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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (2019) – Religious and Theological Studies, The University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO.

Dissertation Title: “Economic Liberation from the Margins: The Power of Racial Politics in Social Change.”

Disciplinary Interests

Christian Ethics
Constructive Theology
Religious Studies
Sociology of Religion
Critical Theory

Interdisciplinary Competence

Systematic Theology
Applied Religious Studies
Sociology of Race
African, African American, and Afrodiasporic Studies
Political Economics

Master of Divinity (2011) – Systematic Theology and Philosophy of Religion, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY

Bachelor of Science (2008) – Psychology and Theology (Minor), Fordham University – College at Rose Hill, Bronx, NY

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Ethics, Church, and Society, Saint Paul School of Theology, (2021-present).

Research Project Coordinator for Institute for the Study of the Black Christian Experience, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, (August 2020-2021).

Post-Doctoral Fellow of Emergency Preparedness, Research & Evaluation Practice (EPREP) Program in Division of Policy Translation & Leadership Development, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, (June 2017-2019).

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Adjunct Professor of Religious and Theological Studies, Iliff School of Theology, (2015-2021).

Affiliate Professor of Religious and Theological Studies, Regis University, (March 2016-March 2017).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

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Fred Hampton, The Rainbow Coalition, and Black Theology, forthcoming, (Orbis Books, 2026).

Theology, Abolition, and Economic Justice, forthcoming, (Lexington Books, an imprint of Bloomsbury Publishing, 2025).

Black Theology and The Black Panthers, (Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, an imprint of The Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc., 2023).

Book Chapters

“Black Lives Still Matter” in *Faith and Reckoning After Trump* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2021).

“Race, Economics, and the Future of Blackness” in *Critical Black Futures: Deconstruction and Speculation*, (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021).

“Black/Womanist Practical Guidance toward Collective Liberation for Black Churches” in *Discipling Young, Gifted, and Black Leaders* (Fortress, 2021).

Journal Articles

“*Black Forest: A Model of “Post” Pandemic Praxis*,” The Wabash Center’s Journal on Teaching, (forthcoming, March 1, 2025).

“Black Theology and The Black Panthers: A Methodologically Womanist Consideration of Praxis,” *Black Theology Papers Project*, (Columbia University, 2020).

“Countering Racial Hate Narratives: An Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Peer-to-Peer Initiatives” Postdoctoral Research National Institute of Justice Grant, *Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health*, (2020).

Miscellaneous Scholarly Works

“Prison Deradicalization Program Appendix” in *Evaluation Framework for Carceral De-Radicalization/Disengagement Programs*, (Spring 2019).

Church Publications

“Reflection on ‘Why Live the Christian Life?’” (Maston Moment, May 2023).

“The Poor People’s Campaign: A Sacred Memory and Call to Action,” (Faithfully Magazine, March 2022).
<https://faithfullymagazine.com/poor-peoples-campaign-sacred-call/>

ACADEMIC LECTURES

“Black Theology and The Black Panthers: A Response to Racialized Capitalism,” Public Lecture at Iliff School of Theology (October 2023).

“Black Theology and The Black Panthers: Economic Liberation from the Margins,” Forum at Saint Paul School of Theology (September 2023).

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“Why the Original Black Panther Party (for Self-Defense) is Opposed to the New Black Panther Party,”
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Emergency Preparedness, Research & Evaluation
Practice (EPREP) Program in Division of Policy Translation & Leadership Development
Colloquium (April 2018).

“Religion and Race,” Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Emergency Preparedness, Research &
Evaluation Practice (EPREP) Program in Division of Policy Translation & Leadership
Development Colloquium (July 2017).

“Theology and the Construction of Race,” Regis University, Religious Studies Department, Religion and
the Human Quest Symposium (October 2016).

“Different Models for Ethics and Decision-Making,” Regis University, Religious Studies Department,
Interprofessional Health-Care Ethics Lectures (April 2016).

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/PAPERS

“Black Theology and The Black Panthers: A Short Book Talk,” *Annual Meeting Session*, The Society for
the Study of Black Religion (March 2024).

“Preparing Scholars of Religion for Non-Academic Careers: What’s a Faculty Member to Do?” *Annual
Meeting Session*, sponsored by the Applied Religious Studies Unit, American Academy of
Religion (November 2022).

“Faith and Economic Praxis: Theo-Ethical Visions for a Just Global Society,” *The International
Conference on Religion and Education – Sacred Texts, Violence, and Politics: A Challenge to
Global Religions*, Moriah Theological Seminary, sponsored by The Indonesia Christian
Theologians Association, Tangerang, Indonesia (August 10-11, 2022).

