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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Theology, Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, California, 2017–2021

Dissertation: “Contemplation, Proclamation, and Social Transformation: Reclaiming the Homiletical Theology of Black Contemplative Preaching,” Michael Pasquarello, *Primary Mentor*; Frank A. Thomas, *Second Mentor*; Barbara A. Holmes, *External Reader*.

M.Div., Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, California, 2013–2016

M.A., Wheaton College Graduate School, Wheaton, Illinois, 2009–2011

B.A., Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, 2005–2009

Biblical and Theological Studies. Additional coursework in sociology and economics.

Certificate in Spiritual Direction and Formation, San Francisco Theological Seminary/University of Redlands, San Anselmo, California, 2022–2026

Visiting Student, Ph.D. program in African American Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2019–2020

Visiting Research Student, Parish Pulpit Fellow

Ridley Hall, Cambridge, England, October–December 2016

University of Pretoria, South Africa, January–March 2017

Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana, Costa Rica, March–June 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Preaching, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, 2026–present

Assistant Professor of Preaching and Spiritual Formation, Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, California, 2024–2026

Assistant Professor of Preaching, Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, California, 2021–2024

Adjunct Instructor of Preaching, Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, California, Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant, Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, California, 2015–2016, 2019–2020

Vocational Formation Group Leader, Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, California, 2014–2015

PUBLICATIONS

Current Research Projects

Streams of Black Preaching: Historical and Theological Perspectives (tentative title), research in process.

Deep River, Diverse Streams: An Introduction to African American Christian Spirituality (tentative title), Proposal accepted by Baylor University Press; approximately 30,000 words completed.

Christian Spiritualities of Africa and the African Diaspora. Special issue of *Spiritus*, guest co-editor, manuscripts under review.

A Searching Moment: Howard Thurman as Preacher, Liturgist, and Spiritual Guide (tentative title), co-edited with Jennifer Ackerman and Luke A. Powery, under contract with Cascade; manuscript under review.

Book

Black Contemplative Preaching: A Hidden History of Prayer, Proclamation, and Prophetic Witness. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2024.

Reviewed in *Homiletic, Missiology, Reading Religion, Journal of the Evangelical Homiletics Society, Anglican and Episcopal History*, and *Black Theology*.

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Contemplative Preaching” in *Oxford Handbook of Christian Homiletics*, ed. Carolyn J. Sharp, forthcoming.

“The Futures of Christian Spiritual Formation: An African American Perspective,” [*Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care*](#), 19, no. 1_suppl (2026): 232–47.

“Pedagogy, Preaching, and Place: Online, Hybrid, and In-Person Homiletical Formation,” [*Homiletic*](#), 51, no. 1 (2026): 12–23. Co-authored with Richard W. Voelz, Lisa Lamb, Chelsea Brooke Yarborough, and Jared E. Alcántara.

“Streams of Spirituality in the Black Church,” [*Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care*](#), 18, no. 1 (2025): 61–83.

“Spirit, Spoken Word, and the Search for Common Ground: Amanda Gorman as Contemplative Preacher,” [*Homiletic*](#), 49, no. 2 (2024): 28–41.

“Forming Preachers: An Examination of Four Homiletical Pedagogy Paradigms,” [*Religions*](#), 15, no. 3 (2024): 364.

“Hidden in Plain Sight: Reclaiming the Witness and Wisdom of Black Contemplative Preachers,” [*Homiletic*](#), 47, no. 2 (2022): 3–14.

“Liberating Liturgical Theology: Lessons from the Building Blocks of Black Worship,” *Worship*, 96, (April 2022): 124–43. Translated into German by Hans-Hermann Tiemann as “Weg von den Leitlinien eurozentrischer Liturgik! Von *Black American Worship* lernen” in *Besser Gottesdienst feiern. Perspektiven zur situationsgerechten Liturgie*, ed. Hans-Hermann Tiemann, Luther-Verlag, 2025.

“Protest as Preaching: The Pneumatic Proclamation of Black Lives Matter,” [*The International Journal of Homiletics*](#), 4, no. 2, (2021): 43–51.

“Learning from the Herstory of Preaching in the Global South: Reflections on the Preaching Lives of Rebecca Protten and Dora Yu,” [*Liturgy*](#), 36, no. 2 (2021): 3–10.

“Dallas Willard’s Theology of Evangelism,” [*Witness: Journal of the Academy of Evangelism in Theological Education*](#), 30, no. 1, (2016): 1–27.

