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*Curriculum Vitae*¹

Elmer G. Homrighausen Chair & Professor of Constructive Theology and African American Religion

Princeton Theological Seminary

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Education

Ph.D. in Religion (Ethics & Society), Vanderbilt University

M.A. in Religion, Yale University (Divinity School)

B.S. Political Science/Economics, Tennessee State University

Professional Appointments

Princeton Theological Seminary

Elmer G. Homrighausen Chair & Professor of Constructive Theology and African American Religion, 2024-present

Professor of Constructive Theology and African American Religion, 2023-2024

Associate Professor of Constructive Theology and African American Religion, 2017-2023

Yale University Divinity School

Visiting Associate Professor of Theological and Social Ethics, Spring 2016

Brite Divinity School

Associate Professor of Theological and Social Ethics &

Director of Black Church Studies, 2015-2017

Assistant Professor of Theological and Social Ethics &

Director of Black Church Studies, 2009-2015

Tennessee State University

Adjunct Professor of Moral Philosophy

Spring 2007, Fall 2007

Academic Books

1. *"Oh God, I Didn't Know You Were So Big": Spirit Power, Slaveroad, and Religious Practices of Wonder* (working manuscript)
2. *Black Spirit: James Cone and the Futures of Black Theology* (a commissioned manuscript as part of WJK's "Makers of Contemporary Theology" Series), under contract with Westminster John Knox Press.

¹ Revised August 24, 2026.

3. *Azusa Reimagined: A Radical Vision of Religious and Democratic Belonging* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2022)
4. *Notes of A Native Daughter: Testifying in Theological Education* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing, 2021)
5. *Religious Resistance to Neoliberalism: Womanist and Black Feminist Perspectives* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2015).
6. *Unfinished Business: Black Women, the Black Church, and the Struggle to Thrive in America* (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2012).

Journal Articles and Book Essays

“Being Earwitnesses,” in *The Journal of Congregational Song* (forthcoming Spring 2027)

“The Genealogical Vocation of the Theological Intellectual,” in *The Journal of World Christianity*, Vol. 16, Issue No. 1 (2026), pgs. 25-41.

“Revolutionary Black Motherhood Beyond Resistance?,” in *Open Casket: Philosophical Meditations on the Lynching of Emmett Till*, Eds. George Yancy and Todd Franklin. New York: Bloomsbury Academic, 2025. 157-168.

“Queering Azusa,” in *PentecoStudies: Online Journal for the Interdisciplinary Study of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements*, Vol. 23, Issue 1 (2025), 41-56.

“Queering Black Pentecostalism in the United States,” in *Remaking the Pentecostal World*, eds. Michael Wilkinson and Jorg Haustein. London: Taylor & Francis Group, 2023. 264-274.

“Religious Ethics and the Spirit of Undomesticated Dissent,” in *Journal of Religious Ethics*, March 2, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jore.12424>

“Rethinking Hope: The Importance of Radical Racial Realism for Womanist Religious Thought” in *Racism and Resistance: Essays on Derrick Bell’s Racial Realism*. Ed. Timothy Golden. SUNY Press: November 2022. 195-214.

“The Politics of Azusa: Transforming Citizenship at the Margins,” in *Political Theology*, July 7, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1462317X.2021.1941651>

“The Future of Sexual Inclusion: Anti-Black Racism, Black Patriarchy, and Prospects for Political Democracy,” *Crosscurrents Journal*, Vol. 68, Issue1, February 25, 2018, 21-37.

“I am Dark and Lovely”: Let the Shulammite Woman Speak, *Black Theology: An International Journal* (2018), DOI: [10.1080/14769948.2018.1492300](https://doi.org/10.1080/14769948.2018.1492300)

"When White is the 'New Black': Religious Populism in the Age of Obama," in *Religion in the Age of Obama*. London: Bloomsbury Academic Press, 2018. 131-141.

