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Education

Emmanuel College, University of Toronto (Toronto, Canada)
Th.D., Homiletics, 2007
(Dissertation: “The Holy Spirit and African American Preaching”; Advisor: Paul Scott Wilson)

Princeton Theological Seminary (PTS) (Princeton, NJ)
M.Div., 1999

Stanford University (Palo Alto, CA)
A.B., Music (Concentration in Vocal Performance), 1996

University of Oxford (Oxford, England)
Semester Abroad, Fall 1995

Academic Appointments

The Divinity School, Duke University (Durham, NC):
Associate Professor of Homiletics (tenured), July 2015-
Associate Professor of the Practice of Homiletics, September 2012 – June 2015

Princeton Theological Seminary (Princeton, NJ):
Perry and Georgia Engle Assistant Professor of Homiletics, July 2007- August 2012

Princeton Theological Seminary (Princeton, NJ):
Doctoral Fellow in Speech Communication in Ministry, 2006-2007

Emmanuel College, University of Toronto (Canada):
Adjunct Professor, *Homiletics*, 2005

Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Wynnewood, PA):
Adjunct Professor, *Politics of Worship*, 2005

Emmanuel College, University of Toronto (Canada):
Teaching Assistant, *Homiletics*, 2003-2005

Youth Theological Initiative, Candler School of Theology, Emory Univ. (Atlanta, GA):
Instructor (Exploratory Leader), *More than a Song: Worship as Resistance*, 2004

Lee University (Cleveland, TN):
Adjunct Professor, *Reading the Bible from the Margins*, 2004

Princeton Theological Seminary (Princeton, NJ):
Teaching Assistant, *Vocation and Ministry*, 1998
Teaching Assistant, *Speech Communication in Ministry*, 1997-1998

Stanford University (Palo Alto, CA):
Teaching/Program Assistant, Stanford Summer Science and Math Institute, 1995

Courses Taught

African American Preaching and the Old Testament (independent study)
Introduction to Christian Preaching
Balm in Gilead: The Spirituals as a Homiletical Resource
Deep River: Howard Thurman, Spirituality, and the Prophetic Life
Black Homiletics and Pneumatology (independent study)
Preaching, Passion, and the Spirit
Speech Communication in Ministry
Worship as Resistance
Word and Act: Sacraments, Funerals, Weddings
Word and Act: Service of the Lord's Day
How Shall They Preach? (independent study)
Worship, Witness, and Womanism (independent study)
Theology as Performance (independent study)

Ecclesial Appointments

Duke University Chapel (Durham, NC):
Dean of Duke Chapel, September 2012 - Present

Memorial West United Presbyterian Church (Newark, NJ):
Pulpit Supply, August 2007-May 2012

Bayview Glen Church (Toronto, Ontario, Canada):
Contemporary Worship Leader, 2004-2006

International Protestant Church of Zurich (Switzerland):
Associate Pastor, 2001-2003

Union Baptist Church (Trenton, NJ):
Ordination with Progressive National Baptist Convention, 2000
Church Music Consultant, 1999

Westminster Choir College of Rider University (Princeton, NJ):
Campus Minister, 1998-1999
Protestant Chaplain Intern, 1997-1998

International Protestant Church of Zurich (Switzerland):
Pastoral Assistant Intern, 1998

Antioch Baptist Church (San Jose, CA):
Director, Community Summer Youth Program, 1996

Greater Miami Church of God (Miami, FL):
Music Director, 1991

Awards/Fellowships/Honors

Speakman Chair of Preaching Award, Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center, 2017
Martin Luther King Jr. Collegium of Scholars Inductee, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA, 2014
Black History Month Honoree, Antioch Baptist Church, Durham, NC, 2014
Visiting Fellow, Yale Divinity School, 2010-2011
Wabash Center Colloquy on Writing the Scholarship of Teaching in Theology and Religion, 2010-2011
Wabash Center Summer Research Fellowship, 2010
Wabash Workshop for Pre-Tenure Theology and Religion Faculty of African Descent, July 2009-June 2010
“20 to Watch,” *The African American Pulpit*, 2008
Doctoral Fellow, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2006-2007
Dissertation Fellow, Fund for Theological Education Inc., 2006-2007
Russell Graduate Fellowship, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto, 2006-2007
Garland Brooks Preaching Award, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto, 2004-2006
Doctoral Fellow, Fund for Theological Education Inc., 2003-2006
Bloor Lands Entrance Scholarship, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto, 2003-2005
Isabel Warne Scholarship, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto, 2003-2004
Overseas Graduate Study Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1999-2000
Edler Garnet Hawkins Memorial Award for Scholastic Excellence, PTS, 1999
David Allan Weadon Prize in Sacred Music, PTS, 1999
Edward Howell Roberts Preaching Scholarship, PTS, 1998
Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1997-1999
Rita Taylor Undergraduate Prize for Vocal Performance, Stanford University, 1996
Exploration of Ministry Fellowship, Stanford University, 1995
Black Community Honor Roll, Stanford University, 1992-1996

Research/Teaching Interests

Holy Spirit and Preaching; Preaching, Death, and Christian Hope; Homiletical Theory and Method; African American Preaching and Worship; The Spirituals, Music, and Preaching; Howard Thurman and the Spiritual Life

Publications

Published Books

Rise Up, Shepherd! Advent Reflections on the Spirituals. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2017.

Ways of the Word: Learning to Preach for Your Time and Place (with Sally A. Brown). Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2016.

Dem Dry Bones: Preaching, Death, and Hope. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2012.

Spirit Speech: Lament and Celebration in Preaching. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009.

Books in Progress

Lenten Reflections on the Spirituals, under contract, Westminster John Knox Press.

Edited Works

Connections: A Lectionary Preaching and Worship Resource (9 vols.), general editor with Joel Green, Tom Long, Cynthia Rigby. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2015-

Christian Worship and Public Witness, guest co-editor with Sally A. Brown, special issue of *Theology Today* 70/1 (April 2013).

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Flesh That Needs to be Loved: Wounded Black Bodies and Preachin’ in the Spirit,” *The Sexual Politics of Black Churches*, ed. Josef Sorett. Forthcoming.

