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EDUCATION

PH.D., PRACTICAL THEOLOGY
St. Thomas University

D.MIN., PRACTICAL THEOLOGY (LEADERSHIP IN CHURCH & SOCIETY)
Boston University School of Theology

S.T.M., BIBLICAL STUDIES AND MISSIONS
Yale Divinity School, Yale University

M.DIV., BIBLICAL STUDIES
Candler School of Theology, Emory University

B.A., CREATIVE MUSIC TECHNOLOGY AND RELIGION (*CUM LAUDE*)
LaGrange College

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

Harvard University Divinity School, *Graduate Study*

Boston College, *Graduate Study*

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, *Graduate Study*

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Citizens Academy, *Community Outreach Study*

Lead Hampton Roads, *Chamber of Commerce Community Leadership Study*, 2015

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Biblical Theology
- Black Presence in the Bible
- Theological Education
- Theology and Worship in the Black Religious Tradition
- Interfaith Dialogue
- Urban Apologetics
- Coalition Building and Community Leadership
- Social Justice
 - Race and Racism

- Police Reform
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Developing young leaders

PUBLICATIONS

Research & Books

Black Epistemology and Hermeneutics in Pentecostal Spirituality: Sources for Socially Prophetic Theology. Forthcoming 2021.

Is Christianity the White Man's Religion? The Color of the Bible. Westmont, IL: IVP, 2020.

The Mighty Transformer: The Holy Spirit Advocates for Social Justice. GIELD Academic Press, 2019.

The Spirit and Social Justice: Interdisciplinary Global Perspectives (Scripture & Theology). Co-editor with Michael Palmer, Lanham, MD: Seymour Press, 2019.

The Spirit and Social Justice: Interdisciplinary Global Perspectives (History, Race, & Culture). Co-editor with Michael Palmer, Lanham, MD: Seymour Press, 2019.

The Gifted Worshipper. Houston: High Bridge Books, 2018.

Monday Morning Inspiration: Christian Theological and Black Spiritual Inspiration to Overcome Everyday "Monday Morning" Blues. Houston: High Bridge Books, 2016.

Unstoppable Success: 7 Ways to Flourish in Boundless Potential. Houston: High Bridge Books, 2014.

Holy Spirit, Holy Living: A Practical Theology of Holiness for Twenty-first Century Churches. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2013.

For Such a Time as This: Re-imagining Practical Theology for Independent Churches. Asbury Theological School Series, Lexington, KY: Emeth Academic Press, 2010.

Articles and Chapters

"Emerging African American Pentecostal Sources in Public Theology," in *International Journal of Public Theology* 13, 4: 1-22 (Brill, 2019), *Double-blind peer-reviewed*.

"Black Pentecostal Hermeneutics? in James H. Cone's Theological Sources and Black Pentecostalism," in *Pneuma* 41, 2: 193–217 (Brill, 2019), *Double-blind peer-reviewed*.

"Black Folk Religion in Black Holiness Pentecostalism," *Journal of Pentecostal Theology*. 28, 1: 103–122 (Brill, 2019), *Double-blind peer-reviewed*.

"An African American Contribution to the Theology of Worship: Considering Three Situations of Integrated African American Led Worship from Pre-Civil Rights Times," pp. 247–263. In *Toward a Pentecostal Theology of Worship*, edited by Lee Roy Martin. Cleveland, TN: CPT Press, 2016.

- “Like a Mighty Burning Fire:’ Social Holiness with Love at the Center,” pp. 211–223. In *Roswith Gerloff: Auf Grenzen. Ein Leben im Dazwischen von Kulturen (On the Border. An in-Between Existence)*, edited by Armin Triebel. Berlin: Weißensee Verlag, 2016.
- “Holiness, the Church, and Party Politics: Toward a Contemporary Practical Theology of Holiness,” pp. 221–241. In *A Future for Holiness: Pentecostal Explorations*, edited by Lee Roy Martin. Cleveland, TN: CPT Press, 2013.
- “The Spirit and the Prophetic Church: Building Ministry Coalitions for Urban Ministry, Part 1,” pp. 54–66. In *Pneuma Review* 16, Number 2, Spring 2013.
- “The Spirit and the Prophetic Church: Building Ministry Coalitions for Urban Ministry, Part 2,” In *Pneuma Review* 16, Number 3, Summer 2013.
- “A Prophetic Challenge for the Future of Urban Churches: A Call for a Revised Ecclesiological Superstructure,” pp. 417–454. In *Spirit-empowered Christianity in the 21st Century: Insights, Analysis, and Future Trends from World-Renowned Scholars*, edited by Vinson Synan. Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2011.
- “Elements of African Religious Spiritual Practices in African American Worship: Resounding Practical Theological Implications,” 221–234. In *Christianity in Africa and the African Diaspora: The appropriation of a scattered heritage*, edited by Afe Adogame, et al. New York: Continuum Press, 2009.
- “The Ordination of Women: An Issue among ‘Spirit-filled’ Churches from the African Diaspora,” 2003. Available at http://people.bu.edu/wwildman/WeirdWildWeb/courses/thth/projects/thth_projects_2003_harris.htm.