Book Reviews

Review of Sarah C. Jobe, *No Godforsaken Place: Prison Chaplaincy, Karl Barth, and Practicing Life in Prison*, *Homiletic*, forthcoming.

Review of Donyelle McCray, *Is it a Sermon? Art, Activism, and Genre Fluidity in African American Preaching*, [*Reading Religion*](#), May 31, 2026.

Review of Cindy Lee, *Our Unforming: De-Westernizing Spiritual Formation*, [*Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care*](#), 19, no. 1 (2026): 149–51.

Review of Andrew Prevot, *The Mysticism of Ordinary Life: Theology, Philosophy, and Feminism* in [*Religious Studies Review*](#), 50, no. 2 (2024): 372.

Review of Amanda Brown, *Fellowship Church: Howard Thurman and the Twentieth Century Religious Left* in [*Religious Studies Review*](#), 48, no. 4 (2022): 580.

Review of HyeRan Kim-Cragg, *Postcolonial Preaching: Creating a Ripple Effect* in [*Religious Studies Review*](#), 48, no. 3 (2022): 405–6.

Review of John H. Coe and Kyle C. Strobel, eds., *Embracing Contemplation: Reclaiming a Christian Practice* in [*Religious Studies Review*](#), 47, no. 4 (2022): 538.

Review of Ahmi Lee, *Preaching God’s Grand Drama: A Biblical-Theological Approach* in [*Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*](#), 6, no. 1 (2021).

Review of Lewis V. Baldwin and Victor Anderson, eds., *Revives My Soul Again: The Spirituality of Martin Luther King Jr.* in [*Spiritus*](#), 21, no. 1 (Spring 2021): 164–66.

Review of Kimberly P. Johnson, *The Womanist Preacher: Proclaiming Womanist Rhetoric from the Pulpit* in [*Religious Studies Review*](#), 46, no. 4 (Dec 2020): 533–34.

Review of Thomas Troeger, *The End of Preaching* in *The Anglican Theological Review*, 102, no. 4 (Fall 2020): 709–10.

Review of Barbara Peacock, *Soul Care in African American Practice* in [*Journal for Spiritual Formation and Soul Care*](#), 13, no. 2 (Nov 2020): 319–21.

Review of Barbara Harris with Kelly Brown Douglas, *Hallelujah, Anyhow: A Memoir* in [*Religious Studies Review*](#), 46, no. 3 (2020): 412.

Review of Barbara Holmes, *Joy Unspeakable: Contemplative Practices of the Black Church, Second Edition* in [*Black Theology: An International Journal*](#), 18, no. 2 (2020): 188–89.

Review of Wayne Croft, *The Motif of Hope in African American Preaching during Slavery and the Post-Civil War Era: There's a Bright Side Somewhere* in [*Homiletic: The Journal of the Academy of Homiletics*](#), 45, no. 1, (2020): 29–30.

Review of Amos Yong, *The Kerygmatic Spirit: Apostolic Preaching in the 21st Century* in [*Homiletic: The Journal of the Academy of Homiletics*](#), 44, no. 2, (2019): 73–74.

Review of Annette Brownlee, *Preaching Jesus Christ Today: Six Questions for Moving from Scripture to Sermon* in *The Anglican Theological Review*, 101, no. 4 (Fall 2019): 734–35.

Review of Emerson Powery and Rodney Sadler, *The Genesis of Liberation: Biblical Interpretation in the Antebellum Narratives of the Enslaved* in [*Homiletic: The Journal of the Academy of Homiletics*](#), 44, no. 1, (2019): 31–32.

Online Essays, Blogs, and Published Sermons

“Black Contemplative Spirituality: A Personal Journey,” [*Conversatio*](#), January 14, 2026.

“The Living Tradition of Black Contemplative Preaching, *Oneing: A Publication of the Center for Action and Contemplation*, 13, no. 2 (2025): 27–33.

"Gratitude for the Past," "Discernment of the Present," and "Hope for the Future." with Margaret Benefiel, E. Trey Clark, Febrianto, et al. [*Spiritus*](#), 25, no. 2 (Fall 2025): 221–61.

Narrative Lectionary commentaries, [*Working Preacher*](#), August 10, 31, September 7, 14 2025.

“Unhurried Preaching: Three Practices for Busy Preachers,” [*Working Preacher*](#), 2024.

“Crisis Contemplation,” *Preaching During a Pandemic: The Rhetoric of the Black Preaching Tradition*, eds. Andre E. Johnson, Kimberly P. Johnson, and Wallis Baxter III (Peter Lang, 2023), 81–87.

