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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Emory University, Graduate Division of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia
Doctor of Philosophy: Person, Community, and Religious Life, June 2008 - August 2013
Concentration: Religious Practices and Practical Theology

Emory University Psychoanalytic Institute, Atlanta, Georgia
Certificate of Psychoanalytic Studies, September 2008 - May 2013
Concentration: Classical psychoanalysis, Neo-Freudian, Object Relations and Affect Theories

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey
Master of Theology, September 2007 - May 2008
Concentration: Pastoral Theology

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey
Master of Divinity, July 2004 - May 2007
Concentration: Pastoral Theology

Felician College, Lodi, New Jersey
Bachelor of Arts: Religion, *cum laude*, September 1998 - May 2004

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Princeton Theological Seminary, *Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology*, July 2019-Present

COURSES:

Spring 2026

PC 5215	Care of Selves, Care of Congregations
PT 9001	Psychoanalytic Explorations of Masculinity

Fall 2025

PC 5461	Pastoral Care and the Life Cycle
PT 9058	Psychology of Religion

Spring 2025

PC 5015	Advanced Perspectives on Identity, Youth and Crisis
PC 5472	The Minister and Mental Illness

Spring 2024

PCTH 3356	Theological Currents in the Black Radical Tradition
PT 9001	Psychoanalytic Explorations of Masculinity

Fall 2023

LT 1071	Life Together: Spirituality in the Wilderness
PC 5371	The Minister and Spiritual Diagnosis

Spring 2023

PC 5461 Pastoral Care and the Life Cycle
 PCRS 5293 Black Church and Black Manhood

Fall 2022

PC 5215 Care of Selves, Care of Congregations
 PC 5217 Transformation of Shame, Transformation of Self

Spring 2022

PC 5253 Pastoral Care of Adolescents
 THPC 3356 Theological Currents of the Black Radical Tradition (Co-taught w/
 Dr. Mark Taylor)

Fall 2021

PT 9058 Psychology of Religion (Doctoral Seminar)
 PC 5461 Pastoral Care and the Life Cycle

Spring 2020

PC 5217 Transformation of Shame, Transformation of Self
 PC 5291 Intercultural Pastoral Care

Fall 2019

PC 5371 The Minister and Spiritual Diagnosis

Howard University School of Divinity, *Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care, Practical Theology, and Psychology of Religion* (tenure-track), August 2013-2019.

COURSES:

Advanced Issues in Pastoral Care (D.Min Seminar)
 Black Manhood and the Black Church
 Healing from the Gap: An Alternative View of Pastoral Theology
 Introduction to Christian Spirituality
 Introduction to Liturgy and Worship
 Introduction to Pastoral Care
 Seminar in Faith Development and Spiritual Formation
 The Psychology of the Prophet
 Transformation of Shame and Transformation of Self

Additional Teaching Experience:

Princeton Theological Seminary, *Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology*, “Care of Self and Care of Congregations,” Spring 2016 and Spring 2017.

Candler School of Theology at Emory University, *Teaching Associate* for Dr. Gregory C. Ellison II, “Care for Marginalized Populations: The Courage to Hope,” Spring 2010.

Emory University, Department of Religious Studies (Undergraduate), *Teaching Assistant* for Dr. Gary Laderman, “*Religion and Sexuality*,” Fall 2009.

Candler School of Theology at Emory University, *Teaching Assistant* for Dr. Karen D. Scheib, “*Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling*,” Fall 2009.

Felician College, Department of Religious Studies (Undergraduate), *Adjunct Professor*, 2007-2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Howard University School of Divinity, Co-Director and Primary Investigator, Master of Arts in Interreligious Chaplaincy Program, 2016-2018.

INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES

Princeton Theological Seminary

Religion and Society Committee (Chair, Spring 2026)

Preaching Search Committee (2025-2026)

Accreditation Working Groups (2025-2026)

Panel on Student Review (2025-2026)

Pastoral Theology Search Committee (2024-2025)

Admissions Committee (2021-2024)

Homiletics Search Committee (2023-2024)

Faculty Executive Committee (2022-2023)

Faculty Support and Development Committee (2021-2022)

Medieval Christianity Faculty Search Committee (2021-2022)

Antiracism Formational Team (2021-2022)

Religion and Society (2019-2020)

Howard University School of Divinity

Continuing Education Committee, Chair (2017-2018)

Commencement Committee (2016-2017)

Council of Faculty Senate, Alternate (2017-2019)

Honors and Awards Committee, Chair (2015-2017)

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Interreligious Chaplaincy Program Committee (2014-2017)

Lectures and Convocation Committee (2014-2017)

Master of Arts Committee (2016-2019)

Master of Divinity / Master of Social Work Committee (2013-2015)

Faculty Search Committee (2016-2017)

Advisor, Howard University School of Divinity Gay/Straight Alliance (2014-2016)

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Next Generation of Faith and Health Initiative, Faculty Reading Group, AY 2025-2026.

Isaiah Partnership Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative Grant, Faculty Reading Group, AY 2024-2025.

PTS Distillery Podcast, Book Talk: *A Gift Grows in the Ghetto*, May 8, 2025.

Princeton Theological Seminary Reunion Faculty Spotlight and Seminar, “Spiritual Development in the Wilderness,” May 2023.

Preacher for PTS Chapel Service, “Angels at a Pool Party,” March 20, 2023.

L.I.V.E Symposium, Presenter, “Discerning Ministry – A Matter of Justice,” March 2022.

2022 Spring Semester Opening Convocation, Preacher, “The Integrity of Gethsemane,” January 2022.

“Why Princeton?,” Virtual Open House, Presenter, September 2021.

Table to Table, Team Leader, Fall 2021.

Continuing Education Course, “Journey to the Mountaintop: The Conversion and Faith Development of Martin Luther King, Jr.,” October 2021.

Q Teams, Team Leader, Fall 2020.

“Should I Get a PhD?,” Black Church Studies Lunchtime Seminar, Presenter, November 2020.

PTS Women’s Center, Presenter, “Faith, Family, and Social Justice,” November 2020.

Continuing Education Course, “Journey to the Mountaintop: The Conversion and Faith Development of Martin Luther King, Jr.,” October 2020.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

● Practical Theology ● Black Psychology ● Psychology of Religion ● Psychoanalysis ● African American Religion/Spirituality/Folklore ● African American Literature and Literary Theory ● Life-Cycle/Human Development Theories ● Black Feminist/Womanist Thought ● Critical Theory ● Hegelianism ● Pastoral Theology

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Howard University, Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, 2017.

Howard University, Advanced Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, 2018.

Emory University, Doctoral Fellowship, 2008-2013.

The Fund for Theological Education, Doctoral Fellowship, 2008-2010.

Felician College, Teresa of Avila Award (in recognition of academic excellence and leadership), 2003.

EDITORIAL BOARDS

Pastoral Psychology (2021-Present)

CURRENT EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Book Review Editor, *Theology Today*

RECENT PRESENTATIONS and ACADEMIC WORKING GROUPS

Black Imagination, Spirituality, and the Future, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, February 2026.

Duke University Divinity School, Office of Black Church Studies, Spring 2025 Webinar Series, “A Gift Grows in the Ghetto: Reimagining the Spiritual Lives of Black Men,” March 2025.

“The Weapons of Our Warfare: Older Black Americans and the Legacy of Liberating Transcripts,” Aging & Social Change: Fifteenth Interdisciplinary Conference, Linköping University, Norrköping, Sweden, October 2024.

“No Greater Love: The Light of Beauford Delaney in the Life of James Baldwin,” Conference on Medicine and Pastoral Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, October 2023.

“Hope Behind the Veil: William James, W. E. B. Du Bois, and the Religious Experiences of Black Folk,” International Association for the Psychology of Religion Conference, Groningen, Netherlands, August 2023.

“No Greater Love: The Light of Beauford Delaney in the Life of James Baldwin,” Conference on Pastoral Theology with Boys and Men, Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, PA, June 2023.

“The Legacy of the Black Messiah in Liberia,” Sankofa Collaborative Workshop, Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton Township, NJ, June 2023.

“The Black Messiah Goes Home: The Black Church, Black Manhood, and the Mission to Redeem Africa,” Afterlives of Slavery Conference: Colonization, Christianity, and Commerce,” Ministerial Complex, Monrovia, October 2022.

“Loneliness and Suffering in Life’s Wilderness,” Adult Education Lecture Series, Brick Church NYC, May 2021.