Book Reviews

- No Crystal Stair: Womanist Spirituality*, Diana L. Hayes, Maryknoll, New York, 2016; *Pneuma* (40) (4): 2018, 599-600.
- Worship across the Racial Divide: Religious Music and the Multiracial Congregation*, Gerardo Marti, Oxford University Press, 2012; *Pneuma* (35): 2013, 280–281.
- The Spirit in Worship—Worship in the Spirit*, Teresa Berger and Bryan Spinks, eds. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2009; *Pneuma* (34): 2012, 107–108.
- Preaching the Gospel of Mark: Proclaiming the Power of God*, Dawn Wilhelm. *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>], 2010.
- Perspectives on Spirit Baptism: Five*, Chad Owens Bran, editor; *Pneuma* (31): 2009, 123-124.
- Crisis in the Village: Restoring Hope in African American Communities*, Robert M. Franklin, *Religious Studies Review* (35): 2008, 117.
- Mission in Acts: Ancient Narratives in Contemporary Context*, Maryknoll: Orbis Books 2004, *Pneuma* (26): 2004, 370–372.

Select Articles for the Church

- "Let the Church Cry, 'Holy!'" (pp. 1–5), in *Life Enrichment Ministries Magazine* 24, Issue 4, fall/winter 2012.
- "Overcoming the Insurmountable: Reflections on Urban Haiti-Post 2010 Earthquake," (pp. 17-19). In *Empower Magazine*, Issue 2, October/November 2010.
- Sheri Smith Clayborn (editor), "I Feel Like Pressing My Way!" In *Pressing My Way through Lent: Wednesday, February 17 through Saturday, April 3, 2010*. Columbus, Ohio: St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Select Columns in the *Virginian Pilot*

- "Churches, leaders must be open on immigration"
- "A legacy of investing in 'diamonds in the rough'"
- "Building a different kind of bridge" (with Rabbi Jeffrey Arnowitz)

Select Contributions to *Pneuma Review*:

- "In Times Like These: Reflections on the COVID-19 Pandemic"
- "A Solemn Reflection on Massacre at L'Simcha Congregation in Pittsburgh"
- "Our Hearts broken; our country in crisis.... What should we do?"

Select Op-Ed Contributions at the *Christian Post*:

- "Happy 4th of July! The Fight for Freedom Continues"
- "Killing the Ugly Monster of Racial Faction"
- "Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy and Equality in Schools"
- "Evangelical Shift on Death Penalty: An Encouraging Step"
- "Conversations that Heal: A Christian Response to Racism," with Norman A. Harris
- "Racism and Unequal Protection in the American Legal System"
- "Common Core: An Education that Does our Children Justice"

Other Select Contributions at *Washington Post*, *Religion News Service* and *Renewal Dynamics.com*:

- "Racial Reconciliation Demands Christians Reconsider the Death Penalty," *The Washington Post*.
- "'Chile', We Don't Even Know the Half! A Reflection on African American History – The Soul of American History," *Renewal Dynamics.Com*.
- "Where are the Prophets – the Real Ones?" *Renewal Dynamics.Com*.
- "Macedonian Cry from the Urban Streets: 'Come Over and Help Us!'" *Renewal Dynamics.Com*.

Music Productions

A-7, *Self-titled*, Triple A Entertainment, 2006.

A-7, AKA A-Boyz, *The Project*, MNM Entertainment, 2003.

A-Boyz, *Hold On*, MNM Entertainment, 2000.

HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

President-Dean, Jakes Divinity School, 2019 –current

University Committee Appointments, 2008–2017

RUSOD Doctor of Ministry Committee (2014–2017), *Chairperson* (until 2016)

RUSOD Admissions Committee (2012–2014), *Chairperson*

RUSOD Doctor of Ministry Committee (2008–2014), *Member*

RUSOD Curriculum Committee (2010–2012), *Member*

RUSOD Admissions Committee (2011), *Member*

RUSOD Curriculum Revision Task Force (Fall 2011–2012), *Member*

University Discipline-Based Curriculum Committee (2012–2013), *Member*

RUSOD Worship Concentration Sub-Committee (2010–2011), *Member*

University Scholarship Committee, (2010–2011 and 2012–2016), *Member*

Coalition to End Homelessness (2011–2012), *Faculty Advisor*

University Quality Enhancement Program Sub-Committee (2011–2012), *Member*

University Global Day of Worship Committee (11–11–11), *Member*

Alpha Zeta Phi chapter of Alpha Phi Omega (2011–2016), *Youth Services Advisor*

RUSOD Minister of the 21st Century Research Task Force (2009–2010), *Member*

University Shared Governance Committee (2009), *Member*

University Founder's Retirement Celebration Committee (2009), *Member*

RUSOD Syllabus Review Committee (2008–2009), *Member*

University Collaboration Committee (2008), *Member*

University Black History Month Committee (2008–2016), *Chairperson*

Regent Student Democrats and Independents (2008–2009), *Faculty Advisor*

University Service Appointments

Take 2 Through College Initiative, *Co-Mentor* (2013–2014)

- Represented the Take 2 educational initiative to assist African American and Hispanic students get in and through college. This was a national initiative, a partnership between churches and the university.
- Helped to develop curriculum for student mentorship essential to the initiative.