“Three Homiletical Insights Preachers Can Learn from Howard Thurman,” [*Backstory Preaching*](#), 2022.

“Preaching as Prophet and Pastor,” [*Fuller Magazine*](#), 22 (2022): 52–55.

Titus 3:4-7, [*Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*](#), 75, no. 4 (2021): 331–33.

“(Re)turning to God,” [*MissionalPreacher*](#), American Society of Missiology, 2021.

“The Surprising Work of the Holy Spirit,” [*MissionalPreacher*](#), American Society of Missiology, 2020.

“Unity Does Not Equal Uniformity,” [*Fuller Youth Institute*](#), 2017.

SELECT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

“Theologies of the Spirit and the Expansion of Christian Proclamation (tentative title),” keynote speaker, Societas Homiletica, São Leopoldo, Brazil, scheduled September 27, 2026.

“Contemplation in Context: A Response to Bruce Hindmarsh,” panelist, Christian Spiritual Formation Workshop, Martin Institute, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California, 2026.

“Streams of Black Preaching: Historical and Theological Perspectives,” public lecture, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, March 2026.

“The Place of Place in Preaching Pedagogy: Online, In-Person, Hybrid, and Beyond,” panel co-organizer and moderator, pedagogy workgroup, Academy of Homiletics, Richmond, Virginia, scheduled December 2025.

“Compelling Preaching in and among Four Ethnic Contexts,” panel presentation, Compelling Preaching Gathering, Lilly Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2025.

“Biblical and Theological Perspectives on God’s Transformational Work,” session chair, Christian Spiritual Formation Workshop, Martin Institute, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California, 2025.

“The Current State of Spiritual Formation/Discipleship in the US,” panel participant, Spiritual Formation Summit, Pasadena, California, 2025.

“Contemplative Preaching in Times of Chaos,” panel presentation, Black Caucus, Academy of Homiletics, virtual, 2024.

“Using *The New Testament in Color* in our Contexts,” panelist, Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, California, 2024.

“Approaches to Anti-Racist Proclamation,” panelist, Duke Divinity School, virtual, 2024.

“Forming Preachers: An Examination of Four Homiletical Pedagogy Paradigms,” pedagogy workgroup, presentation, Academy of Homiletics Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, 2023.

“Spirit, Spoken Word, and the Search for Common Ground: Amanda Gorman as Contemplative Preacher,” presentation, Homiletical Theology Project Consultation, Boston University School of Theology, Boston, Massachusetts, 2023.

“Holistic Preacher Formation: Toward Paradigms and Practices for Teaching Preaching as if Bodies Matter,” presentation, Payton Lectures, Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, California, 2022.

“Pneumatology and Preaching outside the Pulpit: A Response to Dr. Marvin McMickle,” panel respondent, Academy of Homiletics Conference, virtual, 2021.

“Hidden in Plain Sight: Reclaiming the Witness and Wisdom of Black Contemplative Preachers,” plenary presentation, Black Caucus of the Academy of Homiletics, virtual, 2021.

“Hidden in Plain Sight: Reclaiming the Witness and Wisdom of Black Contemplative Preachers,” paper presentation, Identity and Imagination workgroup, Academy of Homiletics Conference, virtual, 2021.

“Howard Thurman and the African American Contemplative Preaching Tradition,” presentation, Black Theology and Martin Luther King, Jr. Unit, American Academy of Religion, virtual, 2020.

“Preaching, Protest, and the Proclamation of Black Lives Matter,” paper presentation, Societas Homiletica Conference, virtual, 2020.

“Preaching between Worlds: The Embodied Proclamation of Rebecca Protten,” paper presentation, Identity and Imagination workgroup, Academy of Homiletics Conference, Denver, Colorado, 2018.

“Preaching toward a ‘New World’: The Early Dominican Friars in La Española,” paper presentation, Societas Homiletica Conference, Durham, North Carolina, 2018.

“Black Public Theology,” moderator of panel with Dr. Leslie Callahan, Dr. Valerie Cooper, Rev. Michael McBride, and Dr. Vincent Bacote, symposium, Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, California, 2018.

“De Qué a Quien: La Promesa y Potencial de La Predicación Poscolonial,” paper presentation, Emerging Projects Group, Latin American Theology Conference, San José, Costa Rica, 2017.

SELECT PREACHING AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Retreat Speaker, Center for Contemplative Leadership, Princeton Seminary, virtual, 2026.

