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## **EDUCATION:**

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- 2000-2006 **Doctor of Philosophy in Religions & Theology** (Emphasis: Early Judaism and Biblical Criticism and Exegesis)  
University of Manchester, Manchester, England  
*Dissertation:* "Sacrifice in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Khirbet Qumran, The Essenes and Cultic Spiritualization."
- 1995-1997 **Master of Arts in Theology Degree**  
Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA  
Emphasis in Biblical Studies and Theology
- 1993-1995 **Bachelor of Arts Degree, cum laude**  
Howard University, Washington, D.C.  
Major in Radio/Television and Film Production; Minor in Theater
- 1987-1993 **Associates of Arts Degree**  
Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA  
Major in Broadcast and Communications

## **ACADEMIC & INSTITUTIONAL EMPLOYMENT:**

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### *TEACHING, RESEARCH AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:*

- 2022-present **ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES, DIRECTOR OF THE BLACK CHURCH STUDIES PROGRAM**  
Baylor University's George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, TX  
  
I teach core courses in Christian Scriptures, primarily in New Testament. Such courses have included Christian Scriptures 3 (Gospels and Acts) and Christian Scriptures 4 (Roman to Revelation). I also teach Christian Scripture elective courses which includes a New Testament Reading Course on 1-3 John as well as courses that intersect with the Truett Black Church Studies Program (BCS). These latter courses (which I have developed) include Bible and Black Cinema; Bible, Black Art and Music; Biblical Exegesis in the Black Preaching Tradition and Gospel Music and its Interpretations. I also serve as the Faculty Advisor for the Truett Black Seminarian Association (TBSA). My scholarly agenda focuses on the Dead Sea Scrolls and Qumran Literature, New Testament Literature and Biblical Hermeneutics related to the Black Church.
- 2019-2022 **DEAN & ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE**  
Allen University's Dickerson-Green Theological Seminary, Columbia, SC  
  
I assumed this post in the spring of the 2018-2019 academic year. I taught New Testament and Old Testament/Hebrew Bible core courses which included Introduction to the New Testament; Introduction to the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible; Galatians; Biblical Exegesis; Biblical Hebrew; Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible; Jesus and the Good Life and Religion and Film. My administrative role included program and curriculum development, graduate program budgetary oversight, program assessment, accreditation liaison, oversight of graduate student services and student support programs, oversight of the graduate work

study program, graduate student advising, and strategic planning related to program development, recruitment, and retention.

2020-2024 **PEDAGOGICAL FELLOW, CHRIST AND BEING HUMAN PROJECT**

Yale University Center for Faith and Culture, New Haven, CT.

I work with a team of fellows exploring and developing curriculum related to human flourishing and the good life. Our team is also tasked with evaluating market strategies for revitalizing Christian higher education and mentoring peer colleagues in Christ and Being Human syllabus and course development.

2014-2016 **RESEARCH FELLOW, COOLEY CENTER FOR EARLY CHRISTIANITY**

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC Campus

Led seminars, taught, and conducted research on the Dead Sea Scrolls and related Early Jewish and Christian literature for graduate seminary program.

2013-2016 **DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE**

Institute for Advanced African American Christian Thought, Pasadena, CA

Oversaw the daily operations of the institute which included overseeing budget and marketing, fundraising, strategic development, program development and planning, and served as editor-in-chief for the institute's bulletin.

2012 (Fall) **VISITING (ADJUNCT) PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT**

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC Campus

Taught an online introductory course on the New Testament. Facilitated course discussion groups and assessed student assignments.

**VISITING (ADJUNCT) PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT**

Victory University, Memphis, TN

Taught online biblical studies courses. Facilitated course discussion groups and assess student assignments.

2011-2014 **GRADUATE FACULTY, GRADUATE SCHOOL DEPT OF LEADERSHIP**

University of Memphis, Memphis, TN

Served as a doctoral dissertation committee member, research co-mentor, examiner and adjunct instructor.

2010-2011 **DEPARTMENT CHAIR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES & LANGUAGES**

Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA

Led department in staff and faculty development, faculty promotions and department hiring, oversaw curriculum development, department governance, and course scheduling and assessment. Additionally, I oversaw department student development, provided judicial oversight concerning department conflict resolution, facilitated consultations with students, faculty and school administration regarding curriculum, department policy and budget matters respectively. I also served as advisor to students on matters of course selection and degree program planning.

2008-2012 **ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES AND LANGUAGES**

Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA

Taught core courses in Koine Greek; Biblical/Qumran Hebrew; Biblical Exegesis and Hermeneutics; Dead Sea Scroll and Qumran Studies; Intertestamental Judaic literature and served as student advisor to graduate seminary students.

2006-2008 **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIBLE AND THEOLOGY**

Crichton College, Memphis, TN

Taught courses in Biblical Studies; Exegesis and Hermeneutics; Dead Sea Scroll and Second Temple Jewish literature; Christian Spiritual Formation and served as student advisor to Bible and Theology majors.

2008 (Fall) **VISITING (ADJUNCT) PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL HEBREW**

Beulah Heights University, Atlanta, GA

Designed and taught an introductory course on Biblical Hebrew which focused on alphabet, grammar, syntax, translation and reading.

2007-2008 **VISITING (ADJUNCT) PROFESSOR OF HEBREW BIBLE**

Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, TN

Taught courses in Race, Class, Gender and Ethnicity in Scripture and Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible: The Social World of the Qumran Community. The former course examined the nature of race, class, gender, and ethnicity in scripture from a socio-theological perspective. Emphasis was on variant hermeneutical readings of scripture which determine a theology of society. The latter course examined the ideology, theology, and socio-cultural and historical development of the Qumran Community. This course examined these elements primarily through investigating the sectarian literature of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

2006 (Spring) **VISITING (ADJUNCT) PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT**

Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA

Taught a core course on Luke-Acts as an introduction to New Testament Literature. This course focused on the literary genre of Luke-Acts with particular focus on its historical, cultural, and social setting. This course also examined biblical exegetical and hermeneutical methods.

2006 (Spring) **ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

California State University Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Taught An upper division course entitled Gender in the Diversity of World Religions. This course examined the beliefs and practices of the major world religions with particular regard to gender roles and sexuality as to their manifestations in different social classes as well as racial and ethnic groups.

2006 (Spring) **ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

California State University San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA

Taught a Philosophy: Critical Thinking course. This was a logic-argument analysis course which was aimed toward teaching skills in reading analysis and reasoning. This course focused on the various methods employed in interpreting written literature.

2006 (Spring) **ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR OF HUMANITIES**

California State University San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA

Taught an Ethnicity and Race in America survey course examining the place and development of race and ethnicity in America. This course examined race and ethnicity from a religious, social, political, cultural, and biological perspective focusing on the key theories which explain the dynamics of race and ethnic relations between the various American ethnic sub-populations.

- 2005-2006 **ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR OF PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES**  
California State University Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
Taught a Race, Ethnicity and Gender in America survey course which examined the place and development of race, gender, and ethnicity in America. This course examined race and ethnicity from a religious, social, political, cultural, and biological perspective focusing on the key theories which explain the dynamics of race and ethnic relations between various American ethnic sub-populations.
- DIRECTED STUDIES ADVISOR OF PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES**  
California State University Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
Taught a directed studies course on the topic of African American Religion. This section was designed to assist students in producing a final research project on a specific topic relating to the religious experience, traditions, and development of African Americans.
- DIRECTED STUDIES ADVISOR OF PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES**  
California State University Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
This is a directed studies course on the topic of the Black Family. This section was designed to assist students in producing a final research project on a specific topic relating to the development of the Black Family in American society and the dynamics within the Black Family system.
- 2005-2006 **LECTURER IN OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES**  
Southern California School of Ministry, Los Angeles, CA campus  
Taught Old Testament Survey courses: from Pentateuch, Prophets and Prophetic Literature.
- 2005 (Winter) **TEACHING ASSISTANT, HEBREW PROPHETS COURSE**  
Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA  
Led study sessions and one on one student consultations for Hebrew Prophets course. Also corrected exams and research papers.
- 2000 (Sum) **ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA  
Taught two course sections of Introduction to Religious Studies, which surveyed the basic characteristics, key personalities, sacred writings and historical foundations of the major world religions.
- 1998 & 2006 **LECTURER IN OLD TESTAMENT LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE**  
West Angeles Bible College, Los Angeles, CA  
Taught English exegetical courses on various biblical books, Hebrew language courses and Old Testament Survey courses which survey the historical, social and literary analysis of the entire Hebrew Bible.
- 1998-2000 & 2006 **LECTURER IN BIBLICAL LITERATURE**  
Southern California School of Ministry, Altadena CA Campus  
Taught course on Intertestamental Literature, which surveyed the major works and people that helped to shape early Christianity and Christian Doctrine and Theology course.

*GUEST LECTURING*

- 2025 (Spring) George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, TX
- Course: Ph.D. in Preaching Seminar (PHDP 6370): Preaching and Culture

- Topic: “Biblical Exegesis and Black Prophetic Preaching”
- 2024 (Spring) George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, TX
  - Course: Ph.D. in Preaching Seminar (PHDP 6362): Studies in Theology and Proclamation
    - Topic: “Preaching During the Civil Rights Era: Travel Seminar to Alabama”
- 2023 (Fall) George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, TX
  - Course: Christian Scriptures 3:
  - Course: Christian Scriptures 4:
- 2023 (Spring) George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, TX
  - Course: Christian Scriptures 2: Hebrew 2
    - Lecture topic: “Dead Sea Scrolls and Canon: A Textual Examination of 4QSam<sup>a</sup> = 1 Samuel 10:27-11:1”
- 2014 (Spring) George Fox Evangelical Seminary, Portland, OR
  - Course: The Old Testament, Early Judaism and Christianity
    - Lecture topic: “Reading and Locating Levitical Purification among the Synoptic Gospels”
- 2013 (Fall) McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University. Atlanta, GA Campus
  - Course: New Testament Greek
    - Lecture topic: “The Greek Participle”
  - Course: Introduction to New Testament
    - Lecture topic: “The Apostle Paul, Thessalonians and Galatians”
- 2012 (Fall) McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University. Atlanta, GA Campus
  - Course: Introduction to New Testament.
    - Lecture topic: “Impact of the Dead Sea Scrolls on New Testament Studies.”
- 2007 (Spring) Messiah College, Grantham, PA
  - Course: Biblical Studies.
    - Lecture topic: “Examining the History and Development of Afrocentric Hermeneutics.”
- 2005 (Spring) Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, OH
  - Course: Introduction to the New Testament.
    - Lecture topic: “Studying the Synoptic Gospels.”