“Dr. King and the American Bible” (with Emerson Powery), *The Word Made Flesh: The Biblical Hermeneutics of Martin Luther King, Jr.*, eds. Herbert Marbury and Love Sechrest. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, forthcoming.

“Making Connections: Christian Worship and Public Witness” (with Sally Brown), *Theology Today* 70/1 (April 2013): 5-8.

“Painful Praise: Exploring the Public Proclamation of the Hymns of Revelation,” *Theology Today* 70/1 (April 2013): 69-78.

“Haunting Echoes for Homiletics: Why the Spirituals Matter for Preaching,” *Homiletic* 37/2 (2012): 3-14.

“Echoes of a ‘Simple Faith’: The Present Resonance of the Past Proclamation of the Reverend Edler Garnet Hawkins,” *Theology Today* 69/3 (October 2012): 289-305.

“Lament: Homiletical Groans in the Spirit,” *Homiletic* 34/1 (2009): 22-34.

Book Contributions and Other Articles

“A Biblical Apprenticeship in Bridge-Building Ministry: A Two-Part Sermon Series,” *Preaching Prophetic Care: Building Bridges to Justice*, eds. Ron Allen, Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm, Phillis Shepard. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, forthcoming 2018.

“Singing the Story: The Gospel According to the Spirituals,” *Preaching Gospel: Essays in Honor of Richard Lischer*, eds. Charles L. Campbell, Clayton J. Schmit, Mary Hinkle Shore, and Jennifer Copeland. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2016. 167-186.

“Singing the Gospel in the Pulpit,” *DIVINITY* (Spring 2016): 10-13.

“Nobody Knows the Trouble I See: A Spirit(ual) Approach to the Interpretive Task of Homiletical Theology,” *Homiletical Theology in Action: The Unfinished Theological Task of Preaching*, ed. David Schnasa Jacobsen. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2015. 85-107.

“My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me? (Matthew 27:46),” *What Did Jesus Ask? Christian Leaders Reflect On His Questions of Faith*, ed. Elizabeth Dias. New York: Time Books, 2015. 68-71.

“Preaching *From* Mark: Closing the Bible, Voicing the Body” (with Emerson Powery), *Afrocentric Interpretations of Jesus and the Gospel Tradition: Things Black Scholars See That White Scholars Overlook*, ed. Thomas Bowie Slater. Atlanta, GA: Edwin Mellen Press, 2015.

“In Our Own Native Tongue: Toward a Pentecostalization of Homiletical Theology,” *Homiletical Theology: Preaching as Doing Theology*, ed. David Schnasa Jacobsen. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2015. 72-86.

“Bodies as Temples of the Spirit: African American Preaching Traditions and Experience of the Holy Spirit,” *Holy Spirit: Unfinished Agenda*, ed. Johnson T.K. Lim. Singapore: Armour Publishing & Word N Works, 2014.

“Lament: Homiletical Groans in the Spirit,” reprinted, *Readings in African American Church Music and Worship*, Vol. 2, ed. James Abbington. Chicago: GIA Publications, Inc., 2014, 307-322.

“Walkin’ the Talk: The Spirit and the Lived Sermon,” reprinted, *Readings in African American Church Music and Worship*, Vol. 2, ed. James Abbington. Chicago: GIA Publications, Inc., 2014, 323-326.

“Response to Stephen C. Barton,” *Ex Auditu: An International Journal for the Theological Interpretation of Scripture* 28 (2013): 17-20.

“Epiphany of the Lord,” “Baptism of the Lord/First Sunday after the Epiphany,” “Second Sunday after the Epiphany,” “Third Sunday after the Epiphany,” “Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany,” “Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany,” “Last Sunday after the Epiphany/Transfiguration Sunday” (with Willie Jennings), *Abingdon Theological Companion to the Lectionary: Preaching Year A*, ed. Paul Scott Wilson. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2013, 37-72.

“Preaching as an Act of Worship, Part I: Preacher as Worshipper,” “Preaching as an Act of Worship, Part II: Preaching as Worship,” Center for Biblical Preaching, Luther Seminary, www.workingpreacher.org, September 7 and 28, 2009.

“Holy Spirit/Passion,” *New Interpreter’s Bible Handbook of Preaching*, eds. Paul Wilson, Jana Childers, Cleophus J. LaRue, and John Rottman. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2008, 308-310.

“Postcolonial Criticism,” *New Interpreter’s Bible Handbook of Preaching*, eds. Paul Wilson, Jana Childers, Cleophus J. LaRue, and John Rottman. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2008, 159161.

“Walkin’ the Talk: The Spirit and the Lived Sermon,” *The African American Pulpit* 11/ 4 (Fall 2008): 20-22.

“Preaching as the Spirit Moves,” *Circuit Rider* (August/September/October 2008): 4-5.

“Where the Spirit May be Blowing: The Future of African American Homiletics,” *Academy of Homiletics*, e-journal, September 2007.

Lectionary Essays

“Living by the Word: Reflections on the Lectionary (Matthew 16:13-20),” *Christian Century* (August 27, 2017): 18-19.

“Living by the Word: Reflections on the Lectionary (Matthew 15:10-28; Romans 11:1-2a, 29 32),” *Christian Century* (August 20, 2017): 18-19.

“Domestic Violence: Are the Children Safe? (Mark 10:2-16),” www.huffingtonpost.com, September 28, 2015.

“Living by the Word: Reflections on the Lectionary (Romans 12:1-8; 12:9-21),” *Christian Century* (August 20, 2014): 18-19.

“Seventh Sunday of Easter,” *Preaching God’s Transformative Justice: A Lectionary Commentary, Year A*, eds. Ron J. Allen, Dale Andrews, and Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013, 246-250.

“Seventh Sunday of Easter,” *Preaching God’s Transformative Justice: A Lectionary Commentary, Year C*, eds. Ron J. Allen, Dale Andrews, and Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012, 244-248.

“Disability Awareness Day (2 Samuel 9:1-13 and Genesis 1:27),” “Second Sunday of Advent (Isaiah 35:1-10),” “Christmas (John 1:1-14),” *The African American Lectionary* (funded by Lilly Endowment) (www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org), 2012.