"Challenging a New Frontier in Market Morality: The Case of Sweatshop Economics," in *Spirit and Capital in an Age of Inequality*. Eds. Ted Smith and Robert Jones. New York: Routledge Press, 2017. 157-172.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Book Reviews, Essays, and Articles (Popular Culture)

"The Collective Act of Testifying: Navigating Between the Times," *Intrust Magazine*, Fall 2021, <https://intrust.org/Magazine/Issues/Autumn-2021/The-Collective-Act-of-Testifying>

"Capitalism's Moral Dilemma," *Sojourners*, April 24, 2019, <https://sojo.net/biography/keri-day>

"Rethinking Resurrection in the Face of Trauma," *Syndicate Journal Online*, November 14, 2018, <https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/resurrecting-wounds/>

"Kathryn Tanner's Anti-Work Ethic," *Christian Century*, June 19, 2019, <https://www.christiancentury.org/review/books/kathryn-tanner-s-anti-work-ethic>

"White Boys will be White Boys: Kavanaugh, #Metoo, And Race," Religion News Service, September 28, 2018, <https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/blackpentecostal-breath/>

"We need a Pentecost," in *The Christian Century*, published May 3, 2018, <https://www.christiancentury.org/article/critical-essay/we-need-pentecost>

Blackpentecostal Breath," *Syndicate Journal Online*, October 30, 2017, <https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/blackpentecostal-breath/>

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

Editorial Appointments

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of World Christianity*, 2017-present Series Editor, *Religion and Critical Reflection*, Cambridge University Press, 2020-2024
Editorial Board Member, *Political Theology Journal*, 2017-2020

Professional Memberships

The American Academy of Religion
The Society of Biblical Theologians
American Theological Society

University Lectures/School-Wide Divinity School Lectures

Resisting the Domestication of God-Talk: Towards a Black Feminist Apophatic Mysticism," Mary Anne Plattijes-van Huffel Lecture, Stellenbosch University, Department of Theology, Stellenbosch, South Africa, August 12, 2026.

“Being Earwitnesses,” Plenary Address, The Hymn Society Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, July 26, 2026.

“Spirit Power: Black Feminist Pneumatic Rituals of Wonder,” Antoinette Brown Lecture, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Nashville, TN, March 30, 2026.

“Rerouting Theology: Spirit as First Word,” Colin Gunton Memorial Lecture, King’s College London, London, England, May 8, 2024.

“Queering Azusa: Towards a Theological Fugitivity,” Theology, Pentecostalism and Gender Conference, Heidelberg University, Department of Religious Studies and Intercultural Theology, Heidelberg, Germany, February 9-10, 2024.

“Joy, Care and Wonder in Black Thought: A Conversation Between Black Feminism and Black Religion,” Lecture for Black Religion and Black Studies Symposium, Harvard University Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 5, 2023.

“Undomesticated & Untamed: A Pentecostal Theology of Spirit,” De Villers Theology Lecture Series, Stellenbosch University, Theology Department, Stellenbosch, South Africa, 2-part lecture series delivered August 15-16, 2023.

“Undomesticated Faith: A Decolonial Theology of Spirit,” Sprunt Lectures, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA, 4-part lecture series delivered May 1-3, 2023.

“Spirit as First Word,” Parks-King Lecture Panel, Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut, February 24, 2024.

“The Flesh of the World: Towards a Pneumatic Anthropology,” Future of Protestant Theology Conference, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland, May 23-24, 2022.

Azusa Reimagined Lectures (2), Smyth Lectures, Columbia Theological Seminary, Virtual Lectures, March 7-8, 2022.

“Azusa Reimagined: Political Agency in Apocalyptic Key,” University of Chester, Scotland, Virtual Lecture, January 20, 2022.

“US Racial Disparities in a Post-Covid World: A Theological Perspective”, Champion Hall, University of Oxford, Champion Hall Lecture Series, Virtual Lecture, April 29, 2021.

“The Politics of Azusa,” Political Theology Conference, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, October 25, 2019.

“Women of Azusa: Thinking Christian Theology Anew,” Anna Julia Cooper Lecture in Religion, Emory University, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia, March 21, 2019.

“Azusa Reimagined: The Future of Constructive Theology,” Penn Honors Program Lecture, George Fox University, Portland, Oregon, March 15, 2019.

“The Political Imaginary of Azusa: Insurgent Christian Theology,” Department of Religion Lecture, Georgetown University, Washington D.C., September 28, 2018.

“Theology as Site of Becoming: Pentecostal Considerations,” Faith and Life Forum on Religion, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, September 23, 2018.

"Rethinking Azusa: If It Wasn't for the Women," Pauli Murray/Nannie Burroughs Lecturer on Women in Religion, Duke University Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina, March 5, 2018.

"The Political Imaginary of Azusa," Villanova University (Department of Religion), Philadelphia, PA, May 4, 2018.

"A Critical Feminist Review," Talk given in response to Jeff Stout's Gifford Lectures, Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, CT, October 15, 2017.

"Azusa and Non-Statist practices of Political Agency," Political Theology Conference, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, February 16, 2018.

"Protest and Prayer," Sermon and Lunch Lecture given at Princeton University Chapel, Princeton, NJ, February 18, 2018.

