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CURRICULUM VITAE

CURRENT ACADEMIC APOINTMENT

Spring 2023 – Present

Associate Professor of Religion & Society
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE of MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

Bloomfield, NJ

Teaching Interests

Afro-derived Indigenous Religions in the Caribbean and Latin America
West/Central African Indigenous Religions and Cultures African
American Critical Theory and Religion
Africana Religious and Cultural Studies
Religious and Sexual Ethics
Gender, Sexuality, and Indigenous Spirituality
Black Liberation Theology
Latin American Liberation Theology
Feminist and Womanist Religious and Theological Ethics
Environmental Justice and Ecological Ethics
Queer Theory and Biblical Hermeneutics
The Intersections of Race, Religion, and Politics
Constructive Pneumatologically Hermeneutics
Constructive Process Theology

Courses

Understanding Religion (RELG 101)
Critical Approaches to Religion (REL 115)
Religion in America (REL 208)
Religion and Culture (REL 212)
Religion and Literature (ENG/REL 227 WI)
Traditional Religions of the World (REL 230)
Introduction to Islam (AFS/REL 232A)
African American Religion and Critical Thought (AFS/REL 233)

Feminist Theology and Womanist Religious Ethics (WMS/REL 233 WI)
 Ecological Theology and Social Ethics (REL/WMS 233)
 Africana Religion and Culture (REL/AFS 233)
 Gender, Sexuality, and Religion (REL 280)
 Psychology of Religion (REL 320)
 Black Lives Matter and Black Liberation Theology (REL 333)
 Black Theology and Black Power (AFS/REL 333 WI)
 African Religions, Cultures, and Civilizations (AFS/RLST 360)
 Politics and Religion (REL 380)
 Sociology of Religion (REL 385 WI)
 Introduction to Africana Studies (AFS/HIS 105)
 First Year Seminar (FYS 100)

PREVIOUS TEACHING APOINTMENTS & EXPERIENCES

Fall 2018 – Spring 2023

Associate Professor of Religion and Society, Tenure-Track
 BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE, Bloomfield, NJ

Fall 2021 - Fall 2022

Part-time Faculty of Christian Ethics and Social Justice (ET 520)
 NEW BRUNSWICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY New Brunswick, NJ

Fall 2015 - Spring 2018

Assistant Professor of Religious & Pan-African Studies, Tenure-Track
 INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA Indiana, PA

Fall 2012

Teaching Fellow, Sociology of Religion
 UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY New York, NY

Fall 2011

Teaching Fellow, Tillich & the Future of Religion
 UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY New York, NY

Falls 2009 & 2010

Teaching Fellow, Foundations in Christian Theology
 UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY New York, NY

Fall 2010 - Spring 2010

Teaching Fellow, the History of Christianity Part 3
 UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY New York, NY

Spring 2010

Teaching Fellow, Womanist/Feminist Theological Ethics
 UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY New York, NY

Spring 2009

Teaching Fellow, Buddhism/Hinduism and Ecology

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

New York, NY

Fall 2007 – Spring 2009

Teaching Assistant in Religion, Theology, Ethics, & Church History

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

New York, NY

Summer 2008

Instructor, Shakespeare and Women's Roles in Elizabethan Society

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

New York, NY

Fall 2007 – Spring 2008

Instructor, Themes in African-American Literature and Religion

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

New York, NY

Summer 2007

Social Justice Organizer Intern

INTERFAITH WORKER JUSTICE

Chicago, IL

Summer 2003-2005

Social Justice Caseworker and ESL Instructor

ASSOCIATION OF HAITIAN WOMEN

Dorchester, MA

Summer 2002 - 2003

Teaching Assistant of Writing, Sociology, History

SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY

Salem, MA

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

May 2014

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

New York, NY

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Primary Area: Systematic/Constructive Theology

Secondary Areas: Black Liberation Theology and Christian Social Ethics

Dissertation Title:

"A Critical Examination of Reinhold Niebuhr's & James Cone's Views on Sin and Redemption: Toward a Haitian Vodounist Theology of Social Evil & Human Liberation"

Dissertation Committee:

Primary Advisers: Drs. Cornel R. West and Roger Haight

Secondary Advisers: Drs. Katie G. Cannon and Gary Dorrien

May 2010

Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.)