“Another Plan A: Religious Studies Education and Careers Beyond the Academy,” *Annual Meeting
Session*, sponsored by the Applied Religious Studies Unit, American Academy of Religion
(November 2021).

“Race, Economics, and the Future of Blackness,” *God and The State*, 8th Annual Philosophy and Religion
in Africana Traditions, sponsored by The Center for Place, Culture, and Politics of the Graduate
Center of the City University of New York and HUMANITAS: The Africana Ethical and Cultural
Society (October 2021).

“Black Theology and The Black Panthers,” *Undying Love...Black Theology and Anti-Colonial Movements*
sponsored by Black Theology Unit, American Academy of Religion (December 2020).

“Revisiting Economic Social Practices from the Black Panther Party as an Ethical Model for Racial
Justice,” *Let’s Talk Crime and Security: with Focus on BLM, Racial Injustice, Hate Crime,
Policing, and COVID-19* sponsored by University College London Conference (October 1, 2020).

“Preventing and Combating Extremism, Radicalization, and Terrorism in the Internet Era,” *Towards a
Holistic Approach to Conflict Prevention: Preventing and Countering Online Radicalization and
Cyber-Terrorism* sponsored by the International Initiative for Confronting Cyber Terrorism in
United Nations, New York City, NY (May 2, 2019).

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“Black Theology and The Black Panthers: A Methodologically Womanist Consideration of Political and Economic Praxis,” *A Black Theology of Liberation: Future Scholars on the Life and Legacy of the Rev. Dr. James Hal Cone* sponsored by Future Scholars Interest Group, Society of Christian Ethics, Louisville, KY (January 4, 2019).

“Development of Evaluation Model Methods and Activities in Countering Violent Extremism,” *The Development of CVE Programming in The United States* sponsored by The Society for Terrorism Research: 11th Annual International Conference in New York University (August 15, 2017).

“Making #BlackLivesMatter at Predominately White Institutions in Higher Education,” *Diversity Summit*, University of Denver (January 22, 2016).

“Black Lives Matter and Education,” *The University of Denver’s Diversity Summit on Inclusive Excellence*, The University of Denver (January 22, 2016).

“Resisting Theologies of Whiteness as Social Justice Practitioners,” *White Privilege and Practices of Social Justice: A Symposium*, Iliff School of Theology (May 7, 2014).

“Secularism and the Rise of Popular Culture as Religion: A Look into the Cult of Sports,” *Popular Culture II: Religion and Secularism in Comics and Sports* sponsored by Religion and Popular Culture Group, The American Academy of Religion: Rocky Mountain Regional Conference AAR/SBL Annual Meeting at The University of Denver (March 30, 2014).

“A Response to Dr. Eric Pearman’s ‘Predatory Lions and Sacrificial Lambs: Where Do We Go from Here?’” Predatory Lions and Sacrificial Lambs Roundtable Discussion, The University of Denver (October 11, 2013).

“Cultural Capital as American Race,” *Territorial Rewriting of Religious-Political Violence* sponsored by the Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, The American Academy of Religion: National Conference AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (November 17, 2012).

INVITED CHURCH/COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

“Black Theology and The Black Panthers,” Guest, Beyond the Gatekeepers, (May 2024).

“Black Theology and The Black Panthers,” Closing Conversation and Book Signing at Black Liberation Theology Institute, Saints Memorial Community Church, Willingboro, NJ (April 2024).

“Black Latinx Alumni Creating Connections (B.L.A.C.C.),” Alumni Interview with Dr. Joshua S. Bartholomew, Fordham University Alumni (August 16, 2023).

“Juneteenth: Reflection on Liberty and Reparations,” Public Interview with Dr. Joshua Bartholomew, brewCHURCH Kansas City (June 18, 2023).

“Race, Liberation, and Political Economics,” Series Contributor, Second Presbyterian, Kansas City (November 2022).

“Race, Liberation, and Economics,” Presenter, The Open Table, Kansas City (June 2022).

