co-author 3507 of 7056 words), Barber, Michael (co-author), O’Byrn, Edward, (co-author), *The Acorn: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence*, v.20, September 21, 2021

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Oxford Public Philosophy: Turn Two, “Decolonizing Philosophy without further Delay: Acorn Editors Respond to the Oxford Student Collective,” Neal, Anthony (Co-author),

Moses, Greg (Co-author), Presbey, Gail (Co-author), <https://www.oxfordpublicphilosophy.com/education/decolonizing-philosophy>, November 2021

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Neal, Anthony (co-author), Tunstall, Dwayne (co-author), *The Acorn: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence*, “Subjects of Vulnerability,” (Vol. 18:1-2, 2019) p. 51-75

American Historical Review, “A Review of Against the Hounds of Hell,” (forthcoming)

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

April 17, 2018, “Citadel of the Ideal,” Black Issues in Philosophy Blog, <https://blog.apaonline.org/2018/04/17/black-issues-in-philosophy-a-citadel-of-the-ideal/>

September 10, 2016, “Education via a Philosophy of Deepening the Hunger,” *Clarion Ledger*

November 2016, “Things We Don’t See or Hear,” *Clarion Ledger*

Neal, Anthony Sean, *Phylaxis Magazine* Vol. XLIII No. 4, “What is Philosophy? (and What is its purpose in Freemasonry?”(Fourth Quarter 2016) invited

FOREWORD, INTRODUCTIONS, &c

Postface to John H. McClendon III, *Black Christology and the Quest for Authenticity* (Lexington, 2019)

AWARDS

Morehouse College Presidential Scholarship recipient Jan. 2000- Dec. 2001

Golden Key inductee 2001

Benjamin Mays Scholar’s Ethics Institute (Morehouse/Bates College) Summer 2001

Highest GPA for Graduating Senior (Religion) May 2002

Awarded full Scholarship by McAfee School of Theology (Mercer University) for graduate study 2002

Class 2005 Community Award McAfee School Theology (Mercer University)

Awarded Scholarship by the Africana Studies department of Clark Atlanta University 2005

President African American Studies Graduate Student Association 2006-2007

2019 Inductee Morehouse College Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel Collegium of Scholars

2019 Mercer University, McAfee School of Theology Alumni Discovery Award

2021 MSU College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Eminent Scholar Award \$15,000

GRANTS FUNDED

Georgia Humanities Council

Locating Yerby Literary Symposium 2012-2013 monies were used to pay for keynote speaker. (Maryemma Graham, Professor of English, University of Kansas), \$2000

New York University Faculty Resource Network Grant for Faculty Enrichment Winter Session 2012, Puerto Rico, \$1500

Faculty Student Research Project Grant 2013

To fund research assistant and edit dissertation into book, \$5000

Percy and Edna Mae Ellis Family Trust 2014

Monies were used to bring the Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference to Paine College, \$3000

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. March 11, 2021, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Invited PBOS Panel,
2. January 29, 2021, Concerned Philosophers for Peace, panel title, "Gandhi's Influence on the Civil Rights Movement," paper title, "Gandhi, Thurman and the Question of Aim"

3. October 24, 2020, Philosophy and Religion in Africana Traditions, paper title, "Community, Self, and God in Thurman and King"
4. September 26, 2020, Editors of The Acorn present work for the 2020 online conference of the Peace and Justice Studies Association session title, "Vulnerabilities of Somebodiness in Restorative Justice Theory," and the paper title, "New Directions in the Study of King and Thurman"
5. March 6, 2020, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Alain Locke Panel, "DuBois, Locke, Thurman, and King: The Great Questions"
6. January, 2020, American Philosophical Association Eastern, Society for the Study of Process Philosophy, " Poetry, Art, and Process: An Applicative Notion of Whiteheadian Process Philosophy,"
7. November, 2019, Richard Rorty Society, "Philosophy as Poetry: Rorty and the Spirituals,"
8. November, 2019, Philosophy Born of Struggle, Roundtable on Howard Thurman's Philosophical Mysticism: *Love Against Fragmentation*
9. November, 2019, Mississippi State University Humanities Institute, "Nature and Blackness: A Mississippi Story,"
10. January, 2019 American Philosophical Association, Society for the Study of Process Philosophy, "Consciousness, interpretation, and the Unity of Thought,"
11. June 2018, Caribbean Philosophical Association, Dakar, Senegal, "Distal vs. Proximal: Howard Thurman's Jesus and the Disinherited as a Proximal Epistemology"
12. June 2018, 3rd Annual European Pragmatism Conference, Helsinki Finland, "Philosophy as Poetry: Understood through the Writings of Rorty and Thurman"
13. February 2018, American Philosophical Association Central, Society for the Study of Process Philosophy, "Process Thought as a Method of Interpretation in African American Studies."
14. November 3, 2017, Keynote Address, 21st Annual Harlem Renaissance Conference, Paine College, Augusta, Ga.
15. July 10-11, 2017, International Society for African Philosophy and Studies, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria, "An Intercultural Approach to Studying Mysticism as a Philosophy"
16. November 3, 2016, Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference, Texas A&M, Author Meets Critics.
17. September 30, 2016, Mississippi State University, Classical & Modern Languages & Literatures Symposium, entitled "Freedom Gaze: African Freedom Aesthetic."
18. November 21-24, 2014, American Association Religion/Society Biblical Literature Conference, San Diego, Ca. "Howard Thurman's Mystical Logic: Creatively Encountering Oneness"
19. February 21, 2013 W.E.B. DuBois Conference, Clark Atlanta University, "From the Suppression the Repression: Connecting the Ideological Lineage of W.E.B. DuBois to Huey P. Newton"
20. October 25-26, 2013 Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference, Purdue University, presented paper entitled, "Howard Thurman as Philosopher"

21. March 2012, National Council of Black Studies Conference, Atlanta, paper entitled, "Huey P. Newton as Humanistic Theologian"
22. October 27, 2012, Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference, Texas A. and M. University, presented paper entitled, "Violence and the American State"
23. March 26, 2010, Teaching Matters Conference, Gordon College, Presented paper entitled, "Afrocentricity in the Classroom: What is the impact on History and Philosophy?"
24. 2009-03-19, Neal, Anthony Sean, "From Self-destruction to Self-instruction in Spirituality" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the 33rd Annual National Council for Black Studies, Renaissance Atlanta Hotel Downtown, Atlanta, GA.
2014-11-30 from http://citation.allacademic.com/meta/p302532_index.html