New York, NY

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

June 2006

Master of Divinity (M.Div.)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Concentrations: Political Theology and Biblical Hermeneutics

M.Div. Thesis: “A Liberation Biblical Theology: Exegeting, Deconstructing the Traditional Interpretation of I Timothy 2:11-14 and Supporting Ordination of Women in Black Charismatic Churches”

May 2003 Bachelor of Arts, *Honors Program Scholar*
SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY Salem, MA
Major: English/Literary Criticism
Minors: Educational Studies & Mathematics
Graduated Magna Cum Laude

AREAS OF RESEARCH INTERESTS

Indigenous American Religions
African Traditional Religions
Haitian Vodou
African-Derived Religions
Religion and Sexuality
Africana Studies
African-American Critical Thought
Black Theology
Queer Theology
African Liberation Theology

Feminist Ecological Ethics/Theology
Womanist/Feminist Theo-Ethics
Systematic Theology
Christian Realism
Process Thought and Theology
Comparative Interreligious Studies
Political Theology
Biblical Theology and Literature
Caribbean Religious History/Culture
Post-colonial Studies and Theories

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Critical Approaches to Religion: Race, Class, Sexuality, and Gender, First Edition. San Diego, CA: Cognella Inc. & University Readers, 2018, Co-editor.

Introduction to Religion: A Preliminary Edition. San Diego, CA: Cognella Inc. & University Readers, 2017, Co-editor.

Vodou in Haitian Memory: The Idea and Representation of Vodou in Haitian Imagination, Volume 1. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2016, Co-editor.

Vodou in the Haitian Experience: A Black Atlantic Perspective, Volume 2. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2016, Co-editor.

Textbook Under Contract

Critical Approaches to Religion: Race, Class, Sexuality, and Gender, 2nd Edition. San Diego, CA: Cognella Inc. & University Readers, Spring 2025

Book Chapters

“Vodou, an Inclusive Epistemology: Towards A Queer Eco-Theology of Liberation.” In *Spirit Service: Vodún and Vodou in the African Atlantic World*, ed. Eric J. Montgomery, Timothy R. Landry and Christian N. Vannier. Bloomington, IN.: Indiana University Press, 2022

“Vodou as the Embryo and Marker of Haitian Socio-Historical Identity.” In *Shackled Sentiment: Slaves, Spirits and Memories in the African Diaspora*, ed. Eric J. Montgomery. Lanham, MD: Lexington, 2019.

“Haitian Vodou: The Ethic of Social Sin & the Praxis of Liberation.” In *Vodou in Haitian Memory*, ed. Celucien Joseph and Nixon Cleophas. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2016.

“Haitian Vodou, a Politico-Realist Theology of Survival.” In *Vodou in Haitian Memory*, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2016.

Unpublished in-Progress Books Books

A Vodounist Critique of Reinhold Niebuhr's and James Cone's Views on Social Sin and Salvation: Toward a Post-Modern Theology of Liberation

Ethics in Indigenous Earth-Based Spirituality: An Ecological Theology of Liberation

Queering the Body and Socio-Spirit(ual) Liberation: Agency and the Politicization of the Marginalized Immigrant Body in the Era of Trumpism

Unpublished in-Progress Articles

“Rastafarianism and Haitian Vodou: Ganja, Dreads, and Muddy Rituals”

“Revisiting the Binary Paradigm of Race in 20th Century Theological Discourses: Toward a Postmodern Vodounist Theology of Race”

“Rastafarianism and Haitian Vodou: Ganja, Dreads, and Muddy Rituals”

“Spirits of Freedom: Introducing a Pan-African Theology of Liberation”

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Standing Committees

Fall 2024 – Present

Co-chair of the Faculty Council Committee
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

Fall 2023 – Spring 2024

Selected Member of Faculty Council Committee
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

Spring 2021 – Spring 2022

Chair of the Faculty Development Committee
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

Spring 2020 – Spring 2021

Elected Member of Faculty Council Committee
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

Fall 2019- Spring 2020

Elected Member of the Tenure and Advancement Committee
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

Fall 2018- Spring 2019

Elected Member of the General Education Committee
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

Service to the College and University

Spring 2026

Member of the Search Committee Director for Finance, Facilities, and
Academic Operations
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

Fall 2025-Present

Member of the Career Development Program Committee
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

Fall 2025-Present

Member of the Sabbatical Leaves Committee
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

Spring 2025

Chair of the Search Committee of the Tenure-track Assistant Professor
of Africana Studies
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