Guest Speaker, Renovaré Institute, ministry cohort, virtual, 2026.

Preacher, Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, 2025.

Workshop Speaker, IC3 Conference, breakout session, Houston, Texas, 2025.

Speaker, The Contemplative Summit, virtual, 2025.

Preacher, Westmont College, chapel, Santa Barbara, California, 2025.

Speaker, Black Contemplative Prayer Summit, virtual, 2025.

Preacher, Fuller Seminary, chapel, Pasadena, California, 2025.

Speaker, Spiritual Directors of Color Network, virtual, 2024.

Guest Lecturer, Peacock Soul Care Institute, virtual, 2024.

Preacher, Westmont College, chapel, Santa Barbara, California, 2024.

Speaker, Mixed Methods Preaching Conference, virtual, 2023.

Guest Lecturer, Peacock Soul Care Institute, virtual, 2023.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Board of Editorial Consultants, *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care*, 2026–present

Editorial Board, *Spiritus*, 2024–present

Editorial Board, *Homiletic*, 2024–present

Executive Secretary, Black Caucus, Academy of Homiletics, 2024–present

Co-Convener, Pedagogy Workgroup, Academy of Homiletics, 2024–present

Board of Directors, Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality, 2023–present

Nominations Committee, Academy of Homiletics, 2024–2025

Blind Peer Reviewer, *Homiletic*, 2025–present; *Spiritus*, 2025–present; *Religions*, 2024–present; *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care*, 2023–present; *Black Theology*, 2025; St. Andrews Encyclopaedia of Theology, 2022.

FULLER SEMINARY COMMITTEES AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Seminary Formation Ad hoc Committee, 2025–2026
 Missiology Lectures 2026, planning committee, 2025–2026
 Center for Advanced Theological Studies, faculty, 2025–2026
 Black Church Studies Concentration, faculty lead, 2022–2026
 Preaching Faculty Coordinator, 2021–2026
 Pannell Center for Black Church Studies, affiliate faculty, 2021–2026
 Faculty Prayer Team, 2024–2025
 Search Committee for Affiliate Preaching Faculty, 2022, 2023–2024, 2025
 Parish Pulpit Committee Liaison, 2021–2025
 Chapel Worship Committee, 2024–2025
 Senior Leadership Team, 2024–2025
 Masters of Justice and Advocacy Committee, 2023–2024
 Masters Admissions Committee, 2022–2023
 Masters Foundations Committee, 2022–2023
 Worship, Evangelism, and Theology in Practice, research cluster, 2021–2023
 Fuller Insight Council, 2021–2023

SELECT HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS

Co-Director, “Spiritual Formation in the Black Church,” \$25,000 research grant, Martin Institute for Christianity and Culture, Westmont College and TENX10, 2024–2026

Associate Director, “Compelling Preaching in and among Four Ethnic Contexts,” \$1.25 million research grant, Lilly Endowment, 2023–2026

Cultura Fellow, fellowship on spiritual formation and vocation for emerging leaders, Martin Institute for Christianity and Culture, Westmont College, 2023–2024.

Merlin Call Scholar, full tuition doctoral fellowship, Fuller Seminary, 2017–2021.

Parish Pulpit Fellow, fellowship for overseas study, Fuller Seminary, 2016–2017.

David A. Hubbard Achievement Award, recognized as distinguished student in School of Theology, Fuller Seminary, 2016.

Lowell Berry Dean Scholar, full tuition M.Div. scholarship, Fuller Seminary, 2013–2016.

T.W. Wilson Award, recognition for academic and ministry excellence, Wheaton College Graduate School, 2011.

First Prize, Jonathan Blanchard Oratorical Competition, Wheaton College, 2009.

SELECT PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

Pastor of Spiritual Formation, Restoration Church, Redlands, California, 2024–2026
 Served as a volunteer pastoral staff person in a limited capacity.

Dean of the Chapel, Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, California, 2024–2025

Pulpit Supply, various churches, 2019–2025

Pastoral Staff, South Bay Church of God, Torrance, California, 2009–2019
Served as youth pastor, associate pastor, interim pastor, and preaching pastor.

Student Chaplain, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, 2008–2009

Chaplain, Wheaton College Gospel Choir, Wheaton, Illinois, 2006–2007

Ministry Assistant, Community Bible Church, Dallas, Texas, 2003–2005

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion

Academy of Homiletics

Societas Homiletica

Spiritual Directors of Color Network

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality

Church of God (Anderson, Indiana), Ordained Minister