“1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20: Prayerful Listening, Prophetic Proclaiming,” www.huffingtonpost.com, January 11, 2012.

“Seventh Sunday of Easter,” *Preaching God’s Transformative Justice: A Lectionary Commentary, Year B*, eds. Ron J. Allen, Dale Andrews, and Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2011, 249-253.

Homiletical Perspective on “Proper 4 (Matthew 7:21-29),” “Proper 5 (Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26),” “Proper 6 (Matthew 9:35-10:8),” *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A, Volume 3: Pentecost and Season after Pentecost (Propers 3-16)*, eds. David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2011, 92-97, 116-121, 140-145.

“Easter (Romans 6:3-11),” “Pentecost (Numbers 11:24-30),” *The African American Lectionary, Year Four* (funded by Lilly Endowment), www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org, 2011.

“Emancipation Proclamation Day (Daniel 6:23b),” “Children’s Sunday (Lamentations 4:2, 4, 10),” “Choir Anniversary (Habakkuk 3:17-19),” “1st Sunday of Advent & World AIDS Day (Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26),” “4th Sunday of Advent (Isaiah 7:10-16),” *The African American Lectionary, Year Three* (funded by Lilly Endowment), www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org, 2010.

“Psalm 20 (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Year B),” *Psalms for Preaching and Worship: A Lectionary Commentary*, eds. Roger Van Harn and Brent A. Strawn. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2009, 90-94.

“Watch Night (Gen. 37:5-11, 19-20),” “Holy Communion (1 Cor. 11:17-27),” “Lent (2 Cor. 12:7b-10),” “Palm Sunday (Psalm 20),” “Holy Thursday (John 13:1-19),” *The African American Lectionary, Year Two* (funded by Lilly Endowment), www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org, December 2008-April 2009.

“Jesus and Hip Hop Culture/Young Adults Sunday (Rev. 5:1-14),” “Men’s Day (Ephesians 6:10 17),” “Revival I (Ezekiel 37:1-14),” “Revival II (2 Kings 7:1-20),” *The African American Lectionary, Year One* (funded by Lilly Endowment), www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org, 2008.

Sermons

“Continuing Education,” Faith and Science in the 21st Century Series (funded by John Templeton Foundation), www.day1.org.

“Daring to Dream,” Opinion section, *Time Magazine*, www.time.com.

“Family Worship (Isaiah 58:1-12),” *Ex Auditu: An International Journal for the Theological Interpretation of Scripture* 28 (2013): 180-186.

“Preaching With Your Mouth Shut,” *Divinity* 12/2 (Spring 2013): 18-21.

“Tracks of My Tears.” *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin* 30 (2009): 16-21.

“Death Threat.” *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin* 28/3 (2007): 244-250.

“The Blessing of Suffering.” *Africa Link: A Monthly Newsletter for the African Community in Switzerland* 4/1 (April 2003): 13.

“Rejection and Reception.” *Africa Link: A Monthly Newsletter for the African Community in Switzerland* 3/10 (February 2003): 13.

“Turned Upside Down.” *Africa Link: A Monthly Newsletter for the African Community in Switzerland* 3/6 (September 2002): 17.

“Stages of Life.” *Africa Link: A Monthly Newsletter for the African Community in Switzerland* 3/4/5 (July/August 2002): 17.

“Betrayed Love.” *Africa Link: A Monthly Newsletter for the African Community in Switzerland*

3/2 (May 2002): 16.

“Perfect Love.” *Africa Link: A Monthly Newsletter for the African Community in Switzerland* 2/8 (December 2001): 16.

“Seeing is Believing?” *Africa Link: A Monthly Newsletter for the African Community in Switzerland* 2/4/5 (July/August/September 2001): 14.

“Planted in the Way.” *Africa Link: A Monthly Newsletter for the African Community in Switzerland* 1/12 (March 2001): 13-14.

Reviews

Cleophus J. LaRue. *Rethinking Celebration: From Rhetoric to Praise in African American Preaching*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2016. In *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*, forthcoming.

Adam Bond. *The Imposing Preaching: Samuel DeWitt Proctor and Black Public Faith*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013. In *Theology Today* 74/1 (April 2017): 74-76.

Isabel Best, ed. *The Collected Sermons of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2012. In *Theology Today* 71/1 (April 2014): 137.

John R. Levison. *Filled with the Spirit*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2009. In *Scottish Journal of Theology*, 65/3 (August 2012): 363-364.

Vincent G. Harding, Liza J. Rankow, Luther E. Smith, Jr., and Olive Thurman Wong (eds.) *The Living Wisdom of Howard Thurman: A Visionary For Our Time*. Boulder, CO: Sounds True, Inc., 2010. In *Black Theology: An International Journal* 10/1 (April 2012): 119-121.

Jonathan L. Walton. *Watch This! The Ethics and Aesthetics of Black Televangelism*. New York: New York University Press, 2009. In *Homiletic* 35/1 (2010): 51-52.

Anna Carter Florence. *Preaching as Testimony*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2007. In *Theology Today* 66/1 (April 2009): 100-103.

Melva Wilson Costen. *African American Christian Worship*. 2nd ed. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2007. In *Black Theology: An International Journal* 6/3 (2008): 403-405.

James W. Thompson. *Pastoral Ministry according to Paul: A Biblical Vision*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2006. In *Toronto Journal of Theology* 23/2 (2007): 231-233.

Presentations

Distinguished Lectureships

Perkins Lectures, First United Methodist Church, Wichita Falls, TX, forthcoming March 2018.

Evans Lecture, Asbury Theological Seminary, Florida Dunham Campus, November 11, 2016.
Lecture: “A Weeping Word”

Berger Lectures on Preaching, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA,
April 8-9 2015. Lectures: “Groaning in the Spirit” and “Singing in the Spirit”

Nadine Beacham and Charlton F. Hall, Sr., Lecture, University of South Carolina, Columbia,
SC, March 5, 2015. Lecture: “Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child: Reading the Bible with
the Spirituals.”

