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**Education:**

**Union Presbyterian Seminary** Ph.D. Christian Social Ethics, May 2008  
Dissertation: "Just Act: Ida B. Wells and Ethical Complications of Lynching"  
**Howard University School of Divinity**, M.Div. (with honors)  
**Trinity College**, Washington, D.C., AB Business Administration (summa cum laude)

**Grants and Fellowships:**

**Squaring the Womanist Circle Assistant Project Director**, a three-year feasibility project directed by Katie Geneva Cannon at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, The E. Rhodes & Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, (\$150,000) June 2012 - June 2015  
**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Ford Foundation, Baylor University Institute for Oral History host site (\$40,000) 2010-2011  
**Womanist Scholar**, Womanist Scholars Program at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia (\$37,500) 2010-2011  
**Summer Research Fellow**, Wabash Center (\$5,000) Summer 2010  
**Participant**, Wabash Center Workshop for Pre-tenure Faculty of African Descent (\$3,000), 2009-2010  
**Grantee**, Louisville Institute General Program Grant (\$26,961) May 2009  
**Doctoral Fellowship**, Union-PSCE, 2006-2007; 2004-2005  
**Field-Based Fellow**, Ford Foundation, 1997-1998  
**Lawrence N. Jones Scholarship**, Howard University School of Divinity, 1997

**Teaching Experience:**

**Robert B. and Kathleen Rogers Chair in Church and Society and Associate Professor of Ethics and Black Church Studies**, Saint Paul School of Theology, 2015-present

**Courses of Instruction:**

Introduction to Christian Ethics  
Moral Problems and Ethical Possibilities  
Approaches to the Study of Religion  
The Black Church in the U.S.  
Social Justice Foundations  
Advocacy in the 21st Century  
Ethics of Biblical Interpretation

Womanist, Feminist and Mujerista  
Ethics Race, Wealth and Poverty  
Exploring Models of Ministry  
Mid-Degree Seminar  
Summative Seminar

**Associate Professor of Ethics and Black Church Studies**, Saint Paul School of  
Theology, 2014-2015

**Assistant Professor of Ethics and Black Church Studies**, Saint Paul School of  
Theology, 2008-2014

**Instructor in Christian Ethics and Black Church Studies**, Saint Paul  
School of Theology 2007-2008

**Visiting Professor**, Office of Black Women in Church and Society,  
Interdenominational Theological Center, 2010-2011. Graduate seminar on  
Moral Problems and Ethical Possibilities. This course examines Alice  
Walker's non fictional work as sources for moral Christian discernment.

**Teaching Assistant** to Stanley H. Skreslet, *Introduction to History of Christianity  
II*, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Spring 2007

**Teaching Assistant** to Katie Geneva Cannon, *Introduction to Christian  
Ethics*, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Spring 2006

**Teaching Assistant** to Henry C. Simmons, *Understanding Congregations  
and Agencies*, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Fall 2005

**Teaching Assistant** to Samuel K. Roberts, *Introduction to Christian  
Ethics*, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Spring 2005

**Administrative Experience:**

**Academic Dean**, Saint Paul School of Theology, October 2016-present

**Dean of Academic Programs**, Saint Paul School of Theology, July 2014-September  
2016

**Controller**, The Teaching Company (dba The Great Courses), Chantilly, VA; April 2000  
– October 2003

**Accounting Manager**, The Clark Construction Group – Bethesda, MD; February 1994 –  
March 2000

**Accounting Operations Manager**, Intertek Services Corporation – (Fairfax) Winchester,  
VA; July 1986 – February 1994

**Collaborative Research Experience:**

**New York Theological Seminary**, July 2008, Participant, *When Urban is Global II*,  
sponsored by the Faculty Development Institute, Ecologies of Learning

**Teaching Interests:**

Social ethics, womanist ethics, religion and violence, African American religious  
experience

## **Publications:**

### **Books:**

*Lynched: The Power of Memory in a Culture of Terror* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2016)

*Religio-Political Narratives in the United States: From Martin Luther King, Jr. to Jeremiah Wright*, coauthored with F. Douglas Powe and Johnny Bernard Hill (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2014)

*Womanist Theological Ethics: A Reader*, edited with Katie Geneva Cannon and Emilie M. Townes (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2011).