INVITED COMMENTS

1. March, 2019, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Session Chair and Discussant: The Role of Inclusive Communities In Dewey's Quest For Freedom, Yarran Hominh; Is Prescribing 'white Shame' Possible? A Pragmatist-Phenomenological Examination, Margaret Newton,
2. March 2018, Session Chair and provided comments on the paper entitled, "Rebuilding after Disaster: Inequality and the Political Importance of Place," American Philosophical Association Pacific
3. March 2018, Author Meets Critics: John McClendon's *Philosophy of Religion and the African American Experience*, American Philosophical Association Pacific
4. March 2018, Author Meets Critics: Theorizing Black Males: Engaging Tommy Curry's "Man-Not" Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Indianapolis March 2018, Session Chair and provided comments on the paper entitled, "Beyond Theoretical Correctness In Ethics: Dewey's Pragmatic Pluralism" by Steven Fesmire, Middlebury College, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Indianapolis
5. February 2018, Presidential Address, Mississippi Philosophical Association, "Deepening the Hunger: Philosophical and Theological Poetics of Intrinsic Love"
6. March 17, 2017, Society of Advancement American Philosophy, Birmingham, Alabama, Guest Paper Commentator, ("Homo Sacer," Sabeen Ahmed) (invited)
7. Session Chair and provided comments at the American Philosophical Association Central Region conference in St. Louis on February 21, 2015, entitled "Just Imagine: Over-Stressing the Importance of Imagery's Causal Effect."

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. Oxford Public Philosophy November 29, 2021, "Decolonizing Philosophy without Further Delay," Acorn Editors Gail Presbey, Greg Moses, Anthony Sean Neal
2. Morehouse College Interview with Peter Eisenstadt on his book *Against the Hounds of Hell*, November 18, 2021

3. October 27, 2021, APA Webinar Forum on Philosophy of the Black Experience with John McClendon III, Stephen C. Ferguson II, Anthony Sean Neal
4. August 3, 2021, Society for the Advancement American Philosophers Interview: <https://american-philosophy.org/i-am-an-american-philosopher-interview-series/i-am-an-american-philosopher-anthony-neal/>
5. March 26, 2021, Big Questions Big Ideas, “Mapping the Modern Era of the African American Freedom Struggle (1896-1975), Ball State University
6. February 18, 2021, Oxford University People for Women in Philosophy (PWIP), Philosophy, and Economics Society (PPE), Oxford Panel Series, Theories of (Non)Violent Revolutions: Black Liberation, “Philosophy of the Black Experience and the Modern Era of the African American Freedom Struggle (1896-1975): Mapping the Movement”
7. September 2, 2020, University Baptist Church, Wednesday Night Conversation “Thoughts on Racism”
8. July 10, 2020, The Farm Circle, Philosophy Live! Series, “Thoughts on Diversity, Equality and Inclusion”
9. Interview w/Julia Osman, “The Experience of Blackness During the Pandemic” May 28, 2020, (1,054 total reached as of May 28)
10. Interview, “MSU Faculty Member Finding Philosophical Common Ground,” *Vision Magazine*, Spring 2020, 1-2.
11. Morehouse College, November 2019, Speaker, Speaker for the Renaming of the Honors Program, Howard Thurman Honors Program
12. Mississippi State University, African American Studies Program, African American Studies Religious Experience Symposium, September 19, 2019, “God of the Oppressed”
13. Book Talk, September 10, 2019, Shackouls Honors College, Mississippi State University
14. Philosophy Talk, September 25, 2018, University of Southern Mississippi, entitled “Intrinsic Love”
15. Guest Speaker, November 9, 2017 African American Studies Department, King Chapel Assistants, Morehouse College
16. Panel Moderator for the 50th Anniversary of the Mississippi Freedom Summer, Mississippi State University
17. Guest Speaker at Mississippi State University for their monthly Philosophy talk on January 30, 2015, entitled “What is African American Philosophy.”
18. Guest Speaker at the University of Mississippi for their monthly Philosophy talk on February 12, 2015, entitled, “Imposing Morality.”
19. Guest Speaker to the John Henrik Clarke Society for their monthly meeting on February 18, 2015, entitled “The Modern of the African American Freedom Struggle.”
20. Guest Speaker to the Young Scholars Racial Unity Retreat/Christian Scholars’ Conference, Abilene Christian University, May 30- June 3, 2015, entitled “Howard Thurman: Wholeness vs. Fragmentation.”

21. Guest Lecturer to Morehouse College Ancient and Medieval Philosophy class, November 9, 2015, entitled "Plotinus' Dialectic and Howard Thurman."

22. Guest Lecturer at Morehouse College for Philosophy of Language Classes, October 17, 2014, The Modern Era and the Freedom Gaze

23. Yerby Roundtable, February 28, 2013, Augusta Literary Festival

24. February 13-15, 2013, Locating Yerby Symposium, Paine College, A Philosophic Treatment of "The Foxes of Harrow"

25. November 17, 2012, Scribes for Christ Conference, Atlanta, Ga., presented paper entitled, "Theology and Cinema"

26. July, 2010, GIMPA University, Accra, Ghana, "American Philosophy and Government-Racial Injustice,"

27. June 19, 2009, Ghana Christian University College, presentation, "Ethics and the Ghanaian Lived Experience"

28. April 11, 2008, CAU Graduate Seminar, Presented paper entitled "The Idea of Consciousness in the Writings of Howard Thurman"

29. February 2008, Guest Speaker for CAU graduate recruitment fair, Topic: "Graduate Study in the Humanities"

30. January 2008, Panel Discussant. CAU Student Life. Panel Topic: "Sexuality at CAU/ Was Woman Made for Man?"

31. April 20, 2007, Presented paper for African American studies department spring symposium entitled "Freedom, Truth, Consciousness, and Movement"

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- 21st Annual Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference, Paine College, Augusta, Ga. 2014, \$3000 budget
- Annual Mississippi Philosophical Association, Mississippi State University, Conference Chairperson (In this role, I oversaw the budget, provided the daily plan and implementation) 2017
- 25th Annual International Society of African Philosophy and Studies, Mississippi State University, Conference Chairperson (In this role, I oversaw the budget and provided the daily plan and implementation) Mississippi State University 2019
- 2022 Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Annual Conference, Rollins College

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Mississippi State University

- Mississippi State University Athletic Council 2019-2021
- Holmes Cultural Diversity Center Stroll-off Judge, 2019
- Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority Inc., Mississippi State University, Keynote Address, February 2019
- Alpha Kappa Alpha, Mississippi State University Black History Panel 2019

- Panelist, Colin Kaepernick Forum, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., September 27, 2017, MSU
- Judge for Miss Black and Gold, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., November 9, 2017, MSU
- Mentor Day1 Mentoring Program, Mississippi State University 2016-2017
- African American Studies Program Steering Committee, MSU 2017-2018
- Black Alumni Advisory Committee (Faculty Member) 2016-2017

