
Rebecca A. Wilcox, PhD Candidate

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Princeton Theological Seminary (commenced 2019, Religion and Society), ABD

Dissertation: “Shadows of Death: Black Religion and Flights Toward Life”

Advisor: Dr. Keri Day

Committee: Keri Day, Mark L. Taylor, Victor Anderson

M.TS. Vanderbilt University (2018), Ethics.

Dissertation: “Bloody Shoes: Toward a Womanist Urban Ethic of Embodied Dissonance”

Readers: Dr. Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Dr. Emile Townes

B.A. Clark Atlanta University (2016), Religion (Minor in Philosophy).

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE

- Religious Studies
- Theology
- Black Religion
- Black Theology
- Literature
- Critical Black Studies
- Political Theory
- Decolonial Studies
- Cultural Studies (Birmingham School)
- Black Queer Theory
- Black Feminist Ethics

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Peter Paris Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary (2020- present)

Merit Tuition Scholarship, Princeton Theological Seminary (2019-Present)

Princeton Doctoral Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary (2019-Present)

Presidential Scholarship, Princeton Theological Seminary (2019-Present)

Black Theology and Leadership Institute, Princeton Theological Seminary (Summer, July 2017)

Millennial Leaders Project, Union Theological Seminary (Fellow) (Summer, July 2017)

Merit Tuition Award, Vanderbilt University (2016-2018)

Catherine W. Pierce Scholarship, United Negro College Fund (UNCF) (2015-2016)

Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) (Scholarship) (June 2015- August 2015)

Frederick Patterson Scholarship, United Negro College Fund (UNCF) (2013-2014)

PUBLICATIONS (Essays, Interviews, Articles)

“At the Impasse of Revolution and Revolutionary Love”

Scalawag Magazine (2023) <https://scalawagmagazine.org/2023/03/captive-maternalrevolutionary-love/>

“How the University (De)Radicalizes Social Movements (With Rebecca A. Wilcox of the Political Theology Network)”

In Pursuit of Revolutionary Love: Precarity, Power, Communities – Joy James, Chapter 11 (2022)

“How the University De-Radicalizes Students, Professors, and Social Movements (Interview With Joy James)”

Villanova University <https://youtu.be/IjeWk4VGNGk?si=bMKp19xYT8laSaUI> (2022)

“Distorted Mirrors: Toward a Clear Gaze on Black Suffering”

The Immanent Frame : Secularism, Religion, and the Public Sphere

<https://tif.ssrc.org/2021/01/14/distorted-mirrors-toward-a-clear-gaze-on-black-suffering/> (2021)

“This Womanist Work: Moving From Confessions to Professions”

Black Theology Project base <https://btpbase.org/this-womanist-work/> (2017)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS and LECTURES

- ***“Blackness Beyond World-Making: On Protestantism, God’s Sovereignty, and Antiblackness”*** (Graduate Panel Paper)
Blackness Beyond Protestantism Conference (University of Virginia) (2024)
- ***“The Darkest Shade of Purple: Antiblackness and Womanist Thought”***
(Conference Paper)
American Academy of Religion (AAR, Texas) (2023)
- ***“Black Religion and the Critique of Religious Pluralism”*** (Conference Paper)
American Studies Association Conference (ASA, Montreal) (2023)
- ***“Blackness and Nothingness: On Karl Barth and Calvin Warren”*** (Guest Lecturer)
Princeton Theological Seminary, Theological Anthropology Course, (Instructor: Hanna Reichel) (2023)
- ***“Antiblackness and the Christian Ruse of Redemption”*** (Lecture)
First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn (2023)
- ***“Spiritualities and Renunciation of Care Session”*** (Respondent)
Villanova University, Political Theology Network Conference (2023)
- ***The Interminable Pandemic: Antiblackness and the Apostatic Death Wish”***
(Lecture)
Bucknell University (2023)
- ***“Just Futures Roundtable – Spiritualities”*** (Guest Panelist)
Williams College, <https://youtu.be/eTpqf8M6lRk?si=XuD5NAj5aC8mTlAu> (2022)
- ***“Black Lives Matter: Global Activism One Year Later”*** (Guest Panelist)
University of Cape Town, Hart House Global <https://harthouse.ca/events/black-lives-matterglobal-activism-one-year-later> (2021)
- ***“Womanism, Antiblackness, and Ungendering”*** (Guest Lecturer)
Vanderbilt University, Womanist Theological Ethics Course, (Instructor: Dr. Stacey Floyd-Thomas) (2021)
- ***“These is Bloody Shoes: On Urban Womanism”*** (Conference Paper)
Southeastern Regional Conference on Religious Studies (2018)

TEACHING ASSISTANT AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Teaching Assistant to Dr. Mark L. Taylor and Dr. Jay-Paul Hinds, Princeton Theological Seminary (Spring 2024)

“Theological Currents in the Black Radical Tradition”

- Teaching Assistant to Dr. Keri Day, Princeton Theological Seminary (Fall 2023)

“African-American Public Theology”

- Teaching Assistant to Dr. Hanna Reichel, Princeton Theological Seminary (Spring 2023)

“Masculinity – A Theological Investigation”

- Teaching Assistant to Dr. Mark L. Taylor and Dr. Jay-Paul Hinds, Princeton Theological Seminary (Spring 2022)

“Theological Currents in the Black Radical Tradition”

- Teaching Assistant to Dr. Keri Day (Fall 2020)

“Global Economics as Theological Question.” (Online course due to Covid-19)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Academy of Religion
American Studies Association