The President's Circle, *Member* (2012–2014)

- Co-facilitated prayer breakfasts with pastors from diverse ethnic and denominational backgrounds.

Regent University Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) Program

Associate Director, appointed fall 2015–2016

- Assist director in all matters related to program development.
- Participate in self-study and assessment for Association of Theological Schools and regional accreditation.
- Serve on Dean's Council.
- Coordinate admissions and recruitment efforts with Enrollment Services and Recruitment.
- Facilitate monthly meetings with Doctor of Ministry Committee.
- Recruit adjunct faculty to supervise dissertation projects.
- Coordinate program assessment.

Acting Director, Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) Program, fall 2014–fall 2015

- Chaired Doctor of Ministry Committee.
- Provided primary oversight to dissertation process.
- Oversaw day-to-day operations of the program.
- Supervised staff manager and graduate assistant.
- Led *ad hoc* subcommittees for curriculum revisions.
- Led review of admissions applications.
- Hired adjunct professors to assist in dissertation supervision.
- Resolved issues related to processes and student concerns.
- Represented program at faculty meetings and conferences.

Youth & Urban Renewal Center, Regent University, 2011–2016*Founding Director*

- Prepared budgets and raised financial support.
- Identified and recruited potential volunteers.
- Trained and supervised student workers.
- Developed and directed internship opportunities.
- Cultivate relationships with local, regional, national and international pastors.
- Provided program analysis, develop vision, and develop strategic plan.
- Collaborated cross-culturally with local churches, ministries and civic organizations.
- Scheduled meetings, trainings, retreats, seminars and workshops.
- Led the Church Education Initiative (CEI) and recruited churches to participate.
- Facilitated partnership among Regent University Psychological Services Center (PSC), United Way, and Booker T. Washington High School.
- Founded *Urban Youth Summer Academy* for rising 6th graders.
- Co-wrote summer academy curriculum.
- Facilitated partnerships with the City of Norfolk, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, Tidewater Community College, and Norfolk Public Schools.
- Raised funds for special initiatives and staff development.
- Employed up to 13 paid staff members with up to 15 volunteers.
- Implemented *English as a Second Language (ESL) Training Ministry*.
- Developed *Urban Ministries Residency Program*, an honors training program.
- Co-founded *In One Accord Dance Company*, an intercultural dance troupe.
- Organized *YURC Street Team*, an interdisciplinary group for community outreach.
- Organized first “Eagles Catching a Glimpse of Regents Day,” April 5, 2013.

Leadership of Special Projects*Project Catalyst and Executive Leadership Team Member*

- Led “Broken Chains: A Gospel Hip-Hopera,” a musical collaboration between Yale University School of Music Community Outreach and the Cooperative Arts and Humanities High School: New Haven, Connecticut, 2007–2011.

Professional and Continuing Education, Powered by Regent Representative

- Facilitated strategic partnerships with church networks and denominations and conducted marketing and client meetings, Powered by Regent Program, 2011–2013.

- *Partnership Highlight:* Regent University Educational Collaboration with T.D. Jakes School of Leadership, Dallas, TX.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Portland Seminary at George Fox University, 2018–present

Doctor of Ministry in Leadership and Global Perspectives, *Faculty Advisor*

Race, Ethnicity, and Church, Adjunct Professor

Vanguard University

African American Spirituality, Adjunct (designed the online course)

Fuller Theological Seminary, 2018–present

Preaching, Adjunct Associate Professor (designed the online course)

Regent University School of Divinity (RUSOD), 2008–2017

Practical Theology & Ministry, *Assistant Professor*, 2008–2014

Practical Theology & Ministry, *Associate Professor (Awarded Tenure)*, 2014–2017

Practical Theology & Ministry, *Adjunct Professor*, 2017–2018

- SELECTED GRADUATE COURSES DEVELOPED (D) AND TAUGHT: PMIN 501- Leadership in Church and Ministry; PMIN 515- Ministry Leader: Lifestyle and Leadership Skills (D); PMIN 524- Preparation of Biblical Messages (D); PMIN 525- Pulpit Ministry (D); PMIN 550- Pastoral Theology (D); PMIN 685A/ DLDR 785A Seminar- Urban Pastoral Leadership (D); PMIN685B/DLDR 785B Seminar- Rebuilding the City of God in Urban America (D); and SFRM 502- Spiritual Formation.

Regent University Professional and Continuing Education, Virginia Beach, VA

Instructor, Powered by Regent (PBR), 2010–2013

- COURSES TAUGHT: Introduction to Evangelism (D); How to Study the Bible for All It's Worth; How to Craft a Sermon (D); Survey of the New Testament (D) and Survey of the Old Testament (D)

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

New York Theological Seminary North, Ossining, NY

Adjunct Professor, Prison Educational Initiative, Sing Sing Correctional Facility, 2010

- COURSE TAUGHT: Preaching in the African American Tradition

Virginia Christian College (formerly Calvary Leadership Institute), Norfolk, VA*Adjunct Professor*, Foundations for Ministry and Biblical Studies, 2009–2011

- COURSES TAUGHT: Principles and Tools for Bible Study (D); The Pastoral Epistles: A Study of I and II Timothy and Titus (D); God and the Hood: Reflections on Urban Ministry (D)

Sacred Heart University, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Fairfield, CT*Adjunct Professor*, Department of Religious Studies, 2006–2008

- COURSE TAUGHT: Introduction to Religion (Judaism, Islam and Christianity)

ACADEMIC SUPERVISIONSSelected Dissertation and Thesis Committees

Angela Fredrickson, "Strengthening Pastoral Leadership: Overcoming Leadership Challenges Among Small to Medium African American Churches in Sumter, SC." (D.Min. Dissertation, RUSOD, 2016), *Chairperson*.

