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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (2019) – Religious and Theological Studies, The University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO

Disciplinary Interests

Christian Ethics Constructive Theology Religious Studies Sociology of Religion Critical Theory

Interdisciplinary Competence

Systematic Theology Applied Religious Studies Sociology of Race African, African American, and Afrodiasporic Studies Political Economics

Master of Divinity (2011) – Systematic Theology and Philosophy of Religion, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY

Bachelor of Science (2008) – Psychology and Theology (Minor), Fordham University – College at Rose Hill, Bronx, NY

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Ethics, Church and Society, Saint Paul School of Theology, 2021-present.

Research Project Coordinator for Institute for the Study of the Black Christian Experience, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, August 2020-2021.

Post-Doctoral Fellow of Emergency Preparedness, Research & Evaluation Practice (EPREP) Program in Division of Policy Translation & Leadership Development, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, June 2017-2019.

PUBLICATIONS

*Denotes Peer-Reviewed Publication

Books

*Black Theology and The Black Panthers, Fortress Press, 2021.

Journal Articles

"Countering Racial Hate Narratives: An Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Peer-to-Peer Initiatives" Postdoctoral Research National Institute of Justice Grant, *Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health*, 2021.

Book Chapters

*"Black Lives Still Matter" in Faith and Reckoning After Trump, Miguel De La Torre, ed., Orbis

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Books, 2021.

- *"Race, Economics, and the Future of Blackness" in *Critical Black Futures--Deconstruction and Speculation*, Philip Butler, ed., Palgrave Macmillan, 2021.
- "Black/Womanist Practical Guidance toward Collective Liberation for Black Churches" in *Discipling Young, Gifted, and Black Leaders*, Emmett Price, ed., Fortress Press, 2021.

Other Publications

*"Prison Deradicalization Program Appendix" in *Evaluation Framework for Carceral De-Radicalization/Disengagement Programs*, Elana Savoia, eds. by Jessica Stern.

Media

"Embracing Hopelessness: Push Against Salvation History," Hispanic Theological Initiative Podcast November 23, 2019, accessed September 21, 2020, https://www.htiopenplaza.org/content/embracing-hopelessness?fbclid=IwAR2ewOxUDpxv-SerCI64iacAZ9TjKTelF-9ivVWHqKhc2C-Z680gcd-SK14

Video

- "First Responders Preparing for the Journey," The Twelfth Baptist Church Men's Fellowship, September 19, 2020, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BBzZ29A4tGU
- "Bible Study with Rev. Art J. Gordon & Rev. Dr. Joshua Bartholomew," St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Boston, MA, July 15, 2020, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btIK7sIPmzA
- "Greater Boston Youth and Family Ministry Consultation (Part III)," Institute for the Study of the Black Christian Experience, May 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Harvard University - Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, June 2017-2019

Post-Doctoral Fellow of Emergency Preparedness, Research & Evaluation Practice (EPREP) Program in Division of Policy Translation & Leadership Development: Gathered and organized data for evaluation of counter-violent extremism project funded by the National Institute of Justice; identified criteria to evaluate national anti-hate campaigns and public health interventions; conducted interviews with creators of national anti-hate campaigns and recorded what factors make counter-violent extremism initiatives more effective; contributed data analysis to research and to literature reviews for the creation of counter-violent extremism scales, measures, and surveys; gave presentations on sociological approaches to race-theory and on relationship between religion and the formation of racial extremist identities; crafted intellectual products related to the contextualization of extremist ideologies and recruitment strategies; utilized research to improve the effectiveness of anti-hate campaigns and inform public health interventions and educational policies; composed and co-authored briefs and indexes on counter violence extremism projects.

Iliff School of Theology and The University of Denver, September 2012 – September 2015 *Doctoral Research Assistant*: Collected and organized research for *The Quest for the Historical Satan* (Miguel De La Torre and Albert Hernandez).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor of Religious and Theological Studies, Iliff School of Theology, 2015-present.

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Affiliate Professor of Religious and Theological Studies, Regis University, March 2016-March 2017.

Teaching Assistant, "Religion and Race" (Ted Vial) Iliff School of Theology, Fall 2017.

Teaching Assistant, "Symbolic Logic" (Marco Nathan) The University of Denver, Spring 2014.

Teaching Assistant "Philosophy of Law" (Jeffrey Brown) The University of Denver, Winter 2014.