*Ethical Complications of Lynching; Ida B. Wells's Interrogation of American Terror* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2010).

### **Essays in Edited Volumes:**

"James M. Gustafson on Virtue" in *Beyond the Pale: Reading Ethics from the Margins*, edited by Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas and Miguel A. De La Torre (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2011): 153-160.

"The Issue of Race and Lynching" in *Womanist Theological Ethics: A Reader*, edited by Katie Geneva Cannon, Emilie M. Townes, and Angela D. Sims (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2011): 203-214.

"Re-orientation: Viewing Justice in a Racially Violent World" in *Womanist Theological Ethics: A Reader*, edited by Katie Geneva Cannon, Emilie M. Townes, and Angela D. Sims (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2011): 254-267.

### **Refereed Journal Articles and Encyclopedic Entries:**

"Realities of Teaching in a Neo-Lynching Culture in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America," *Religious Studies News* (April 2017) <http://rsn.aarweb.org/spotlight-on/theo-ed/between-the-times/theological-education-between-times-reflections-telos-theological-education> (accessed May 3, 2017).

"Nooses in Public Spaces: A Womanist Critique of Lynching –A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ethical Dilemma," *The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 29.2 (Fall/Winter 2009): 81-95.

Six biographical entries in *The Westminster Handbook to Women in American Religious History*, edited by Susan Hill Lindley and Eleanor J. Stebner (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008): 8, 120, 128, 167, 178, 236.

"Womanist Works in Word" with Katie Geneva Cannon and Alison P. Gise Johnson, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 21:2 (Fall 2005): 135-146.

### **Non-Refereed Journal Articles:**

"Academic Re-Colorization: Christian Ethics and Black Church Ministries," *African American Pulpit* 11:4 (Fall 2008): 31-33.

### **Book Reviews:**

Review of James H. Cone, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2012). In *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 67:1 (January 2013): 98.

- Review of David T. Beito and Linda Royster Beito, *Black Maverick: T. R. M. Howard's fight for Civil Rights and Economic Power* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2009). In *Oral History Review* 2011 38: 269-271.
- Review of Yolanda Pierce, *Hell without Fires: Slavery, Christianity, and the Antebellum Spiritual Narrative* (Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida, 2005). In *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 61:4 (October 2007): 458-459.
- Review of Vashti McKenzie, *Not Without a Struggle: Leadership Development for African-American Women in Ministry* (Cleveland, OH: United Church Press, 1996). In *The Journal of Religious Thought* 53:2 and 54:1 (1997): 154-157.

### **Oral History Project:**

Remembering Lynching: Strategies of Resistance and Visions of Justice, archived at the Institute for Oral History at Baylor University, documents narratives of African Americans, born in or before 1929, about lynching and a culture of lynching is funded by the: Ford Foundation, Louisville Institute, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, and the Womanist Scholars Program at the Interdenominational Theological Center with in-kind support by the: Institute for Oral History, Baylor University.