Linda G. Grant, "Church Health Through Implementing African American Culturally Sensitive Natural Church Development: Considering a Local Congregation in Suffolk, Virginia." (D.Min. Dissertation, RUSOD, 2015), *Chairperson*

Eugene Kent Austin, "Sexual Abuse Awareness and Training Course for Ministry: Toward a Program to Eradicate Ministry Misconduct for Healthier Churches in the Twenty-first Century." (D.Min. Dissertation, RUSOD, 2014), *Chairperson*.

Dia LaTrise Liggons, "Hip-Hop Music and Poetry as Spiritual Efficacy to Assist in Anger Management among Urban Youth: A Youth Project at the City of Refuge Church in Watertown, New York." (D.Min. Dissertation, RUSOD, 2014), *Second Reader*.

Robert Manning, "Necessary Elements for Attractive Ministry among Young Adult African-American Men: A Consideration from A Local Church in Prince Georges County, Maryland," (D.Min. Dissertation, RUSOD, 2013), *Chairperson*.

Daniel Rollins, "A Practical Theology for Transformational Theatre and the Church: Judgment House as Case Study for Community-building, Discipleship, and Evangelism," (D.Min. Dissertation, RUSOD, 2013), *Second Reader*.

Laura Madison, "Answering the Social Ministry Call: Serving the Least, Last and Lost by Feeding the Mind, Body and Spirit" (M.A. Thesis, RUSOD, 2013), *Chairperson*.

GRANTS AND SPECIAL FUNDING

Awarded \$120,000, City of Norfolk, Fall/Spring Youth Programs, 2013, 2015-2019.

Awarded \$25,000, City of Norfolk, Urban Youth Summer Academy, 2013.

Co-funded with Norfolk State University STEM Program, UYSA, 2013.

Co-funded with Old Dominion University, Educational Enrichment Program, 2013.

Co-funded with Old Dominion University, Educational Enrichment Program, 2012.
 Awarded \$55,000 Endowment, Brown Foundation, Youth & Urban Renewal Center, 2012.
 Faculty Research Grant, Regent University, Urban Ministry Research, 2011.
 \$25,000 Grant Award, CSX Corporation, Urban Youth Summer Academy, 2011.
 Yale University School of Music Sponsorship, "Broken Chains: A Gospel Hip-Hopera,"
 Urban Youth Outreach Project, New Haven, CT.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Associate Pastor, The Potter's House of Dallas, 2019–present.

Committee Member, Virginia Citizens for Reconciliation, 2018–2019

- Member of the Subcommittee for Arts, Culture, and Millennials.

Founding President, The Urban Renewal Center, Norfolk, VA, 2017–2019

- Facilitated public forums and education projects about race and ethnic diversity and reconciliation.
- Organized city-wide ecumenical, intercultural Christian clergy monthly meetings with local city officials.
- Co-led Hands United Building Bridges (HUBB), a quarterly meeting with interfaith clergy.
- Led Norfolk Police Department's Clergy Patrol, a consortium of pastors and ministers.

Theologian-in-Residence, First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, 2015–2017

- Developed adult education curriculum.
- Taught adult discipleship classes.
- Assisted in organizing outreach projects.

Founder, Global Institute for Empowerment & Leadership Development (GIELD), Inc., Virginia Beach, VA, 2010–present

- Articulate vision and mission of organization.
- Direct activities of business and manage budgets.
- Lead teams of volunteers and hire personnel.
- Prepare budgets and generate financial support.
- Lead Young Ministers, Pastors, & Leaders Multi-Cultural Group, 2015–2017.
- Established annual Urban Summer Academy, 2015–2017.
- Launched *Chosen for Completion Church*, Circle of Grace, Portsmouth, VA, 2014.

- Initiated God's Ambassadors Men of Excellence (G.A.M.E.) Discipleship Group, Union Mission Ministries Men's Shelter, 2013–2015.
- Started *Circle of Grace* cross-cultural ministry, Norfolk, VA, 2012–2015.

Manager, Antipas Enterprises, LLC, 2015–present

- Direct administrative activities.
- Develop marketing strategy.
- Offer seminars and training.

Associate Pastor, Christ Chapel New Testament Church, New Haven, CT, 2007–2008

- Led weekly Bible study.
- Prepared and delivered sermons.
- Led regular worship services.
- Counseled with individuals and in small groups.
- Conducted visitations in homes, hospitals and prisons.
- Counseled and tutored inmates.
- Administered sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion.

