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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Biblical Studies: New Testament and Early Christianity, Graduate Division of Religion,
The Theological School, Drew University, Expected 2020

Dissertation: “Idolatry in Romans and Revelation: Toward an Africana-Decolonial
Hermeneutic of Images”

M.Div. Princeton Theological Seminary, 2013

B.A. History and Religious Studies (double major) with Honors, University of Chicago, 2010

Diploma First Honors, Seton Hall Preparatory School (West Orange, NJ), 2006

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor, New Testament Studies, Lancaster Theological Seminary, 2019

Adjunct Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, New Jersey City University, 2017-Present

Adjunct Lecturer, Biblical Studies Area, The Theological School, Drew University, 2017-2018

Teaching Assistant, Biblical Studies Area, The Theological School, Drew University, 2016-2017

Research Assistant to Nancy Lynne Westfield, PhD., Professor of Religious Education, The
Theological School, Drew University, 2016-2017

Core Faculty, Newark School of Theology, 2014-Present

Teaching Assistant, Biblical Studies Department, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2012-2013

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Pastor, Raritan Valley Baptist Church (Edison, NJ), 2014-Present

Pastoral Assistant, Good Neighbor Baptist Church (Newark, NJ), 2011-2014

Youth Minister, New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church (Chicago, IL), 2007-2010

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Care Manager, Families and Community Together (Mountainside, NJ), 2014-2015

Youth Care Counselor, Volunteers of America (Rahway, NJ), 2013-2015

Park Ranger, Thomas Edison National Historical Park (West Orange, NJ), 2006-2013

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, “Maintaining Dialogue Between the Seminary, the Sanctuary and the Streets,” Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice Roundtable Discussion, Annual Meeting of the Society of Bible Literature and the American Academy of Religion, November 2019

Panelist, “Seminal Books Series: James H. Cone’s *A Black Theology of Liberation*,” Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice, October 2018

“Grave(n) Images: What Statues Can Teach Us About Religion, Identity, and Power,” Department of Philosophy and Religion Faculty Lecture, New Jersey City University, March 2018

Respondent, “Review of Alexandra Gruca- Macaulay, *Lydia as Rhetorical Construct in Acts* (SBL Press, 2016),” Rhetoric and the New Testament Section, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2017

Respondent, Graduate Student Colloquium, Sixteenth Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium: Africana Religious Studies, Drew University, March 2017

“‘A Colony of Heaven:’ Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Attempt to Place Paul into the Civil Rights Movement Through ‘Letter from Birmingham Jail,’” Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Senior Presentation, University of Chicago, June 2010

“Prison Letters, Old and New,” Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Midwest Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, November 2009

“Joseph H. Jackson: A Southside [Chicago] Pastor, His Church, and the Civil Rights Movement,” Race and Religion Workshop, University of Chicago, November 2008

“Reaching Toward God: Ignatius of Antioch and His Prison Letters.” Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Summer Conference, University of Chicago, August 2008

AWARDS AND HONORS

Graduate Division of Religion Merit Scholarship, The Theological School, Drew University, 2014-17
Matthew Anderson, Jonathan C. Gibbs, John B. Reeve Award, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2013
E.L. Wailes Memorial Award in New Testament, Princeton Seminary, 2012

Raymond Irving Lindquist Fellowship in the Parish Ministry, Princeton Seminary, 2012
Barnard Memorial Prize in American History Nominee, University of Chicago, 2010
Undergraduate and Congregational Fellowships, Forum for Theological Exploration, 2009 and 2010
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2008-2010

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to the New Testament (Graduate)
Exegetical Skills (Graduate)
New Testament Greek (Graduate)
John and Social Conflict (Graduate)
Issues in Religion (Undergraduate)
African(a) Philosophy (Undergraduate)
The Philosophy of Social Justice in the United States (Undergraduate)
Critical Thinking (Undergraduate)

LANGUAGES

Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Spanish (reading and basic speaking), German (reading)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER SERVICE

Society of Biblical Literature
Board Member, Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice
Secretary, Raritan Association of the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Baptist (American Baptist Churches, USA and National Baptist Convention, USA), Ordained on May 22, 2011