*RELATED WORK EXPERIENCES:*

- 2017- 2018     **PARALEGAL SPECIALIST/DISASTER ASSISTANCE CASE MANAGER**  
 U. S. Small Business Administration, Fort Worth, TX.
  - *Served as relief counselor for businesses and families displaced by Texas and Puerto Rico hurricane disaster*
  - *Oversaw portfolio management and served as financial disbursement manager for disaster victims*
  - *Paralegal assistant for disaster assistance agency*
- 2008-2009     **EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL OF THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CENTER (JITC)**  
 The Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA
- 2004-2022     **RELIGION EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER**

Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley Journal Newspaper, Pasadena, CA.

- Served as lead editor and writer for religious-oriented publications
- Edited religious-oriented stories for publication
- Wrote special opt ed. stories, conducted interviews and solicited religious oriented advertisement for publication
- Served as general content researcher and administrator to managing editor

1995-1996      **PRODUCTION DIRECTOR, EDITOR & AUDIO/VIDEO ENGINEER**  
Southern Baptist Convention (Centrifuge Youth Camp), Nashville TN

## **SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY:**

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### **Google Scholar Metrics**

- Cited 145
- h-index 4
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### **I. Monographs/Books:**

1. *Cultic Spiritualization: Religious Sacrifice in the Dead Sea Scrolls*. Perspectives on Hebrew Scriptures and its Content 33. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2022.

This double-blind peer-reviewed academic monograph stands at the forefront of Dead Sea Scrolls scholarship, in the field of Early Judaism, and leads scholarly investigation on the view of sacrifice in the Dead Sea Scrolls. The treatment of this content serves as the leading scholarly voice in several areas: (1) The understanding of the practice of religious sacrifice in the Dead Sea Scrolls also crystallizes the identity of the principal community and the larger priestly movement from which it emerged, (2) The understanding of the nature of spiritualization related to the idea of the Jewish temple and spiritualized sacrifice, (3) Understanding the nature of cultic remains and the disposition of space at Khirbet Qumran.

### **II. Monographs/Books (Forthcoming):**

1. *1-3 John*. Word and Spirit Commentary Series. Edited by Craig Keener and Holly Beers. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic. Under Contract (*Forthcoming*)

This forthcoming peer-review, single authored book is part of a new commentary series with Baker Academic Press entitled *Word and Spirit Commentary Series* edited by Craig Keener and Holly Beers. This research-based book targets New Testament academics who teach in seminary contexts, seminary students, pastors, and Christian leaders. What makes my book distinct is that it breaks ground by exploring the content of the Johannine epistles considering the Old Testament and Second Temple Judaic (especially from the Dead Sea Scrolls) theological influence that has not received significant treatment to date.

2. *The African Influence in the Dead Sea Scrolls*. Fortress Press. Under Contract (In Preparation)

This forthcoming monograph breaks ground by examining the African influence at Qumran and in the Dead Sea Scrolls. This work demonstrates the African influence in several areas of Qumran studies which reveals further aspects of the priestly identity and thought concerning the principal community. This monograph shows the significance and impact of North African Judaism among the presence and culture of early Judaism. This work seeks to deepen an understanding of the material culture, drawing out the diverse cultural and ethnic aspects presented from the African influence.

### III. Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

1. "Theological Convictions, Pedagogical Practices, and Institutional Identity at Faith Related Institutions: Reflections on an HBCU," in *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 51.3 (Fall 2024): 315-321.

This peer-reviewed article breaks ground by examining how theological convictions inform teaching practices at faith related historical Black theological seminaries. It also addresses how these convictions and teaching practices are either informed by the institution's heritage or influences it.

2. "An Essene Filled with the Holy Spirit? Revisiting the Qumran (Dead Sea Scrolls) Hypothesis of John the Baptist Considering an Afro-Christian Pneumatological Hermeneutic," in *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 48.4 (Winter 2021): 429-437.

This peer-reviewed article advances scholarly conversation by considering the New Testament gospel of Luke 1:41 and a pneumatologically experience (being spirit filled with the Holy Spirit) impacting the theory behind John the Baptist somehow being associated with the principal community of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

3. "The Shaping and Influence of King's Political Theology and Worldview," in *Telos* 182 (Spring 2018): 85-97.  
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This peer-reviewed article sheds new light on how a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural ethos characteristic of California influenced the thought and political theology of Martin Luther King, Jr., thus defining the work of the Civil Rights Movement. This publication fulfills scholarship that is within the scope of, my affiliated role with Truett Seminary's Black Church Studies program.

4. "The Authoritative Status of Jubilees at Qumran," in *Henoch: Journal of Studies in Judaism and Christianity from Second Temple to Late Antiquity* 30 (2009/1): 97-104.  
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This peer review article joins leading conversationist concerning the discussion of what constitutes literature as authoritative and scripture in the late Second Temple Judaic period. This work explores both content and multiple manuscript preservation as it weights considerations on this matter.

5. "Duty or Responsibility? The African American Evangelical's Identity" in the *Journal of African American Christian Thought* 1 (2009): 35-38.

This peer-reviewed article explores biblical themes of ecclesiology (i.e., the make-up of the Christian church body), soteriology (salvation) and reconciliation in response to social tensions that exist within modern Evangelicalism. This article advances the idea that the notion of self-love within Black Evangelicalism serves as an archetypal witness which strengths the ecclesiology of Christian churches and promotes a healthier Evangelical theological identity.

### IV. Peer-Reviewed Chapters and Article Entries:

1. "Ecclesiastes." Pages 299-304 in *The Africana Bible: Reading Israel's Scriptures from Africa and the African Diaspora*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Edited by Hugh Page Jr. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2024.

This revised, expanded, and updated article considers contemporary scholarship on ancient wisdom literary traditions, examining their relationship to the recension history within Africana readings. This article considers current scholarly discussion related to Ecclesiastes and Black life and thought, providing new insights into these critical areas.

2. "Jubilees." Pages 384-386 in *The Africana Bible: Reading Israel's Scriptures from Africa and the African Diaspora*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Edited by Hugh Page Jr. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2024.

This article is a revised and expanded examination of the book of Jubilees, a pivotal text from the Late Second Temple Judaic period and part of the larger literary corpus of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Through a conversational analysis with Africana literary thought, this study further correlates Jubilees' concept of Jewish patriarch as archetypal models of leaders with the significance of Africana descended ancestors as paradigms for social and civic freedom.

3. "Biblical Accounts of Racial Profiling and the Social Death of Black Lives." Pages 88-104 in *Do Black Lives Matter? How Christian Scriptures Speak to Black Empowerment*. Edited by Lisa Bowens and Dennis R. Edwards. Eugene: Cascade, 2023.

This peer-reviewed chapter utilizes aspects of poststructural intertextuality and reader's response criticism to explore similarities between ethnic profiling and targeted deaths chronicled from the biblical text, Matthew 2, in particular, and contemporary experiences of police brutality against Black people. These experiences are examined also utilizing a historical critical analysis to show that historical realities illuminate our contemporary experiences and demonstrate that texts have historical context and profound embedded meaning. This work builds upon an Afro-Christian hermeneutical methodology that I introduced in an earlier publication.

4. "Empowering Women in the Gospel of John: Toward an Afro-Christian Hermeneutic and Methodological Approach." Pages 165-189 in *African American Voices: Jesus and the Gospels*, ed. Thomas B. Slater; New York: Edwin Mellen Press, 2015.

This peer-reviewed article introduces an Afro-Christian hermeneutical reading method by exploring how aspects of readers response criticism cohere with the intended hermeneutical aspirations of historical biblical criticism. This method is demonstrated by examining the gospel of John 7:53-8:11 in light of the sectarian Dead Sea Scrolls.

5. "The Noahic Curse in Rabbinic Literature: Racialized Hermeneutics or Ethnocentric Exegesis." Pages 15-27 in *Representing Text: Jewish and Black Biblical Interpretation*. ed W. David Nelson and Rivka Ulmer; Judaism in Context 16; Piscataway, N.J.; Gorgias Press, 2013.

This technical scholarly treatment is the only examination of its kind that takes an inadept look at Genesis 9:22-27 from a Jewish Intertestamental literary perspective. In particular, the Noahic curse in Genesis 9 is explored considering cognate readings from the Dead Sea Scrolls and Pseudepigrapha literature. Overall, this critical work advances the understanding of the Noahic curse, dissuading misinformed conflated readings of this passage.

6. "Levitical Purity in the New Testament Gospel." Pages 179-193 in "What Does the Scripture Say?" *Studies in the Function of Scripture in the Gospels and the Letters of Paul*, ed. Craig A. Evans; Library of New Testament Studies 47: Studies in Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity 16; New York: T&T Clark, 2012.

This peer-reviewed chapter contribution advances scholarship concerning the important issue of Jewish purification and addressing its force within the life, times, and work of Jesus in the first century New Testament period. This is a classical biblical criticism investigation of the Old Testament within the New Testament which involves critically reading across the ancient literary spectrum to uncover meaning.

7. "The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Greco-Roman World: Examining the Essenes' View of Sacrifice in Relation to the Scrolls." Pages 267-283 in *The Dead Sea Scrolls in Context*

*Proceedings: Integrating the Dead Sea Scrolls in the Study of Ancient Texts, Languages and Cultures, Vienna, February 11-14, 2008*, ed. Matthias Weigold, Armin Lange and Emanuel Tov; Supplements to Vetus Testamentum 140/1; Leiden: Brill, 2011.

This specialized peer-reviewed chapter contribution advances scholarship concerning the theology and ideology of the Second Temple Jewish priestly group named the Essenes through the classical work of Josephus. Utilizing biblical criticism to explore the idea of religious sacrifice, this work which was published in the Supplements to Vetus Testamentum series by Brill, advances scholarship concerning how to understand the identity and modus operandi of the community linked to the Dead Sea Scrolls.