College of Arts and Sciences

- Advisor to The People's Escape
- Advisor to Society for the African American Studies
- Faculty Mentor (Jesse Goliath)
- African American Studies, Black History Month Session Moderator, Blacks in the Military February 9, 2021
- Sociology/ African American Studies Faculty Search Committee 2019
- Search Committee for Department of Philosophy and Religion Head 2018-2019
- Search Committee for Director of African American Studies 2018-2019
- African American Studies Representative to the Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate 2018-2020
- Public Humanities Ph.D. Study Group, 2017, MSU
- African American Studies Program Steering Committee, MSU 2017-2018
- Affiliate Faculty, Program in African American Studies, Mississippi State University 2016-present
- Tailgate setup crew, Mississippi State University 2016-2017

Department

- Search Committee for Religion Faculty 2021-2022
- Philosophy and Religion Recruitment Committee ongoing
- Created Two Courses cross-listed w/African American Studies (African American Philosophy, African American Religious Experience) 2017-2018
- Mississippi State University Philosophy and Religion Club Co-Advisor 2016-2017

Professional

- The Black Atlantic Cultural Series: Revisioning Artistic, Historical, Literary, Psychological, and Sociological Perspectives Editorial Board
- Associate Editor, *The Acorn Journal: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence*, (2021- Present)
- *The Acorn Journal: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence* Editorial Board, (2020-2021)
- American Philosophical Association Committee for the Status and Future of the Profession 2019-2021

- American Philosophical Association Committee on the Status of Blacks in Philosophy 2019-2021
- Chair Committee for Philosophical-Theology panel/roundtable for Philosophy Born of Struggle 2019
- Reader for Society for the Advancement of America Philosophy, 2019
- Reader for Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference, October, 2018

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

- Greek- Reading Knowledge [as demonstrated in Neal, Anthony Sean, *Journal of Black Theology*, “Howard Thurman’s Mystical Logic: Creatively Encountering Oneness,” (Vol. 16:1, 2017) p. 224-244] *3 semesters course work*
- Hebrew- Reading Knowledge *2 semesters course work*
- Latin-Reading Knowledge *pre-college coursework*

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH

Vienna, Cambodia, Ghana (six summers of research in Ghanaian politics), Amsterdam, Cote d’Ivoire, England, South Africa, Mozambique, Swaziland, Zimbabwe {The aim of the travel to the various locations, particularly on the African continent, was to develop an understanding of how cultural aesthetics shapes perceptual frameworks as demonstrated through efforts that lead to community development and social transformation}

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Mississippi Philosophy Association, (President 2017-2018, vice president 2016-2017)
- International Society for African Philosophy and Studies
- American Philosophical Association
- Philosophy Born of Struggle
- Society for Advancement American Philosophy
- Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel Collegium of Scholars
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

TEACHING

- **Mississippi State University**
African American Philosophy
African American Religious Experience (Philosophy of Religion)
Introduction to African American Studies

Quest 1 (Shackouls' version of Great Books)

Quest 2 (Shackouls' version of Great Books)

Introduction to Ethics

Introduction to Religion

History of Western Philosophy 1 & 2

- **Paine College**

Critical Thinking

Logic

Aesthetics

Values and Society

African American Philosophy

Problems of Philosophy

Philosophy of Government (Introduction to Political Theory)

Philosophy of Religion

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BLACK RELIGION

NEW MEMBER NOMINATION FORM

(Please print or type)

Name of Nominee: Chanequa Walker-Barnes

Mailing Address: Columbia Theology Seminary
POBox 520 Decatur, GA 30031

Office Phone 404-687-4535 Home or Cell Phone _____
Fax _____ E-mail address walker-barnes@ctsnet.edu

**Nominee must write a paragraph stating how he or she plans to demonstrate commitment to the SSBR.

*** Nominee may attend the annual meeting in which they are being nominated after consultation with her/his nominator.

Current Position(s) and Institution(s)
Professor, Practical Theology & Pastoral Care
Columbia Theology Seminary

EDUCATION

Institution	Degree	Date Conferred
University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL	PhD	2000
Duke Univ. Divinity School	M.Div	2007
University of Miami	MS	1996

Dissertation Title
Risk Factors for Gang Involvement among
ninth Grade Students: A Prospective Investigation

Nominator's Name Evelyn L. Parker, PhD

Nominator's Address 2228 Beach Dr., #1005, Gulfport, MS 39507

Nominator's Email eparker@snu.edu

Documentation Included: Curriculum Vita Letter of nomination Nominee's Statement

Application must be sent via a single email attachment (Word.doc or .pdf) to the
following address: ssbrnominations@gmail.com.





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February 21, 2022

SSBR Executive Committee
VIA EMAIL

Dear SSBR Colleagues:

I am honored to nominate Chanequa Walker-Barnes for full membership in the Society for the Study of Black Religion (SSBR). She is currently Professor of Practical Theology and Pastoral Care at Columbia Theological Seminary, beginning this position in July 2021. Prior to her current faculty position other academic positions include Mercer University – McAfee School of Theology, Shaw University Divinity School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the University of Florida.

Her teaching and scholarship are in the areas of practical and womanist theology, clinical psychology, gender studies, and critical race theory. As a licensed clinical psychologist, she has worked in the areas of public health research and family therapy. Her publications include two monographs, which are *I Bring the Voices of My People with Me* (Eerdmans, 2019) and *Too Heavy a Yoke* (Cascade, 2014). She has also published seven book chapters and eleven articles in peer-reviewed journals.

I believe Dr. Walker-Barnes will make invaluable contributions to the mission of SSBR through her scholarship and experiences. She promises to be a stimulating conversation partner in several scholarly areas including womanist studies, clinical psychology, and health.

It is without hesitation or reservations that I nominate Chanequa Walker-Barnes, PhD for full membership in the SSBR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evelyn L. Parker".

Evelyn L. Parker, PhD
Professor *Emerita* of
Practical Theology

Greetings Dr. Parker,

Here's the statement below:

As a psychologist-turned-theologian, my research interests focus on the intersection between race, gender, justice, and healing. At the heart of my work has always been a concern about the impact of racism upon the lives and health of Black people in the US. As a product (and dissident daughter) of the Black church, I continue to hold hope that the Black church is the soul of Christianity and the US. No healing and liberation can come for Black people without Black religious communities. I am looking forward to the opportunity to share my work with my colleagues and to be enriched by theirs. But mostly, I am excited for the chance to be in fellowship with scholars of Black religion as we support each other professionally and personally, especially as many of us work in spaces that are not of our own making and are not always hospitable to us. I hope to be a source of support and encouragement to my colleagues.

Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Ph.D. | She, Her, They
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Education

M.Div. (Magna cum Laude), Duke University Divinity School, Durham, NC, 2007.

Certificate in Gender, Theology, & Ministry

Ph.D., Clinical Child/Family Psychology, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, 2000.

Dissertation: *Risk Factors for Gang Involvement among Ninth Grade Students: A Prospective Investigation*

M.S., Clinical Child/Family Psychology, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, 1996.

