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PUBLIC THEOLOGIAN AND BIBLICAL SCHOLAR

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EDUCATION

PHD, PRACTICAL THEOLOGY
St. Thomas University, 2020
Bryan T. Froehle, Chairperson

DMIN, LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH & SOCIETY
Boston University School of Theology, 2008
Dale P. Andrews, Chairperson

STM, BIBLICAL STUDIES AND MISSIONS
Yale Divinity School, Yale University, 2002
Allen R. Hilton, Advisor

MDIV, BIBLICAL STUDIES
Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 2001

BA, CREATIVE MUSIC TECHNOLOGY AND RELIGION (*CUM LAUDE*)
LaGrange College, 1998

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

Harris Manchester College at the University of Oxford, *Resident Delegate*

Harvard University Divinity School, *Graduate Study*

Boston College, *Graduate Study*

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, *Graduate Study*

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

Research & Books

Better Together: Imagining a Contemporary Pragmatic Philosophy of the Beloved Community. Current research.

A Vision for a Just and Holy Community of the Spirit: Essays in Honor of Michael Palmer. Co-editor with Kimberly Ervin Alexander. Forthcoming.

Black Epistemology and Hermeneutics in Pentecostal Spirituality: Sources for Socially Prophetic Theology. To be submitted to the University of Pennsylvania Press.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Unstoppable Success: 7 Ways to Flourish in Boundless Potential. Houston: High Bridge Books, 2014, republished by GIELD Academic Press, 2021.

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

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

Articles and Chapters

"Black Protest Theology: Considering Bourdieu's Habitus Theory with a Comparative Analysis of Protest Approaches in the Civil Rights Movement and the Hip-Hop Generation," pp. 217-234. In *Do Black Lives Matter? How Christian Scriptures Speak to Black Empowerment.* Edited by Lisa M. Bowens and Dennis R. Edwards. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2023.

"Black Protest as Public Theology: Considering Bourdieu's Habitus Theory with a Comparative Analysis of Protest Approaches in the Civil Rights Movement and the Hip-Hop Generation," in *International Journal of Public Theology* 16:4: 422–446 (Brill, 2022), *Double-blind peer reviewed.*

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

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

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

- "An African American Contribution to the Theology of Worship: Considering Three Situations of Integrated African American Led Worship from Pre-Civil Rights Times," pp. 247–263. In *Toward a Pentecostal Theology of Worship*, edited by Lee Roy Martin. Cleveland, TN: CPT Press, 2016.
- "'Like a Mighty Burning Fire:' Social Holiness with Love at the Center," pp. 211–223. In *Roswith Gerloff: Auf Grenzen. Ein Leben im Dazwischen von Kulturen (On the Border. An in-Between Existence)*, edited by Armin Triebel. Berlin: Weißensee Verlag, 2016.
- "Holiness, the Church, and Party Politics: Toward a Contemporary Practical Theology of Holiness," pp. 221–241. In *A Future for Holiness: Pentecostal Explorations*, edited by Lee Roy Martin. Cleveland, TN: CPT Press, 2013.
- "The Spirit and the Prophetic Church: Building Ministry Coalitions for Urban Ministry, Part 1," pp. 54–66. In *Pneuma Review* 16, Number 2, Spring 2013.
- "The Spirit and the Prophetic Church: Building Ministry Coalitions for Urban Ministry, Part 2," In *Pneuma Review* 16, Number 3, Summer 2013.
- "A Prophetic Challenge for the Future of Urban Churches: A Call for a Revised Ecclesiological Superstructure," pp. 417–454. In *Spirit-empowered Christianity in the 21st Century: Insights, Analysis, and Future Trends from World-Renowned Scholars*, edited by Vinson Synan. Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2011.
- "Elements of African Religious Spiritual Practices in African American Worship: Resounding Practical Theological Implications," 221–234. In *Christianity in Africa and the African Diaspora: The appropriation of a scattered heritage*, edited by Afe Adogame, et al. New York: Continuum Press, 2009.
- "The Ordination of Women: An Issue among 'Spirit-filled' Churches from the African Diaspora," 2003. Available at http://people.bu.edu/wwildman/WeirdWildWeb/courses/thth/projects/thth_projects_2003_harris.htm.