"The Legacy of Black Movements in Food Justice," Lecture given for the Just Food Conference associated with the Farminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, September 25, 2017.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Academic Presentations

“Juneteenth, Black Religion, and the Ambiguities of Freedom,” Religion and American Culture Conference, Indianapolis, IN, June 14, 2024.

“Women in Publishing,” Presentation at American Academy of Religion, Publishing Committee, San Antonio, Texas, November 22, 2023.

“Cultures of Superiority: The Case of Black Cultural Genius,” Presentation in Faith and Culture Consultation for Yale University Divinity School, September 9-10, 2022

“Reparations in Theological Key,” Virtual Presentation for Columbia University Seminar on Memory and Slavery, September 23, 2021.

“Indecent Theologies: Rethinking God and Human,” Liberating Theologies Conference, The Freedom Center for Social Justice, Charlotte, North Carolina, May 25, 2019.

“The Futures of Political Theology,” Paper given at American Academy of Religion, November 21, 2017.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Service to the Profession /University Service

Board Member, American Academy of Religion, 2022-2025.

Chair of Theology Department, 2022-2025.

Taskforce for New Degree Programs, 2021-2023, PTS

Chair of Han Search in Asian American Theology, 2021-2022, PTS

Faculty Planning Committee, 2020-2022, PTS

Nominations Committee Member, American Academy of Religion, 2017-2021.

Book Manuscript Peer-Reviewer, Oxford University Press, Spring 2020.

Taskforce on Pedagogy and Curriculum, Princeton Theological Seminary, Fall/Spring 2018-2020.

Diversity Committee, Princeton Theological Seminary, Fall 2017

PhD Studies Committee, Princeton Theological Seminary, Spring 2018

Slavery Taskforce, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2017-present

Religion and Society Committee, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2017-present.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church/Community Presentations & Lectures

“What Does it Mean to be Christian in the Face of Christian Empire?: Living Under the Sign of Pentecost,” Two Lectures delivered at the Hampton University Ministers Conference, Hampton, VA, June 3-5, 2026.

“Reproductive Justice and God’s Love,” Sermon preached at Princeton Theological Seminary Chapel, Princeton, New Jersey, January 11, 2024.

“God’s Extravagant Grace,” Sermon preached at Spelman College Sister’s Chapel, Atlanta, Georgia, March 26, 2023.

“Azusa Reimagined,” Riverside Church, Lecture Lunch and Interview, New York City, September 11, 2022.

“The Leahs of this World: Black Church Responses to Female Trauma,” Mt. Airy Church of God in Christ, Sunday Morning Guest Teacher, May 8, 2022.

“Prophetic Reformers in Church and Society,” The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, Virtual Leadership Conference, October, 1, 2021.

“When God Speaks to Children,” Children’s Defense Fund Great Preacher Series, CDF Proctor Conference, Haley Farm, Tennessee, July 15-19, 2019.

“Womanist Resources for Justice Ministry,” Speaking Truth to Power Conference, Friendship West Baptist Church, Dallas, TX, June 28-29, 2018.

“Focusing on What Really Matters: Listening to the Most Vulnerable.” Opening Conference Preacher, TFAM National Leadership Conference, Kansas City, MO. July 19, 2018.

“Living Inside of Questions.” Opening Conference Preacher, Issachar Conference for Clergy and Lay Leaders, Houston, TX, April 23, 2018.

“When Prayer Meets Protest.” Black History Month Preacher, Abundant Faith Life Worship Center, New Brunswick, NJ, February 25, 2018.

Women's Day Preacher, Shalom Church, St. Louis, October 29, 2017.

Youth Speaker, Brown Street COGIC, September 24, 2017.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Honors/Fellowships/Grant Awards

Senior Fellow, "Between the Times" Theological Consultation for Tenured Scholars on Writing and Teaching in Theological Education (Principal: Ted Smith, Emory University), 2017- Present.

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

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

Brite Divinity School Research Fellowship, 2012 & 2015

Wabash Summer Research and Writing Fellowship, 2011

Wabash Pre-Tenure Theological Faculty Fellowship, 2010

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

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

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

Abraham L. Malherbe Scholarship, Yale University Divinity School, Fall 2002-2004
Presidential Scholarship, Tennessee State University, Fall 1998 – Spring 2002

Professional Ministerial Experience

Associate Pastor, Cathedral of Praise Church (COGIC), Nashville, TN, 2006-2008
Campus Student Chaplain, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2005-2006