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- “Black Theology and The Black Panthers,” A Conversation with Dr. Joshua Bartholomew, brewCHURCH
Kansas City (February 2022).
- “Race, Economics, and Social Justice,” Walk Justly—Just Missions Conference Workshop Leader,
Manchester United Methodist Church (October 2021).
- “Juneteenth, Black Joy, and Black Liberation,” Presenter sponsored by Massachusetts Council of Churches,
Boston, MA, (June 17, 2021).
- “Community-Driven Economics and Radical Black Movements, with an Eye Toward Anti-Capitalist
Formations,” BCDI Weekly Political Education Discussant, The Bronx Cooperative Development
Initiative (August 2020).
- “Building Solidarity Across Boundaries for Social Justice,” Panelist, Iliff School of Theology, Dean’s Café
Public Lecture (February 6, 2020).
- “Moral Vision of a Just Global Society,” Presenter sponsored by SURJ Showing Up for Racial Justice, Boulder,
CO (February 21, 2017).
- “Critical Race Theory and The Movement for Black Lives,” Panelist, The University of Denver, Critical
Race Theory in Education Symposium (September 27, 2016).
- “Identity, Power, and Difference,” Active Solidarity Lectures, Panelist, Iliff School of Theology (March 7,
2016).
- “Reclaiming Martin Luther King Day and Black Lives Matter,” Panelist, Iliff School of Theology, Black
Lives Matter as a Movement and Theological Intervention Course (February 6, 2016).

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH (selected)

- Preacher, Centennial United Methodist Church, Kansas City, MO (May 7, 2023). The Rev. Danielle Quinn,
Pastor
- Preacher, St. James United Methodist Church, Kansas City, MO (April 7, 2023). The Rev. Dr. Emmanuel
Clever III, Pastor
- Series Contributor, Platte Woods United Methodists Church, Platte Woods, MO (December 12, 2021). Rev.
Yvi Martin, Lead Pastor
- Preacher, Manchester United Methodist Church, St. Louis, MO (October 21, 2021). Rev. Andy Bryan,
Lead Pastor

COURSES TAUGHT

- Introduction to Christian Ethics (Saint Paul School of Theology)
- Organizing for Change (Saint Paul School of Theology)
- Prophetic Ministry (Saint Paul School of Theology)
- Doctor of Ministry Orienting Seminar (Saint Paul School of Theology)
- Doctor of Ministry Pre-Praxis Thesis Evaluation (Saint Paul School of Theology)
- Doctor of Ministry Praxis Thesis Writing (Saint Paul School of Theology)
- Doctor of Ministry Praxis Thesis Research and Writing (Saint Paul School of Theology)
- Doctor of Ministry Praxis Thesis Seminar (Saint Paul School of Theology)
- Race and Religion (Saint Paul School of Theology)

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The Black Church in the U.S.A. (Saint Paul School of Theology)
Ministry Collaboration Group (Saint Paul School of Theology)
Racial Justice and Intercultural Development (Saint Paul School of Theology)
Identity, Power, and Vocation in Community (Iloff School of Theology)
Identity, Power, and Difference (Iloff School of Theology)
Race, Gender, Class: Historical, Sociological and Scientific Analysis of Individual, Institutional, and Systemic Racism in the Modern World (Iloff School of Theology)
Ethics and Advocacy (Iloff School of Theology)
Comparative Race Politics (The University of Denver)
Education and Social Change (The University of Denver)

DOCTORAL COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

D.Min.

- Angela Fritzsich-Eklund. Advisor. (2024)
- Larry Sorrells. Advisor. (present)
- Bryan Lampkins. Advisor. (2022)

GRANTS RECEIVED

Staying Connected to Your Source of Passion: Creating a Multipronged Approach to Flourishing for Black Professors, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, (January 2024).

Helping Young People Excel (HYPE), #EQUIP: Nurturing “Strong and Courageous Youth” Project, Institute for the Study of the Black Christian Experience (ISBCE) of Gordon Conwell-Theological Seminary, (July 2020).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Baptist Ministers Union Member, Kansas City, MO (2022).

Urban Summit Member, Kansas City, MO (2022).

T.B. Maston Foundation, Board of Trustees, Scholarship Committee Member, (2022-2028).

SEMINARY AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Saint Paul School of Theology

- Faculty History Search Committee, Member, (2022-2023).
- Faculty Practical Theology Search Committee, Member, (2022-2023).
- Curriculum Committee, (2021-2023).
- Assessment Committee Chair, (2022-2023).
- Assessment Committee Member, (2021-present).
- Doctoral Student Adviser, (2021-present).
- Course of Study, Ethics Instructor, (2021-present).
- Faculty Personal and Steering Committee, Member, (2023-2024).
- Strategic Planning Task Force, Member, (2022-2023).
- Trust and Collaboration Task Force, Member, (2023-2024).

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Iliff School of Theology

- Antiracism Instructor/Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Consultant for United Methodist Church Mountain Sky Conference, (2021-present).