### **Media recognition:**

- Religion and Ethics, January 18, 2013, "Lynching and Forgiveness", <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/2013/01/18/january-18-2013-lynching-and-forgiveness/14533/> (accessed March 24, 2017).
- New York Times, February 26, 2011, New York edition, A17, "Seeking Lynching Stories as Accounts of Faith," February 25, 2011, [http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/26/us/26religion.html?\\_r=1&ref=samuelgfreedman](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/26/us/26religion.html?_r=1&ref=samuelgfreedman) (accessed March 24, 2017).
- Waco Tribune-Herald, "Missouri Prof teams with Baylor to Record Oral Histories from Witnesses to Lynchings", February 19, 2011.
- Baptist News, "Survivors and Witnesses of Texas Lynching Tell of Fear, Faith and Forgiveness", January 4, 2011, <https://baptistnews.com/article/survivorswitnessesoflynchingtelltalesoffearfaithandforgiveness/#.WNU3VxLyv-Y> (accessed March 24, 2017).
- Baylor Magazine, Winter 2010-11, Volume 9, Number 2, "Fear, Faith and Forgiveness". Bill's 'Faith Matters' Weblog, "Remembering Racial Horrors", January 10, 2011, [http://billtammeus.typepad.com/my\\_weblog/2011/01/1-10-11.html](http://billtammeus.typepad.com/my_weblog/2011/01/1-10-11.html) (accessed March 24, 2017).
- Baylor Proud, "Baylor Institute for Oral History Works to Capture Stories Before they Disappear", October 1, 2010, <http://www2.baylor.edu/baylorproud/2010/10/baylor-institute-for-oral-history-works-to-capture-stories-before-they-disappear/> (accessed March 24, 2017).
- The Dallas Morning News, "Oral History Project Records Elderly Blacks on the Horror of Lynchings", September 18, 2010, <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/news/2010/09/18/Oral-history-project->

records-elderly-blacks-4051 (accessed March 24, 2017).

Baylor College of Arts and Sciences, A & S News, "Survivors and Witnesses of Texas Lynching Tell of Fear, Faith and Forgiveness," September 9, 2010, <https://www.baylor.edu/mediacommunications/news.php?action=story&story=79180> (accessed March 24, 2017).

Baylor University News, "Survivors and Witnesses of Texas Lynching Tell of Fear, Faith and Forgiveness," September 8, 2010, <http://www.baylor.edu/pr/news.php?action=story&story=79180> (accessed March 24, 2017).

### **Conference Co-Organizer:**

"Emancipation's Unfinished Agenda: "What Will I Tell My Children Who Are Black?" – April 11 & 12, 2013. Co-Organizers, Katie Geneva Cannon and Erica Kierulf. This conference, sponsored by a grant from the E. Rhodes & Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, brought together scholars, clergy, and laity to discuss the theological and ethical import of the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation for African and African Diasporic persons.

### **Academic Conference Paper Presentations and Lectures:**

Breakfast with an Author, *Lynched: The Power of Memory in a Culture of Terror* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2016). Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Portland, OR (January 2018, forthcoming)

"For Such a Time as This: The Power of Memory in a Culture of Terror", Resurrecting Their Stories: A Community Based Oral History Project, convened by Northeastern University Law School's Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project, Tuskegee, AL (June 2017)

"Freedom: A Perennial Question", Christian Scholars Conference, Nashville, TN (June 2017)

"Whose Cross – Whose Tree: Religious Imagery and Women's Positionality", Christian Scholars Conference, Nashville, TN (June 2017)

"Then and Now: Resilient Resistance in a Culture of Terror", Felice Hill Gaines Lecture in African Studies, University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO (April 2017)

"An Outsider's View: Intersectionality and Contextual Realities", 2017 Women in Leadership Deans' Consultation and 2017 Academic Officers' Conference, Orlando, FL (March 2017)

"Curating Truth: Black Elders' Memories of Lynching Culture as an Embodied Ethic of Veracity", Nannie Helen Burroughs Lecture, Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC (March 2017)

"Realities of Teaching in a Neo-Lynching Culture in 21<sup>st</sup> Century *America*", American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX (November 2016)

"Gospel Bearers: Testifying in a Neo-Lynching Age", Christian Scholars Conference, Nashville, TN (June 2016)

"Technology in the Classroom: Building Learning Communities with Webinars", Society for the Study of Black Religion, Savannah, GA (March 2015)

"Deep Breaths and High Impact Aerobics: Reflecting on Teaching Researching Writing