Thesis: *Motivating Factors for Adolescent Gang Involvement*

B.A., Psychology/African American & African Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 1994

Academic Positions

Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA

Professor, Practical Theology & Pastoral Care, 2021 – present.

Mercer University, McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta, GA

Associate Professor of Practical Theology, 2016 – 2021

Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, 2015-2016

Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, 2012-2015

Shaw University Divinity School, Raleigh, NC

Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, 2007-2012

Duke University, Durham, NC

Adjunct Faculty, Department of African & African American Studies/Department of Women's Studies, 2006-2008

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Psychology

Assistant Professor, 2001-2004

University of Florida, Department of Clinical and Health Psychology, Gainesville, FL

Clinical Assistant Professor, 2000-2001

Profile

Interdisciplinary scholar with research and teaching expertise in practical and womanist theology, clinical psychology, gender studies, and critical race studies.

Licensed clinical psychologist with background in public health research and family therapy clinical trial studies.

Methodological expertise includes phenomenological inquiry, autoethnography, epidemiology, and quantitative analysis.

Core skills

- Pedagogical innovation
- Online and hybrid teaching
- Diversity education
- Curriculum design and assessment
- Practicum supervision and assessment
- Certificate/program development and coordination
- Dual degree program development and supervision
- Accreditation self-study report writing
- Continuing education for health professionals
- Writing and speaking for public audiences

Publications

Books:

I Bring the Voices of My People with Me: A Womanist Vision of Racial Reconciliation. Prophetic Christianity Series, ed. Bruce Ellis Benson, Malinda Elizabeth Berry, and Peter Goodwin Heltzel. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2019.

Too Heavy a Yoke: Black Women and the Burden of Strength. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2014.

Book Chapters:

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Foreword." In *Unbossed: How Black Girls Are Leading the Way*, Khristi Lauren Adams. Minneapolis: Broadleaf, 2022.

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Prayer of a Weary Black Woman." In *A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal*, ed. Sarah Bessey. New York: Convergent: 2021.

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Foreword." In *Spiritual Care in an Age of #BlackLivesMatter: Examining the Spiritual and Prophetic Needs of African Americans in a Violent America*, ed. Danielle J. Buhuro. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2019.

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Is It Time for a Womanist Reconstruction of Reconciliation?" In *Evangelical Theologies of Liberation*, ed. Mae Elise Cannon and Andrea Smith, 53-72. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2019.

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "When the Bough Breaks: How the Myth of the StrongBlackWoman Impacts Health Outcomes of Real Black Women." In *Black Women's Mental Health: Balancing Strength and Vulnerability*, ed. Stephanie Evans, Kaneka Bell-Thomas, and Nsenga Burton, 43-56. New York: SUNY Press, 2017.

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Gangs." In *The Encyclopedia of Human Development*, ed. Neil Salkind, 550-552. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2006.

Stevenson, Howard, Donna-Marie Winn, Chanequa Walker-Barnes, & Stephanie Coard. "Style Matters: Towards a Culturally-Relevant Framework for Interventions with African American Families. In *Emerging Issues in African-American Family Life: Context, Adaptation, and Policy*, ed. Kenneth A. Dodge, Vronnie C. McLoyd, and Nancy Hill, 311-334. New York: Guilford Press, 2005.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa, Oluwatomisin Oredein, Ana Yelsi Sanchez, Ginny Giles, and Sandra Van Opstal. "What Are All Those Women of Color Doing in That Room? Reflections From the Rainbow." *CCDA Theological Journal* 4 (2015): 59-67.

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Love Yourself: Urban Ministry and the Challenge of Self-Love." *Ex-Auditu* 29 (2013): 98-111.

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Internalized Oppression and the Challenge to CCDA's Theology of Racial Reconciliation." *CCDA Theological Journal* 1 (2012): 72-84.

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "The Burden of the Strong Black Woman." *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 19 (Summer 2009): 1-21.

Street, Jalika, April Harris-Britt, & Chanequa Walker-Barnes. "Examining Relationships between Ethnic Identity, Family Environment, and Psychological Outcomes for African American Adolescents." *Journal of Child and Family Studies* 18 (August 2009): 412-420.

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa, & Craig Mason. "Delinquency and Substance Use among Gang-involved Youth: The Moderating Role of Parenting Practices." *American Journal of Community Psychology* 34 (December 2004): 235-250.

Mason, Craig, Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Shiffen Tu, Julie Simons, & Rafael Martinez-Arue. "Ethnic Differences in the Affective Meaning of Parental Control Behaviors." *Journal of Primary Prevention* 25 (September 2004): 59-79.

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Developmental Epidemiology: The Perfect Partner for Clinical Practice." *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology* 32 (June 2003): 181-186.

Robbins, Michael, Sameet Kumar, Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Daniel Feaster, Ervin Briones, & Jose Szapocznik. "Ethnic Differences in Comorbidity among Substance Abusing Adolescents Referred to Outpatient Therapy." *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry* 41 (April 2002): 394-401.

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa., & Craig Mason. "Ethnic Differences in the Effect of Parenting upon Gang Involvement and Gang Delinquency: A Longitudinal HLM Perspective." *Child Development* 72 (November/December 2001): 1814-1831.

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa, & Craig Mason. "Perceptions of Risk Factors for Female Gang Involvement among African American and Hispanic Females." *Youth and Society* 32 (March 2001): 303-336.

Reviews:

Are You Smart Enough? How Colleges' Obsession with Smartness Shortchanges Students by Alexander W. Astin. *Reflective Teaching* (2017). Accessed September 27, 2017.
https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/book_reviews/are-you-smart-enough-how-colleges-obsession-with-smartness-shortchanges-students/.

Mapping Your Academic Career: Charting the Course of a Professor's Life by Gary M. Burge. *Reflective Teaching* (4/15/2016). Accessed May 17, 2016.
<http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/article.aspx?id=29420>.

A Faculty Guide to Addressing Disruptive and Dangerous Behavior by Brian Van Brunt and W. Scott Lewis. *Reflective Teaching* (1/19/2015). Accessed January 6, 2016.
<http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/article.aspx?id=29146>.

Presentations

Invited Lectures/Keynotes:

"Confronting White Culture." Keynote presented at Confronting Whiteness Conference, Myers Park Baptist Church, November 6, 2021.

"Armor Up: The StrongBlackWoman as a Response to Cultural Trauma." Lecture presented at the Wesley Theological Seminary Moving Toward Wholeness Conference, October 29, 2021.

"Navigating the Emotional Minefield." Keynote presented at the Charlotte Justice Conference, October 16, 2021.

"What White Feminists Need to Know about Intersectionality." Lecture presented for the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, June 21, 2021.

"Pathological Whiteness: Diagnosing the Hidden Wound." Keynote presented at TheoEd Talks, February 21, 2021.

"The Meaning of White Repentance." Lecture presented at National Council of Churches Christian Unity Gathering, October 12, 2020.