Teaching Assistant, "Race, Gender, Class: Historical, Sociological and Scientific Analysis of Individual, Institutional, and Systemic Racism in the Modern World" (George "Tink" Tinker), Iliff School of Theology, Fall 2013.

Teaching Assistant, "Ethics and Advocacy" (Miguel De La Torre), Iliff School of Theology, Spring 2013.

Teaching Assistant, "Comparative Race Politics" (Nancy Wadsworth), The University of Denver, Winter 2013.

Teaching Assistant, "Education and Social Change" (Kate Willink), The University of Denver, Fall 2012.

LECTURES

- "Community-Driven Economics and Radical Black Movements, with an Eye Toward Anti-Capitalist Formations," BCDI Weekly Political Education Discussant, The Bronx Cooperative Development Initiative, August, 2020.
- "Building Solidarity Across Boundaries for Social Justice," Panelist, Iliff School of Theology, Dean's Café Public Lecture, February 6, 2020.
- "Why the Original Black Panther Party (for Self-Defense) is Opposed to the New Black Panther Party," Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Emergency Preparedness, Research & Evaluation Practice (EPREP) Program in Division of Policy Translation & Leadership Development Colloquium, April 2018.
- "Religion and Race," Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Emergency Preparedness, Research & Evaluation Practice (EPREP) Program in Division of Policy Translation & Leadership Development Colloquium, July 2017.
- "Theology and the Construction of Race," Regis University, Religious Studies Department, Religion and the Human Quest Symposium, October 2016.
- "Different Models for Ethics and Decision-Making," Regis University, Religious Studies Department, Interprofessional Health-Care Ethics Lectures, April 2016.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/PAPERS

INVITED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL/REGIONAL LEVEL

- "Black Theology and The Black Panthers," *Undying Love...Black Theology and Anti-Colonial Movements* sponsored by Black Theology Unit, American Academy of Religion, December 2020.
- "Preventing and Combating Extremism, Radicalization, and Terrorism in the Internet Era," *Towards a Holistic Approach to Conflict Prevention: Preventing and Countering Online Radicalization and Cyber-Terrorism* sponsored by the International Initiative for Confronting Cyber Terrorism in United Nations, New York City, NY, May 2, 2019.

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- "Black Theology and The Black Panthers: A Methodologically Womanist Consideration of Political and Economic Praxis," A Black Theology of Liberation: Future Scholars on the Life and Legacy of the Rev. Dr. James Hal Cone sponsored by Future Scholars Interest Group, Society of Christian Ethics, Louisville, KY, January 4, 2019.
- "Development of Evaluation Model Methods and Activities in Countering Violent Extremism," *The Development of CVE Programming in The United States* sponsored by The Society for Terrorism Research: 11th Annual International Conference in New York University, August 15, 2017.
- "Making #BlackLivesMatter at Predominately White Institutions in Higher Education," *Diversity Summit,* University of Denver, January 22, 2016.
- "Black Lives Matter and Education," *The University of Denver's Diversity Summit on Inclusive Excellence*, The University of Denver, January 22, 2016.
- "Resisting Theologies of Whiteness as Social Justice Practitioners," *White Privilege and Practices of Social Justice: A Symposium*, Iliff School of Theology, May 7, 2014.
- "Secularism and the Rise of Popular Culture as Religion: A Look into the Cult of Sports," *Popular Culture II:* Religion and Secularism in Comics and Sports sponsored by Religion and Popular Culture Group, The American Academy of Religion: Rocky Mountain Regional Conference AAR/SBL Annual Meeting at The University of Denver, March 30, 2014.
- "A Response to Dr. Eric Pearman's 'Predatory Lions and Sacrificial Lambs: Where Do We Go from Here?" Predatory Lions and Sacrificial Lambs Roundtable Discussion, The University of Denver, October 11, 2013.
- "Cultural Capitals as American Race," *Territorial Rewriting of Religious-Political Violence* sponsored by the Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, The American Academy of Religion: National Conference AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL November 17, 2012.

(INTER)NATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Revisiting Economic Social Practices from the Black Panther Party as an Ethical Model for Racial Justice," *Let's Talk Crime and Security: with Focus on BLM, Racial Injustice, Hate Crime, Policing, and COVID-19* sponsored by University College London Conference, October 1, 2020.