The Bishop Emerson and Jane Colaw Lectures, Bayview Chautauqua, Bayview Association, MI,
July 28-July 31, 2014. Theme: “More than a Song: Worship and Witness”

William Self Preaching Lectures, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, Atlanta, GA,
March 10-11, 2014. Theme: “Preaching in the Age of the Spirit”

Lecture 1: “Soon-a Will Be Done: Preaching and Suffering”

Lecture 2: “I’m Gonna Sing: Preaching and Musicality”

Lecture 3: “I Couldn’t Hear Nobody Pray: Preaching and Prayer”

C. Eric Lincoln Lecture, Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA, October 10, 2013.
Lecture: “Deep River: The Spiritual Melody of Preaching”

Steelman Lecture, Wake Forest University Divinity School, September 23, 2013.
Lecture: “The Spiritual Mode of Preaching”

Conrad Lecture, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, PA, March 14, 2013.
Lecture: “Preaching in a Spiritual Key”

Jacob L. Morgan Lecture Series, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC,
with William Willimon and Richard Lischer, November 2, 2012.
Panel: “The Future of Preaching & Incarnating the Word.”

Garnett Nabrit Lecture Series, American Baptist College, Nashville, TN, March 17-19, 2009.
Theme: “Strengthening Black Families: An Agenda for Sound Homiletics in Black Preaching.”
Lecture: “Preaching as Groaning in the Spirit”

The Nicholson Lectures, Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax, Nova Scotia, April
30-May 1, 2008. Theme: “Preaching and the Presence of the Spirit.”

Lecture 1: “Too Deep for Words? Preaching and Discernment of the Spirit”

Lecture 2: “Preaching in the Language of the Spirit: Lament”

Lecture 3: “Preaching in the Language of the Spirit: Celebration”

Keynote Addresses and Lectures

Ministers Council Lecture, “Unmet Expectations: The Truth about Ministry,” General Baptist
State Convention of North Carolina, Raleigh, NC, November 1, 2017.

Context, Collaboration, & the Prophetic in Theological Education, Louisville Institute Vocation
of the Theological Educator (VTE) Fall Gathering, Louisville, KY, October 8-10, 2017.
Lecture: “Somatic Scholarship: This is My Body (of Work)”

Seminary for a Day, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA, September 23, 2017.
Keynote Address: “The Gift of Tears”

Labor Day Prayer Breakfast, St. John AME Church, Aurora, IL, September 4, 2017.
Address: “Great Expectations”

Duke Divinity Alumni Day, Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC, August 29, 2017.
Lecture: “A Homiletical Sankofa: The Spirituals, Memory, and the Future Key of Preaching.”

Festival of Homiletics, San Antonio, TX, May 18, 2017. “Spiritual Borderlands: Preaching While Black.”

Preaching in Our Own Time and Culture Event, Grace Presbytery, Fort Worth, TX, February 25, 2017. Address: “Preaching a Weeping Word.”

The Gathering, Texas UMC Annual Conference of Pastors, Tyler, TX, September 25-27, 2016.
Lectures: *The Ministry of Groaning* and *The Ministry of Weeping*

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Keynote Address, Duke Clinical Research Institute, Duke Health, Durham, NC, January 19, 2016. Address: “The Dreamer King.”

Celebration of Biblical Preaching Conference, Center for Biblical Preaching, Luther Seminary, Minneapolis, MN, October 5, 2015. Address: “The Courage to Preach.”

Festival of Homiletics, Denver, CO, May 13, 2015. Lecture: “Groaning, Grieving, and Gospel Preaching”

Retirement Celebration for Dick Eslinger, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH, May 6, 2015. Presentation: “Preaching in the Age of Spirit.”

Garrett Lecture Series, Roxboro Baptist Church, Roxboro, NC, April 12, 2015. Lecture: “The Spirituals: Finding Hope in Heartache.”

“The Sonic Resonance of the Gospel” and “The Somatic Presence of the Gospel,” Fall Preaching Conference lectures, Center for Excellence in Preaching, Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI, November 6, 2014.

“A Dream Deferred,” Commencement Address, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, PA, June 6, 2014.

Festival of Homiletics, “Can These Bones Live? Preaching to Zombies,” Minneapolis, MN, May 22, 2014.

“Dreamer King,” Durham City-County MLK Celebration Program for Employees, First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC, January 15, 2014.

Beatrice Cobb Preaching Mission, First United Methodist Church, Morganton, NC, October 13-14, 2013. Theme: “Finding Hope in the Valley of Heartache”

Lee University Arts and Culture Series, Lee University, Cleveland, TN, February 27, 2013.
Lecture: "I'm Gonna Sing! The Faith and Music of the Unknown Black Bards"

"More than a Song: Worship as Resistance" (4 lectures), *Refreshing Winds: A Biennial Conference on Worship and Music*, Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, February 16-18, 2013.

"Lessons from the Unknown Black Bards," Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, Union College, Lincoln, NE, January 17, 2012.

Calvin Festival of Faith and Music, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, April 9, 2011.
Lecture: "I'm Gonna Sing! The Faith and Music of the Unknown Black Bards,"

Geneva College Colloquia Series, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA, January 17, 2011.
Lecture: "The Ballads of the Black Bards: Understanding Negro Spirituals"

"This is My Story, This is My Song: The Joys and Sorrows of the Unknown Black Bards," Annual Conference of Association for Christians in Student Development, Messiah College, PA, June 7, 2010.

"Preaching in the Valley of Dry Bones," Proclaiming the Text Conference, Montreat Conference Center, NC, June 3, 2010.

Academic Papers and Presentations

Respondent to Bethany Hoang and Kristen Deed Johnson, "The Justice Calling: Challenges and Opportunities," Calvin Symposium on Worship, Calvin College/Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI, January 26, 2017.

Respondent to Melanie C. Ross, "Defying the Dichotomy Between Evangelical and Liturgical Churches," Calvin Symposium on Worship, Calvin College/Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI, January 26, 2017.

Respondent to Book Panel Discussion of Sally Brown and Luke Powery, *Ways of the Word: Learning to Preach for Your Time and Place*, Annual Meeting of the Academy of Homiletics, San Antonio, TX, November 18, 2016.

"Dr. King and the American Bible" (with Emerson Powery), presented as part of panel on Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Bible, African American Biblical Hermeneutics, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 23, 2014.