"A Wilderness People." Plenary presented at Evolving Faith, October 2, 2020.

“Healing the Wounds of Cultural Trauma.” Spirituality & Psychotherapy Lecture Series, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN, February 21-22, 2020.

“Healing the Moral Injury of Whiteness.” Plenary presented at the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education Racial & Ethnic Minority (REM) Invitational, Atlanta, GA, February 7, 2020.

“Antiracist While White?” Lecture presented at Furman University, January 21, 2020.

“What to the Black Woman Is Beloved Community?” Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Service, Furman University, January 20, 2020.

“The Fitless Christian.” Plenary presented at Evolving Faith, Denver, CO, October 4, 2019.

“Prophetic Presence: Chaplains as Social Healers and Activists.” Plenary presented at the Association of Professional Chaplains, Lake Buena Vista, FL, June 23, 2019.

Response to Keynote by Michael McBride, “Conversions in the Age of Trump,” Society for Pastoral Theology, Decatur, GA, June 14, 2018.

“Race, Gender, and the *Imago Dei*.” Schaff Lecture Series, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, April 30-May 3, 2018.

“Cultural Trauma: Care and Coping.” Invited plenary presented at the American Association of Pastoral Counselors SE Region annual conference, Hendersonville, NC, October 21, 2017.

“Loving Me, Loving God.” Invited lecture presented at The Table Conference, Biola University Center for Christian Thought, La Mirada, CA, September 17, 2016.

“Womanist Reconstructions of Racial Reconciliation.” Invited lecture presented at the Back to the Garden, Into the City Conference, Atlanta, GA, April 9, 2016.

“A Theological Understanding of Jeremiah 29.” Moderator of plenary panel with Vince Bantu, Kate Bowler, Luis Carlos, and Terry LeBlanc, Christian Community Development Association, Raleigh, NC, September 2014.

“Love Yourself: Urban Ministry and the Challenge of Self-Love.” Invited paper presented at the Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture, North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, September 2013.

Paper/Panel Presentations:

“The Next Generation of Spiritual Care: Post-COVID and Beyond.” Respondent, with Leigh Miller, Daniel Nuzum, Niels den Toom, and Aaron Klink, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November 21, 2021.

“Spiritualities of Joy in the Midst of Persistent Pandemics.” Panelist, with Sarah Bessey and Amy Valdez Barker, Candler Women in Theology Annual Women’s Forum, November 4, 2021.

“Working with Whiteness: From Moral Injury to Advocacy and Allyship.” Workshop presented at the Georgia Psychological Association, May 2, 2021.

“Making Space: Reclaiming Our Bodies, Our Lives, and Our Identities.” Panelist at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Wise Women and Spirituality Series, April 15, 2021.

“Helping Youth Unlearn the Habits of Whiteness.” Workshop presented at the Forum for Theological Exploration Youth Theology Network, February 3, 2021.

“Spiritual Care, Race, and COVID-19.” Webinar presented at the International Association for Spiritual Care *What Is Spiritual Care in Light of COVID-19 from the Perspectives of Different Professions: Medicine, Public Health, Psychology, and Pastoral Care/Seelsorge*, January 19, 2021.

“Until You Do Right by Me: A Womanist View of Racial Reconciliation.” Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA, November 2017.

“Exploratory Session: Critical Whiteness Studies and Global Religion.” Convener and panelist at the American Academy of Religion, December 9, 2020.

“Reflections on *I Bring the Voices of My People: A Womanist Vision for Racial Reconciliation.*” Paper presented at American Academy of Religion Women’s Caucus Book Panel, December 2, 2020.

“Wholistic Self-Care: Mining the Depths, Challenges, and Stigmas of Communal and Private Mental Health from Womanist Perspectives.” Respondent, with Rezenet Moges, Monica Coleman, and Trina Armstrong, American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA, November 2017.

“A Womanist Vision of Reconciliation: Lessons from *The Color Purple.*” Paper presented at the Women and Girls in Georgia Conference, Athens, GA, November 2017.

“Truth.” Panelist with Gail Christopher, Mustafa Santiago Ali, Michael Gerson, and Lovelyn Nwadeyi, The Summit, Washington, DC, June 2017.

“Is It Time for a Womanist Theology of Reconciliation?” Paper presented at the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA, March 2016.

“What Manner of Woman is This? Images of Black Womanhood in the Art of Shonda Rhimes.” Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.

“The Strong Black Woman: Blessing or Burden? A Roundtable Discussion on Chanequa Walker-Barnes’s *Too Heavy a Yoke: Black Women and the Burden of Strength* (Cascade Books, 2014).” Respondent, with Trina Armstrong, Carolyn McCrary, Bridget Piggue, and Beverly Wallace. American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.

“Panel Discussion with Scholars and Pastors.” Panelist with Neichelle Guidry, Serene Jones, Nichole Renee Phillips, Marsha Snullivan-Haney, and Haruko Nawata-Ward, Women of Color in Ministry Conference, Atlanta, GA, September 2015.

“Women of Color Panel.” Panelist with Micky Jones, Kathy Khang, Andrea Smith, and Sandra Van Opstal, Reconciliation Preconference Track, The Justice Conference, Chicago, IL, June 2015.

“Culturally Competent Practice with the StrongBlackWoman.” Workshop presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Psychological Association, Atlanta, GA, April 2015.

“My Sisters’ Keeper: Ministry with StrongBlackWomen.” Workshop presented at the annual conference of the Christian Community Development Association, Raleigh, NC, September 2014.

“Good Hair, Acting White, and Other Signs of Internalized Oppression.” Workshop presented at the annual conference of the Christian Community Development Association, Minneapolis, MN, September 2012.

“New Monasticism’s Racial Dilemma.” Workshop presented at Radical Gospel Living: Monasticism Today, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH, November 2011.

“Recognizing Trauma and Preventing Compassion Fatigue.” Workshop presented at the Christian Community Development Association, Indianapolis, IN, October 2011.

“The Role of Faith in Public Space.” Panelist with Carl Kenney, Mark Anthony Neal, & Timothy Tyson, Pauli Murray Project, Durham, NC, September 2010.

“What about Madea?: Using Film to Cultivate Consciousness about the Strong Black Woman.” A paper presented at the Southeastern Women’s Studies Association, Charlotte, NC, April 2008

“Deconstructing the Strong Black Woman.” A paper presented at the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C., November 2006.

“The Strong Black Woman: The Role of the Black Church in the Creation of an Unhealthy Archetype.” A paper presented at Clothed and in Our Right Minds Conference on Black Women, Mental Health, and Faith, Bennett College, Greensboro, NC, April 2006.

Stevenson, Howard, Donna Marie Winn, Stephanie Irby Coard, & Chanequa J. Walker-Barnes. “Towards a Culturally Relevant Framework for Interventions with African American Families.” Paper presented at the conference on Emerging Issues in African American Family Life: Context, Adaptation, and Policy, Durham, NC, May 2003.