Book Reviews

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

Select Popular Religious Articles

"Rethinking the Church in the 21st Century," *Fuller Magazine*: Issue 21. Online:
<https://fullerstudio.fuller.edu/theology/rethinking-church-in-the-21st-century/>

"Let the Church Cry, 'Holy!'" (pp. 1–5), in *Life Enrichment Ministries Magazine* 24, Issue 4, fall/winter 2012.

"Overcoming the Insurmountable: Reflections on Urban Haiti-Post 2010 Earthquake," (pp. 17-19). In *Empower Magazine*, Issue 2, October/November 2010.

Sheri Smith Clayborn (editor), "I Feel Like Pressing My Way!" In *Pressing My Way through Lent: Wednesday, February 17 through Saturday, April 3, 2010*. Columbus, Ohio: St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Select Columns in the *Virginian Pilot*

"Truth must guide our path away from violence"

"Churches, leaders must be open on immigration"

"A legacy of investing in 'diamonds in the rough'"

"Building a different kind of bridge" (with Rabbi Jeffrey Arnowitz)

Select Contributions to *Pneuma Review*:

"In Times Like These: Reflections on the COVID-19 Pandemic"

"A Solemn Reflection on Massacre at L'Simcha Congregation in Pittsburgh"

"Our Hearts broken; our country in crisis.... What should we do?"

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

"Happy 4th of July! The Fight for Freedom Continues"

"Killing the Ugly Monster of Racial Faction"

"Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy and Equality in Schools"

"Evangelical Shift on Death Penalty: An Encouraging Step"

"Conversations that Heal: A Christian Response to Racism," with Norman A. Harris

"Racism and Unequal Protection in the American Legal System"

"Common Core: An Education that Does our Children Justice"

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

"Racial Reconciliation Demands Christians Reconsider the Death Penalty," *The Washington Post*.

"Chile', We Don't Even Know the Half! A Reflection on African American History – The Soul of American History," *Renewal Dynamics.Com*.

“Where are the Prophets – the Real Ones?” *Renewal Dynamics.Com*.

“Macedonian Cry from the Urban Streets: ‘Come Over and Help Us!’” *Renewal Dynamics.Com*.

Music Productions

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

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

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

AWARDS AND HONORS

2023, Youth Adult Influencer Award, Alliance for Black Pentecostal Scholarship

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

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

2017, Distinguished Merit Citation, Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities

2016, Top 30 John C. Maxwell Leaders

2012, Faculty of Excellence Award for Service, Regent University

2012, *International Top 100 Magazine*

2011, *Inside Business* “Top 40 Under 40” of Hampton Roads

2011, Wall of Outstanding Alumni, LaGrange College

2007, “Don’t Walk Away” Charted, Top 30 on Billboard

2007, Certificate of Recognition, California State Assembly

2007, Resolution, Memphis City Council

2006, A-7, Gospel Choice Music Awards, “Don’t Walk Away,” Song of the Year

2000, Certificate of Recognition, World Methodist Evangelism Institute

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Associate Pastor, The Potter’s House of Dallas, 2019–2022

Committee Member, Virginia Citizens for Reconciliation, 2018–2019

- Virginians for Reconciliation is an initiative founded by former Governor Robert McDonell.

Co-Founder and Co-Chairperson, Hands United Building Bridges (HUBB), a consortium of interfaith clergy, 2017.

- Facilitated regular meetings with senior clergy from a range of faith traditions in Hampton Roads, VA.
- Organized vigils and community memorials in the aftermath of major tragedies within faith communities.