"Nobody Knows the Trouble I See: A Spirit(ual) Approach to the Interpretive Task of Homiletical Theology," Homiletical Theology Consultation, Annual Meeting of the Academy of Homiletics, San Diego, CA, November 21, 2014.

Respondent to Teresa Lockhart Eisenlohr, "The How of Homiletic Theology," Homiletical Theology Consultation, Annual Meeting of the Academy of Homiletics, San Diego, CA, November 21, 2014.

“Academics Teaching #Ferguson,” Duke African and African American Studies Department panel, Duke University, September 1, 2014.

“In Our Own Native Tongue: Toward a Pentecostalization of Homiletical Theology,” Homiletical Theology Consultation, Annual Meeting of the Academy of Homiletics, Louisville, KY, December 7, 2013.

Respondent to Michael Pasquarello, “Dietrich Bonhoeffer: On Becoming a Homiletic Theologian,” Homiletical Theology Consultation, Annual Meeting of the Academy of Homiletics, Louisville, KY, December 7, 2013.

“Reflections on ‘the Spiritual’,” paper response to panelists on “The Historic Role of the Black Church in the Southern Community of Hayti, Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 1886-2013,” First Annual Mount Vernon Baptist Church Symposium, Durham, NC, September 12, 2013.

Respondent to Stephen Barton, Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture, North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, September 24-26, 2012.

“Haunting Echoes for Homiletics: Why the Spirituals Matter for Preaching,” Theology of Preaching Group, Annual Meeting of the Academy of Homiletics, Austin, TX, December 2011.

“Preaching from Mark: Closing the Bible, Voicing the Body” (with Emerson Powery), presented as part of panel on preaching the gospel of Mark, Homiletics and Biblical Studies, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 21, 2010.

“This is My Body: The Preaching of Black Folk,” Arcus Roundtable on the Sexual Politics of Black Churches, New York, NY, June 29-30, 2010.

“Nobody Knows the Trouble I See: Recovering Blues-Inflicted Preaching,” presented as part of panel on Cultural Complexities in Black Religious Experience, Cultural Reflections on African American Religious Experience: A Forum of Emerging Thought, Lancaster Theological Seminary, April 16-17, 2010.

Council of Griots Panel, Black Religious Scholars Group Consultation, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Canada, November 6, 2009.

“Lament: Homiletical Groans in the Spirit,” Worship and Preaching Group, Annual Meeting of the Academy of Homiletics, Boston, MA, November 21, 2008.

“Flesh That Needs To Be Loved: A Way Forward in Homiletics,” African American Scholars Convening, Public/Private Ventures’ Religion, Sexuality, and Black Culture Project, Philadelphia, PA, November 14, 2008.

“God of Our Silent Tears: The Voice of Lament in Public Speech,” presented as part of panel on “Religious Rhetoric in American Public Discourse: Podium and Pulpit,” Christian Scholars’ Conference, Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN, June 26-28, 2008.

Respondent to Gary Selby, “A (White) Rhetorician Looks at Black Preaching,” Christian Scholars’ Conference, Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN, June 26-28, 2008.

Guest Lectures and Public Conversations

“Another Conversation about Preaching and Politics” with Ellen Davis, Congregation at Duke Chapel Adult Forum, Durham, NC, March 26, 2017.

“Preaching the Lectionary and Special Occasions,” class, Howard Divinity School, Washington, DC, March 8, 2017.

“Resilience in the Face of Historic Suffering” with Rabbi Raachel Jurovics and Frank Stasio. Public panel at Durham County Library, Durham, NC, August 27, 2017.

“Christian Prayer and Unity” Bridge Panel, moderator, Duke University Chapel, Durham, NC, April 7, 2015.

“What Is Sacred Space?” Bridge Panel, moderator, Duke University Chapel, Durham, NC, February 25, 2015.

“Race, Incarceration, and Death Row” panel, moderator, Duke Divinity School, October 28, 2014.

“Responding to Violence with Justice and Mercy” panel, moderator, Duke Chapel, October 20, 2014.

“#DyingInAmerica: A Panel Discussion on Narratives, Policies, and Law at the End of Life,” Duke University, October 9, 2014.

“Body Matters: Why Torture Should Matter to People of Faith?” for “Coming to Terms with Torture: Truth, Accountability, and Renunciation” event, North Carolina Council of Churches, Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC, June 24, 2014.

“Worship as Resistance,” lecture, Spiritual Leadership Institute, Volunteers of America, Duke Divinity School, April 24, 2014.

Welcome Address, Blue Devils Day, Duke University, April 2014.

Intersarsity Graduate Fellowship public conversation, Duke University, April 4, 2014.

“Responses to Catastrophe from African American and Jewish perspectives,” conversation with Rabbi Jurovics moderated by Frank Stasio, Goodson Chapel, Duke Divinity School, March 31, 2014.

“The Spirituals and the Life of Faith,” Faith and Life Forum, Memorial Church, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 16, 2014.

“Preaching in the Black Church and Reformed Traditions” (with Chuck Campbell), Duke Divinity School, November 12, 2013.

“Musings on a Spiritual Education,” Duke Wesley Fellowship, Duke University, November 10, 2013.

“Preaching Lament to Celebrate the Gospel,” Introduction to Christian Preaching class, Duke Divinity School, October 30, 2013.

“Reflections on the Taizé Community,” Presbyterian Campus Ministry, Duke University, October 27, 2013.

“The Fisk Jubilee Singers and the History of Afro-Atlantic Music,” Scholars and Publics panel, Duke University, October 17, 2013.

“Our New Day Begun: The Faith of Duke’s First Black Voices” panel, moderator, part of 50th commemoration of 1st Black undergraduates at Duke, Duke University Chapel, October 4, 2013.

“Worship in the Age of Trayvon Martins,” Adult Forum, Congregation at Duke Chapel, September 29, 2013.

“What does Duke Gardens have to do with Duke Chapel?” remarks at Duke Gardens Board dinner, Duke University, May 2, 2013.

“Worship as Resistance,” lecture, Spiritual Leadership Institute, Volunteers of America, Duke Divinity School, April 24, 2013

“What We Mean When We Talk About Voice,” panel, World Voice Day Celebration, Duke Voice Care Center, Nasher Museum of Art, Duke University, April 16, 2013.