"Low Birthweight Outcomes among Black and White Women: An Examination of the Role of Race."
 Paper presented at the meeting of the National Association of African-American Studies,
 Petersburg, VA, February 1994.

Poster Presentations:

Winn, Donna Marie, Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Howard Stevenson, & Stephanie Coard. "What Else Really Matters: A Culturally Relevant Framework for Interventions with African American Families." A poster presented at the meeting of the Family Research Consortium, San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 2004.

Stein, Gabriela L., Will Hall, & Chanequa J. Walker-Barnes. "Parental Rejection and Adolescent Delinquency: Is Adolescent Self-esteem a Mediator or Moderator?" A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Quebec City, Canada, May 2004.

Stein, Gabriela L., & Chanequa J. Walker-Barnes. "The Effect of Parental Hostility and Disengagement upon Adolescent Adjustment: Gender as a Moderating Variable." A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Quebec City, Canada, May 2004.

Stein, Gabriela L., & Chanequa J. Walker-Barnes. "The Effect of Parental Rejection upon Adolescent Adjustment: Teasing Apart Hostility and Disengagement." A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD, March 2004.

Simons, Julie, & Chanequa J. Walker-Barnes. "Predicting Increases in Adolescent Drug Use: A Longitudinal Investigation." A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Minneapolis, MN, April 2001.

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa J. "The Influence of Parental Control on the Relationship between Gang Involvement and Adolescent Problem Behavior." A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL, March 2000.

Arrue, Rafael M., Craig A. Mason, & Chanequa J. Walker-Barnes. "The Role of Parenting in Preventing Behavior Problems among Hispanic Adolescents." A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL, March 2000.

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa, C.H. Miller, & Kathy R. Francis. "Parenting Influences on the Relationship between Peer and Adolescent Delinquency." A poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA, August 1999.

Mason, Craig A., Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Rafael M. Arrue, Evelyn M. Alvarez, Felicia Barrera, Dionne T. Brunson, & L. Coston. "Affective Meaning of Parenting Behaviors." A poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA, August 1999.

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa J., Craig A. Mason, & Rafael M. Arrue. "Precursors of Gang Involvement among Ninth Grade Students: A Longitudinal Investigation." A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Albuquerque, NM, April 1999.

Barrera, Felicia D., & Chanequa J. Walker-Barnes. "Neighborhood Effects on Adolescent Problem Behaviors: An Epidemiological Perspective." A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Albuquerque, NM, April 1999.

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa J., & Rafael M. Arrue. "Girls and Gangs: Identifying Risk factors for Female Gang Involvement." A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Diego, CA, February 1998.

Mason, Craig A., Chanequa J. Walker-Barnes, & Margaret Blaustein. "Ethnic/Cultural Differences in the Affective Meaning of Parenting Behaviors." A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Diego, CA, February 1998.

Blaustein, Margaret, Craig A. Mason, Virginia Knight, & Chanequa Walker. "Cultural and Contextual Differences in the Effects of Parenting upon Adolescents." A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Diego, CA, February 1998.

Funded Research

Wabash Center for Teaching & Learning in Theology & Religion Summer Fellowship (2014). Project Title: *Moving Past "Move on!": Toward a Fuller Inclusion of Women's Voices in the Seminary Classroom*. Direct costs: \$5,000.

UNC Program on Ethnicity, Culture, and Health Outcomes (ECHO) Pilot Grant (2008-2009). Project Title: *Cultural Attitudes and Expectations regarding Intimate Relationships among African Americans*. Direct costs: \$12,000.

National Institute of Mental Health Mentored Minority Scientist Development (K01) Award (2002-2004). Project Title: *Parenting and Problem Behavior in Ethnic Minority Youth* (NIMH grant #1 K01 MH66024-01). Direct costs: \$212,647.

National Institute on Drug Abuse Minority Supplemental Award (1999-2000). Project Title: *Structural Ecosystems Therapy with Drug Using Minority Youth* (NIDA grant# 3 R01 DA10574-04S1). Direct costs: \$16,875. Principal Investigator: Jose Szapocznik, Ph.D.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill/Duke University Robertson Scholars Collaboration Fund (Co-Investigator: Stephanie Coard, Ph.D.), (2003-2004). Amount Awarded: \$2,000.

Junior Faculty Development Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost (2003). Amount Awarded: \$5,000.

University Research Council Grant, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2001-2003). Project Title: *Healthy Minority Families*. Amount Awarded: \$4,000.

Mason and Linda Stephenson Faculty Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Psychology (2000-2001). Amount Awarded: \$400.

Professional Activities

Organizational Affiliations:

American Academy of Religion

Person, Culture, & Religion Steering Committee Member, 2021-present

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Steering Committee Member, 2016-2018

American Psychological Association

Georgia Psychological Association

Society for Pastoral Theology

Co-Chair, Embodiment Study Group, 2018-present

Editorial Board, *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, 2016-2020

Professional Service:

Review Board, *Black Women and Religious Cultures*, 2021-present.

Chair, Steering Committee, Christian Community Development Association Women of Color Post-Conference Retreat, 2015-2016

Review Board, Special Issue on Black Feminist Thought, *Departures in Critical Qualitative Research*, 2015

Article Editor, *SAGE OPEN*, 2014

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *SAGE OPEN*, 2013

Co-chair, Theology Committee, Christian Community Development Association, 2013-2014

Conference Coordinator, *Building Policy, Research and Practice Collaborations on Behalf of North Carolina's African American Youth: Fostering Healthy Social and Emotional Development*, Durham, NC, May 2004

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 2003-2004

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*, 2002-2004

Editorial Consultant, *Child Development*, 2002

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Child Development*, 2000-2001, 2003-2004

University/Institutional Service:

Member, Executive Committee of the Faculty, Columbia Theological Seminary, 2021-present

Member, Institutional Review Board, Columbia Theological Seminary, 2021-present

Member, Judicial Council, Columbia Theological Seminary, 2021-present

Advisor, Black Student Union Mercer-Atlanta, Mercer University, 2017-2021

Member, ATS Self-Study Steering Committee, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, 2016-2018

Coordinator, Spirituality & Mental Health Conference, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, 2016

Member, D.Min. Committee, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, 2015-2016, 2019-2021

Member, House of Delegates, Mercer University, 2013-2014, 2015-2016

Faculty Associate Advisor, Community Engagement Fellows Program, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, 2013

Member, M.Div. Committee, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, 2012-2014, 2016-2018

Member, Graduate Honor Council, Mercer University, 2012-2013

Chair, Student Support Services Committee, Shaw University Divinity School, 2010-2011

Member, Faculty Development Committee, Shaw University Divinity School, 2010-2011