- Participated in special civil events in the community.
- Participated on panels and thinktanks on building a better multi-faith community in Hampton Roads, VA.
- Led the intersection between the faith community, Law enforcement, and Business.
- Represented the Interfaith community at the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce.

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

- Facilitated public forums and education projects about race and ethnic diversity and reconciliation.
- Organized city-wide ecumenical, intercultural Christian clergy monthly meetings with local city officials.
- Led Norfolk Police Department's Clergy Patrol, a consortium of pastors and ministers.

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

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

Founder, Global Institute for Empowerment & Leadership Development (GIELD), Inc., Virginia Beach, VA, 2010–2020

- Articulated vision and mission of organization.
- Directed activities of business and manage budgets.
- Led teams of volunteers and hire personnel.
- Prepared budgets and generate financial support.
- Led Young Ministers, Pastors, & Leaders Multi-Cultural Group, 2015–2017.
- Established annual Urban Summer Academy, 2015–2017.
- Launched *Chosen for Completion Church*, Circle of Grace, Portsmouth, VA, 2014.
- Initiated God's Ambassadors Men of Excellence (G.A.M.E.) Discipleship Group, Union Mission Ministries Men's Shelter, 2013–2015.
- Started *Circle of Grace* cross-cultural ministry, Norfolk, VA, 2012–2015.

Manager, Antipas Enterprises, LLC, 2015–present

- Provide consulting services.
 - Client: Union Mission of Norfolk.
- Direct administrative activities.
 - Hire teams as needed.
 - Subcontract third party agencies as needed.

- Develop marketing strategy.
- Author
 - Write books published by professional and academic publishers.
 - Hire research and writing teams.
- GIELD Academic Press.
 - Publish academic and professional works.
- Offer seminars and training.
 - International Pastors and Leadership Conference (Now called International Leadership Summit).
 - First Baptist Church of Glenarden.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Local, National, and International Participation and Appointments

Vice Chair of Interfaith Relations, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee, Regional Board, 2022–present.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIPS

Awarded more than \$1,000,000 for initiatives:

United Way of South Hampton Roads

Blocker Foundation

Vanguard Foundation

City of Norfolk

City of Virginia Beach

Brown Foundation
Regent University
CSX Corporation
Lily Endowment
Hampton Roads Community Foundation
Yale University School of Music

SPECIAL COMMITTEES / TASK FORCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SELECT ACADEMIC PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS

“Christian Mission and Western Cultural Clash: A Historical Perspective.” Colloquium on the Resurgence of Racialized Christian Nationalism (March 20-23; Harris Manchester College at the University of Oxford; Oxford, England; March 20, 2023).

“Key Mechanisms for Advancing the Beloved Community in the Public Square: The Church, Community, and the Academy.” BLAC Summit 2023. Repairing the Breach: HBCUs, the Black Church and Social Justice at Virginia Union University; Richmond, VA; April 1, 2023.

“Black Protest as Public Theology: Considering Bourdieu’s *Habitus* Theory in Light of the Civil Rights and the Hip-Hop Protesters.” Paper Presentation; Society for Pentecostal Studies; hosted at Oral Roberts University; Tulsa, OK; March 12, 2023.

“Profiles of Black Pentecostal Public Theologians: Toward a Pentecostal Theology of Social Justice.” Paper Presentation. The 2021 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; San Antonio, TX, November 2021.

“Let’s Talk about Race.” Lecture; Annual Comfort and Care Conference; sponsored by Global Outreach Church; Virginia Beach, VA; April 13, 2018.

“Testimony in the Black Holiness Pentecostal Church Tradition.” Paper Presentation; Society of Pentecostal Studies; hosted in St. Louis, MO; March 12, 2017.

“Race in America.” Public Lecture; Urban Renewal Center; Norfolk, VA, February – March 2017.

