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Curriculum Vita

Saint Paul School of Theology
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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 (a feasibility collaboration housed at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA), The E. Rhodes & Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, 2012-2015.
Postdoctoral Fellow, Ford Foundation, 2010-2011
Womanist Scholar, Interdenominational Theological Center, 2010-2011
Summer Research Fellow, Wabash Center, July 12 to August 13, 2010.
Research Fellow, Louisville Institute, 2009-2010
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

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

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

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:

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

"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.

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

"Nooses in Public Spaces: A Womanist Critique of Lynching –A 21st 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.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Remembering Lynching: Strategies of Resistance and Visions of Justice. This project, 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. See, <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/episodes/january-18-2013/lynching-and-forgiveness/14533/> and http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/26/us/26religion.html?_r=1&ref=samuelgfreedman

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.

Select Conference Paper Presentations and Lectures

Invited panelist, Review of Tracey Hucks’ *Yoruba Traditions and African American Religious Nationalism*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 2013 (forthcoming).

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

Presenter, Invited Session on summer 2012 Afro-Brazilian Religious Study Tour -- Society for the Study of Black Religion, Evanston, IL, March 2013.

Respondent, Invited Session on “Future Scholars on Ethics from the Margins” -- Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 2013.

Breakfast with an Author, *Womanist Theological Ethics: A Reader* -- Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 2013.

Discussant, Invited Session on “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.

Discussant, Invited Panel on Race and Incarceration -- sponsored by Cherith Brook, Kansas City, MO, 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.

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.

“R.E.S.T.: Character Formation in the Shadow of Lynching Trees: James M. Gustafson on Virtue” -- American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2011.

Invited presenter, review of Raj Nadella’s *Dialogue Not Dogma: Many Voices in the Gospel of Luke* -- 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, Atlanta, GA, November 2011.

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

“Cross-Cultural Dialogue as a Ministry of Presence” -- Guest Lecturer, Saint Luke Hospital, Kansas City, MO, October 2011.

“In This Here Place We Flesh”: Embodied Presence and Pastoral Identity” -- Guest Lecturer, Saint Luke Hospital, Kansas City, MO, June 2011.

“Nano Second Degrees of Separation: Global Consciousness and Pedagogical Strategies” -- Invited Session, Presidential Inaugural Conference, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA, April 2011.

“Difficult but Necessary Dialogues: African Americans Remember Lynching” -- Guest Lecturer, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA, February 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.

“When Cultures Clash in the Hospital Room” -- Guest Lecturer, Heartland-Health, Saint Joseph, MO, August 2010.

“Womanist Spirituality and Pastoral Care” -- Guest Lecturer, Saint Luke Hospital, Kansas City, MO, June 2010.

“‘Intersection Where Worlds Collide’: Curricular and Program Expectations in a Globalized Society” -- Guest Lecturer, 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.

“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 21st Century Ethical Dilemma” -- Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 2009.

Convener, “This is My Bible”: Are We Worshipping the Book or Living the Word?” -- Black Church Studies Summit, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, January 2009.

Convener, “Rejecting Euroamerican Ethics for a Lationo/a Ethics of Jodiendo” --

Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 2009.

Convener, “With Every Color Represented: Multiple Methods in Womanist Approaches” -- American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, October 2008.

“Beyond Rope and Faggot: A Womanist Ethical Analysis of Lynching” -- Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Irving, TX, March 2008.

Convener, “Residents or Resident Aliens? Hauerwas and Detachment in Contemporary Christianity” -- American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, Baltimore, MD, March 2007.

“Mornings with Alice: The Transformational Significance of Remembering in Womanist Ethical Discourse” -- American Academy of Religion Annual 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, 2005.

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

Professional Service

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)

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)

Doctor of Ministry in Children and Poverty, Saint Paul (Lead Faculty Member
Spring 2009-present)
Black Church Ministries Program, Saint Paul School of Theology
(faculty advisor 2007-present)