“The Relationship of Prayer and Social Action,” lunch talk, Durham Ministers in Prayer, Durham, NC, April 16, 2013.

Public conversation with Bob Leftkowitz (Nobel Laureate), Duke Magazine Forum, Alumni Reunion, Duke University, April 12, 2013.

Public conversation with Ellen Davis about prophetic preaching and the Spirit in her class “Biblical Prophecy and Perspectives on Contemporary Ministry,” Duke Divinity School, April 9, 2013.

“Preaching, Death, and Hope,” guest lecture, Introduction to Christian Preaching, Duke Divinity School, March 27, 2013.

“Tracing the Spirit for a Cultural Homiletical Theology of the Gospel,” guest lecture, Boston University graduate homiletics seminar, February 22, 2013.

“So Help Me God”: Dr. King and the Legacy of Prayer,” evening banquet talk, Durham Congregations in Action, Durham, NC, January 22, 2013.

“For the Common Good,” evening talk, Duke Wesley Fellowship, Duke University, October 21, 2012.

“What Does Corporate Worship Have to Do with Suffering and Justice?” and “Why is Lament Important for Christian Worship?” Micah Scholars Gathering, Haiti Partners, Bizonton, Haiti, June 1-June 3, 2012.

Conversation about my book, *Dem Dry Bones* (via Skype), Ph.D. seminar in Preaching and the Arts, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, May 24, 2012.

“The Practice of Lament in Preaching,” Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, November 4, 2011.

“Preaching the Gospel of Mark Today: Speaking into the Silence, Squabbles, and Suffering” (with Richard Eslinger), Center for Worship, Preaching, and the Arts, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH, August 9-11, 2011.

“The Musical Stories of the Unknown Black Bards,” Waynesburg University, Waynesburg, PA, February 8, 2011.

“Preaching in the Valley of Dry Bones,” and “Preaching with Your Mouth Shut,” General Baptist Convention of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC, October 26-27, 2010.

“Tragedy and Hope: Preaching When You May Not Really Want to Preach” (3 lectures), Iowa United Methodist School of Ministry (with Tom Long and Steve Kraftchick), Des Moines, IA, April 6-8, 2010.

“Taking it to the Cross in Black Preaching,” in *Preaching Redemption in Contemporary Contexts* course, Princeton Seminary, Princeton, NJ, March 18, 2010.

“Prophecy to the Bones: Preaching as a Ministry of Hope” (2 lectures), Presbyterian College, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, February 18-19, 2010.

Lead Interviewer, “Beyond the Books: A Conversation with Professor Cornel West about His Faith,” Princeton University, February 17, 2010.

“Why is Lament Important for Christian Worship?” Asian American Program Korean Lay Leader Conference, Princeton Seminary, October 15, 2009.

“More than a Song: Worship as Resistance,” Messiah College, Grantham, PA, October 8, 2009.

“A Preaching Life in the Spirit” (Theologian-in-Residence), Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry, Princeton Seminary, April 27-30, 2009.

“Some Reflections on the Embodied Liturgy of Taizé” in *Taizé in the North American Context* course, Princeton Seminary, April 3, 2009.

“Singing as a Spiritual Practice,” *Soul Feast: PTS Faculty and Administrators Share Personal Spiritual Practices*, Princeton Seminary, January 12, 2009.

“Why is Lament Important for Christian Worship?” Asian American Program Korean Lay Leader Conference, Princeton Seminary, October 29, 2008.

“Worship in Relation to Theological Exploration,” L.I.V.E. Symposium (Learning, Inclusion, Vitality, Exploration): Making Room at the Table, Princeton Seminary, October 28, 2008.

“Spirituality of the Enslaved: Slavery, Texts and the Interpretation of Life,” (with Emerson Powery), Northminster Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, TN, May 31, 2008.

“The Spirit(uals) of Hope,” (with Martin Tel), Seminar for NJ Superintendents, Miller Chapel, Princeton Seminary, May 8, 2008.

“The Influence of Black Religiosity on Scholarship,” panel discussion for Black History Month (with PTS African American professors), Princeton Seminary, February 21, 2008.

“The Spirit(uals) of Resistance,” Messiah College, Grantham, PA, February 13, 2008.

“Why is Lament Important for Christian Worship?” in *Psalms in Christian Worship* course, Princeton Seminary, November 2007.

“Spirituality of the Enslaved: Slavery, Texts, and the Interpretation of Life,” (with Emerson Powery), International Council of Community Churches conference, Nashville, TN, July 30-August 2, 2007.

“New Testament and Its Relationship to Practical Ministry, Christian Education, and Preaching.” Panel Discussion (with Rick Osmer) in *Orientation to New Testament Studies* course, Princeton Seminary, April 27, 2007.

“Doxological Groans: Exploring Lament for Preaching and Worship,” Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY, March 6, 2006.

“Word, Song, and Power: Oral Traditions in the Black Church,” Wilfrid Laurier University, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, March 14, 2006.

Seminars

“Preaching with the Spiritual,” *Seminary for a Day*, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA, September 23, 2017.

“I’m Gonna Sing! Spirituals and the Life of Faith,” Massanetta Springs Bible Conference, Harrisonburg, VA, July 25, 2017.

“Clash or Collaboration? Learning from Diverse Preaching Traditions” (with Sally Brown), Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, November 2-3, 2016.

“Preparing to Preach Advent: Fresh Insights for Sermon Preparation,” Louisburg College, Louisburg, NC, September 30, 2014.

“Spirituals and the Life of Faith,” Congregation at Duke Chapel Retreat, June 2013.

“Nobody Knows the Trouble I See: The Spirituals as a Resource for Preaching,” Calvin Institute of Worship, Calvin College/Seminary, January 25-26, 2013.

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit! The Spirituals as a Resource for Preaching,” Engle Institute of Preaching, Princeton Theological Seminary, July 23-27, 2012.

“Speaking for Listening,” Hispanic Theological Initiative, Princeton Seminary, Princeton, NJ, June 25, 2012.

“Groaning Praise,” Homiletics, Hymns, and Spirituals Conference, Mayfield Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC, February 17-19, 2012.