INVITED COMMUNITY/ORGANIZING PRESENATIONS

- "Moral Vision of a Just Global Society," Presenter sponsored by SURJ Showing Up for Racial Justice, Boulder, CO, February 21 2017.
- "Critical Race Theory and The Movement for Black Lives," Panelist, The University of Denver, Critical Race Theory in Education Symposium, September 27, 2016
- "Identity, Power, and Difference," Active Solidarity Lectures, Panelist, Iliff School of Theology, March 7, 2016
- "Reclaiming Martin Luther King Day and Black Lives Matter," Panelist, Iliff School of Theology, Black Lives Matter as a Movement and Theological Intervention Course, February 6, 2016

HONORS AND AWARDS

Dissertation Fellow, Dissertation Research Fellowship, The Joint Doctoral Program at The University of

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Denver and Iliff School of Theology, May 2018

Graduate Student Association Outstanding Student Leadership and Community Service Award, Iliff School of Theology, June 2017

Graduate Studies Dissertation Awardee, Graduate Studies Dissertation Award, The University of Denver, February 2017

T.B. Maston Graduate Scholarship in Christian Ethics Awardee, T.B. Maston Foundation, May 2015

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Applied Religious Studies Group, American Academy of Religion, 2021-23

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Participant, The Roger Salters Writing Institute, The University of Denver, Spring 2015

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

- Institute for the Study of the Black Christian Experience, 2019-2021
- #EQUIP: Nurturing Strong and Courageous Youth Project, 2019-2021
- The Black Church Vitality Project, 2019-2021

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

• Dean's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion, 2018-2020

PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, Delta Psi Lambda, Fall 2015-present

My Brother's Keeper 617, 2017-present

Black Lives Matter 5280. Denver, CO – Core Member and Co-Founder of Economic Justice Proposal, 2015-2017

- Civil Rights Leader of the Year Award, NEWSED Colorado, November 2016
- Lucy Parsons Award, 9to5 Colorado, August 2016
- Movement Leader Award, FRESC, August 2016
- Union Brick, Ron Ruggiero, President of SEIU Local 105, January 2016
- Elise Boulding Peacemaker of the Year Award, Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center, Boulder, CO, December 2015

MEDIA COVERAGE (selected)

Written Statement Contributor, *Brandon Marshall to Meet with DPD Chief White*, CBS News Denver, September 12, 2016, http://denver.cbslocal.com/2016/09/12/brandon-marshall-national-anthem-black-lives-matter, accessed September 24, 2020

Feature Story, "Fellow Friday," Denver Literacy Fellow Program, April 22, 2016, http://www.denverfellows.com/

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

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Certificate of License to Preach 2010, The Abyssinian Baptist Church, Harlem

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

Youth Pastor, Twelfth Baptist Church, Boston, MA, 2019-2021.

Dean, Twelfth Baptist Church Institute for Christian Education, Boston, MA, 2020-2021.

Consultant to the Pastor for Youth Ministry, New Hope Baptist Church, Denver, CO, 2016-17.

Intern Minister for Youth, The Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York, NY, 2009-11.

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH (selected)

Series Contributor, St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, Roxbury, MA Rev. Art Gordon, Pastor

Preacher, Mt. Zion AME Church, Dover, DE

Rev. Ericka Crawford., Pastor

Keynote, Massachusetts Baptist Deacons and Deaconess Association Memorial Scholarship Ceremony

Consultant, New Hope Baptist Church, Denver, CO

Rev. Dr. Eugene Downing, Pastor

Preacher, Ebenezer Baptist Church of Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs, CO

Rev. Dr. Stephany Rose Spaulding, Pastor

Preacher, Morning Star Baptist Church, Mattapan, MA

Rev. John Matthew Borders III, Pastor

GUILD MEMBERSHIPS

Religion and Education Collaborative, 2017-present

Society for Terrorism Research, 2017-present

Society of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion, 2012-present

Society of Christian Ethics, 2012-present

American Academy of Religion, 2012-present

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Youth Enrichment and Afterschool Program, Early Childcare Choices, 2020-2021

Literacy Interventionist, Denver Public Schools, 2015-2016

REFERENCES

Miguel de la Torre, Ph.D., Professor of Social Ethics and Latinx Studies, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO, mdelatorre@iliff.edu

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- Eboni Marshall Turman, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Theology and African American Christian Tradition, Yale University, New Haven, CT eboni.marshallturman@yale.edu
- Emmet G. Price, Ph.D., Professor of Worship, Church, and Culture, Executive Director of the Institute for the Study of the Black Christian Experience, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Hamilton, MA, eprice@gordonconwell.edu
- George DeMartino, Ph.D., Professor of International Economics at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, Denver, CO, george.demartino@du.edu