8. "Hebrew Patriarchs in the Book of *Jubilees*: The Use of Fröhlich's Descriptive Analysis as an Interpretative Methodology." Pages 239-252 in *With Wisdom as a Robe: Qumran and Other Jewish Studies in Honour of Ida Fröhlich*, ed. Károly Daniel Dobos and Miklós Köszeghy; Hebrew Bible Monographs 21; Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2009.

This invited *festschrift* contribution both a nod and examination employing Ida Fröhlich's interpretive methodology regarding the archetypal significance of the Hebrew Patriarchs in Second Temple literature, most saliently in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Pseudepigrapha literature. My article advances the discussion in examining the idea of Hebrew Patriarchs as early priestly archetypes that later inform the Jewish priestly system and their function.

9. "Ecclesiastes." Pages 260-265 in *The Africana Bible: Reading Israel's Scriptures from Africa and the African Diaspora*, ed. Hugh Page Jr.; Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2009.

This article breaks ground by advancing an Africana reading of this wisdom work, especially concerning how Ecclesiastes speaks to the sacred and profane within life. Also explored is how the book of Ecclesiastes has been contextualized which correlates to African America life as articulated in the spirituals and the blues musical genres.

10. "Jubilees." Pages 335-336 in *The Africana Bible: Reading Israel's Scriptures from Africa and the African Diaspora*, ed. Hugh Page Jr.; Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2009.

This article innovatively explores an Africana reading of this Second Temple Judaic work. This article correlates Jubilees' idea of Jewish patriarch as archetypal models of leaders, akin to the significance and celebration of African descended ancestors as archetypal models of leaders for social and civic freedom.

11. "Dead Sea Scrolls: Jerusalem Priesthood in the Scrolls." Pages 137-8 in *Encyclopedia of the Historical Jesus*. Edited by Craig A. Evans, New York: Routledge, 2008.

This article carefully explores and compares the correlated attitudes of the Jerusalem priesthood in both the sectarian Dead Sea Scrolls and the New Testament Gospels. What is revealed is that the principal community linked to the scrolls and Jesus shared common views.

## V. Peer-Reviewed Articles (Forthcoming):

1. "Violence in Pseudepigrapha and Dead Sea Scrolls Literature," in *The Bible and Violence*. Edited by Johanna Stiebert, et al. Bloomsbury T&T Clark (Forthcoming).

This work will break ground in exploring the meaning and nature of violence in the literature of the sectarian Dead Sea Scrolls and Pseudepigrapha literature related to the scrolls.

2. “Black Church Urban Gardens as Contemporary Refugia,” (co-authored with Stephanie Clintonia Boddie) in *Handbook of Religion and Ecology*. Edited by Susan Power Bratton, Stephanie Clintonia Boddie, and Ibrahim Özdemir. Edward Elgar Publishers (Forthcoming).

This article explores the nature and function of urban garden projects as contemporary refugia. Focus also explores the theological and biblical origins that inform these urban spaces.

3. “Surviving Racial Trauma: The Lord’s Prayer, The Dead Sea Scrolls, and a Reinterpreted Biblical Song of Resilience,” in *Biblical Singing to Survive and Thrive*. Edited by Rebecca Poe Hayes. Baylor University Press (Forthcoming).

This article examines the Lord’s Prayer from the New Testament gospels, focusing on its literary nature and function. This study explores the features and function of this prayer as a reinterpreted biblical song of resilience and resistance, that also correlates with biblical Psalms as well as expressing spiritualized ideology that intersects with literary elements found in the Dead Sea Scrolls.

4. “Abolitionist Biblical Hermeneutics: Disentangling the Bible from Slaveholding Religion,” in *Legacies of Slavery*. Edited by Eric Lewis Williams and Janel Bakker. SCM Press (Forthcoming).

This article explores the abolitionist biblical hermeneutics of Frederick Douglass and Angelina Emily Grimké. Having experienced or witnessed slavery, they cultivated a biblical hermeneutic that distinguished between what Douglass called “the *slaveholding religion* of this land” and “the Christianity of Christ.” Uncovering the abolitionist biblical hermeneutics of these and others not only illuminates how early American abolitionists exculpated the Bible, but it also proffers how its perduring legacy addresses our contemporary racialized *zeitgeist*.

5. “The Righteous Run In and Are Safe: Black Experiential Biblical Hermeneutics as Exegetical Resilience and Strategy for Teaching Bible,” in the *Oxford University Handbook on Bible, Race and Diaspora*. Edited by Mitzi Smith. Oxford University Press (In Preparation).

## VI. Mission Driven Literary Scholarship

1. “Black Evangelicalism and the Reforming Influence of William H. Bentley.” *Faithfully Magazine* (April 14, 2022): <https://faithfullymagazine.com/author/jamal-dominique-hopkins-phd/>
2. “Preach What You Practice,” *Christianity Today* (September 18, 2020): <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/september-web-only/preach-what-you-practice.html>
3. “Exploring the African Roots of Judaism,” *The Washington Informer* (September 11, 2013): <https://www.washingtoninformer.com/tag/jamal-dominique-hopkins/>
4. “Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Philosophy of Civil Rights: A California Worldview! Part 1” *The Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley Journal* ( ): <https://www.pasadenajournal.com/martin-luther-king-jr-s-philosophy-of-civil-rights-a-california-worldview-part-1.html#/>
5. “Who Gets to Say It?” *Urban Faith* (August 26, 2010): <https://urbanfaith.com/who-gets-to-say-it/>

6. "Jesus' Health-Care Legislation," *Urban Faith* (April 16, 2010): <https://urbanfaith.com/jesus'-health-care-legislation/>

## VII. Mission Driven Public Media Scholarship

1. Featured Guest on *Out of Context Podcast* with Miranda Ferguson. Interview topic on "1 John." Aired on December 19, 2025.
2. Featured Guest on *The Table Podcast* with Darrell L. Bock and Jeremiah Chandler (hosts) and Pastor Jerome Gay. Interview topic on "Is Christianity the White Man's Religion?" Aired on October 3, 2024
3. Featured Guest on *The Table Podcast* with host, Jeremiah Chandler on "Black Dignity and the Dead Sea Scrolls." Taped on July 8, 2024
4. Guest Interview on *National Public Radio* (NPR) Waco Radio, KWBU. Interview topic on "Baylor Day," with Joe Riley, Rachel Velasco (hosts), and Stephen M. Newby (co-guest). May 1, 2024
5. Featured Guest on *The Bible for Normal People Podcast* with hosts, Pete Enns and Cynthia Shafer-Elliott on "Sacrifice in the Dead Sea Scrolls Book Talk." Aired on April 8, 2024
6. Featured Guest on *Just So You Know Podcast* with host, E. R. Brown on "The Dead Sea Scrolls." Aired on August 18, 2022.
7. Featured Guest on *Pro Ecclesia: A Podcast from the Truett Church Network* with host, Matt Homeyer on "Getting to Know Dr. Jamal-Dominique Hopkins." Aired on June 9, 2022.
8. Featured Guest on *For the Life of the World - Yale Center for Faith and Culture Podcast* on "Juneteenth: Looking Back to Step Forward; Charles B. Copher and Anne Streaty Wimberly." Aired on June 19, 2021.
9. Featured Panelist with Dr. Vincent Bacote, Walter Kim, Sheila Caldwell and Michelle Reyes on *Christianity Today's Race and the Church Video Podcast*. Aired on March 2, 2021.
10. Featured Guest on the *Tru-ID Apologetics Podcast* with host, Adam Coleman on "The Dead Sea Scrolls." Aired on December 27, 2019.
11. Featured guest on the *Jude 3 Project Podcast* with guest host, Cam Triggs, on "Hebrew Israelites, the KJV Bible and Black Identity" Aired on February 21, 2019.
12. Featured Guest on the *Jude 3 Project Podcast* with host, Lisa Fields, on "Dead Sea Scrolls & The Curse of Ham." Aired on December 11, 2018.

## VIII. Academic Papers and Presentations

1. SOCIETY FOR PENTECOSTAL STUDIES - **Presentation** on "Bible, Prayer and Black Sacred Music: Communing with the Spirit Considering a Pentecostal Aesthetic Biblical Hermeneutic." To be delivered (March 2026) at the Annual Society for Pentecostal Studies Conference at Baylor University, Waco, TX.
2. HOWARD UNIVERSITY – **Keynote Address** on "From Ancient Manuscripts to the Sanctuary: How the Dead Sea Scrolls Illuminate the Bible," at Howard University. December 12, 2025, Washington, D.C.
3. MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE – **Keynote Address** and **Series Lecturer** on "The Afroasiatic Roots at Qumran and its Implications for Understanding the Dead Sea

- Scrolls.” To be delivered at the Museum of the Bible, The Dead Sea Scrolls Speakers Series. December 11, 2025, Washington, D.C.
4. DUKE UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL – **Seminar** on “African Americans and the Bible” at Duke Divinity School. August 25-29, 2025, Durham, NC.
  5. CALVIN INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN WORSHIP/DUKE UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL – **Participant** at the “Black Religious Autobiography Summer Seminar.” July 19-26, 2025, Duke University Divinity School, Durham, NC.
  6. YALE UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL – **Presentation** on “Black Sacred Music: A Pedagogical Approach to Animating a Biblical Literary Imagination” at the Yale Institute for Sacred Music Conference on Centering the Black Sacred Arts: Research, Education, and Public Life. May 12-14, 2025, New Haven, CT.
  7. BAYLOR UNIVERSITY – **Convener and Moderator** on “The Gift of the Spirit.” W. E. B. Dubois webinar on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Gift of Black Folks. April 24, 2025, Baylor University, Waco, TX
  8. PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL – **Panel Participant** on “Fannie Lou Hamer and Religious Freedom,” at the Truth to Power: Faith and Politics in 2025 Conference, co-sponsored by the Seymour Institute for Black Church and Policy Studies, The Betsey Stockton Center of Princeton Theological Seminary and The Notre Dame Law School Religious Liberty Initiative, April 10, 2025, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.
  9. FOSTER COLLEGE – **Keynote Address** and **Series Lecturer** on “A Conceptual Framework For Doing Black Biblical Interpretation” at Foster College’s Connecting Christ and Culture Symposium. March 27, 2025, Dallas, TX.
  10. WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY – **Panel Participant** on “What is Wesleyan Biblical Interpretation?” in the Biblical Studies Unit. Baylor University’s George W. Truett Theological Seminary March 14, 2025, Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, TX.
  11. SOUTHWEST COMMISSION OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES CONFERENCE – **Presentation** and **Panel Participant** on “Apocalyptic Bodies in Second Temple Judaism and Early Christianity: Re-Examining Sectarian Literature and the Principal Community Related to the Dead Sea Scrolls,” March 17 2025. Dallas/Irving, TX
  12. DARE GLOBAL FORUM 2025 - **Presentation** on “Abolitionist Biblical Hermeneutics: Disentangling the Bible from Slaveholding Religion,” at the Aftermath: Beyond Liberation Conference, Legacies of Slavery Section, January 27 – 31, 2025, Harare, Zimbabwe.
  13. BAYLOR UNIVERSITY’S TRUETT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – **Keynote Address** on “Ἐένουϛ is not ἔθνικῶν: A Case for The Gentile-Christian Identity of Gaius, The Recipient of 3 John” at the Fall Faculty Colloquium. October 10, 2024, Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, TX.
  14. DUKE UNIVERSITY, DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL – **Keynote Lecture** on “Unveiling Sacred Texts: Black Biblical Hermeneutics at the Intersection of the Dead Sea Scrolls,” at the Duke Divinity School Office of Black Church Studies Hybrid Lecture Series. October 8, 2024, Duke University Divinity School, Virtual Meeting Session.

