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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

Doctor of Theology (Th.D.), Harvard Divinity School (HDS), 1997
Major: New Testament and Christian Origins

Master of Divinity (M.Div.), HDS, 1990
Major: Pastoral Care and Counseling; Scripture and Interpretation

Resident Graduate (Non-degree program), HDS 9/1988 – 1/1989
Coursework: “Gospel Stories of Women”

Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.), HDS, 1988
Major: Scripture and Interpretation

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Univ. of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (UWM), 1986
Major: Comparative Study of Religion
Minor: *several courses in African American History, Religion and Culture

Master of Divinity Thesis

“The Politics of Gender in African American Churches: Women in the Preaching and Pastoral Ministries” (Advisors: Prof. Larry Wills and Rev. Dr. Susan Johnson Cook)

Doctoral Dissertation

“‘Enemies of the Cross of Christ’: A Rhetorical Analysis of the Theology of the Cross in Conflict in Paul’s Philippian Correspondence.” (Advisors: Profs. Helmut Koester, François Bovon, and Allen Callahan)

Languages (Reading Competency): Greek (Koine), Biblical Hebrew, Latin,
French, German, Coptic (language of ancient Christian Egypt)

AREAS OF TEACHING

I) New Testament, Pauline Studies and Early Christianity:

New Testament Introduction	Gnosticism
New Testament Theology	History of Early Christianity
Interpretation (Exegesis)	Literature of Early Christianity
Introduction to Paul	Introduction to the Gospels
Letters of Paul	Historical Jesus
Pauline Theology	Koine Greek

II) Religious Studies, African American Biblical Hermeneutics and Religious History, Liberation/Womanist Theology and Hebrew Bible:

Introduction to Religious Studies	African American Religious History
Introduction to World Religions	The Bible in/and the African American Experience
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible	Black and Womanist Theologies
Dead Sea Scrolls	Introduction to Coptic Language
Literature of Second Temple Judaism(s)	
Introduction to Biblical Hebrew	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Professional Ranking - Associate Professor (8/2008 – Pres.)
Confirmation of Tenure: 4/2009

Associate Professor in the Department of French, Italian, and Comparative Literature (FICL) and participating faculty in the Religious Studies Program (RS).
Director of Religious Studies Program: 8/2010 – 12/2011

Courses of Instruction:

Introduction to World Religions
Introduction to Religious Studies
Introduction to the New Testament
Religion in African American Life
The Bible, the Blues and the African American Religious Experience (Freshman Writing Seminar)
Early Christian Literature
Literature of Paul the Apostle
The Old Testament, The New Testament and Literary Analysis (Graduate Seminar)
Dead Sea Scrolls and Second Temple Jewish Literature
Gnosticism

Dissertations:

Dwight Webster, “Gospel Music in America 1960-1980: A Critical Investigation of the Themes of “Survival,” “Elevation,” and “Liberation.” (Graduate Theological Union/Berkley University, March, 2011. Committee member)

Marquette University – Associate Adjunct Professor (9/2006 – 5/2008)

Christian Discipleship
 Paul the Apostle
 New Testament Overview
 New Testament Selected Books: ROMANS

Central Baptist Theological School–Associate Adjunct Professor (9/2006 – pres.)
(Milwaukee Center)

New Testament I (Gospels, Acts & Johannine Letters)
 New Testament II (Letters and Revelation)

Tulane University, New Orleans

Professional Ranking - Assistant Professor: 7/1996 – 3/2003
 Associate Prof. with tenure: 4/2003 – 2006.

Assoc. Prof. Department of Classical Studies; participating faculty in African and African Diaspora Studies at Tulane Program (ADST); and Director of the Religious Studies Program (RLST, 4/03 – 6/06).