Local Coordinator, National Day of Prayer, New Haven, CT, 2008

- Organized churches, students, and civic organizations for prayer rally.
- Raised financial support for public event focused on prayer.

Spiritual Advisor, Walker and Associates Law Firm, Monroe, CT, 2006–2008

- Counseled senior partner on ethical issues in company decisions.
- Conducted reviews of legal matters for spiritual guidance.

Facilities & Youth Director, Cornerstone Christian Center, Milford, CT, 2005–2007

- Managed daily operations of church facility.
- Participated in Storehouse Food Pantry Ministry.
- Participated in Crossroads, a substance abuse outreach ministry.
- Supervised the work activities of staff and students.
- Led weekly Bible Study for youth.
- Prepared and delivered sermons.
- Counseled youth and youth leaders on spiritual concerns.

- Conducted visitations in homes, hospitals and prisons.
- Trained youth leaders and directed regular meetings.
- Implemented programs and coordinated worship events.
- Taught Bible study in pastor's absence.

Co-founder, Composer & Producer, A7, Inc. Atlanta, GA, 1997–2007

- Produced musical recordings.
- Coordinated talent, including singers, musicians, music producers, and songwriters.
- Managed the project, including but not limited to studio time, recording sessions.
- Edited vocals with digital software; lead post-production recording sessions.
- Performed before live audiences and in television productions.
- Performed for George W. Bush Inauguration Reception, USA, January 20th, 2005.
- Performed on the Black Entertainment Television (BET), Bobby Jones Show, Angel Network, WORD Network, Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN), and (Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN).

Youth Director, Covenant Congregational Church, Jamaica Plain, MA, 2005–2007

- Coordinated pastoral care for urban and suburban youth.
- Arranged and led urban and suburban youth camps.

Volunteer Chaplain, American Red Cross, New Haven, CT, 2001–2002

- Pastoral support for persons affected by 9/11 attack on Twin Towers, New York.

Chaplain Intern, Metro State (Women's) Prison, Atlanta, GA, 1998–2001

- Counseled inmates concerning spiritual wellbeing.
- Offered group therapy for inmates.
- Directed the Metro State Prison Choir.
- Prepared and delivered sermons.
- Made ministry rounds in infirmary wing.

Associate Pastor, A House of the Living God, Manchester, GA, 1997–2001

- Prepared and delivered sermons
- Taught Bible study
- Coordinated young adult ministries

- Counseled youth and young
- Led outreach projects
- Administered baptism and communion

PUBLIC LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Local, National, and International Participation and Appointments

Co-founder, Creating Unity in Our Community and the Lead Like King Awards. Builds leadership coalitions, celebrates leaders and offers leadership training, 2016–present.

Member, Steering Committee. Racial Reconciliation Project, American Bible Society, 2017.

Member, Coalition of Faith Leaders. Coalition of Public Safety, 2016–2017.

Director of Criminal Justice Reform. National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, 2016–present.

Founder and Chairperson, Norfolk Senior Pastors Roundtable, City Manager, 2015–2019.

- Lead a multi-ethnic and ecumenical team to build strategic partnerships between city government and the faith-based community.
- Serve as liaison between faith-based community and city of Norfolk.

Sub-Committee Team Leader. Virginia Beach Public School Discipline Task Force, 2015–present.

Mentor and Discipleship Leader. Mentored residents, Union Mission Homeless Shelter, 2012–2015.

Mission Team Leader. Led international urban ministry trips to Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, Summer, 2012–2015.

Chairperson. Chaired the Hampton Roads Committee of 200 Plus Men Scholar's Academy Committee, 2010–2012.

Leader. Friend-raising campaign, Huntersville Community, Norfolk, VA, December 2012.

Missions Team Leader. Led a ministry team on a mission trip to Democratic Republic of the Congo (Africa) for the "DRC for the DRC African Extravaganza: A Mission and Evangelism Excursion," Summer 2007.

Selected Podium Presentations

Lecturer, Wilson Institute, "The Holy Spirit, the Church, and Social Justice," Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA (November 8, 2019).

Keynote Speaker. Creating Unity in Our Community's "Lead Like King" Awards, Virginia Beach, VA (January 16, 2017).

Keynote Speaker. "Gentlemen's Brunch: Concerned Male Millennials Seeking to Support Teen Boys," Norfolk, VA (September 17, 2016).

Keynote Speaker. Old Dominion University's Sunday Supper: "The Significance of Observing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – His Life and Legacy concerning Poverty," Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA (January 17, 2016).

Guest Speaker. Sunday Worship Service, Potter's House, Dallas (Bishop TD Jakes, Senior Pastor)–38,000 in attendance (local and live globally online; 500,000 views of clips within a week's time) (October 18, 2015).

Guest Speaker. "Resilient Cities" Strategy Launch, Norfolk, VA (October 28, 2015).

Guest Speaker. Via Skype, Leadership Incubator's 2013 Graduation, Mamelodi, South Africa, (July 2012 and July 2013).

Motivational Speaker. Juvenile Detention Center; Virginia Beach, VA, Summer Speaking Series (Summer 2011).