15. BAYLOR UNIVERSITY – **Interview and Conversation** on “Celebrating and Connecting the Scholarship of Pioneers with Contemporary Issues: W.E.B. Du Bois and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Gift of Black Folks.” September 11, 2024, Baylor University, Waco, TX
16. SOUTHERN BIBLE INSTITUTE AND COLLEGE – **Keynote** Address on “The Hermeneutics of Black Cinema and Jesus Representations,” at Southern Bible Institute and College, Connecting Christ and Culture Symposium. March 22, 2024, Dallas, TX.
17. NIAGARA UNIVERSITY – **Keynote Address** on “Film Screening and Discussion on Race, Religion and Justice.” February 29, 2024, Niagara University, Niagara, NY.
18. CALVIN INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN WORSHIP – **Research Participant** on “Public Worship, Peacemaking, Cultural Polarization and Psalmody Program and Travel Seminar.” January 3-11, 2024 - Northern Ireland; August 5-8, 2024 – Calvin University, Grand Rapids, Michigan
19. METHODISM SUMMIT II – **Invited Research Participant** at The Next Methodism Summit II: Holiness. January 19-21, 2024, Alexandria, VA.
20. UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME – **Invited Research Participant** on “The Black Church and Religious Freedom” at the University of Notre Dame and the Notre Dame Law School Religious Liberty Initiative collaboration with the Seymour Institute for Black Church and Policy Studies. September 28-29, 2023, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, ID
21. BAYLOR UNIVERSITY – **Breakout Session Presenter** on “Biblical Exegesis in the Black Preaching Tradition,” at the 2023 African American Preaching Conference. September 26, 2023, Baylor University, Waco, TX
22. CALVIN INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN WORSHIP – **Research Participant** on African American Religious Autobiography. July 8-14, 2023, Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI
23. BAYLOR UNIVERSITY – **Presentation** on “Evangelism Reimagined: The Crossover Effect of the Musical Expressions of André Crouch,” at the 2023 Pruitt Memorial Symposium on My Tribute: The Legacy of André Crouch. March 17, 2023, Baylor University, Waco, TX
24. SOUTHERN BIBLE INSTITUTE AND COLLEGE – **Lectureship** on “The Black Presence on the Dead Sea Scrolls,” at Southern Bible Institute and College, Connecting Christ and Culture Symposium. March 22-23, 2023, Dallas, TX
25. THE QUEEN’S FOUNDATION FOR ECUMENICAL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION – **Keynote Address** on “Sacred Scripture or Informative Ancient Text? In Search of a Black Biblical Hermeneutic Related to Social Matters,” at the Centre for Black Theology’s Black Theology Forum. January 26, 2023, Virtual Meeting Session
26. MICHIGAN CENTER FOR EARLY CHRISTIAN STUDIES – **Respondent** to Lisa Bowen’s Lecture on “Glimpses of Resistance: Snapshots of Prophetic and Apocalyptic Eschatology in the Writings of Martin Luther King, Jr.,” at the 2023 MLK Day Celebration. January 25, 2023, Virtual Meeting Session
27. SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE – **Book Talk Presentation** on “Cultic Spiritualization: Religious Sacrifice The Dead Sea Scrolls,” at the SBL/AAR Special

- Session: From Family History to Religious Sacrifice. November 19, 2022, at the Annual Society of Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion Meeting, Denver, CO.
28. AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION – **Research Participant** at the African Methodist Episcopal Church Scholars Dinner at the American Academy of Religion Meeting. November 20, 2022, Denver, CO.
  29. PHILOS – **Keynote Address** on “Exploring the African Seedbed of Judaism and Christianity,” at the Philos Black Global Leadership Network. October 17, 2022, Atlanta, GA.
  30. BAYLOR UNIVERSITY - **Breakout Session Co-Presenter** on “Behind the Scenes Participant on the *Unspoken* Documentary,” at the 2022 African American Preaching Conference. September 27, 2022, Baylor University, Waco, TX.
  31. IN TRUST CENTER FOR THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS – **Participant** at the Gift of Black Theological Education & Black Church Collaborative Institute at Shaw University. April 25-28, 2022. Raleigh, NC.
  32. UNITED METHODIST MEN’S CONFERENCE - **Featured Address** and **Conversation** with Luke Timothy Johnson on “Jesus,” for the *Trinity Series* for the United Methodist Men’s Conference of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Episcopal Church. November 13, 2021. Virtual Conversation
  33. PHILOS-PASSAGES – **Tour and Presentation**, “Discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Qumran Archaeological Finds,” at Khirbet Qumran. June 25, 2022, Kalia, Israel
  34. BIBLEWAY – **Lecture** on “The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Black Presence,” at Bibleway Bible Church. October 23, 2021, Dallas, TX.
  35. JUDE 3 – **Featured Panelist** with Cleotha Robertson, K. Edwin Bryant and Quonekuis Day on “Slavery in the Bible,” at the Jude 3 Project Courageous Conversations. October 26, 2021. Washington, D.C.
  36. SOCIETY OF GOSPEL HAYMANOT – **Presentation** on “An Essene Filled with the Holy Spirit: Revisiting the Nomenclature of John the Baptist in Light of Luke 1 and the Dead Sea Discoveries,” at the Dersat Panel. October 22, 2021, at the Annual Society of Gospel Haymanot.
  37. UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS - **Respondent** to Lisa Bowens’ book *African American Readings of Paul: Reception, Resistance and Transformation*, with Andrew Boakye and Philip Miti at the Christ Among the Disciples Christology Conference. October 2, 2021, Virtual Session.
  38. ALLEN UNIVERSITY – **Presentation** on “Handling Ancient Texts: Scientific Methods Behind the Discovery, Content and Deciphering of the Dead Sea Scrolls,” at the Dickerson-Green Theological Seminary 2020 Spring Institute on Faith, Science and the Black Church. Also served as **Conference Convener**. March 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Allen University, Columbia, SC
  39. THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA – **Research Group Participant** on Post-Secular Science. Sponsored by the Seymour Institute for Black Church and Policy Studies. March 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and October 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

40. ALLEN UNIVERSITY – **Presentation** on “The Christian-Evangelical Dilemma of Martin Luther King, Jr.,” at the Dickerson-Green Theological Seminary 2019 Spring Institute on The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.: Revisiting His Mission and Mandate 50-plus Years after His Assassination. Also served as **Conference Convener**. April 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Allen University, Columbia, SC
41. AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF DALLAS – **Presentation** on “M. L. King: Freedom Fighting in the Crucible of a Pentecostal Christian Ethic,” at the Center for African American Church History and Research Conference. February 24, 2018, at the African American Museum, Dallas, TX
42. NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM – **Presentation** on “The Political Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr.,” at Memphis Center for Urban Theological Studies. September 29, 2017, at the National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN
43. T. D. JAKES INTERNATIONAL PASTORS & LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE – **Panel Participant** on “Exploring the African Seedbed of Biblical History, Christian Theology and Spirituality” at the T. D. Jakes International Pastors & Leadership Conference, Leader Shift Global Think Tank Session. April 28, 2017, at the Potters House of Dallas, Dallas, TX
44. AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF DALLAS – **Presentation** on “What the Dead Sea Scrolls Can Teach the Black Church,” at the Center for African American Church History and Research Conference. February 25, 2017, at the African American Museum, Dallas, TX
45. BOSTON UNIVERSITY - **Invited Keynote Presentation and Town Hall Panel Participant** on *Poverty, Race and Sexuality*. August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at Boston University’s Social Justice Institute, Boston, MA
46. DURHAM UNIVERSITY, U.K. – **Presentation** on “Martyrdom as a Christian Identity: The Formation and Defining of an Idea,” at the Muted Voices Conference. April 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at Durham University, Durham, U.K.
47. PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - **Invited Panelist** on *Defending Religious Liberty: Defending the Black Church Seminar*. Sponsored by the Seymour Institute for Black Church and Policy Studies and the Witherspoon Institute at Princeton University. Sept 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and July 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ
48. COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – **Convener and Host** for the *Institute for Advanced African American Christian Thought Think-Tank Symposium*. March 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA
49. AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION/SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE – **Participant** in the *Bible in Africana Life Colloquium*. November 25, 2013, at the 2013 at the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature meeting in Baltimore, MD
50. AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION - **Convener and Host** for the *Institute for Advanced African American Christian Thought Scholar’s Luncheon*. November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, at the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature meeting in Baltimore, MD
51. ASBURY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - **Respondent** to Carolyn Gordon’s paper on “The Legacy of Harry Hoosier: Living Out the Word of God,” at the Embracing the