- "Transformational Leadership." Lecture; William R. Harvey Leadership Institute, Hampton University; Hampton, VA, October 4, 2016.
- "Holy Spirit, Holy Living and 21st Century Christianity." Lecture; COGIC Scholars Forum, 108th Church of God in Christ Holy Convocation; St. Louis, MO, November 7, 2015.
- "Music and Testimony in the Black Holiness-Pentecostal Church Tradition: Spiritual, Relational, and Emotional Resources for Christian Formation." Paper Presentation; The Holy Spirit and Christian Life Conference, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, March 21, 2015.
- "An African American Contribution to the Theology of Worship: Three Pre-Civil Rights Considerations." Paper Presentation; Society for Pentecostal Studies; hosted at Southeastern University; Lakeland, FL, March 12, 2015.
- "Achieving Unstoppable Success in College and Beyond," Thomas Nelson Community College Faculty Colloquium, Hampton, VA, September 22, 2014.
- "Practicing Holiness in the Obama Era and Beyond: Towards a Practical Theology of Holiness for the 21st Century Church," Paper Presentation; Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the Wesleyan Theological Society, and hosted at Seattle Pacific University; Seattle, WA, March 23, 2013.
- "For Such a Time as This: Is This My Time?" Twenty-first Century Women in Ministry Conference. Lecture; Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, October 13, 2012.
- "Church as Prophet: The Churches, the Spirit, and the City." Paper Presentation; Society for Pentecostal Studies; hosted at Regent University; Virginia Beach, VA, March 1, 2012.
- "The Future and Vitality of African and African American Spirit-Empowered Churches in Africa." Paper Presentation; Empowered 21: Global Congress on Holy Spirit Empowerment in the 21st Century (Converge 21 USA); Regent University; Virginia Beach, VA, March 2, 2012.
- "The Psalter for Songwriters: A Critical Review of the Psalms as Contemporary Inspiration for Songwriters." Seminar Presentation, "Worship & Songwriting Seminar Series: Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs;" Regent University; Virginia Beach, VA, September 17, 2011.
- "Prophecy to the Dead Bones: Developing Ministries that Transform Urban Communities." Seminar Presentation, the 97th Annual Hampton Ministers Conference; Hampton University; Hampton, VA, June 2011.
- "The Role of Community in Revitalizing Youth." Seminar Presentation, Virginia Gang Prevention Partnerships, Vineyard Community Church; Virginia Beach, VA, August 2011.
- "The Church and the Urban Struggle: Yesterday and Tomorrow; A Prophetic Challenge for the Future of Urban Churches: A Call for a Revised Ecclesiological Superstructure." Paper Presentation Empowered 21: Global Congress on Holy Spirit Empowerment in the Twenty-first Century; Oral Roberts University; Tulsa, OK, April 2010.
- "Elements of African Religious Spiritual Practices Increasingly Accepted among African American Worship Services: Resounding Practical Theological Implications." Paper Presentation; African Christian Diaspora Conference: Frankfurt Oder, Germany, 2003.

SELECT PUBLIC SPEAKING: KEYNOTES & LECTURES

Keynote Speaker, "Uniting for Common Good: Building a Beloved Community," Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA (February 15, 2023).

Keynote Speaker, "Is Christianity the White Man's Religion?" The Robert Nusbaum Center at Virginia Wesleyan University, Virginia Beach, VA (November 17, 2022).

Plenary Speaker, Society for Pentecostal Studies, "The African American Pentecostal Preacher as Public Theologian: Pentecostal Power in Social Justice," Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA (March 24, 2022)

Guest Lecturer, Wilson Institute, "'I Believe I'll Testify:' The Power and Effectiveness of the Pentecostal Testimony Service," Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA (March 5, 2022).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SELECT EDUCATIONAL PANELS

"Profiles of Black Pentecostal Public Theologians: Toward a Pentecostal Theology of Social Justice." Presenter, American Academy of Religion; San Antonio, TX, November 20-23, 2021.