Courses Taught:

The New Testament: A Historical Introduction
 African American Religious History
 The Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Jewish Literature
 The Letters of Paul (*in Greek*; Graduate/Undergraduate)
 History of Early Christianity Gnosticism and Early Egyptian Christianity
 Paul the Apostle
 The Bible in the African American Experience (freshman writing seminar that satisfies the English 101 writing proficiency)
 Early Christian Literature
 Introduction to Religious Studies

MA. Theses:

Peter Okoth, “An Exegesis of Galatians 3:23-29, 4:1-11,” (1997: 2nd reader).
 Tom Tomberlin, “1 Corinthians 15: The Culmination of St. Paul’s Rhetoric and Theology
 in the First Epistle to the Corinthians,” (1997: directed)

Honors Theses:

Sirida W. Graham: “Isaic Iconography and the Cult of the Virgin Mary,” (1996-97: 2nd reader).
 Sheejah Kancharil, “Christian Mysticism: Divine Light,” (1997-98: directed)
 Chris Richardson, “Sexual Renunciation and the Search for Early Christian Identity,”
 (1997-98: 2nd reader)
 Jay Munch, “Kindling the Fires: An Examination of the Development of Hell in the
 Jewish Second Temple Period,” (1997-98: 2nd reader)
 Rob Ratton, “Black Spiritual Churches of New Orleans,” (1999-2000: directed).
 Alan J. Murphy, “Inferred Religion in J. K. Rowlings *Harry Potter*,” (2005-06: 2nd reader)

The Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), Atlanta, GA – Adjunct Professor
 (ITC Continuing and Extension Education, and Cooperative Program of Theological Studies
 [CPTS]; met at Dillard University, New Orleans, LA.)

Introduction to the New Testament (Fall 2001, 2003)

Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, School For Ministry (SFM) – Instructor

Introduction to the New Testament (2002 – 2006)

University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee – Visiting Assistant Professor (January – May 2000)

The Gnostic Gospels (Spring 2000)

Harvard Divinity School - Teaching Fellow: (1991 - 1996)

Intermediate Greek I
 The Gospel of John
 Introduction to the NT and Early Christian Apocryphal Literature
 Paul the Apostle
 The Theology of the New Testament
 Comparative Liberation Theologies
 Introduction to Theological Education for Ministry [ITEM]
 African American Biblical Interpretation
 The New Testament: An Historical Introduction
 New Testament Ethics

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church - Pastor:

Survey of the Hebrew Bible (Spring, 1994)

Ministerial Experience:

Senior Pastor , Community Baptist Church of Greater Milwaukee Milwaukee, WI	1/2009 – Pres.
Assistant Minister , CBC of Greater Milwaukee Milwaukee, WI	9/2005 – 12/2008.
Associate Minister , Christian Unity Baptist Church New Orleans, LA	3/2003 – 8/2004.
Interim Pastor , Beecher Memorial United Church of Christ New Orleans, LA	10/2000 – 3/2003
Minister of the Word , St. Matthew United Church of Christ New Orleans, LA	9/2000 – 4/2002
Associate Minister , Christian Unity Baptist Church New Orleans, LA.	8/1996 – 10/2000
Pastor , Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Dorchester, MA.	2/1993 – 12/1996
Field Education Site Supervisor	2/1993 – 12/1996
Interim Pastor , Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Dorchester, MA	2/1992 - 7/1992
Associate Minister , Mass. Avenue Baptist Church Cambridge, MA.	1988 – 1993
Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) , Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries, Boston, MA.	5/1989 - 8/1989
Ordination (National Baptist), Hallowed Baptist Church Milwaukee, WI.	7/1988
Associate Minister , Ebenezer Church of God in Christ Milwaukee, WI.	1984 – 1986

Prison Minister, Good News Ambassadors
Milwaukee, WI. 1982 – 1986

Youth Minister, Hopewell Baptist Church
Milwaukee, WI. 1982 – 1983

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

James A. Noel, Matthew V. Johnson & Demetrius K. Williams, eds., *Onesimus Our Brother: Reading Religion, Race and Slavery in Philemon* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2012).

“*An End to This Strife*”: *The Politics of Gender in African American Churches* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2004).

“*Enemies of the Cross of Christ*”: *The Terminology of the Cross and Conflict in Philippians* (Sheffield Academic Press, 2002).

Articles

“Jesus and the Samaritan Woman: Taking Risks, Reversing Expectations, and Crossing Boundaries at the Well” (Forthcoming)

“African American Approaches: Re-humanizing the Reader against Racism and Reading Through Experience” in Joseph Marchal, ed., *Studying Paul's Letters: Contemporary Perspectives and Methods* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2012), pp. 155-73.