- in the Key of Katie Geneva Cannon”, Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (January 2015)
- “At the Hands of Known Persons: Courageous Truth Telling in a Neo-Lynching Culture”, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA (November 2014)
- “What's Race Got To Do With It?: Navigating Religion and Academic Freedom in Uncontested White Spaces”, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA (November 2014)
- “‘Not something we just talked about’: Women, Memory and Strategies of Resistance”, National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico (November 2014)
- “Courageous Truth Telling: Remembering Lynching as an Ethical-Theological Mandate”, Theology and Peace Conference, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC (June 2014)
- “Civility in Our Age: Courageous Truth Telling as Social Activism,” National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Meeting, Wilmington, DE (March 2014)
- Panelist, Review of Tracey Hucks’ *Yoruba Traditions and African American Religious Nationalism*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD (November 2013)
- Keynote Address, “Courageous Truth Telling”, LivFullE Women’s Conference, Ashland Theological Seminary, Detroit, MI (June 2013)
- Presenter, session on summer 2012 Afro-Brazilian Religious Study Tour, Society for the Study of Black Religion Annual Meeting, Evanston, IL (March 2013)
- Breakfast with an Author on co-edited book, *Womanist Theological Ethics: A Reader* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2011). Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (January 2013)
- Respondent, “Future Scholars on Ethics from the Margins”, Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (January 2013)
- Panelist, “Critical Conversations on The Cross and the Lynching Tree”, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (November 2012)
- “Remember Today Like It Was Yesterday’: Intentional and Otherwise Cautionary Narratives”, Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Cleveland, OH (October, 2012)
- “Know Something About That: Black Women’s Lived Experience in the Shadow of Lynching Trees”, Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA (September 2012)
- Presenter, “R.E.S.T.: Character Formation in the Shadow of Lynching Trees: James M. Gustafson on Virtue” Ethics Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (November 2011)
- Presenter, Review of Raj Nadella’s *Dialogue Not Dogma: Many Voices in the Gospel of Luke*. Asian and Asian American Hermeneutics (AAAH) Group, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (November 2011)
- “Piercing Consciousness Raising in the Shadow of Lynching Trees: Oral History and Black Women’s Existential Reality.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (November 2011)

- Breakfast with an Author, *Ethical Complications of Lynching: Ida B. Wells's Interrogation of American Terror* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2010). Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (January 2011)
- "While I have Breath in my Body: African American Women Remember Lynching." National Women's Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (November, 2010)
- "Oral History and Religious Discourse: African Americans Reflect on Lynching." Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (October 2010)
- "Remembering Slavery: Cautionary Lessons, Ethical Motifs and Social Consciousness," National Women's Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (November 2009)
- "Nooses in Public Spaces: A Womanist Critique of Lynching – A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ethical Dilemma." Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (January 2009)
- "Beyond Rope and Faggot: A Womanist Ethical Analysis of Lynching." Ethics, Society, & Cultural Analysis Section, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Regional Meeting, Irving, TX (March 2008)
- "Mornings with Alice: The Transformational Significance of Remembering in Womanist Ethical Discourse." Womanist Approaches to the Religion and Society Group, American Academy of Religion Regional Meeting, Washington, DC (November 2006)
- "In Search of Well-Watered Gardens: Theo-Ethical Resources in the Works of Alice Walker." American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, Baltimore, MD (March 2006)
- "Rhetorical Markers: The Ethics of Character, Craft, and Culture in the Study of African Traditional Religion." American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, New Brunswick, NJ (March 2005)

#### **Other Presentations and Lectures:**

- Public book talk, *Lynched: The Power of Memory in a Culture of Terror*, hosted by New Hope Missionary Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO (June 2017)
- Guest teacher, "Post 11/9 Realities: What Does the Lord Require of Us?", Asbury United Methodist Church, Prairie Village, KS (January 2017)
- Speaker, "Passing It On: Wisdom Sayings From African American Elders Who Remember a Time When Life Was No Crystal Stair", Isaac & Fannie Metcalf Education Foundation Banquet, Kansas City, MO (April 2016)
- Speaker, "Economic Disadvantage: A Tool of Capitalism", Salon 360 Public Conversation, Kansas City, MO (February 2016)
- Speaker, "Boycott: The Power of Economic Choice in a Global Capitalist Society", Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO (January 2016)
- Panelist, "Engaging the Issues of Racial Reconciliation (in the Church and beyond), Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO (January 2016)
- Moderator, "Power of the Sisterhood: A Conversation on Gender, Race and Power", Communities Creating Opportunities, Kansas City, MO (December 2015)
- President, "Two Score and Ten Years Later -- Reflections on the Fiftieth Anniversary of

the March on Washington” Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD (November 2013)