Chair, Curriculum Committee, Shaw University Divinity School, 2008-2010

Member, Curriculum Committee, Shaw University Divinity School, 2007-2008

Member, Curriculum Committee, Duke University Divinity School, 2005-2006

Chair, Diversity Committee, UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Psychology, 2002-2003

Community Involvement:

Principal Advisory Council, Henderson Middle School, Atlanta, GA, 2019-2021

Board of Directors, Christian Community Development Association, Chicago, IL, 2013-2016

Board of Directors, School for Conversion, Durham, NC, 2006-2012

Academic Consultations

Participant, Reading Group & Women of Color Faculty Retreat, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology, 2021-present

Facilitator, Writing for Mystic Activists Writing Retreat, Collegeville Institute, Online, 2020, 2021

Participant, Digital Salon for Mid-Career African American Faculty, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology, 2020-2021

Facilitator, Writing for Mystic Activists Writing Retreat, Collegeville Institute/Franklin Center at Bricks, Whitakers, NC, 2019

Mentoring Program Participant, ATS Women in Leadership Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, 2018
 Participant, Workshop for Theological School Faculty Teaching Online, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology, Crawfordsville, IN, 2016-2017
 Participant, Apart and Yet A Part Summer Writing Workshop, Collegeville Institute, Collegeville, MN, 2016
 Participant, Pre-Tenure Workshop for Theological School Faculty, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology, Crawfordsville, IN, 2013-2014
 Participant, National Women's Studies Association/Spelman College Women of Color Institute, Atlanta, GA 2009

Honors & Awards

Finalist for Multicultural (Adult Non-Fiction), Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Award, 2019
 Nominee, Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion for *I Bring the Voices of My People*, 2019, 2020
 First Book Grant for Minority Scholars, Louisville Institute, 2011-2012
 Emerging Leaders Cohort, Christian Community Development Association, 2010-2012
 McMurry Richey Outstanding Student in Mission, Duke Divinity School, 2007
 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship, Duke Divinity School, 2004-2005
 Health Disparities Scholar, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, 2003
 Finalist, Society for Research on Adolescence Herschel Thornburg Dissertation Award, 2000
 Inductee, Thurgood Marshall Achievers Society, 1999
 Rotary Club Award for Urban Peace Project, 1997
 McKnight Doctoral Fellowship, Florida Education Fund, 1994-1999

Licensure & Ordination

Ordination, Atlanta Community Fellowship, 2018
 North Carolina HSP-P Psychologist Licensure (#2828), 2002-2014
 Georgia Psychologist Licensure (PSY003787), 2013-present

Courses Taught

Graduate Courses in Theology

Spiritual Formation
 Introduction to Pastoral Care/Counseling
 Spiritual Care through Crisis Ministry
 Theory and Practice of Pastoral Counseling
 Cultural Intelligence
 Counseling the Culturally Disenfranchised
 Counseling Couples in the Congregation
 Spiritual Care and the African American Family
 Spiritual Care for Black Women
 Post-Modern African American Spiritualities
 Mindfulness & Self-Care for the Helping Professions
 Marriage: Theory and Practice
 Couples, Families, and Cultural Change

Trauma Stewardship
Forgiveness and Reconciliation
Race, Racisms, & Reconciliation

Graduate Courses in Psychology

Abnormal Psychology
History and Systems of Psychology
Introduction to Child Psychotherapy
Practicum in Brief Strategic Family Therapy

Medical School Teaching

Clinical Skills

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Psychology
Behavior Disorders of Childhood and Adolescence
Politics of African American Womanhood
Black Love: Romantic Relations in the African-American Experience



SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BLACK RELIGION

NEW MEMBER NOMINATION

(Please print or type)

Name of the Nominee: Shatavia L. Wynn

Mailing Address: _____

Office Phone _____ Home or Cell Phone _____

Fax _____ E-mail Address Shatavia.l.wynn@vanderbilt.edu

**Nominee must write a paragraph stating how he or she plans to demonstrate commitment to the SSBR
***Nominee may attend the annual meeting in which they are being nominated after consultation with their nominator.

Current Position(s) and Institutions(s)

Visiting Instructor of Ethics and Society (Theology and Practice Extern), Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School

EDUCATION

Institution	Degree	Date Conferred
<u>Vanderbilt University</u>	ABD	May 2022 (ant)
<u>Yale Divinity School</u>	MA	May 2013
<u>Claflin University</u>	BA	May 2011

Dissertation Title: Black Women in White Dresses: A Critical Study in the Scholarly Aesthetics of Womanist Religious Thought

Nominator's Name Emilie M. Townes

Nominator's E-Mail emilie.m.townes@vanderbilt.edu

Documentation included: Curriculum Vita Letter of Nomination Nominee's Statement

Application must be sent via email file attachment to:

SSBR Executive Committee
c/o Stanley Talbert
ssbrstudentasst@gmail.com

All materials must be received by January 21, 2020



Office of the Dean

1 October 2021

SSBR Executive Committee
VIA EMAIL

Colleagues:

It's my pleasure to enthusiastically nominate Shatavia L Wynn for student membership in the Society for the Study of Black Religion. Shatavia completed her qualifying exams and successfully defended her dissertation prospectus in April 2020. She is currently in her extern year as part of our Theology and Practice Program in the Graduate Department of Religion at Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School as Visiting Instructor of Ethics and Society.

I have known Shatavia since 2011 when she entered Yale Divinity School—I was on the faculty at that time. I have had Shatavia in masters-level classes and now in doctoral level classes as well as reading courses over the last ten years. I was extremely pleased when she applied to Vanderbilt, and I have served as her advisor here at Vanderbilt. I have watched her grow over time as a thinker and as someone invested in teaching current and future generations students.

Her dissertation, "Black Women in White Dresses: A Critical Study in the Scholarly Aesthetics of Womanist Religious Thought," explores the efficacy of womanist religious thought's use of representation related to black women's culture and experiences. Wynn argues that her dissertation is a critical engagement of those "left behind" by womanist religious thought's flattening of Black women's experiences within Black culture. Further, she seeks to explore experience and culture by examining the various ways that Black women are often trapped within prescribed modes of representation. Hence, in general, her scholarship analyzes the confluence of experience, culture, gender, and blackness in Black feminist thought and womanist religious thought. She explores representation as a philosophical idea, practical concept, and apparatus for teaching Black feminist thought and womanist religious thought at the intersection of African American studies and Black Religious Thought.

With Shatavia, we have a fine younger scholar who will be an active contributing member of SSBR for years to come. She is also extremely collegial and will continue to foster that atmosphere for SSBR that I have come to cherish in our gatherings. I recommend her with great enthusiasm and without reservations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "EMT".