- Kingdom: Living the Call in Times of Change Conference, February 4, 2013, Asbury Theological Seminary, Orlando, FL
52. PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - Pentecostal Symposium. **Invited Panel Participant** on “Spirit Poured Out Upon All Flesh: Sexuality, Gender and the Body in the Pentecostal Church,” May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ
  53. TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN – **Presentation** on “Temple(s) at Qumran: Reading the Qumran Archaeology Alongside the Dead Sea Scrolls,” at the Hekhal Society for the Study of the Ancient Near East. May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland
  54. NATIONAL BLACK EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - National Black Evangelical Association Convention, *Looking Black to Step Forward*. Invited **Presenter** on “African Link at Khirbet Qumran and in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” April 30, 2012, in Chicago, Ill.
  55. BLACK WOMEN CHURCH AND SOCIETY - *Ministry of Scholarship Dinner and Program*. **Invited Panel Participant** on “Graduate Research.” March 27, 2012, in Atlanta, GA.
  56. SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE – **Presentation** on “The Noahic Curse in Rabbinic Literature: Racialized Hermeneutics or Ethnocentric Exegesis,” at the African American Biblical Hermeneutics/Midrash Joint Section. November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, at the Annual Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
  57. AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION - **Co-convener and Host** for *Bridging the Gap: Intersections Where the Church and the Theological Academy Meet Luncheon*. November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
  58. OBERLIN COLLEGE – **Keynote Lecturer for the Herbert G. May Lectureship Address**, “Between Testaments: Dead Sea Scrolls and Qumran Literature as Cognate Interpretative Witness.” October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH
  59. INTERDENOMINATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CENTER - **Panel Participant and Presenter** on the topic. “A Biblical Hermeneutic for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Ministry,” held at the ITC Clergy-Care Behavioral and Mental Health Alliance Symposium, Substance Abuse and Use Among Seminarians and Clergy. September 7, 2011, at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA.
  60. MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF RELIGION – **Conference Presenter** on “The Scandal of the Black Theological Mind,” for the *Interdenominational Theological Center’s Eighth Presidential Instillation, Scripture and Tradition Pedagogical Conversations, Session 1*. Bennett Hall. April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the Morehouse School of Religion, Atlanta, GA
  61. GEORGIA TECH - “Church and Public Policy.” **Panel Participant** at the National Bar Association’s Law and Religion Conference, *Empowering and Protecting the Church*. April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the Georgia Tech Conference Center, Atlanta, GA
  62. ASSOCIATION OF THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS - “The Changing Character of Faculty Work in Theological Education.” **Panel Participant** at the Association of Theological Schools Faculty Consultation (13<sup>th</sup> March 2011), Pittsburgh, PA.

63. SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE – **Presentation** on “Biblical Purity Laws in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Examining the Community Related to 4QMMT.” Delivered (21<sup>st</sup> November 2010) at the Biblical Law Section at the Annual SBL Meeting in Atlanta, GA.
64. SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE – **Presentation** on “The Blessing of Ham in Biblical and Late Second Temple Literary Witnesses,” at the African American Biblical Hermeneutics Section. November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, at the Annual Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Atlanta, GA
65. INTERDENOMINATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CENTER - **Convener and Host** for *Women in the Black Church Tradition: Exploring Role, Place and Ordination* event and program (featuring Dr. Anthea D. Butler, Director of the Graduate School of Religion at the University of Pennsylvania). October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA
66. EMORY UNIVERSITY – **Invited Panelist** at Emory University’s Graduate School of Religion New Testament Research Colloquy on “The Use and Teaching of Biblical Languages in M.Div. Curriculum.” April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
67. EMORY UNIVERSITY – **Keynote Address** at Emory University, Graduate School of Religion New Testament Colloquy Address, “Levitical Purification in the New Testament Gospels.” February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, at Emory University, Atlanta, GA
68. INTERDENOMINATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CENTER – **Keynote Lecturer for the Charles B. Copher Lectureship**, “Looking Back to Step Forward: What the Dead Sea Scrolls Teach the Black Church.” March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA
69. PHILIPS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY – **Presentation** on “Text-Centered Reading: Entering Into and Peeling Back the Layers, John 9:1-41,” and “Listening to the Text: Toward a Phenomenological Approach.” Presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> Christian Methodist Episcopal Pastor’s Conference and 65<sup>th</sup> Founders’ Celebration: *From God to Great: Centered on Biblically Based and People Focused Preaching*, January 13, 2009, at Philips School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia.
70. INTERDENOMINATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CENTER – **Convener and Host** for *Black Churches in the Age of Obama: The Post Secular Turn in Black Political Thought* event and program (featuring MSNBC Political Correspondent, Rev., Eugene F. Rivers 3d, and Emory University Political Science Professor Michael Leo Owens). April 6, 2009, at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA.
71. ENOCH SEMINAR – **Invited Presentation** on “The Use of Adam and the Adamaic Tradition in Qumran Literature.” The Fifth Enoch Seminar: *Adam Traditions* (June 2009) in Naples, Italy.
72. INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP - 2008-2011 **Co-convener and Host** for Intersivity’s Black Scholars and Professionals Chapels and Consultations (featured lecturers: Professor William Turner of *Duke University Divinity School* (2011); Professor Cheryl Sanders of *Howard University School of Divinity* and Professor A. G. Miller of *Oberlin College* (2010); Professor Harold Dean Trulear of *Howard University School of Divinity* 2009;). Held at the Interdenominational Theological Center and Philips School of Theology, Atlanta, GA.

73. C.O.G.I.C. SCHOLARS FELLOWSHIP – **Presentation** on “Ancient Communities and Modern Movements: Schisms among the Religious Faithful.” Annual Meeting of the C.O.G.I.C. Scholars Fellowship (5<sup>th</sup> November 2008) in Memphis, Tennessee.
74. DEAD SEA SCROLLS IN CONTEXT CONFERENCE – “The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Greco-Roman World: Examining Sacrifice in the Dead Sea Scrolls in Relation to Philo and Josephus.” Paper accepted for the ‘Dead Sea Scrolls in Context: Integrating the Dead Sea Scrolls in the Study of Ancient Texts, Languages, and Cultures’ conference (11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> February 2008) in Vienna, Austria.
75. OBSIDIAN SOCIETY - **Presentation** on “Ancient Communities and Modern Movements: What Qumran Scholarship and the Dead Sea Scrolls Can Teach the Black Church.” Annual Meeting of the Obsidian Society (8<sup>th</sup> March 2008) at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA.
76. SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE - **Presentation** on “The Heavenly Cult: The View of Sacrifice in the Songs of the Sabbath Sacrifice.” Delivered at the ‘Sacrifice, Cult and Atonement Consultation’ at Annual SBL/AAR Conference (18<sup>th</sup> November 2007) in San Diego, California.
77. SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE - **Presentation** on “Josephus, The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Qumran Essenes: Examining a Jewish Sectarian Movement.” Delivered at the ‘Josephus Seminar’ at the Annual SBL/AAR Conference (17<sup>th</sup> November 2007) in San Diego, California.
78. AMERICAN URBAN UNIVERSITY - **Invited lecturer** on “Understanding the Dead Sea Scrolls Lecture and Tour: Celebrating the Sixtieth Anniversary of their Discovery.” 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at the American Urban University in San Diego, California.
79. INTERNATIONAL ENOCH SEMINAR – **Invited Presentation** on “The Authoritative Status of *Jubilees* at Qumran.” Delivered at the Fourth Enoch Seminar: *Enoch and the Mosaic Torah: The Evidence of Jubilees* (9<sup>th</sup> July 2007) in Camaldoli, Italy.
80. INTERNATIONAL ENOCH SEMINAR - **Session Chair** for “The Melting of the Mosaic and Enochic Traditions in Jubilees, Morning Session E” (10<sup>th</sup> July 2007) at the Fourth Enoch Seminar (*Enoch and the Mosaic Torah: The Evidence of Jubilees*) in Camaldoli, Italy.
81. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR QUMRAN STUDIES - **Presentation** on “1QS Revisited: A Fresh Reading of Sacrifice in 1QS (*Rule of the Community*) in Light of its Later Literary Findings.” Delivered at the International Organization for Qumran Studies – IOQS (16<sup>th</sup> July 2007) in Ljubljana, Slovenia.
82. OBSIDIAN SOCIETY - **Presentation** on “Duty or Responsibility? The African-American Evangelical’s Identity.” Delivered at the 2007 Meeting of the Obsidian Society (10<sup>th</sup> March 2007) at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA.
83. MASON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - **Presentation** on “Overview of the Church of God in Christ.” Delivered at the Annual Mason Founder’s Day Conference (20<sup>th</sup> February 2007) at Mason Theological Seminary of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA.

84. SOUTHWEST TENNESSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - **Keynote Address** on “Gold, God, Glory.” Presented to the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society (7<sup>th</sup> October 2006) at Southwest Tennessee Community College, Macon Campus in Memphis, TN.
85. INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE - **Presentation** on “The Description of Sacrificial Worship in the Book of Jubilees: Its Interpretation by and Authoritative Status for the DSS (Dead Sea Scrolls) Movement.” Delivered (3<sup>rd</sup> July 2006) to the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha Section at the International SBL Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland.
86. CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN BERNARDINO - **Moderator** for First Annual Ethnic Studies Roundtable, “Session One: The Role of Art, Language, and Geography in Ethnic and Racial Identity” (23<sup>rd</sup> May 2006), at California State University San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA.
87. SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE - **Presentation** on “Understanding the Development of the Qumran Community: Using the *Damascus Document* and its Views on Sacrifice as a Case Study.” Delivered (13<sup>th</sup> March 2006) at the SBL/AAR Pacific Coast Region Conference at Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA.
88. SOCIETY FOR PENTECOSTAL STUDIES - **Presentation** on “An Essene Filled With the Holy Spirit? An Pentecostal (Post Azusa) Reading of John the Baptist in Luke 1, Particularly in Light of the Dead Sea Discoveries.” Delivered (23<sup>rd</sup> March 2006) at the Annual Society for Pentecostal Studies Conference at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA.
89. SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE - **Presentation** on “Judaism in the Greco Roman Era: A Jewish Group’s View of Sacrifice According to Philo and Josephus.” Delivered (13<sup>th</sup> March 2005) at the SBL/AAR Pacific Coast Region Conference at Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.
90. SOCIETY FOR PENTECOSTAL STUDIES - “John the Baptist an Essene? The Pentecostal Factor.” Paper Accepted for the 2005 Annual Conference for the Society for Pentecostal Studies (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March, 2005), Regent University School of Divinity, Virginia Beach, VA.
91. UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER - **Presentation** on “Sacrifice in the Dead Sea Scrolls: The View of Sacrifice in the Songs of the Sabbath Sacrifice.” Delivered at the University of Manchester Ehrhardt Seminar (3<sup>rd</sup> April 2003), Manchester, England.
92. FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - **Presentation** on “The Martyrdom of Polycarp: A Critical Introduction.” Delivered (20<sup>th</sup> May 1998) at Fuller Theological Seminary the Apostolic Fathers Graduate Seminar, Pasadena, CA.

