

Curriculum Vitae

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Adjunct instructor and homiletics scholar-in-training specializing in womanist preaching, sacred rhetoric, and Black preaching traditions in the Wesleyan context. Doctor of Ministry candidate in Womanist Discourse (Emory) with a ThM in Homiletics (Duke). Experienced in designing clergy formation curricula and teaching workshops on preaching and proclamation.

EDUCATION

2024 – 2027

Doctor of Ministry – Womanist Discourse

Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Dissertation: “Sacred Ground: Black Preaching Practices of Healing Among A.M.E. Zion Clergywomen”

Related Courses: Womanist Readings of the Bible, Womanist Ritual Performance, Womanist Preaching & Sacred Rhetoric

2021 – 2023

Master of Theology – Homiletics

Duke University, Durham, NC

Thesis: “Sanctuary of Healing: Trauma and the Wisdom of Womanist Preaching”

Related Courses: History of Homiletics, Womanist Homiletics, Womanist Bioethics, Womanist Theological Ethics, Transhumanism and Theological Embodiment

2017 – 2020

Master of Divinity, Dual Concentrations – Preaching & Worship, Biblical Studies

Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, NC

Related Courses: Worship and Preaching I & II, Current Issues in African American Preaching, The Spoken Word in Worship, Theological Reflections on Preaching

2014 – 2016

Bachelor of Arts – Psychology; Cum Laude

Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC

2012 – 2014

Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration

Gaston College, Dallas, NC

TEACHING INTERESTS

- Homiletics (Intro to Preaching; Preaching Practicum)
- African American Homiletics
- Womanist Sacred Rhetoric
- Preaching and Pastoral Care
- Worship and Preaching
- Preaching in the Wesleyan Tradition

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TEACHING EXPERIENCES

- 2026 Class Lecture: Womanist Creative Discourse
Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2025 Class Lecture: Womanist Biblical Readings of Hagar
Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
- Workshop: Preaching from the Margins
The Power of an Equitable Church Conference, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2024 Learning Lab: The Preacher's Voice and Vessel
Livingstone College, Salisbury, North Carolina
- Workshop: Peacemakers - Prophetic Witness, Bold Proclamation
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- 2024 – Present** **Program Coordinator for The Institute of Youth Ministry**
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ
- Lead operations and strategy for the Foundations Project, a \$1.25M initiative advancing congregational youth ministry innovation through cohorts, learning design, and resource development.
 - Produced two print resources supporting congregational leaders, including a ministry devotional and an accepted chapter in a forthcoming edited volume.
- 2024 – Present** **Program Coordinator for Compelling Preaching Initiative**
The A.M.E. Zion Church, Charlotte, NC
- Oversee program delivery for a \$1.25M national clergy formation initiative serving 2,100+ clergy across nine regions through cohorts, leadership development, and training experiences.
 - Design and implement theological and homiletical resources, leveraging research to create innovative preaching curricula and sustainable program strategies.
- 2021 – 2023** **Program Coordinator of Black Church Studies**
Duke University, Divinity School, Durham, NC
- Leveraged data-driven evaluations to shape program strategy and deepen the impact of the Black Church Studies Fellows, Certificate initiative, and public lecture series centered on liberation and justice.

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RELIGIOUS CREDENTIALS AND LICENSURE

2025 – Present Ordained Deacon, Conference Evangelist, The A.M.E. Zion Church
2018 – 2025 Licensed Local Preacher, The A.M.E. Zion Church
2008 – 2017 Licensed Local Exhorter (Lay Preacher), The A.M.E. Zion Church

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Denominational Publication

“Holy Orders: Reimagining Biblical Holiness Through the Experiences of Black Women in America as a Theological Standard of Reconciliation”, STAR of Zion, A.M.E. Zion Publishing House, 2023. ([Article](#))

Academic Presentations

A Safe Place to Heal: Intimate Partner Violence Survivors Reflect on Service Delivery, SPIDUR, University of North Carolina Charlotte, 2016. ([Abstract](#) | [Presentation](#))

Physicians of the Soul, Gatekeepers of the Mind: Perceptions, Willingness, and Preparedness Towards Mental Health Among African American Clergy, Livingstone College, 2016. ([Report](#) | [Presentation](#))

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2024 **Compelling Preaching Initiative - Preaching Exemplar, Cohort 1**
Christian Theological Seminary

2023 **Called to Pastoral Ministry Cohort – Grant Recipient**
The Forum for Theological Exploration

2022 **Black Theological Leadership Institute, Fellow**
Princeton Theological Seminary
Theme: Fire in My Bones: Womanist Leadership, Activism, and Preaching

2020 **The President’s Award**
Hood Theological Seminary
The highest award given to a graduating student in recognition of leadership and service to the Seminary.

2016 **UNC Charlotte SPIDUR, Research Fellow**
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
One of ten scholars selected to engage in a summer research intensive Project: Intimate Partner Violence Survivors’ Perceptions of Shelter Service Delivery in North Carolina

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Academy of Homiletics
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
- Order of the Flame – World Methodist Council