Moderator, “What Shall I Tell my Children Who are Black?”, Squaring the Womanist Circle Project, Richmond, VA (April 2013)

Panelist, Round Table on Race and Incarceration sponsored by Cherith Brook, Kansas City, MO (October 2012)

Convener, “This is Their Story, This is Our Story: African-Americans and Historical Preservation”, Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Cleveland, OH (October 2012)

Convener, “Oh What They Can Speak to Us Now”, Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA (September 2012)

Convener, “When Capitalism Becomes a Global Casino What Should We Do?” Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (January 2012)

Facilitator, Breakfast with an Author, *Ethnography as Christian Theology and Ethics*. Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (January 2012)

Presider, *Womanist Theological Ethics: A Reader*. Ethics Section and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (November 2011)

Guest lecturer, “Cross-Cultural Dialogue as a Ministry of Presence,” Clinical Pastoral Education didactic for Chaplain Residents, Saint Luke Hospital, Kansas City, MO (October 2011)

Guest lecturer, ““In This Here Place We Flesh”: Embodied Presence and Pastoral Identity,” Clinical Pastoral Education didactic for Chaplain Residents, Saint Luke Hospital, Kansas City, MO (June 2011)

Guest lecturer, “R.E.S.T.: In the Shadow of the Lynching Tree,” Ethics and Society 621 Section 1, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA (April 2011)

Panelist, “Nano Second Degrees of Separation: Global Consciousness and Pedagogical Strategies,” Presidential Inaugural Conference, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA (April 2011)

Speaker, “Difficult but Necessary Dialogues: African Americans Remember Lynching,” Womanist Scholars Program of the Office of Black Women in Church and Society Spring Lecture in conjunction with Morehouse School of Religion’s Founders’ Day Celebration and C. D. Hubert Lecture Series at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA (February 2011)

Guest lecturer, “When Cultures Clash in the Hospital Room,” Clinical Pastoral Education Didactic for Chaplain Residents, Heartland-Health, Saint Joseph, MO (August 2010)

Guest lecturer, “Womanist Spirituality and Pastoral Care,” Clinical Pastoral Education didactic for Chaplain Residents, Saint Luke Hospital, Kansas City, MO (June 2010)

Speaker, ““Intersection Where Worlds Collide’: Curricular and Program Expectations in a Globalized Society” Pre-conference for Association for Clinical Pastoral Education Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO (April 2010)

Convener, ““Ain’t I a Person?:’ Reimagining Human Rights in Light of Childhood,” Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA (January 2010)

Convener, “This is My Bible”: Are We Worshipping the Book or Living the Word?”



Fifth Annual Black Church Studies Summit, Candler School of Theology,  
Emory University, Atlanta, GA (January 2009)  
Convener, "Rejecting Euroamerican Ethics for a Latino/a Ethics of Jodiendo."  
Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (January 2009)  
Convener, "With Every Color Represented: Multiple Methods in Womanist  
Approaches." Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group,  
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (October 2008)  
Convener, "Residents or Resident Aliens? Hauerwas and Detachment in Contemporary  
Christianity." American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting,  
Baltimore, MD (March 2007)