Motivational Speaker. 5th Grade Boys Motivational Night: Holland Elementary School; Virginia Beach, VA (Spring 2011).

Special Committees / Task Forces

Participant. Regent University School of Divinity, 2017 accreditation renewal, Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, Commission on Accrediting.

Leading Participant. Covenant partner with National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC) Faith and Education Coalition (2015–present).

Leading Participant. Steering Committee for Bank on Norfolk – a private-public partnership to assist citizens with personal/family economic empowerment (2015–2019).

Leading Participant. Norfolk Police Fair and Impartial Policing Community team – invited by the Chief of Norfolk Police Department (2015–present).

Leading Participant. Community liaison, Norfolk Resilient City Comprehensive Strategy (2015–2019).

Leading Participant. Norfolk City Poverty Commission Community Team (2015–2016).

Leading Participant. Faith-based community liaison, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation U.S. Education Learning Forum, Bellevue, WA (October 6 – 8, 2015).

SELECTED PANELS

"Teaching K-12 Online During the COVID-19 Pandemic;" Woman Thou Art Loosed Virtual Experience; TD Jakes Ministries, October 15-17, 2020.

"Are Religious People More Racist?" The Center for Religious Freedom at Virginia Wesleyan University's Nexus Interfaith Dialogue; Norfolk, VA, April 30, 2018.

"The Fierce Urgency of Now: Our Children Can't Wait on Deferred Hope;" Virginia Organizing, Inc.; Virginia Beach, VA, October 26, 2017.

"City on a Hill: On Race, Politics & Faith." Moderator, The Urban Renewal Center; Norfolk, VA, October 1, 2017.

"Faith & Election 2016." Panelist; Virginia Wesleyan College; Norfolk, VA, October 24, 2016.

- "The Syrian Refugee Crisis: The Situation & How the Church Might Respond." Panel Moderator; First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk; Norfolk, VA, October 2, 2016.
- "Community Policing: A Panel with Norfolk Mayor Kenny Alexander, Chief of Police Michael Goldsmith, Attorney Benjamin Crump and others." Panel Moderator; Men of Hope; Norfolk, VA, September 25, 2016.
- "An In-depth Look at Islam." Co-host of Global Think Tank; Bishop T.D. Jakes International Pastors and Leadership Conference; Orlando FL, April 21 – 23, 2016.
- "Black Youth in the Justice System: A Discussion on the Documentary on 'Prison Kids.'" Panelist; Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi); Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, February 16, 2016.
- "Black Family Matters." Panelist; Black Family Reunion Symposium at Norfolk State University; Norfolk, VA, November 19, 2015.
- "Changing Work of Faculty." Panelist; Elected to the Convening of Midcareer Faculty sponsored by the Association of Theological Schools and Commission on Accrediting (ATS). Hyatt Regency Hotel; Chicago, IL, March 13 –16, 2014.
- "Integration in Action: The Application of Biblical Principles in Contemporary Times." Panelist; Psychological Services Center Paradigm Shift Initiative Series Special Event; Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, June 18, 2013.
- "A Revival of Passion and Pride—Black in America, Coping with Racism." Panelist; Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi); Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, February 19, 2013.
- "Lifelong Learners; the Annual Family Enrichment Conference." Panelist; NSU Women's Economic Development Center; Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA, November 17, 2012.
- "Leading as A Woman in 21st Century Ministry," Twenty-first Century Women in Ministry Conference. Panelist; Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, October 13, 2012.
- "Higher Education at Regent University." Panelist; ACT NOW: Empowering Next Generation Leaders Forum. Urban League of Hampton Roads Young Professionals; Norfolk, VA, June 23, 2012.
- "A Biblical Worldview;" A church-wide panel discussion about God and the everyday life of the believer in the church and society. Panelist; Calvary Revival Church Peninsula; Newport News, VA, April 29, 2012.
- "Where I Am from and Where I Am Now—A Look at Racial Co-existence in Hampton Roads;" A city-wide panel discussion about Race, Ethnic, and Heritage issues; Sponsored by the FBI Academy Alumni Association. Panelist; Virginia Beach, VA, April 28, 2012.
- "Naughty or Nice: Why Do Good Girls Like Bad Boys? —A Hip-Hop Symposium." Panelist; Tidewater Community College; Virginia Beach, VA, February 7, 2012.
- "Justice Jubilee: A Conversation about Human Trafficking." Panelist; Old Dominion University; Norfolk, VA, January 11, 2012.