"Contributions of Liberation Theologies to Pentecostalism: Revisiting an Old Question." Virtual Presenter, "Black Pentecostal Phronesis: A Contribution to Liberation Theology." Society for Pentecostal Studies; South Lake, TX, March 20, 2021.

"Holy Spirit and Social Justice." Virtual Moderator, Society for Pentecostal Studies; South Lake, TX, March 18, 2021.

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

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

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

- "City on a Hill: On Race, Politics & Faith." Moderator, The Urban Renewal Center; Norfolk, VA, October 1, 2017.
- "Faith & Election 2016." Panelist; Virginia Wesleyan College; Norfolk, VA, October 24, 2016.
- "The Syrian Refugee Crisis: The Situation & How the Church Might Respond." Panel Moderator; First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk; Norfolk, VA, October 2, 2016.
- "Community Policing: A Panel with Norfolk Mayor Kenny Alexander, Chief of Police Michael Goldsmith, Attorney Benjamin Crump and others." Panel Moderator; Men of Hope; Norfolk, VA, September 25, 2016.
- "An In-depth Look at Islam." Co-host of Global Think Tank; Bishop T.D. Jakes International Pastors and Leadership Conference; Orlando FL, April 21 – 23, 2016.
- "Black Youth in the Justice System: A Discussion on the Documentary on 'Prison Kids.'" Panelist; Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi); Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, February 16, 2016.
- "Black Family Matters." Panelist; Black Family Reunion Symposium at Norfolk State University; Norfolk, VA, November 19, 2015.
- "Changing Work of Faculty." Panelist; Elected to the Convening of Midcareer Faculty sponsored by the Association of Theological Schools and Commission on Accrediting (ATS). Hyatt Regency Hotel; Chicago, IL, March 13 –16, 2014.
- "Integration in Action: The Application of Biblical Principles in Contemporary Times." Panelist; Psychological Services Center Paradigm Shift Initiative Series Special Event; Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, June 18, 2013.
- "A Revival of Passion and Pride—Black in America, Coping with Racism." Panelist; Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi); Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, February 19, 2013.
- "Lifelong Learners; the Annual Family Enrichment Conference." Panelist; NSU Women's Economic Development Center; Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA, November 17, 2012.
- "Leading as A Woman in 21st Century Ministry," Twenty-first Century Women in Ministry Conference. Panelist; Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, October 13, 2012.
- "Higher Education at Regent University." Panelist; ACT NOW: Empowering Next Generation Leaders Forum. Urban League of Hampton Roads Young Professionals; Norfolk, VA, June 23, 2012.
- "A Biblical Worldview;" A church-wide panel discussion about God and the everyday life of the believer in the church and society. Panelist; Calvary Revival Church Peninsula; Newport News, VA, April 29, 2012.
- "Where I Am from and Where I Am Now—A Look at Racial Co-existence in Hampton Roads;" A city-wide panel discussion about Race, Ethnic, and Heritage issues; Sponsored by the FBI Academy Alumni Association. Panelist; Virginia Beach, VA, April 28, 2012.
- "Naughty or Nice: Why Do Good Girls Like Bad Boys? —A Hip-Hop Symposium." Panelist; Tidewater Community College; Virginia Beach, VA, February 7, 2012.
- "Justice Jubilee: A Conversation about Human Trafficking." Panelist; Old Dominion University; Norfolk, VA, January 11, 2012.

HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

President-Dean, Jakes Divinity School, 2019–2022

- Developed the original plans (name, vision, mission, strategy, and educational model)
- Built Partnerships with Universities and Seminaries
- Staff Development
- Oversaw Marketing
- Oversaw Donor Development
- Oversaw Executive Staff
- Engaged Students
- Advised Students
- Led Recruitment

University Committee Appointments, 2008–2017

- RUSOD Doctor of Ministry Committee (2014–2017), *Chairperson* (until 2016)
- RUSOD Admissions Committee (2012–2014), *Chairperson*
- RUSOD Doctor of Ministry Committee (2008–2014), *Member*
- RUSOD Curriculum Committee (2010–2012), *Member*
- RUSOD Admissions Committee (2011), *Member*
- RUSOD Curriculum Revision Task Force (Fall 2011–2012), *Member*
- University Discipline-Based Curriculum Committee (2012–2013), *Member*
- RUSOD Worship Concentration Sub-Committee (2010–2011), *Member*
- University Scholarship Committee, (2010–2011 and 2012–2016), *Member*
- Coalition to End Homelessness (2011–2012), *Faculty Advisor*
- University Quality Enhancement Program Sub-Committee (2011–2012), *Member*
- University Global Day of Worship Committee (11–11–11), *Member*
- Alpha Zeta Phi chapter of Alpha Phi Omega (2011–2016), *Youth Services Advisor*
- RUSOD Minister of the 21st Century Research Task Force (2009–2010), *Member*
- University Shared Governance Committee (2009), *Member*
- University Founder's Retirement Celebration Committee (2009), *Member*
- RUSOD Syllabus Review Committee (2008–2009), *Member*
- University Collaboration Committee (2008), *Member*
- University Black History Month Committee (2008–2016), *Chairperson*
- Regent Student Democrats and Independents (2008–2009), *Faculty Advisor*

University Service Appointments

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

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

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

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

Regent University Doctor of Ministry (DMin) Program

Associate Director, appointed fall 2015–2016

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

Acting Director, Doctor of Ministry (DMin) Program, fall 2014–fall 2015

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

Youth & Urban Renewal Center, Regent University, 2011–2016

Founding Director

- Prepared budgets and raised financial support.
- Identified and recruited potential volunteers.
- Trained and supervised student workers.

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

LEADERSHIP OF SPECIAL PROJECTS

Project Catalyst and Executive Leadership Team Member

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

Professional and Continuing Education, Powered by Regent Representative

- Facilitated strategic partnerships with church networks and denominations and conducted marketing and client meetings, Powered by Regent Program, 2011–2013.
- *Partnership Highlight:* Regent University Educational Collaboration with T.D. Jakes School of Leadership, Dallas, TX.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harris Manchester College at the University of Oxford (UK), Spring 2023

- Temporary Professor & Colloquium Convener

The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education (UK), 2022-present

- Honorary Research Scholar

Old Dominion University, 2022-present

- Doctor of Ministry in Leadership and Global Perspectives, *Faculty Advisor*
- Adjunct Professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies
 - Course Taught:
 - Life, Death, and Meaning

Portland Seminary at George Fox University, 2018–2022

- Doctor of Ministry in Leadership and Global Perspectives, *Faculty Advisor*
- Adjunct Professor of Practical Theology
 - Courses Taught:
 - Race, Ethnicity, and Church (Master's Course)
 - Holy Spirit and Cultural Diversity (Doctoral Seminar)

North Central University, 2018–2019

- The Moen Chair for Preaching, Fall–Spring 2020
- Guest Lecturer, “Being the Church in a Racist World,” Fall 2020

Vanguard University, 2019–present

- Wilson Lecturer, Fall 2019
- Visiting Professor, 2021-2022
- Adjunct Professor, 2019 and 2022-present
 - Courses Taught:
 - Graduate Course (THOG – 670 Online): African American Spirituality, (Designed the online course)
 - Graduate Course (CLSG – 715 Online): Church and Contemporary Moral Issues (Co-taught with Doug Petersen)
 - Graduate Course (THOG – 670 Online): Special Topics - African American Preaching (Designed the online course)

Fuller Theological Seminary, 2018–present

- Preaching, Adjunct Associate Professor
 - African American Preaching (Designed the online course)