**Professional Development:**

Participant, 2017 Academic Officers' Conference, Orlando, FL, March 16-18, 2017.  
Participant, 2017 Women in Leadership Deans' Consultation, Orlando, FL, March 15-16,  
2017.  
Participant, African American CEO/CAO Meeting, GTU, Berkeley, CA, January 9-10,  
2017.  
Participant, Educational Models Conference with the Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's  
Peer Group, ATS, February – October, 2016  
Fundamentals of Online Teaching Certificate, University of Wisconsin-Madison, January  
– February, 2016  
Participant, "Consultation on Theological Education", Mundelein Seminary,  
April 15-17, 2015  
Participant, "African and Diasporic African Women in Religion and Theology  
Conference II" at the Talitha Qumi Center, Trinity Theological Seminary,  
Legon, Ghana, July 5-10, 2014.  
Participant, ATS Gathering for Racial/Ethnic Faculty in Mid-Career, Chicago, IL,  
March 13-14, 2014.  
Participant, ATS Seminar for Mid-career Faculty, Chicago, IL, March 14-16, 2014.  
Participant, "African and Diasporic African Women in Religion and Theology  
Conference" at the Talitha Qumi Center, Trinity Theological Seminary, Legon,  
Ghana, July 8-14, 2012.  
Participant, "Traveling the Ancestral Road," a spiritual sojourn to Salvador, Bahia, Brazil,  
co-sponsored by the Society for the Study of Religion and the Veteran's  
Hope Project, June 21-July 3, 2012.  
Participant, Catching Stories Oral History Institute at Kenyon College, Gambier, OH,  
June 2010.  
Participant, "Through Hispanic Eyes." a faculty seminar at Perkins School of Theology  
at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, June 2009.  
Observer, Lilly Theological Research Grants 2009 Conference, Pittsburgh, PA,  
February 2009.  
Participant, Wabash Center Dinner for New Teachers, Chicago, IL, October 2008.  
Participant, ATS Roundtable Seminar for Newly Appointed Faculty, Chicago, IL,  
October 2008.  
Participant, ATS Women in Leadership Seminar Pittsburgh, PA, October 2008.  
Participant, New York Theological Seminary, Faculty Development Institute,

Ecologies of Learning, *When Urban is Global II*, New York, NY, July, 2008.

**Professional Service:**

Editorial Board Member, *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* (effective March 2017)

Academic Dean, Saint Paul (October 2016-present)

Dean of Academic Programs, Saint Paul (July 2014-September 2016)

Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees, Saint Paul (2014-2016)

Strategic Planning Team, Saint Paul (member 2014-2016)

Faculty Personnel and Steering Committee, Saint Paul (member 2011-2013)

Curriculum and Degrees Self-Study Committee, Saint Paul (member 2009-2010)

Research with Human Subjects Committee, Saint Paul (chair 2013-2014, Fall 2012; co-chair 2009 to March 2010; member 2011-2012)

Academic Programs Committee (formerly Masters and Doctor of Ministry Committee), Saint Paul, member 2014-2016

Masters Committee (formerly Curriculum Committee), Saint Paul (chair 2008-2010; member 2013-2014, 2007-2008)

Doctor of Ministry Committee, Saint Paul (member 2008-Fall 2009, Spring 2013) Committee to Hire President, Saint Paul (member Fall 2013)

Committee to Hire Associate Director of Contextual Education, Saint Paul (member Spring 2008)

youTheology Advisory Board, Saint Paul (member 2007-2008)

**Academic Advisement:**

Lead Faculty for Doctor of Ministry in Children and Poverty, Spring 2009 to 2015

Faculty Advisor, Black Church Studies Program, 2007 to September 2016

**Professional Associations:**

American Academy of Religion, Member, 2003-present

Society of Christian Ethics, Member, 2006-present

Society for the Study of Black Religion, Member, 2007-present

National Women's Studies Association, Member, 2009-present

Oral History Association, Member, 2009-present

Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Member 2010-present

**Leadership in Professional Societies:**

**American Academy of Religion:**

Critical Whiteness Studies and Religion Exploratory Session Advisory Member, November 2014 to November 2015

Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. Group Steering Committee, since December 2012

Career Services Advisory Committee, November 2008 to November

2011

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group Steering  
Committee, November 2008 to 2013