SELECTED ACADEMIC PAPERS, AND GUEST LECTURES

- "Let's Talk about Race." Lecture; Annual Comfort and Car Conference; sponsored by Global Outreach Church; Virginia Beach, VA; April 13, 2018.
- "Testimony in the Black Holiness Pentecostal Church Tradition." Paper Presentation; Society of Pentecostal Studies; hosted at St. Louis, MO; March 12, 2017.
- "Race in America." Public Lecture; Urban Renewal Center; Norfolk, VA, February – March 2017.
- "Transformational Leadership." Lecture; William R. Harvey Leadership Institute, Hampton University; Hampton, VA, October 4, 2016.
- "Holy Spirit, Holy Living and 21st Century Christianity." Lecture; COGIC Scholars Forum, 108th Church of God in Christ Holy Convocation; St. Louis, MO, November 7, 2015.
- "Music and Testimony in the Black Holiness-Pentecostal Church Tradition: Spiritual, Relational, and Emotional Resources for Christian Formation." Paper Presentation; The Holy Spirit and Christian Life Conference, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, March 21, 2015.
- "An African American Contribution to the Theology of Worship: Three Pre-Civil Rights Considerations." Paper Presentation; Society of Pentecostal Studies; hosted at Southeastern University; Lakeland, FL, March 12, 2015.
- "Achieving Unstoppable Success in College and Beyond," Thomas Nelson Community College Faculty Colloquium, Hampton, VA, September 22, 2014.
- "Practicing Holiness in the Obama Era and Beyond: Towards a Practical Theology of Holiness for the 21st Century Church," Paper Presentation; Society of Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the Wesleyan Theological Society, and hosted at Seattle Pacific University; Seattle, WA, March 23, 2013.
- "For Such a Time as This: Is This My Time?" Twenty-first Century Women in Ministry Conference. Lecture; Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, October 13, 2012.
- "Church as Prophet: The Churches, the Spirit, and the City." Paper Presentation; Society of Pentecostal Studies; hosted at Regent University; Virginia Beach, VA, March 1, 2012.
- "The Future and Vitality of African and African American Spirit-Empowered Churches in Africa." Paper Presentation; Empowered 21: Global Congress on Holy Spirit Empowerment in the 21st Century (Converge 21 USA); Regent University; Virginia Beach, VA, March 2, 2012.
- "The Psalter for Songwriters: A Critical Review of the Psalms as Contemporary Inspiration for Songwriters." Seminar Presentation, "Worship & Songwriting Seminar Series: Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs;" Regent University; Virginia Beach, VA, September 17, 2011.
- "Prophecy to the Dead Bones: Developing Ministries that Transform Urban Communities." Seminar Presentation, the 97th Annual Hampton Ministers Conference; Hampton University; Hampton, VA, June 2011.
- "The Role of Community in Revitalizing Youth." Seminar Presentation, Virginia Gang Prevention Partnerships, Vineyard Community Church: Virginia Beach, VA, August 2011.

“The Church and the Urban Struggle: Yesterday and Tomorrow; A Prophetic Challenge for the Future of Urban Churches: A Call for a Revised Ecclesiological Superstructure.” Paper Presentation Empowered 21: Global Congress on Holy Spirit Empowerment in the Twenty-first Century: Oral Roberts University; Tulsa, OK, April 2010.

“Elements of African Religious Spiritual Practices Increasingly Accepted among African American Worship Services: Resounding Practical Theological Implications.” Paper Presentation; African Christian Diaspora Conference: Frankfurt Oder, Germany, 2003.

SPECIAL ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL PODIUM PRESENTATIONS

“Black Epistemology and Hermeneutics in Pentecostal Spirituality.” Worship and the Megachurch digital conference; University of Birmingham; UK; October 15-17, 2020.

“The Holy Spirit, the Church, and Social Justice.” Breakout Session Speaker; Bishop T.D. Jakes International Pastors and Leadership Conference; Tampa, FL, April 25 – 27, 2016.

“Community Engagement and the Church.” Plenary Speaker; D.Min. Intensive Seminar; hosted by Payne Theological Seminary; Irvine, CA; January 24, 2018.

“Leadership Seminar: On Spiritual Gifts.” First Baptist Church Glenarden; Landover, MD. September 15-16, 2017.

“African American Presence in the Bible, Theology and Spirituality.” Global Think Tank; Bishop T.D. Jakes International Pastors and Leadership Conference; Dallas, TX, April 28, 2017.

“Preach with Clarity: Prophetic Preaching that Moves the Soul and Makes a Difference.” Breakout Session Speaker; Bishop T.D. Jakes International Pastors and Leadership Conference; Orlando FL, April 21 – 23, 2016.

“Why Churches Are Dying.” Seminar Presentation; African Methodist Episcopal Church Pastors Symposium with Presiding Elder Larry Hinton; Goldsboro, NC, March 11, 2016.

“Frequent Rest for Unstoppable Success.” Seminar Presentation; Safe Harbor Mental Health Conference with Bishop Donald Hilliard; Princeton, NJ, September 17–19, 2015.

“How to Reach the Masses: Preaching with Multiple Intelligences.” Breakout Session Speaker; Bishop T.D. Jakes International Pastors and Leadership Conference; Orlando FL, April 30 – May 2, 2015.

“Redefining the Church for the 21st Century.” Guest Lecturer, T.D. Jakes School of Leadership Education Showcase. Bishop T.D. Jakes International Pastors and Leadership Conference. Orlando, FL, March 6 – 8, 2014.

“Faculty Development in the Midst of Institutional and Vocational Change Consultation for Racial/ Ethnic.” Faculty Consultation sponsored by Association of Theological Schools (ATS). Hyatt Regency Hotel; Pittsburg, PA, March 14 –17, 2013.

“Responding to Real Life with Eyes of Faith.” Seminar Presentation; “Extending Your Reach: Creating a Missional Culture;” New Life Providence Church; Virginia Beach, VA, May 1, 2013.