“Speaking for Listening,” Hispanic Theological Initiative, Princeton Seminary, Princeton, NJ, June 27, 2011.

“Images of (Im)migration: Identity, Place, and the Theological Enterprise” (with Margaret Aymer), FTE Leaders in the Academy Conference, Atlanta, GA, June 4, 2011.

“Preaching in the Valley of Dry Bones: The Spiritual as a Homiletical Resource,” Massachusetts Conference, United Church of Christ, Waltham, MA, May 5, 2011.

“Lament as Worship,” Whitworth University Institute of Ministry, Spokane, WA, July 12-16, 2010.

“Speaking for Listening,” Hispanic Theological Initiative, Princeton Seminary, Princeton, NJ, June 2010.

“Nobody Knows the Trouble I See: Lament as Worship,” Proclaiming the Text Conference, Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC, June 3, 2010.

National 21st Century African American Lectionary Preaching Institute (with James Forbes, Brad Braxton, Martha Simmons, and Frank Thomas), St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC, May 13-15, 2010.

“Preaching and God,” Madison Square Church, Grand Rapids, MI, December 10-12, 2009.

“Mission of Hope: Preaching in Advent,” PTS Alumni/ae Reunion, October 27-28, 2009.

“Speaking for Listening,” Hispanic Theological Initiative, Princeton, NJ, June 27, 2009.

“Preaching Grace in a Troubled World,” Joe R. Engle Institute of Preaching, Princeton Seminary, June 14-19, 2009.

“Soli Deo Gloria: Preaching as Worship,” Joe R. Engle Institute of Preaching, Princeton Seminary, June 14-19, 2009.

“More than a Song: Worship as Resistance,” Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry, Princeton Seminary, April 27-30, 2009.

“Too Deep for Words? Preaching in the Language of the Spirit,” Calvin Symposium on Worship, Calvin College/Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI, January 29-31, 2009.

“Speaking for Listening,” Hispanic Theological Initiative, Princeton Seminary, Princeton, NJ, August 2008.

“Preaching Grace in a Troubled World,” Joe R. Engle Institute of Preaching, Princeton Seminary, June 8-13, 2008.

“Soli Deo Gloria: Preaching as Worship,” Joe R. Engle Institute of Preaching, Princeton Seminary, June 8-13, 2008.

“Setting Words on Fire: Putting God at the Center of the Sermon,” (with Paul Scott Wilson), Center for Excellence in Preaching, Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI, June 5, 2008.

“Speaking for Listening,” Hispanic Theological Initiative, Princeton Seminary, Princeton, NJ, June 30, 2007.

“Soli Deo Gloria: Preaching as Worship,” Joe R. Engle Institute of Preaching, Princeton Seminary, June 10-15, 2007.

“Making Room at the Table: Worship and the Other,” Lee University, Cleveland, TN, September 10-12, 2004.

Preaching Engagements (selected)

Speakman Chair, Massanetta Springs Bible Conference, Harrisonburg, VA, July 24-25, 2017.
Samuel Dewitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry, Clinton, TN, July 20, 2017.
Festival of Homiletics, San Antonio, TX, May 18, 2017.
First Presbyterian Church, Grace Presbytery, Forth Worth, TX, February 25, 2017.
Calvin Symposium on Worship, Calvin College/Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI, January 26, 2017.
MLK Sunday, Foundry United Methodist Church, Washington, DC, January 15, 2017.
Marble Collegiate Church, New York, New York, October 30, 2016.
Rankin Chapel, Howard University, Washington, D.C., October 16, 2016.
First Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, IN, November 2015
50th Celebration of Dr. King, The American Church in Paris, France, October 2015.
The Riverside Church in the City of New York, July 2015
Engle Institute of Preaching, Princeton Theological Seminary, July 2015.
Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC, June 28, 2015.
ELCA Youth Gathering (30,000 in attendance), Ford Field, Detroit, MI, July 15, 2015.
Oasis Conference on Worship, Campbell University, Buies Creek, NC, July 13-14, 2015.
Festival of Homiletics, Denver, CO, May 13, 2015.
The Village Chapel, Bald Head Island, NC, March 2015.
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA, February 2015.
MLK Memorial Service, Fountain Baptist Church, Jan 19 2015
Rankin Chapel, Howard University, November 9, 2014.
Bayview Chautauqua, Bayview, Michigan, July 27, 2014.
General Assembly of the PC(USA), Detroit, MI, June 20, 2014.
Festival of Homiletics, Minneapolis, MN, May 22, 2014.
Memorial Church, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 16, 2014.
Mt. Level Missionary Baptist Church, Durham, NC, February 16, 2014.
Men’s Day, Concord Church of Christ, Brooklyn, NY, November 17, 2013.
First United Methodist Church of Morganton, Morganton, NC, October 13-14, 2013.
Elevating Preaching Conference, Wake Forest Divinity School, September 23, 2013.

Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center, NC, July 28, 2013.
 Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY, July 24-25, 2013.
 Christ Church, Raleigh, NC, March 20, 2013.
 Duke Lutheran and Presbyterian Campus Ministries, March 3, 2013.
 Watts Street Baptist Church, Durham, NC, February 24, 2013.
 Calvin Symposium on Worship, Calvin College/Calvin Seminary, Jan. 25-26, 2013.
 MLK Commemorative Day Service, Shaw University, January 18, 2013.
 Goodson Chapel, Duke University, Durham, NC, October 25, 2012
 Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Durham, NC, October 18-19, 2012.
 North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, September 29, 2012.
 Princeton University Chapel, Princeton, NJ, July 8, 2012.
 Duke University Chapel, Durham, NC, June 24, 2012.
 The Pennington School, Pennington, NJ, May 22, 2012.
 Romans Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 2, 2012.
 Hallelujah Service, Princeton University, April 22, 2012.
Seven Last Words of Christ, Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Hackensack, NJ, April 6, 2012.
 Houghton College, Houghton, NY, March 7, 2012.
 Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC, February 19, 2012.
 Princeton United Methodist Church, Princeton, NJ, January 29, 2012.
 Friendship Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY, December 11, 2011.
 Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 103rd Anniversary, Durham, NC, October 21, 2011.
 St. Phillips Baptist Church, 91st Anniversary, Hamilton, NJ, October 16, 2011.
 Hour of Power, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, October 12, 2011.
 Westminster Presbyterian Church, 113th Anniversary, Trenton, NJ, September 25, 2011.
 United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH, August 11, 2011.
 CF Foundation Macedonian Ministries, Israel-Palestine, June 7-21, 2011.
 FTE Leaders in the Academy Conference, Atlanta, GA, June 5, 2011.
 Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, Waltham, MS, May 6, 2011.
 Madison Square Church, Grand Rapids, MI, April 10, 2011.
 Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT, March 31, 2011.
 Covenant Presbyterian Church, MLK service, Trenton, NJ, January 16, 2011.
 Hallelujah Service, Princeton University, January 9, 2011.
 First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, Advent service, Charlotte, NC, December 2, 2010.
 Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, Consecration Sunday, October 24, 2010.
 Whitworth University Institute of Ministry, Spokane, WA, July 12-16, 2010.
 Revive! (Justice Revival), Trenton, NJ, June 11, 2010.
 Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC, June 2, 2010.
 Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry, PTS, Princeton, NJ, April 26-28, 2010.
 First Presbyterian Church of York, PA, March 7, 2010.
 Wesleyan Academy, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, February 8-12, 2010.
 Westminster Choir College Chapel, Princeton, NJ, November 12, 2009.
 Hallelujah Service, Princeton University, October 25, 2009.
 Metropolitan Baptist Church, Tulsa, OK, October 11, 2009.
 Messiah College, Grantham, PA, October 8, 2009.
 Elberon Memorial Church, Long Branch, NJ, August 23, 2009.
 Baccalaureate Service, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 22, 2009.
 Hallelujah Service, Princeton University, April 19, 2009.
Seven Last Words of Christ, Princeton University Chapel, April 8, 2009
 Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Series, American Baptist College, Nashville, TN, March 19, 2009.
 Calvin Symposium on Worship, Calvin College/Calvin Seminary, January 29-31, 2009.

First Baptist Church of Hillside, Hillside, NJ, January 11, 2009.
 Elberon Memorial Church, Long Branch, NJ, August 17 & 24, 2008.
 Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton, NJ, August 10, 2008.
 Nassau Christian Center, Princeton, NJ, May 18, 2008.
 Palm Sunday, Nassau Christian Center, Princeton, NJ, March 16, 2008.
 Princeton University Chapel, February 24, 2008.
 Hallelujah Service, Princeton University, February 24, 2008.
 Opening Communion, Princeton Theological Seminary, January 28, 2008.
 Garden State Youth Correctional Facility, Yardville, NJ, December 12, 2007.
 Hallelujah Service, Princeton University, October 7, 2007.
 International Students Morning Devotional, Princeton Seminary, Sept. 8, 2007.
 Baccalaureate Service, Shiloh Baptist Church, Trenton, NJ, June 24, 2007.
 Hour of Power, Princeton University, April 18, 2007.
 Black History Month Service, Shiloh Baptist Church, Trenton, NJ, February 25, 2007.
 Martin Luther King Celebration, Lee University, Cleveland, TN, January 2005.
 Homecoming, Union Baptist Church, Trenton, NJ, October 2003.

Professional Service

Advisory Council, BUMP: The Triangle, 2017-
 Advisory Board, Day 1, 2015-
 Consultation on Homiletical Theology, Boston University, 2013-2015.
 Advisory Board, "Equipping the Saints: Promising Practices in Black Congregational
 Life" Lilly-funded project (Howard University Divinity School), 2014-2015
 Reviewer, *Black Theology: An International Journal*, 2012-
 Series Advisor, Fortress Press Companions in Biblical Preaching, 2011-2012
 Advisory Board, WomanPreach, Inc., 2011-2014.
 Secretary, Academy of Homiletics, 2009-2012
 Advisory Board, *The African American Pulpit*, 2009-2010.
 FTE Alumni Mentoring Workshop, June 2009
 Executive Lectionary Team, *The African American Lectionary*, 2008-2012
 Consulting Reader, *The Common English Bible*, eds. Joel Green et al., 2008-2010.
 Board of YoungLifeZurich, Switzerland, 2002
 Board of Chaplains, Rider University, 1998-1999
 Music Faculty Search Committee, Stanford University, 1996

Professional Memberships

Academy of Homiletics
 American Academy of Religion
 Society for Biblical Literature
 Society for the Study of Black Religion
 National Association of College and University Chaplains
 Association for College and University Religious Affairs

Duke University Service

Commission on Memory and History, Fall 2017
 Presidential Inauguration Committee, 2017

Co-Chair, Search Committee, Faculty Directors of OBCS and CFR, Divinity School, 2017-
Chair, Search Committee, Director of the Office of Black Church Studies, Fall 2016
Task Force on Bias and Hate, 2015-2016.
D.Min. Oversight Committee, 2015-2017.
Search Committee, Dean of Divinity School, 2015-2016
Duke WIN Leadership Council, 2015-
Review committee for Assistant Professor and Director of Office of Black Church Studies,
Spring 2015
Council for the Arts, 2014-
Reader for Duke School of Medicine secondary applications, 2014-2015
Review committee for Vice President for Institutional Equity and Chief Diversity Officer,
Spring 2014
President's Senior Leadership Group, 2013-
STEAM Challenge Faculty Advisory Board, 2012-2014
Executive Board, Brain and Society group, Bass Connections, 2012-2014.

Princeton Theological Seminary Service

Placement Support Network, 2015-
Seminary Council on Institutional Diversity, 2012
Board of Trustees Committee on Seminary Relations, 2011-2012
Faculty Support and Development Committee, 2011-2012
Convener, Preaching/Speech Communication in Ministry/Worship Area, 2011-2012
Chair, Seminary Council on Institutional Diversity, 2009-2010
Chapel Committee, 2009-2010
Bicentennial Committee, 2008-2012
Black Concerns Council, 2008-2010
Admissions Committee, 2007-2009
International Admissions Committee, 2007-2009
Chair, Latino/a Concerns Council, 2007-2008
Task Force on Racial/Ethnic Sensitivity and Multi-Cultural Awareness, 1998