#### **IX. Thesis and Dissertation Committees**

1. TRUETT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - Faculty Advisor for Doctor of Ministry (D.Min) student, John Pyles (2023-2024)
2. TRUETT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - Faculty Reader for Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) Project. Israel Loachamín. “Developing a Faith-Based Community Ministry That Welcomes Spanish-Speaking Immigrants with Christian Hospitality in a Multicultural Congregation Setting.” Defense examination, November 7, 2022.

3. UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS – Graduate School, Department of Leadership. Co-Mentor and Committee Member for Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) Program. Rosalynn Martin. “A Phenomenological Study of the Effects of Organizational Change on Faculty at a Four-Year, Liberal Arts College in the South.” Defense examination, January 12, 2014.

## **TEACHING ACTIVITY AND EFFECTIVENESS**

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**BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, TRUETT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

July 2022-present

Associate Professor of Christian Scriptures (New Testament) and Director of the Black Church Studies Program

### **New Courses Designed/Developed and Taught at Baylor University:**

PRCH 7389-04 – Studies in Preaching: **Biblical Exegesis in Black Preaching** (Spring 2025)

This newly developed studies course examines the distinct styles and exegetical methods of preaching within the Black preaching tradition. Beginning with African orality and the retention of Black sacred rhetoric during the era of American enslavement, to the protest and prophetic traditions that embody the musicality and rhythmic cadence of Black textual performance, students explore the exegetical methods, hermeneutical insights, and theological emphasis embodied within Black preaching. This course delves into four distinct traditions: Black Preaching as Celebration, Black Preaching as Liberation, the Story Telling Tradition and Black Prophetic Preaching. Examination of these traditions subsequently turn towards delivery, where students identify their own preaching style through the delivery of a prepared homily demonstrating clear exegetical work, hermeneutical thought, and focused theological saliency.

PRTH 7390-01 – **Gospel Music and its Interpretation** (Spring 2024)

A newly developed team-taught cross-listed course with the School of Music and Department of Psychology. This cross-listed course critically examines the various intersections of Gospel music and its interpretations as a form of human expression and flourishing. From musical theory to its historical development, theological and biblical witness and social-psychological formational aspects, this course engages the embodiment of Black gospel music and its hermeneutical utterances. This course incorporated elements of Christian Worship and fulfilled the worship requirement for M.Div. students at Truett.

PRTH 7390-01 - **Bible, Black Art and Music** (Spring 2023)

Developed as part of the Academy for Teaching and Learning Active Learning Lab Fellowship and the projected Black Church Studies Program, this course was designed to utilize advance AV technology to maximize student learning for the twenty-first century. This course was taught in the Moody Library Active Learn Lab (Moody Library 104) at Baylor University, where students were taught the curriculum by engaging various forms of smart technology.

PRTH 7390-01 - **Bible and Black Cinema** (Fall 2022, *Fall 2024 - offered*, Spring 2026)

Developed for the projected Black Church Studies Program, this course also invited students from the Film and Digital Media (FDM) Graduate Program in partnership with the FDM Chair, Christopher Hansen. This newly developed course, taught at Truett Theological Seminary room 107, exposed students to a variety of Black cinematic film genre that featured religious and biblical content. This course invited guest lectures from the film industry including Dr. Tyra Lindsey from the Department of Marketing and Dr. Stephanie Boddie from the School of Social Work, the Department of Education and Truett Theological Seminary.

### **Core Courses Taught**

THEO 7371-02 - **Christian Scriptures 3** (Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2024)

Faculty of Record for this New Testament course, which is an in-depth analysis of the literary issues, meaning and message of the text of the New Testament, from the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and the book of Acts of the Apostles.

THEO 7373-01 - **Christian Scriptures 4** (Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026)

Faculty of record for this course, which is a continuation of Christian Scriptures 3. This course explores the New Testament from Romans to Revelation by surveying parts of the Pauline corpus, the General Epistles, and the Apocalypse for its literary, textual, and theological meaning.

MENT 7V00 – **Mentoring in Ministry** (Summer 2023, 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2024)

Faculty of record for supervised ministry apprenticeships. Student and professor meet regularly.

### **GRANTS/AWARDS/HONORS**

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#### *Teaching Awards:*

1. **Teaching Award** – Storytelling-Based Pedagogy Roundtable with the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, 2025
2. Special Collections **Teaching Fellowship** with the Baylor University Digitization and Digital Preservation Services, Black Gospel Music Restoration Project. 2023.
3. Active Learning Lab **Teaching Fellowship**, with the Academy for Teaching and Learning at Baylor University (Spring 2023)
4. Christ and Being Human **Pedagogy Fellowship** with the Yale University Center for Faith and Culture, 2020-2023
5. **Teaching Award** - Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Colloquy on Writing the Scholarship of Teaching in Theology and Religion, 2019-2020

#### *Fellowships:*

6. Institute for Oral History 2023-2024 Faculty Fellowship, Baylor University

7. Participant of the Theological Inquiry and Christian Ethics Through Training in Psychological Sciences, Illuminating Theology with Psychological Science Grant, Cross-Training Phase 1 (2023-2024), Baylor University
8. African American Religious Autobiography Participant with the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship for the Study and Renewal of Worship, July 9-14, 2023.
9. Sacred Writes Media Partnership Fellowship with *Faithfully Magazine*, 2021.
10. Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Grant Participant, "Theological Convictions, Pedagogical Practices, and Institutional Identity in Faith-Related Universities," 2021-2022
11. Yale University's Center for Faith and Culture, Christ and Being Human Pedagogy Fellowship (2020-2024), Yale University, Yale Divinity School
12. Cooley Research Fellowship at the Robert C. Cooley Center for Early Christianity. Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, January 2014 - July 2016.
13. Wabash Summer Fellowship at the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, May-August 2010. (*Summer fellowship focus was on grant writing development*)
14. "Teaching Exegesis in Historically Black Theological Schools," Conference and Workshop." Sponsored by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion and Shaw University Divinity School, 2010
15. Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Workshop and Grant Recipient for Pre-Tenure Faculty for African Descent, 2009-2010

*Grants:*

1. **Lilly Endowment** (\$1.25 Million) – Lilly Compelling Preaching Initiative Grant. Co-Principle Investigator with the project, Centering Minoritized Preaching for the Sake of the Church (Jared Alcántara, Lead Principal Investigator). 2024-2029
2. **Wells Fargo Grant Funding** (1<sup>st</sup> Phase - \$36,000)/**Lilly Endowment** (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase, *Pending*). Co-Principal Investigator with the project, Mapping Black Gospel (Stephanie Boddie, Lead Principal Investigator).
3. **Templeton Foundation** – Workshop Participant in the 2023-2024 Phase 1 Cross-Training Grant with the "Illuminating Theological Inquiry and Christian Ethics Through Training in Psychological Science" grant (Sarah Schnitker and Devan Stahl, Lead Co-Principal Investigators)
4. **Templeton Foundation** – Advisory Board Member with the "Measuring the (Im)measurable" grant which will undertake a study in gospel music (Wade Rowatt and Kutter Callaway, Lead Co-Principal Investigators)
5. **Louisville Institute** (\$10,000) Grant Writer and Principal Investigator for the 2010 "Pastoral Sabbatical Grant," for a project on "Photo-journaling an African Christian Spirituality." Grant was written for St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Atlanta, GA.

*Awards:*

West Angeles Bible College Faculty Achievement Award, 2006

Role Models for Youth Honoree from Aspires West-Pasadena, 2005

Outstanding Alumni Award from the Association of Black Employees at Pasadena City College, 1999

## SERVICE & ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

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### **Department and University:**

#### Administrative Responsibilities:

Alongside my teaching responsibilities, I serve as Director of Truett's Black Church Studies Program (BCS), where I continue to reshape curriculum and oversee student and event programming. My general responsibilities include:

- Maintaining and scheduling course offerings. Here I also recruit other Baylor faculty to teach in the BCS Program. I am working with eight faculty members across campus. Under the BCS Program, Truett courses have been cross listed with the following schools/departments:
  - Baylor's Religion Department (REL)
  - School of Music (MUS)
  - Film and Digital Media (FDM)
  - School of Psychology (PSY)
  - History Department (HIS)
  - Baylor University Moody Library
- Developing new BCS courses. I have developed and taught four new courses for the program
- Supervising the BCS program graduate assistant (G.A.)
- Providing student support and advising to Black Truett Seminary Students. I currently provide support to roughly 15 graduate students
- Interfacing with area Black churches and pastors. BCS is currently working with 5 area church/ministries, as well as with Black Truett alum.
- Co-organizing and co-sponsoring campus wide events including:
  - "The Diversity of Black Worship" 2025 Luncheon and Conversation with BCS Truett Seminary students and Dr. Dwight Andrews of Emory University.
  - The 2025 "Juneteenth" Film Screening and Panel Discussion with Guest, Rasool Berry, Producer and Film Narrator.
  - The 2024-2025 Baylor Webinar Series: Celebrating "The Gift of Black Folk" by W. E. B. DuBois, Celebrating and Connecting the Scholarship of Pioneers with Contemporary Issues: *W. E. B. DuBois and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Gift of Black Folk*.
  - The 2024 Gil Taylor Behavioral Health Series: *Exploring the Intersection of Faith and Psychology*.