Student Liaison, December 2005 to July 2007

Student Member Mid-Atlantic Region Board of Directors, March 2005 to  
March 2007

**Society of Christian Ethics:**

Board of Directors, Class of 2019

Program Committee, 2017

Finance & Long-Term Planning Committee, 2015- (chair 2017-)

Survey Ad Hoc Sub-Committee, 2015-2016

2020 Committee, 2012 - 2014

*Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics* editorial board, Class of 2015

Referee, 2009-2013; 2016

Nominating Committee, 2008-2009

**Society for the Study of Black Religion:**

Treasurer, since March 2016

**Oral History Association:**

Diversity Committee Member, October 2013 to October 2016

**Public Activities:**

**Newspaper in-depth articles:** (1) “Midwest Lynchings aren’t included in new report, but a 94-year-old woman remembers one in St. Joseph”, *The Kansas City Star*, February 21, 2015; (2) Spotlighted (with photo) in “KC Experts Explore Foundations of Black Spiritual History”, *The Kansas City Star*, February 20, 2010, C12 and C11; (3) Spotlighted (with photo) in “A Prophet in His Own Land”, *The Kansas City Star*, March 29, 2008, pp. E14 and E12.

**Sermons:** (1) “After What do You Thirst?”, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, St. Joseph, MO, June 2017. (2) “In Times Like These”, Zion Temple Baptist Church, Lake Charles, LA, May 2017. (3) “When Life Happens”, Saint Paul School of Theology, Oklahoma City, OK, May 2017. (4) “A Faith that Rests in God”, Colonial UCC, Prairie Village, KS (May 2017). (5) “Life is no Crystal Stair”, St. Stephen Baptist Church, May 2017 (6) “Echoes of a not so Distant Past: Speaking Truth in a Neo-Lynching Culture”, Second Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO, March 2015. (7) “Exiled to Prepare” Church of the Lord Jesus Christ the Messiah, Kansas City, MO, September 2014. (8) “Can You Drink the Cup?” St. Stephen Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO, April 2014. (9) “Family: A Matter of Perspective” St. Stephen Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO, September 2012. (10) “Intimacy and Expectation During a Season of Waiting” Village Presbyterian Church, December 2011. (11) “After Resurrection, Then

What?” Abyssinian Baptist Church, Newark, NJ, June 2010. (12) “Order our Steps,” St. Stephen Baptist Church Graduation Banquet, May 2010. (13) “Come Lord Jesus Come,” St. Stephen Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO, November 2009. (14) “God is Trying to Tell Us Something,” St. Stephen Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO, May 2009. (15) “Got to Tell Somebody,” Grand Avenue Temple United Methodist Church, Kansas City, MO, March 2009. (16) “Eyes that Watch God,” St. Stephen Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO, February 2009. (17) “Wait for the Lord,” Clair Memorial United Methodist Church, Omaha, NE, January 2009. (18) “Now is the Time,” Nebraska United Methodist Conference Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service, Omaha, NE, January 2009. (19) “A God of No Boundaries,” Meadowbrook United Methodist Church, Gladstone, MO, December 2008.

**Blogs:** “Truth-telling in the Black Church” on theblackbottom.com, May 3, 2010.

**Presentations:** (1) “In This Here Place: Racialized Consciousness and Prophetic Response”, Clergy Women’s Retreat, Virginia Beach, VA, February 2015. (2) “Maintaining Wellness: Connecting the DOTS at the Cross”, Clergy Women’s Retreat, Virginia Beach, VA, February 2014. (3) “The Simplicity of God’s Love,” First Mount Zion Baptist Church, Dumfries, VA, February 2009 (4) “Doing the Right Thing?: Christian Ethical Resources and Moral Discernment,” Laity School of Theology at Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, MO, November 2008 (5) “Ethics and the Black Church”, Friendship Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO, October 2008

**Professional Certification and / or Ordination:**

Ordination, Gospel Ministry, First Mount Zion Baptist Church, 2007