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

- *Practical Theology & Ministry, Assistant Professor, 2008–2014*
- *Practical Theology & Ministry, Associate Professor (Awarded Tenure), 2014–2017*
- *Practical Theology & Ministry, Adjunct Professor, 2017–2018*
- SELECTED GRADUATE COURSES DEVELOPED (D) AND TAUGHT:
 - PMIN 501- Leadership in Church and Ministry;
 - PMIN 515- Ministry Leader: Lifestyle and Leadership Skills (D);
 - PMIN 524- Preparation of Biblical Messages (D);
 - PMIN 525- Pulpit Ministry (D);
 - PMIN 550- Pastoral Theology (D);
 - PMIN 685A/ DLDR 785A Seminar- Urban Pastoral Leadership (D);
PMIN685B/DLDR 785B Seminar- Rebuilding the City of God in Urban America (D); and
 - SFRM 502- Spiritual Formation.

Regent University Professional and Continuing Education, Virginia Beach, VA

- *Instructor, Powered by Regent (PBR), 2010–2013*
- COURSES TAUGHT: Introduction to Evangelism (D);
 - How to Study the Bible for All It's Worth; How to Craft a Sermon (D);
 - Survey of the New Testament (D) and
 - Survey of the Old Testament (D).

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCENew York Theological Seminary North, Ossining, NY

- *Adjunct Professor, Prison Educational Initiative, Sing Sing Correctional Facility, 2010*
- COURSE TAUGHT: Preaching in the African American Tradition

Virginia Christian College (formerly Calvary Leadership Institute), Norfolk, VA

- *Adjunct Professor, Foundations for Ministry and Biblical Studies, 2009–2011*
- COURSES TAUGHT:
 - Principles and Tools for Bible Study (D);
 - The Pastoral Epistles: A Study of I and II Timothy and Titus (D);
 - God and the Hood: Reflections on Urban Ministry (D).

Sacred Heart University, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Fairfield, CT

- *Adjunct Professor*, Department of Religious Studies, 2006–2008
 - COURSE TAUGHT: Introduction to Religion (Judaism, Islam, and Christianity)

ACADEMIC SUPERVISIONSSelected Dissertation and Thesis Committees

Meloney Jordan Mosley, "Reappraising Black History and African Studies: Finding Value in Black Existence (PhD Dissertation, Howard University, 2023), *External Committee Member*.

John Afanda Muhanji, "The Conflict Between the Clergy and the Laity in the Quaker Church in Kenya (DMin Dissertation, Portland Seminary, 2021), *Chairperson*.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPECIAL ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL PODIUM PRESENTATIONS

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

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

"Community Engagement and the Church." Plenary Speaker; DMin Intensive Seminar; hosted by Payne Theological Seminary; Irvine, CA; January 24, 2018.