#### Committee Assignments:

- Director of the Black Church Studies Program at Truett Theological Seminary
- Faculty Advisor for the Truett Theological Seminary Black Seminarians Association Student Group (TBSA), where I advise roughly 15 graduate students per academic year (2022-present)
- Baylor University's Mayborn Museum Cultural Crossroads Advisory Team and Cultural Curator for the Cultural Crossroads Exhibit and Gallery (2024-present)

- Steering Committee Member of the Truett Theological Seminary African American Preaching Conference (2023-present)
- Baylor University's W. E. B. DuBois 2024-2025 Webinar Series Planning Team
- Vice Provost's Academic Council for Diversity and Belonging (2024-2025)
- Vice Provost's Black Gospel Music and Preaching Discussion Group (2024-2025)
- Vice Provost's Heavenly Voices Advisory Team (2023-2025)
- Board of Advocates for the Baylor University Black Gospel Archives Project (2023)
- Member of the Committee for Diversity and Belonging at Truett Theological Seminary
- Faculty Consultant to the 2022-2023 Truett Theological Seminary New Testament Faculty Search (Dr. Andy Arterbury, Search Committee Chair)
- Member of the Search Committee for the Truett Theological Seminary Assistant Professor/Associate Professor in Practical Theology (Dr. Andy Arterbury, Search Committee Chair)

#### Campus Involvement:

- Truett Black Seminarian Association (TBSA) Faculty Advisor
  - *Involved in the Association's:*
    - Monthly Meetings
    - Multicultural Affairs Office Martin Luther King, Jr., Luncheons
    - Black History Chapel Planning
    - Holy Week Worship Chapel Celebration Planning
    - TBSA Gatherings
- Attended the "Writing for Public Audiences: A Workshop with Katelyn Beaty." Hosted by the Institute for Faith and Learning, October 27, 2025.
- Workshop Participant in the "Pastoral Leadership and Imagination in the African American Experience Gathering," hosted by Dr. Adam Bond, Associate Professor of Religion and African American Studies and Sponsored by the Compelling Preaching Initiative, Lilly Endowment, August 1, 2025
- Delivered Chapel Address for the Baylor Faculty and Staff, "Lift Up Your Heart" Worship Service, Sponsored by The Office of Spiritual Life. May 8, 2025, Paul Powell Chapel.
- Program Participant (Presented the Truett BCS/TBSA Spotlight) at the 2025 African American Preaching Conference Evening Worship Service, September 24, 2025
- Moderator and Panel Convener for "The Diversity of Black Worship" Lunch and Conversation with Truett Seminary students and Dr. Dwight Andrews of Emory University. March 20, 2025
- Guest Lecture in PHD 6370 - PhD in Preaching Seminar: Preaching and Culture, on the topic: "Biblical Exegesis and Black Prophetic Preaching. Instructor of Record, Dr. Tyshawn Gardner, March 5, 2025
- Participant, with Dr. Elisabeth Kincaid in the "Christ and Being Human Workshop" sponsored by the Institute for Faith and Learning (featuring Drew Collins and Ryan McNally Linz of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture). March 6, 2025
- Moderator and Co-Convener of the 2025 "Juneteenth" Film Screening and Panel Discussion with Guest, Rasool Berry, Documentary Producer, February 21, 2025

- Convened and Hosted "Biblical Interpretation in the Black Preaching Tradition," Black pastor's luncheon and program, sponsored by the Center for Minoritized Preaching Grant at Truett Seminary's Kyle Lake Center (featuring Dr. Eric Lewis Williams, Director of the Office for Black Church Studies, Duke Divinity School). February 19, 2025
- Participant in the E.K. Bailey Citywide Holy Week Worship Service and Dinner. Delivered the Benediction at the Worship Service, February 3, 2025. Sponsored by Truett Theological Seminary
- Participant and Co-Organizer with Dr. Stephen Newby at the 2025 Martin Luther King, Jr. Program, "Share the Dream Event." Delivered the Liturgy and Prayers for the People. January 20, 2025
- Program Participant (Presented the Truett Spotlight) at the 2024 African American Preaching Conference, September 24, 2024, and Served as Moderator for the September 26, 2024 Morning Worship Service.
- Featured Faculty Member in the Baylor University's National Book Lovers Day Public Relations Story. Baylor University's Media and Public Relations, August 8, 2024.
- Faculty Participant in the Baylor University Department of Multicultural Affairs 2024 Kente Ceremony for Graduating Students.
- Presentation on "Exploring Biblical Commentaries Among Digitized Special Collections: Aesthetic Biblical Hermeneutics" at *Baylor Libraries SET Teaching With Special Collections*. Baylor Libraries Teaching Fellows Program, March 19, 2024.
- Guest Professor in PHD 6362-01 - PhD in Preaching Seminar. Attended and participated in the travel seminar to Alabama which focused on preaching during the Civil Rights Era. Instructor of Record, Dr. Jared Alcántara, March 13-14, 2024
- Participant in E.K. Bailey Citywide Holy Week Worship Service and Dinner. Delivered the Invocation, January 22, 2024. Sponsored by Truett Theological Seminary
- Guest Lecturer/Teacher in THEO 7371 - Christian Scriptures 3 and THEO 7373 – Christian Scriptures 4 for Dr. Elizabeth Shively (Instructor of Record), Fall 2023 semester, September 8, 2023
- Guest Lecturer in THEO 7357-01 – Hebrew 2. Presented on "The Dead Sea Scrolls and Biblical Canon." Instructor of Record, Dr. Rebecca Poe Hays, March 25, 2023.
- Participant in brown bag lunches, "The Biblical Case for Women in Ministry (Spring 2023). Dr. Rebecca Poe Hays, convener.
- Participant in E.K. Bailey Citywide Holy Week Worship Service. Invocation, April 3, 2023. Sponsored by Truett Theological Seminary
- Moderator – Truett Theological Seminary Committee on Diversity and Belonging Information Meeting and Listening Session, February 22 and 27, 2023.
- Participant in the *Program for the Future Church Research Hub*. Principle Investigator, Dustin Benac.
- Participant in the Baylor University New Faculty Mentoring Dinners and Conversation Program, Sponsored by the Provost's Office.
- Participant with Baylor University's *Missio* - Faculty Formation Program with the Institute for Faith and Learning.
- Presenter at the Truett Theological Seminary Professor Movie Night. February 3, 2023.

- Participant in Baylor University/Truett Theological Seminary New Testament Symposium.
- Participant in Baylor University Hebrew Bible Colloquium.
- Completed the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) on March 30, 2023, and debrief session (April 5, 2023).
- Faculty Participant in the Baylor University Department of Multicultural Affairs 2023 Kente Ceremony for Graduating Students.
- Participant (gave the invocation) at the National Preaching Conference (Wednesday, November 16, 2022, Evening Service at First Waco Baptist Church.
- Workshop Co-Leader at the Annual African American Preaching Conference. Presented on “*Unspoken: Behind the Scenes of a Documentary on Urban Apologetics.*” September 27, 2022.

### **Professional Service:**

- FIREBRAND MAGAZINE - Editorial Board Member, 2021-present.
- ASSOCIATION OF THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS – Delegate/Participant at 2021 African American CEO’s and CAO’s Annual Conference (February 11-12, 2021). Virtual Meeting.
- ASSOCIATION OF THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS – Delegate/Participant at 2020 African American CEO’s and CAO’s Annual Conference at Howard University, (February 10-12, 2020). Washington, D.C.
- ASSOCIATION OF THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS – Invited Participant at the School for New Deans, at The Association of Theological Schools. December 16-18, 2019, Pittsburgh, PA.
- UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS - Graduate Faculty and Dissertation Committee Member from 2011-2014. University of Memphis Graduate School, Memphis, TN.
- SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BLACK RELIGION – Member from 2011-2013.
- NATIONAL BLACK EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION - Board Member for the National Black Evangelical Association (NBEA), 2010-2012.
- SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE - Steering Committee Member for the *African American Biblical Hermeneutics Section* of the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) 2010-2011.
- JOURNAL OF THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CENTER - Editor of the *Journal of the Interdenominational Theological Center*, 2009-2010.
- INTERDENOMINATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CENTER - Coordinator and Host for *Black Churches in the Age of Obama: The Post Secular Turn in Black Political Thought* event and program (featuring MSNBC Political Correspondent, Rev., Eugene F. Rivers 3<sup>d</sup>, and Emory University Political Science Professor Michael Leo Owens). Held on April 6, 2009, at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA.
- INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP - 2008-2011 Co-coordinator and Host for Intersivity’s Black Scholars and Professionals Chapel and Consultation (featured such guest speakers as Professor William Turner of *Duke University Divinity School*; Professor

Cheryl Sanders of *Howard University School of Divinity*; Professor Harold Dean Trulear of *Howard University School of Divinity*, and others). Held at the Interdenominational Theological Center and Philips School of Theology, Atlanta, GA.

- PAN-AFRICAN LEADERSHIP SUMMIT - 2008 Coordinating Team for the *Martin Luther King Jr. Pan-African Leadership Summit: Fortieth Year Anniversary of the King Assassination*. Held at Mason Temple COGIC, Memphis, TN.
- JOURNAL OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT - Editorial Board Member for the *Journal of African American Christian Thought: A Professional Journal of the Friends and Members of the Obsidian Society*, 2007-2008.
- ADVOCATE - Book Review Editor for the *Advocate: The Publication for the COGIC Scholars Fellowship*, 2007-2010.
- SOCIETY FOR PENTECOSTAL STUDIES – Member from 2005-2008.
- SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE – Member from 2003-present.
- PASADENA CITY COLLEGE – Member of the Pasadena City College President’s African American Advisory Committee. From 1999-2000.

#### **Community Service:**

- 2025            Featured Guest on *The Table Podcast* with Darrell L. Bock (host) and Pastor Jerome Gay. Interview topic on “Is Christianity the White Man’s Religion?” October 3, 2024 (Aired on February 14, 2025)
- 2024            Featured Guest on *The Table Podcast* with Jeremiah Chandler (host) and Rev. Dr. Kevin Hawkins (co-guest). Interview topic on “Black Dignity and the Dead Sea Scrolls,” July 8, 2024 (Aired on September 27, 2024)
- Guest Interview on *National Public Radio* (NPR) Waco Radio, KWBU. Interview topic on “Baylor Day,” with Joe Riley, Rachel Velasco (hosts), and Stephen M. Newby (co-guest). May 1, 2024
- Featured Guest on *The Bible for Normal People Podcast* with Pete Enns and Cynthia Shafer-Elliott (hosts). Interview topic on “Cultic Spiritualization: Religious Sacrifice in the Dead Sea Scrolls,” April 8, 2024
- 2021-2022      Director of Community Outreach and the Level Up Project at Youngs Chapel A.M.E. Church, a program that sought to develop community resource and programs for underserved families in the local Columbia, SC. area
- 2016            Moderator for the Martin Luther King Jr., Day Program and Celebration. Sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Coalition. January 18th, 2016, at Jackie Robinson Park, Pasadena, CA
- 2015            Moderator for the Martin Luther King Jr., Day Program and Celebration. Sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Coalition. January 19th, 2015, at Jackie Robinson Park, Pasadena, CA
- 2007            Committee Member for Faculty Development at Crichton College, Memphis, Tennessee.