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

- Institute for the Study of the Black Christian Experience Research Coordinator, (2019-2021).
- #EQUIP: Nurturing Strong and Courageous Youth Project Site Lead, (2019-2021).
- The Black Church Vitality Project Contributor, (2019-2021).

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

- Dean's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion Member, 2018-2020

GUILD AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion, Black Theology Unit, Steering Committee Member, (2023-2026).

American Academy of Religion, Class, Religion, and Theology Unit, Steering Committee Member, (2024-2027).

American Academy of Religion, Applied Religious Studies Group, Committee Member, (2021-present).

Society for the Study of Black Religion, Member, (2023-present).

Wabash Journal on Teaching (JoT) Writing Colloquy, (2024).

Wabash Hybrid Teaching and Learning Workshop for Early Career Theological School Faculty, (2023).

Association of Theological Schools Gathering for Newly Appointed Faculty in Theological Education, New Orleans, (Spring 2024).

Association of Theological Schools Gathering for Newly Appointed Faculty in Theological Education, (Spring 2022).

Religion and Education Collaborative, Religious Literacy Committee Member, (2017-present).

Society for Terrorism Research, Presenter, (2017-2019).

Society of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion, (2012-present).

Society of Christian Ethics, (2012-present).

American Academy of Religion, (2012-present).

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Certificate of License to Preach, The Abyssinian Baptist Church, Harlem, New York, NY, (2010).

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

Youth Pastor, Twelfth Baptist Church, Boston, MA, (2019-2021).

Consultant to the Pastor for Youth Ministry, New Hope Baptist Church, Denver, CO, (2016-17).

Intern Minister for Youth, The Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York, NY, (2009-11).

PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, *Delta Psi Lambda*, (Fall 2015).

My Brother's Keeper 617, (2017-present).

Black Lives Matter 5280. Denver, CO – Core Member and Co-Founder of Economic Justice Proposal, (2015-2017).

- *Civil Rights Leader of the Year Award*, NEWSSED Colorado, (November 2016).
- *Lucy Parsons Award*, 9to5 Colorado, (August 2016).
- *Movement Leader Award*, FRESC, (August 2016).

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- *Union Brick*, Ron Ruggiero, President of SEIU Local 105, (January 2016).
- *Elise Boulding Peacemaker of the Year Award*, Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center, Boulder, CO, (December 2015).

MEDIA COVERAGE (selected)

Media

Statement Contributor, “A Christian Ethics Approach to Economic Justice,” Saint Paul School of Theology, (March 30, 2023).

<https://www.spst.edu/uplifting-the-least-of-these-a-christian-approach-to-economic-justice/>

Statement Contributor, “Religious Americans Worried about Climate Change are Diverse,” Energy and Environment editorial segment with Axios, (December 5, 2022).

<https://www.axios.com/2022/12/05/religious-americans-climate-change-diverse>

Statement Contributor, ““A Moral Imperative”: Monastic Sisters in Rural Midwest Make Faith-Based Case for Climate Action,” Climate Central with reporting and news segment by Newsy, (December 17, 2021).

<https://www.climatecentral.org/news/a-moral-imperative-monastic-sisters-in-rural-midwest-makefaith-based-case-for-climate-action>

Feature Story, “Walk Justly: Leaders Gather to Share About Working for Justice,” The Missouri Methodists: Assessing the Damage, Taking Refuge in Missouri Walking Justly, (December 2021).

Feature Story, “Black Scholars Who Have Been Given New Faculty Assignments,” The Journal of Blacks In Higher Education, (October 8, 2021).

<https://www.jbhe.com/2021/10/six-black-scholars-who-have-been-given-new-faculty-assignments/>

“Embracing Hopelessness: Push Against Salvation History,” Hispanic Theological Initiative Podcast (November 23, 2019).

<https://www.htiopenplaza.org/content/embracing-hopelessness?fbclid=IwAR2ewOxUDpxvSerCI64iacAZ9TjKTelF-9ivVWHqKhc2C-Z680gcd-SK14>

Video

“Greater Boston Youth and Family Ministry Consultation (Part III),” Institute for the Study of the Black Christian Experience, (May 2020).

HONORS AND AWARDS

Dissertation Fellow, Dissertation Research Fellowship, The Joint Doctoral Program at The University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology, (May 2018).

Graduate Student Association Outstanding Student Leadership and Community Service Award, Iliff School of Theology, (June 2017).

Graduate Studies Dissertation Awardee, Graduate Studies Dissertation Award, The University of Denver, (February 2017).

T.B. Maston Graduate Scholarship in Christian Ethics Awardee, T.B. Maston Foundation, (May 2015).