“Sexual Ethics and Sexual Theology,” Metropolitan AME Church, Washington, D.C., August 2020.

“Flying Home: A Mode of Conversion in the African American Context,” Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology, Lake Tahoe, NV, October 2019.

“I Am a Sick Man: The Travails of Black Men in an Age of Giftlessness,” Group for Pastoral Theology with Boys and Men, Philadelphia, PA, May 2019.

“Spitting Rhymes ‘til Mourning Comes,” Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, October 2018.

“Sons of Sambo: Black Masculinity and Shame on the Modern Plantation,” The Danielsen Institute at Boston University, Therapist Continuing Education Training Session, April 2018.

“Self-Care and Mental Health in African American Context,” Wesley Theological Seminary, Association of Black Seminarians Black History Month Event, February 2018.

“The Future of Interreligious Chaplaincy,” Panel Discussion at the Association of Muslim Chaplains Conference, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT, 2018.

“Humpty Dumpty’s New Kingdom,” Howard University Inside/Out Program, DC Jail, Washington, D.C., March 2017.

BOOK REVIEWS

Against the Hounds of Hell: A Life of Howard Thurman, by Peter Eisenstadt, *Theology Today* 81:2 (August 2024): 154-156.

Black Theology and Black Faith, by Noel Leo Erskine, *Theology Today* 81:1 (January 2025): 393-396.

Teaching to Live: Black Religion, Activist Educators, and Radical Social Change, by Almeda M. Wright, *The Journal of Presbyterian History*, 103:1 (Spring/Summer 2025): 47-48.

BOOKS

A Gift Grows in the Ghetto: Reimagining the Spiritual Lives of Black Men. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2022.

SCHOLARLY ARTICLES in EDITED VOLUMES

“No Greater Love: The Light of Beauford Delaney in the Life of James Baldwin” in *Valor & Vulnerability: Pastoral Explorations of Intimacy, Grief, & Resilience among Boys and Men*. Edited by Robert C. Dykstra and Ryan Lamothe. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2025.

“African American Pastoral Theology” In *St. Andrews Encyclopedia of Theology*. Edited by Brendan N. Wolfe, et al. University of St. Andrews, 2024.

“The Black Messiah Goes Home: The Black Church, Black Manhood, and the Mission to Redeem Africa” in *Alterity and the Evasion of Justice: Explorations of the “Other” in World Christianity*. Edited by Deanne Ferree Womack and Raimundo C. Barreto, Jr. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2023.

ARTICLES

“The Shepherd’s Black Sheep: African American Pastoral Theology in the Age of Afropessimism,” *JOURNAL of PASTORAL THEOLOGY*, vol. 35, no. 1, November 2025, pp. 3-15.

“The Wisdom of the Broken Pot: Lessons on Innovation for African American Pastoral Theology,” *THEOLOGY TODAY*, vol. 82, no. 1, May 2025, pp. 70-84.

“Spitting Rhymes ‘til Mourning Comes: an Exploration of Hip-Hop, Suicidal Thoughts and Spiritual Lament,” *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY*, vol. 70, no. 4, June 2021, pp. 315-334.

“Flying Home: A Mode of Conversion in the African American Context,” *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY*, vol. 69, no. 4, August 2020, pp. 383-404.

“A Gift Grows in the Ghetto: Reimagining the Spiritual Diagnosis of Black Men,” *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY*, vol. 67, no. 2, April 2018, pp. 141-154.

“The Son’s Fault: Martin Luther King’s Search for and Recovery of Sonship,” *JOURNAL of RELIGION and HEALTH*, vol. 57, no. 2, April 2018, pp. 451-469.

“Shame and Its Sons: Black Men, Fatherhood and Filicide,” *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* vol. 63, no. 5-6, December 2014, pp. 641-658.

“Redemptive Prose: Richard Wright’s Re-Authoring of the Patricidal Urtext,” *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* vol. 62, no. 5, October 2013, pp. 687-707.

“The Prophet’s Wish: A Freudian Interpretation of Martin Luther King’s Dream,” *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY*, vol. 61, no. 4, August 2012, pp. 467-484.

“Traces on the Blackboard: The Vestiges of Racism on the African American Psyche,”
PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY, vol. 59, no. 6, December 2010, pp. 783-798.