“‘No Longer as a Slave’: ‘Reading’ the Interpretation History of Paul’s Epistle to Philemon,” in James A. Noel, Matthew V. Johnson & Demetrius K. Williams, eds., *Onesimus Our Brother: Reading Religion, Race and Slavery in Philemon* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2012), pp. 11-45.

“‘Upon All Flesh’: Acts 2, African Americans and Intersectional Realities,” in Randall Bailey, Tat-siong Benny Liew, and Fernando F. Segovia, eds., *They Were all Together in One Place?: Toward Minority Biblical Criticism (Semeia Studies no. 57; Society of Biblical Literature, 2009)*, pp. 289-310.

“Introduction to 1 Corinthians”, in *The Peoples’ Bible* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2008), pp. 1594-95.

“Introduction to 2 Corinthians”, in *The Peoples’ Bible* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2008), pp. 1610-11.

“Acts of the Apostles,” in Brian Blount et al, *True to Our Native Land: An African American New Testament Commentary* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2007), pp. 213-48.

The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2009).

1. “Erastus”
2. “Silas”
3. “Guards”
4. “Guard, be on”

“Identifying with the Cross,” in *The Passion of Christ: African American Reflections* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2005), pp. 77-110.

“Paul’s Letter to the Philippians,” in Daniel Patte et al, *The Global Bible Commentary* (Harrisburg, PA: Trinity Press, 2004), pp. 482-89.

“African American Churches and Galatians 3:28: A Brief Assessment of the Appropriation of an Egalitarian Paradigm” in *Walk in the Ways of Wisdom: Essays in Honor of Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza* (Harrisburg, PA: Trinity Press, 2003), pp. 351-69.

“The Bible and Models of Liberation in the African American Experience” in *Yet With a Steady Beat: Contemporary Afrocentric Biblical Interpretation*, Randall C. Bailey, editor (*Semeia Studies* no. 42; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2003), pp. 796-823.

“Paul’s Anti-Imperial Discourse of the Cross: The Cross and Power in 1 Corinthians 1-4,” in *Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers 2000* (Atlanta, GA: SBL Press, 2000), pp. 796-823.

“The Terminology of the Cross and the Rhetoric of Paul” in *The Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers 1998* (Atlanta, GA: SBL Press, 1998), pp. 677-99.

“Traditional Worship in the Black Church: A Bulwark Against the Psychological Effects of Racism,” *Revival* 1 (1994) 31-34.

Book Reviews

Gene L. Green, *The Letters to the Thessalonians* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans 2002, in Review of Biblical Literature (Society of Biblical Literature, 2003)

Vincent Wimbush, ed., *African Americans and the Bible: Sacred Texts and Social Textures* (New York: Continuum, 2000) in *Religious Studies Review*.

Barbara A Holmes, *A Private Woman in Public Spaces: Barbara Jordan's Speeches on Ethics, Public Religion, and Law* (Harrisburg, PA: Trinity Press Int'l, 2000) in *Religious Studies Review*.

Works in Process

"Christ Crucified": The Terminology of the Cross and the Rhetoric of Paul (Book)

"Reexamining the Meaning of Prograwfw in the Context of Galatians 3:1-14" (article).

"The Gospel that I Preached to You: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 - The Facts (Data) of the Faith" (article).

PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS

"Paul and the Politics of Introduction: African American Biblical Hermeneutics," (SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2010)

"Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation," Presided one session (SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2010)

"We are the Circumcision?' Paul and the Politics of Identity in Philippians" (SBL Annual Meeting People's History of Philippi/Philippians Working Group Pre-Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Friday, November 19, 2009)

"African American Biblical Hermeneutics Group," Presided one session (AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2004)

"Galatians 3:28 and African American Interpretive Traditions: A Reconsideration of an Egalitarian Paradigm" (AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, November 2002)

"Is There a Need for an African American Biblical Commentary?" (Upper Mid-West Regional AAR/SBL, St. Paul, MN, March, 2002)

"Paul's Anti-Imperial Discourse of the Cross: The Cross and Power in 1 Corinthians 1-4" (AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, November 2000)

"The Bible and Models of Liberation in the African American Experience" (AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, November 1998)

"The Terminology of the Cross and the Rhetoric of Paul" (AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, November 1998)

"The Black Church and Galatians 3:28 – An Assessment of the Appropriation of an Egalitarian Paradigm" (African and African Diaspora Studies Fall Lecture Series, Tulane University, October 1998)

"The Bible, Gender, and Models of Liberation in the African American Experience" (Tulane University Colloquium: "Towards 2000: Gender and Race in the Next Century," April 1998).