Emilie M. Townes
Dean and Distinguished Professor of Womanist Ethics and Society

SHATAVIA L. WYNN

Graduate Department of Religion
Vanderbilt University
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EDUCATION

2022 (expected) Ph.D., Vanderbilt University, The Graduate School
Area of Concentration: Ethics and Society
Minor: Women and Gender Studies

Dissertation (Working Title): Black Women in White Dresses: A Critical Study in the Scholarly Aesthetics of Womanist Religious Thought

Committee: emilie townes (chair), Victor Anderson, Eboni Marshall Turman, Stacey Floyd-Thomas, and Paul Taylor

2013 M.A. Religion, Yale University Divinity School
Area of Concentration: Black Religion in the African Diaspora

2011 B.A., Claflin University
Major: Philosophy and Religion
Magna Cum Laude

Honors Thesis: “Controlling Images: Connecting Black Feminist Thought and Motherhood”

CERTIFICATES

2020 Certificate in Online Course Development, The Center for Teaching, Vanderbilt University

2018 Certificate in Humanities Teaching and Learning, The Center for Teaching, Vanderbilt University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School
Vanderbilt University Theology and Practice Program Externship
Visiting Instructor of Ethics and Society (AY 2021-2022)

Vanderbilt University
Teaching Fellow, Undergraduate Religious Studies Department
Women in Religion, Professor Alexis Wells-Oghoghomeh (Fall 2019)
Encountering Religious Diversity, Professor Adeanna McNicholls (Spring 2021)
Teaching Fellow, The Divinity School
Ethics in Theological Perspectives, Professor Victor Anderson (Spring 2019)
Womanist Theology and Ethics, Professor Stacey Floyd-Thomas (Spring 2018)
Metaphors of Evil, Professor Emilie Townes (Fall 2017)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

black feminist and womanist thought, aesthetics, performance studies, black popular culture

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Vanderbilt University

Research Assistant, Graduate Department of Religion

Emilie Townes (AY 2020-2021)

Copy editing essays from various theologians and ethicists for anthology on the works of womanist ethicist Katie Cannon. Systematizing lectures for collected volume currently under review. Copy editing lectures about justice and hope in social ethics. Compiling articles and news clippings for literature reviews.

Stacey Floyd-Thomas (AY 2016-2017)

Worked as researcher on long term project on popular culture, phenomenology, and black women. Completed copy edits of articles under review.

Student, REL 8003-Qualitative Research

Professor Dale Andrews (Spring 2017)

Completed Vanderbilt University IRB certification. Surveyed and interviewed voluntary group of participants. Presented qualitative findings during course symposium.

Emory University

Fellow

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (2009-2011)

Thesis: Controlling Images: Connecting Black Feminist Thought and Motherhood. Traced the intellectual history of motherhood in black feminist scholarship by using controlling images as defined by Patricia Hill-Collins.

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

2020 “Expanding Experience and Categories.” Paper Presentation: American Academy of Religion, virtual, December.

2019 “Modes of Representation and Displays of Women’s Religious Identities.” Classroom Lecture: Women in Religion, (Professor Alexis Wells- Oghoghomeh), Vanderbilt University, October.

2019 “Juanita Bynum: A Case Study in Black Popular Religious Culture.” Classroom Lecture: Women in Religion, (Professor Alexis Wells- Oghoghomeh), Vanderbilt University, October.

2019 “Narrative Ethics and Experience.” Classroom Lecture: Ethics in Theological Perspectives (Professor Victor Anderson), Vanderbilt University, March.

2018 “Womanist Moral Awakening: Black Girlhood and Womanist Literature.” Paper Presentation: Daughters of the African Atlantic Fund 2018 Consultation of African and African Diasporan Women in Religion and Theology. Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, July.

2018 “Literature and Cultural Production.” Classroom Lecture: Womanist Ethics and Theology (Professor Stacey Floyd-Thomas), Vanderbilt University, March.

2018 “Who Got the Body: A Womanist Hermeneutic of the Law.” Paper Presentation: American Academy of Religion Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, March.

2017 “Finding the Words to Our Now with Thomas Glave.” Classroom Lecture: Metaphors of Evil (Professor Emilie Townes), Vanderbilt University, November.

2017 “Concerning a Genealogy of Womanist Ethics: Aesthetics and Black Flesh.” Paper Presentation: Virginia Graduate Colloquium: Theology, Ethics, Culture. University of Virginia, October.

2017 “Interrogating Elizabeth Alexander’s *The Black Interior*.” Classroom Lecture: Metaphors of Evil (Professor Emilie Townes), Vanderbilt University, October.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

2021 Doctoral Fellow, Forum for Theological Exploration

2020 Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory Scholar, Vanderbilt University (through 2021)

2019 Robert Penn Warrant Center for the Humanities Professional Development Fellow, Vanderbilt University (through 2020)

2016 Theology and Practice Fellow, Vanderbilt University (through 2022)

2018 Doctoral Fellow, Forum for Theological Exploration

2013 Graduate Student Service Award, Yale University

2012 President’s Public Service Fellowship, Yale University

2011 Tuition Scholarship Recipient, Yale Divinity School (through 2013)

2009 Andrew W. Mellon Undergraduate Thesis Fellow, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Vanderbilt University

2020 Graduate Writing Consultant, Writing Studio

2018 Graduate Diversity and Inclusion Committee

2017 Graduate Assistant, Dean of Students (through 2019)

2017 Co-Chair Ethics and Society Colloquy, Graduate Department of Religion (through 2019)

2017 Graduate Student Council Mental Health Committee

Yale University

2012 Graduate Assistant, Afro-American Cultural Center

2012 Assistant Editor, *Glossolalia*

2011 Graduate Student Worker, Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2017-present Member, Society of Christian Ethics
Nominating Committee, 2020-2021

2016-present Member, American Academy of Religion

TRAININGS

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

College Success Counselor, Achievement First Amistad High School, New Haven, CT, 2014-16

Key Accomplishments: Provided academic and social emotional 117 students during transition from high school to college. Built network of campus resources with key administrators at 26 universities to support first-generation, students of color. Managed alumni mentoring program for first year students at Connecticut state colleges. Coordinated and executed FAFSA and academic support workshops for alumni and alumni families.

Asset Attainment Counselor, Community Works Carolina, Greenville, SC, 2013-2014

Key Accomplishments: Developed community outreach plan to reach potential Individual Development Account clients. Established network partners with non-profit organizations and city officials. Coordinated, planned, and executed community meetings and outreach events.

STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION

As a member of the Society for the Study of Black Religion (SSBR), I hope to work diligently to support the mission of SSBR. This support includes, but is not limited to, paying annual dues, attending meetings and conferences, committee work, and supporting the scholarship of fellow members. I look forward to joining SSBR as its members are mentors, colleagues, and scholars whose work has deeply influenced my life and work. SSBR represents a cadre of scholars committed to honoring the history and legacy of work in black religious thought while simultaneously engaging in the rich contours of the future of black religious thought and life. I would be honored to join the Society and participate as a member.

Shatavia L. Wynn

September 2021