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

- "African American Presence in the Bible, Theology and Spirituality." Global Think Tank; Bishop T.D. Jakes International Pastors and Leadership Conference; Dallas, TX, April 28, 2017.
- "Preach with Clarity: Prophetic Preaching that Moves the Soul and Makes a Difference." Breakout Session Speaker; Bishop T.D. Jakes International Pastors and Leadership Conference; Orlando FL, April 21 – 23, 2016.
- "Why Churches Are Dying." Seminar Presentation; African Methodist Episcopal Church Pastors Symposium with Presiding Elder Larry Hinton; Goldsboro, NC, March 11, 2016.
- "Frequent Rest for Unstoppable Success." Seminar Presentation; Safe Harbor Mental Health Conference with Bishop Donald Hilliard; Princeton, NJ, September 17–19, 2015.
- "How to Reach the Masses: Preaching with Multiple Intelligences." Breakout Session Speaker; Bishop T.D. Jakes International Pastors and Leadership Conference; Orlando FL, April 30 – May 2, 2015.
- "Redefining the Church for the 21st Century." Guest Lecturer, T.D. Jakes School of Leadership Education Showcase. Bishop T.D. Jakes International Pastors and Leadership Conference. Orlando, FL, March 6 – 8, 2014.
- "Faculty Development in the Midst of Institutional and Vocational Change Consultation for Racial/ Ethnic." Faculty Consultation sponsored by Association of Theological Schools (ATS). Hyatt Regency Hotel; Pittsburg, PA, March 14 –17, 2013.
- "Responding to Real Life with Eyes of Faith." Seminar Presentation; "Extending Your Reach: Creating a Missional Culture;" New Life Providence Church; Virginia Beach, VA, May 1, 2013.
- "Moving Beyond the Mountain: A Talk for Young Aspiring Leaders." Motivational Speech, Students African American Brothers (SAAB); Tidewater Community College; Virginia Beach, VA, March 19, 2013.
- "Elements of Spirit-filled Leadership." Regent University Conference at Grace Bible Church-Soweto; Soweto, South Africa, March 10, 2012.
- "The Holy Spirit and Prophetic Leadership." Hatfield Christian Church; Pretoria, South Africa, March 7, 2012.
- "Profiles of Ethical Leadership." Empowerment Academy, Pretoria, South Africa, March 6, 2012.
- "Hope Unborn: The Blight of Abortion in African American Communities." Lecture, Crisis Pregnancy Center, Virginia Beach, VA, January 12, 2012.
- "Intentional Evangelism." Lecture, Annual Southeastern Evangelism Conference, United Holy Churches of America: Goldsboro, NC, November 2011.
- "Introductory Lectures on the New Testament and Theology." Lecture, Church of God in Christ, 2nd Jurisdiction Christian Education Department: Held at Founder's Inn, Virginia Beach, VA, October 2011.
- "Release for Peace: A Message on Forgiveness." Sermon, Wesleyan University (Protestant Chapel), Middletown CT, October 2011.
- "Urban Outreach and Church Growth." Seminar Lecture, Solid Rock Full Gospel Baptist Church General Conference: Held at Founder's Inn, Virginia Beach, VA, Spring 2011.
- "Biblical Integration and Character Development in Urban Disciplining Seminar." Lecture, The Dream Center: Los Angeles: CA: Fall 2010.

“Urban Education Orientation and Biblical Integration in Education.” Workshop Presenter, Calvary Christian School System Teachers Retreat: Norfolk, VA, September 2010.

“Embracing Life: The Treasures of the Good Book.” Lecture, Lecture Series on Embracing Life at Calvary Revival Church: Norfolk, VA, 2009.

“Jesus Christ: The Same, Yesterday, Today, and Forever.” Sermon, Conference on Evangelism of Germany and Africa, Waldbröl, Germany: Spring 2006.

“To Be Young, Gifted, and Saved.” Speech, Educating, Embracing, and Empowering Youth: Making an Impact on Our Urban Communities, Urban Impact Summit: Mashantucket, CT 2004–2005.

“Exploring a Possibility of Studying Science through Lenses of Faith.” Lecture, Morehouse College Ronald McNair Scholars Program: Atlanta, GA, 2003.

“The Songwriter as Theologian, History of Black Gospel Music, and Contemporary Levites in God’s House.” Lecture, Michel “Moses” Mathis and Berklee College of Music Choir Conference: Boston, MA 2000–2001.

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Academic

Member, American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Member, Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS)

Member, COGIC Scholars

Peer-review Reader, International Journal for Public Theology

Professional

Member, Alpha Zeta Phi chapter of Alpha Phi Omega

Member Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS

Pastoral Staff (Dean of the URC), First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk (An evangelical congregation), 2022–present

Associate Pastor, The Potter’s House, Dallas, 2019–2021

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

Associate Member, Calvary Alliance of Churches, and Ministries, 2014-2019

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

NON-PROFIT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Board Member, Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, 2022–present

Board Member, Community in Schools of Hampton Roads, 2022–present

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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