"The African American Concept of Diaspora" (The Ninth Annual Dillard University National Conference on Black-Jewish Relations, April, 1998)

"The Discourse of the Cross and the Rhetoric of Paul" (Southwest Regional AAR/SBL, Irving, TX, March 1998).

“Spirituality and Meaning in Social Work Practice” (Tulane University School of Social Work, June, 1997)

“Womanist Readings of the Bible” (U-Mass - Boston, April, 1995)

“Apostolic Preaching” (Harvard Divinity School, April 1995)

“Interpretation for the Churches: The Household Codes” (Harvard Divinity School, November 1991)

“The Synoptic Problem” (Harvard Extension School, November 1991)

INVITED LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

The International Council of Community Churches Annual Conference (July 24-27, 2011) – Conference theme: “ALL INclusive”; (Bible Study Instructor/Lecturer), Las Vegas, NV

San Francisco Theological Seminary (September 17, 2008) – “The Bible and Gender Issues” (Lecture), San Anselmo, CA

West Coast Black Presbyterian Pastors & Clergy Empowerment Workshop (September 18-19, 2008) – “African American Resources for Biblical Interpretation and Preaching,” Los Angeles, CA

Duke Divinity School (April 1-2, 2008) – Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Lecturer

“And Everyone Heard Them Speaking in His Own Language: The Emergence and Significance of Contextualized Biblical Criticism” (Acts 2:1-8) (Lecture, April 1)

“You Have Been Here Long Enough” (Deuteronomy 1:6-8; Joshua 1:1-8) (Goodman Chapel Sermon, April 2)

“Where there is a Vision the People Prosper” (Proverbs 29:18) (Clergy Lecture, April 2)

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Guest Contributor to the African American Lectionary Project (2010 – pres.)

Refereed Manuscript for Greenwood Publishing Group (June, 2002).

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board to evaluate the 2nd edition of *A Turbulent Voyage: Reading in African American Studies* (San Diego: Collegiate Press).

Resource person for the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) Bible Translation and Utilization Committee (BTU) for its fall 1998 meeting, Marco Island, FL.

Facilitator for the New Orleans Association, United Churches of Christ Covenant Academy for Urban Ministry (CAFUM), 1998-99.

Refereed Book Proposals for Routledge Publishers (July 1997).

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member of the Society of Biblical Literature (1992 – pres.)

Member of the American Academy of Religion (1992 – pres.)

Member of the “Philippi/Philippians Research Group” (Society of Biblical Literature, 2005-2012)

Member of the two-year Wabash Consultation (Chicago, IL), “Reading and Teaching the Bible as Asian, Black, and Latino/a Scholars in the U.S,” July 2004-05.

UNIVERSITY/FACULTY/DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE SERVICE

WU- Milwaukee – Advanced Opportunities Program Committee (2008 – 2010.)

WU- Milwaukee – Religious Studies Steering Committee (2008 – pres.)

UW- Milwaukee – Masters of Arts in Language, Literature and Translation (MAALT) Committee Member (2008 – 2010).

Tulane University Health Professions Committee (2001-2005)

Department of Classical Studies: Magic in Antiquity Symposium, January 1999
(Planning Committee Member, 1997 - Present).

Tulane College Honor Board (1997 - 2004).

Jewish Studies Search Committee (1997 - 98).

AGAPE Freshman Mentoring Program. The Office of Admissions and The Office of Multicultural Affairs (Spring 1998).

Honor Student’s Round Table Discussion: “The Bible and Interpretation” (1997).

Advisory Committee for the Religious Studies Program (1996 - 2006).

Religious Traditions of the West Program ([RLST] Development Committee Member, 1996)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Newcomb Fellows Grant (Tulane/Newcomb College, Summer 2000)

Tulane University - CORE Summer Grant (Summer, 1997)

The Fund for Theological Education Dissertation Year Fellowship (1995-96).

The Dean's Dissertation Fellowship (Harvard Divinity School - 1994-95).

AWARDS

Outstanding Teaching Award, 1999-2000 – Alpha Sigma Sigma Chapter of Mortar Board of Newcomb College, Tulane University.