- 2003-2004 Volunteer at Saint Philip's C.E. Primary School, Manchester, England.
- 2002-2003 Director/Coordinator of the Moss Lane Community Outreach Project Friday Night Youth Club, and Supplementary School, Manchester, England.
- 2002 Board of Directors Committee Member of the Moss Lane Community Outreach Project, Manchester, England.
- 1999-2005 Member of the Pasadena City College President's African American Advisory Committee, Pasadena, California.

**Religious Service and Activities:**

- 2025 Morning Sermon delivery, "Why Seek the Living Among the Dead," at Greater Works Church of God in Christ, Wake Forrest, NC, August 24, 2025.  
 Morning sermon delivery, "Intentional Faith in a Gangster Culture" at Greater Zion Baptist Church, Waco, TX, July 6, 2025.  
 Morning sermon delivery, "The 15<sup>th</sup> Station" at Greater Zion Baptist Church, Waco, TX, April 20, 2025.  
 Keynote Address, "A Biblically Informed Blueprint for Discipleship: Exploring 1 John 2:15-17 as a Guide," at the African Methodist Episcopal Church Paul Quinn District Conference, Wayman Chapel AME Church, Temple, TX, March 15, 2025.  
 Delivered Morning Message on "Jesus on Screen" at Bibleway Bible Church in Dallas, TX. February 23, 2025.
- 2024 Keynote Address, "John the Baptist and the Empowerment of the Holy Spirit in Luke's Gospel," at The Pentecost Re-Imagined Conference. Universal Outreach Church, Irmo, TX. May 18, 2024.  
 Delivered Morning Sermon on "God Has Given You a Dream" at Bibleway Bible Church in Dallas, TX. February 25, 2024.
- 2023 Guest Bible Study Presenter, "The Black Church During Reconstruction," at Christian Faith Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC. February 12, 2023. Virtual Session
- 2022 Baccalaureate Address, "I Alone Have Survived!" at Allen University, Chappelle Auditorium in Columbia, SC. May 7, 2022
- 2019 Baccalaureate Address, "The Choice is Yours (Genesis 37-45)" at Allen University, Chappelle Auditorium in Columbia, SC. May 10, 2019.
- 2021-2022 Assistant Pastor at Youngs Chapel A.M.E. Church in Irmo, SC (Dr. Maxine Sumpter, Senior Pastor)
  - Served as Director of community outreach and the Level Up Project that sought to develop community resources and programs for underserved families in the local area.
- 2015-2016 Associate Minister at First A.M.E. Church in Pasadena, CA (Dr. Larry E. Campbell, Senior Pastor)
  - Served as a research assistant for lead pastor

- Assisted and taught curriculum development for young adult's ministry
  - Served as a training instructor for minister
- 2013-2014 Scholar-in-Residence, Associate Minister and Director of Children's Ministry at Allen Temple A.M.E. Church in Atlanta, GA (Dr. Thomas L. Bess, Senior Pastor)
- Developed and taught a weekly adult Bible class
  - Developed curriculum and served as coordinator for weekly children's services
  - Served as a research assistant for lead pastor
- 2009-2013 Scholar-in-Residence, Associate Minister and Director of Christian Education at St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Atlanta, GA (Dr. Thomas L. Bess, Senior Pastor)
- Served as a research assistant for lead pastor
  - Oversaw curriculum development and ministry training for the Christian education department, the ministerial team, and lay leaders
  - Functioned as a grant writer for special projects
  - Assisted lead pastor with program development and training instructor for minister
- 2008 Delivered the chapel address on "A Praxis of a Liberating Theology: Reflections on Mark 8," at the Interdenominational Theological Center. September 2008, Atlanta, GA.
- 2007-2008 Interim Minister of Christian Education/New Members at Mississippi Boulevard Church, Memphis, TN (Dr. Frank Thomas, Senior Pastor)
- Served as head of the Christian Education department with teacher staffing, curriculum development, teacher recruitment and training and program development
  - Served as head of the New Members ministry and was responsible for staffing and recruiting. Also oversaw new member's data base and was responsible for inducting new members into the life of the church
- 2007 Delivered the chapel address on "Luke 15" at Memphis Theological Seminary on March 7, 2007, in Memphis, TN.
- 2004-2006 Assistant Pastor and Coordinator of Children's Ministry at Lily of the Valley Church of God in Christ, Long Beach, CA (James Shaw, Pastor)
- Responsible for teacher training and curriculum development
  - Oversaw the development and teaching of the children's ministry program
  - Organized and served as the lead pastor for Sunday morning services
- 2001-2004 Minister and Children's Ministry Coordinator at Moss Lane Church of God Christian Centre, Manchester, England (Bishop Allan Simpson, Pastor)
- Served as the coordinator responsible for the re-development of the children and teen ministry program which included children's church, the Sunday school department, a Saturday supplementary school program and a Friday night youth club

- Responsible for teacher staffing, curriculum development, teacher recruitment and training, and program development for all children's programming
- 1996-1998 Associate Minister at Christ Tabernacle Church, Sylmar, California (Gerald Howard, Pastor), and Pasadena Church of God, Pasadena, California (M. Tyrone Cushman, Sr. Pastor).
- 1995 (Summer) Camp Leader for the Centrifuge Christian Youth Camp (various cities).
- 1994 Associate Minister at St. Paul's Temple Church, Washington, D.C. (Bishop Warren Crudup, Sr., Pastor).
- 1993-1994 Director of the "Mid-week Anointing Bible Study" at Howard University's Carver Hall, Howard University, Washington D.C.
- 1988-1993 Youth Minister and Leader at Christ Memorial Church in Pacoima, California (Bishop Benjamin Jerome Crouch, Sr. Pastor), and Divine Guidance Church in Altadena, California (David L. Hearon, Pastor).

*I have preached, lectured, and led workshops and seminars among several denominational bodies and at churches throughout the nation. Highlighted are selected appearances:*

- GREATER WORKS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST – Wake Forrest, NC – **Delivered Sermon** on August 24, 2025. Elder Gordon McKinney, Senior Pastor
- GREATER ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH - Waco, TX **Delivered Morning Sermon:** Holy Communion Sunday Service on July 6, 2025
- GREATER ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH - Waco, TX - **Delivered Morning Sermon:** Easter Sunday Service on April 20, 2025
- PAUL QUINN DISTRICT A.M.E. CHURCH EDUCATION SEMINAR - Temple, TX - **Delivered Seminar Address** on March 15, 2025
- UNIVERSAL OUTREACH CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST – (Irmo, SC) - **Delivered several sermon** addresses from 2019-2022. Dr. Alonzo Johnson, Senior Pastor.
- SMITH CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH – (Dallas, TX) – **Delivered Sermon** at Smith Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church - (December 26, 2021) - Dr. C. Dennis Williams, Senior Pastor.
- BIBLEWAY BIBLE CHURCH – (Dallas, TX) - **Led Seminar** on the *Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible* and **Delivered the morning sermon** at Bibleway Bible Church – (October 23-24, 2021) - Dr. Kevin Hawkins, Sr., Senior Pastor.
- THE POTTERS HOUSE – (Dallas, TX) - Think Tank **Featured Panel Participant** on the *African Seedbed of Judaism and Christianity* at the T.D. Jakes' Pastors and Leaders Conference. Dallas, TX. April 28, 2017.
- INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE OF GREATER PASADENA – (Pasadena, CA) – Annual **Good Friday Service Speaker** at Metropolitan Baptist Church (April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, and March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016)

- WESTERN BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION EDUCATION CONVENTION – (Los Angeles, CA) – **Invited Workshop Leader** (October 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2015)
- NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF C.O.G.I.C. - (Dallas, TX) - **Invited Workshop Leader and Panel Participant** (December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014)
- 12<sup>TH</sup> EPISCOPAL DISTRICT A.M.E. ANNUAL CONFERENCE (West Memphis, Arkansas) - **Teaching Institute Leader** (June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014) - Bishop Samuel L. Green, Presiding Prelate
- WEST ANGELES C.O.G.I.C. (Los Angeles, CA) - **Sermon Address** (July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013) - Bishop Charles E. Blake, Senior Pastor, and Presiding Prelate of the Churches of God in Christ
- SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 2<sup>ND</sup> ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION, C.O.G.I.C. - (San Diego, CA) **Workshop Leader and Keynote Address** (July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013) - Bishop George D. McKinney, Jurisdictional Prelate
- SCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – (Pasadena, CA) – **Interim Guest Pastor** (July 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015) – Dr. James Stevenson, Senior Pastor
- GREATER NEW GUIDE BAPTIST CHURCH – (Pasadena, CA) – **Seminar Leader on “The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Untold Story of Africans in the Bible.”** (June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015)
- ST STEPHENS C.O.G.I.C. (*concurrent with the Black Religious Scholar's Group Meeting in conjunction with the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting* – San Diego, CA) - **Sermonic Address** (November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014) – Bishop George D. McKinney, Senior Pastor
- MACEDONIA A.M.E. CHURCH MEN’S DAY – (Charleston, SC) - **Keynote Address** (February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014)
- HOLSEY TEMPLE C.M.E. CHURCH MEN’S DAY – (Atlanta, GA) - **Keynote Address** (June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013)
- 2011 CATHEDRAL OF FAITH C.O.G.I.C. 71<sup>ST</sup> CHURCH ANNIVERSARY (Atlanta, GA) - **Keynote Address** (August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011)
- 2010 ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH 142<sup>ND</sup> CHURCH ANNIVERSARY (Atlanta, GA) - **Keynote Address** (June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010)