- “Moving Beyond the Mountain: A Talk for Young Aspiring Leaders.” Motivational Speech, Students African American Brothers (SAAB); Tidewater Community College; Virginia Beach, VA, March 19, 2013.
- “Elements of Spirit-filled Leadership.” Regent University Conference at Grace Bible Church-Soweto; Soweto, South Africa, March 10, 2012.
- “The Holy Spirit and Prophetic Leadership.” Hatfield Christian Church; Pretoria, South Africa, March 7, 2012.
- “Profiles of Ethical Leadership.” Empowerment Academy, Pretoria, South Africa, March 6, 2012.
- “Hope Unborn: The Blight of Abortion in African American Communities.” Lecture, Crisis Pregnancy Center, Virginia Beach, VA, January 12, 2012.
- “Intentional Evangelism.” Lecture, Annual Southeastern Evangelism Conference, United Holy Churches of America: Goldsboro, NC, November 2011.
- “Introductory Lectures on the New Testament and Theology.” Lecture, Church of God in Christ, 2nd Jurisdiction Christian Education Department: Held at Founder’s Inn, Virginia Beach, VA, October 2011.
- “Release for Peace: A Message on Forgiveness.” Sermon, Wesleyan University (Protestant Chapel), Middletown CT, October 2011.
- “Urban Outreach and Church Growth.” Seminar Lecture, Solid Rock Full Gospel Baptist Church General Conference: Held at Founder’s Inn, Virginia Beach, VA, Spring 2011.
- “Biblical Integration and Character Development in Urban Disciplining Seminar.” Lecture, The Dream Center: Los Angeles: CA: Fall 2010.
- “Urban Education Orientation and Biblical Integration in Education.” Workshop Presenter, Calvary Christian School System Teachers Retreat: Norfolk, VA, September 2010.
- “Embracing Life: The Treasures of the Good Book.” Lecture, Lecture Series on Embracing Life at Calvary Revival Church: Norfolk, VA, 2009.
- “Jesus Christ: The Same, Yesterday, Today, and Forever.” Sermon, Conference on Evangelism of Germany and Africa, Waldbröl, Germany: Spring 2006.
- “To Be Young, Gifted, and Saved.” Speech, Educating, Embracing, and Empowering Youth: Making an Impact on Our Urban Communities, Urban Impact Summit: Mashantucket, CT 2004–2005.
- “Exploring a Possibility of Studying Science through Lenses of Faith.” Lecture, Morehouse College Ronald McNair Scholars Program: Atlanta, GA, 2003.
- “The Songwriter as Theologian, History of Black Gospel Music, and Contemporary Levites in God’s House.” Lecture, Michel “Moses” Mathis and Berklee College of Music Choir Conference: Boston, MA 2000–2001.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Member, COGIC Scholars

Member, Society of Pentecostal Studies

Member, Alpha Zeta Phi chapter of Alpha Phi Omega

Member Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity

Board Member, National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, 2016–present

Board Member, Park Place Child Life Center, (Norfolk, VA), 2016–2018

Board Member, Global Institute for Empowerment & Leadership Development (GIELD), Inc. (Virginia Beach, VA) 2010–present

Board Member, Mid-Atlantic Teen Challenge (Newport News, VA) 2015–2017

Board Member, Hampton Roads Committee of 200 Plus Men, Inc., (Hampton Roads, VA) 2012–present

Dean, Academic Affairs, Hampton Roads Ecumenical Council of Bishops Executive Board (Virginia Beach, VA) 2011–2013

Member, National Leadership Committee for America for Jesus (Virginia Beach, VA) 2012

Board Member, Starlight Creative Arts Center (Virginia Beach, VA) 2010–2012

Board Member, Christian Way Academy (Manchester, GA) 2008–2011

Board Member, In Touch with Communities around the World (Tampa, FL) 2005–2008.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2019, Director's Community Leadership Award, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

2019, Holland Paper Award, St. Thomas University School of Theology and Ministry

2017, Distinguished Merit Citation, Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities

2016, Top 30 John C. Maxwell Leaders

2012, Faculty of Excellence Award for Service, Regent University

2012, *International Top 100* Magazine

2011, *Inside Business* "Top 40 Under 40" of Hampton Roads

2011, Wall of Outstanding Alumni, LaGrange College

2007, "Don't Walk Away" Charted, Top 30 on Billboard

2007, Certificate of Recognition, California State Assembly

2007, Resolution, Memphis City Council

2006, A-7, Gospel Choice Music Awards, "Don't Walk Away," Song of the Year

2000, Certificate of Recognition, World Methodist Evangelism Institute

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS

Associate Pastor, The Potter's House, Dallas, 2019

Theologian-in-Residence, First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, 2015–2017

Associate Member, Calvary Alliance of Churches and Ministries, 2014

Ordained Elder, A House of the Living God Church of Jesus Christ (AHOLG), 1997

COMPUTER COMPETENCIES

Blackboard, Scholar 360, Canvas, Microsoft Office: Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Publisher, Adobe Photoshop, Apple Logic Studio, Avid Pro Tools Professional Audio Recording and Music Creation Software.