Spring 2024	Chair of the Search Committee of the Dean for Bloomfield College BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Spring 2024	Faculty Volunteer, 151 st Commencement Ceremony BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE of MONTCLAIR STATE University
Spring 2024	Co-chair of the Subcommittee of the Faculty Teaching Excellence Subcommittee of the Faculty Council Committee BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE of MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Spring 2023	Faculty Marshall, 150 th Baccalaureate Ceremony Bloomfield COLLEGE
Fall 2021	Elected Faculty Representative on the Board of Trustees Student Affairs Committee, BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Fall 2021	Humanities Faculty Representative at the Academic Showcase for the Open House Event, BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Fall 2021	Humanities Faculty Representative at the New Student Orientation Day Event, BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Summer 2021	Faculty Representative on the Search Committee for Dean of Student Affairs, BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Spring 2021	Faculty Marshall at the 148 th Commencement of Bloomfield College BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Spring 2021	Appointed Member of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Force Task BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Spring 2021	Appointed Member of the Strategic Plan Vision 2026: Moving Forward BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Spring 2020- Spring 2021	Member of the Middle States Working Group 1 Subcommittee BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

Winter 2020	Humanities Faculty Representative at the Virtual New Student Orientation Day Event, BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Fall 2020	Humanities Faculty Representative at the Virtual New Student Orientation Day Event, BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Spring 2020- Summer 2020	Member of the Strategic Planning and Inclusion Subcommittee BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Spring 2020	Co-writer of Humanities Learning Outcomes BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Spring 2020	Humanities Faculty Representative at the Accepted Students Day Event BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Winter 2018	Humanities Faculty Representative at the Fall Open House BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Fall 2018	Humanities Faculty Representative at the Fall Open House BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

Leadership Roles

Fall 2025- Present	Coordinator of the Africana Studies Program BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Fall 2023 – Fall 2024	Faculty Adviser to Swing Phi Swing BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Fall 2023 - Present	Advisory Board Member of Holley Applied Ethics BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Fall 2021- Fall 2022	Coordinator of the Teaching Learning Center (TLC) BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

Fall 2020- Spring 2023

Coordinator of the Philosophy Program
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

Fall 2020 – Spring 2023

Chapter Secretary of the American Association of University of Professors
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

Fall 2019- Fall 2022

Adviser to Psi Sigma Phi
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

Fall 2020 -Spring 2023

Coordinator of the First-Year Seminar Program
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

Fall 2018 – Present

Coordinator of the Religion and Society Program
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

Spring 2021

Faculty Council's Subcommittee of the Teaching for Excellence Award
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

Fall 2018- Spring 2019

Chair of the Retention Subcommittee of the Vice President of Academic
Affairs Strategic Planning
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

Fall 2018- Spring 2019

Adviser to the Haitian Student Association
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

LEADERSHIP ROLES IN ACADEMIC FIELD

Fall 2023- Present

Selected Member of the Steering Committee of the Black Theology Unit
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION

Fall 2023- Present

Selected Member of the Steering Committee of Religion & Ecology Unit

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION

Spring 2023- Present

Selected Member of the Steering Committee of Liberation Theologies Unit
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION

PREVIOUS INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Fall 2016 - 2018

Volunteer in the 2017 University Family Drive
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Spring 2016 - 2018

Member at Large, Racial Justice Coalition for Change
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Fall 2015 - 2018

Faculty Senator, the Department of Religious Studies
University Senate, INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Fall 2015 - 2018

Faculty Representative, Senate Award Committee
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Fall 2015 - 2018

Religious & Pan-African Studies Representative, Academic EXPO
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Fall 2015 - 2018

Coordinator, Religious Studies Student of the Month Award
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Fall 2015 - 2018

Religious Studies Library Liaison
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Spring 2016 -2018

Chair and Faculty Representative of the Awards Committee
The Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Spring 2017

Faculty Judge for the 2017 Student Scholars Fora
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Fall 2016-
Spring 2017 Faculty Adviser, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Xi Sigma Chapter
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Fall 2016 Coordinator of the Kip Seelhorst Lecture: “Vodou, Justice, and the
Crossroads of Life and Death,” INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF
PENNSYLVANIA

Fall 2015- Fall 2016

Advisor, Religious Studies Club
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Spring 2015- Fall 2016

Faculty Liaison, Religious Studies Social Hours
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Fall 2015- Spring 2016

Faculty Adviser, True Culture University
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Fall 2015

Coordinator, The Day of the Dead Altar Event sponsored by the
Department of Latin American Studies
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

Fall 2021 First-Generation Panel Sponsored by Holley, TRIO, and First-Year
Seminar, BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE, Bloomfield, NJ

Summer 2021 Infusing Mindset into First-Year Experience Online Course,
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Summer 2021 Creating a Comprehensive, Connected, and Coordinated First-Year
Experience Online Course, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Spring 2021 Co-organizer of the Holley Forum and Humanities Community
Series: “Looking Back and Looking Forward: Discussions about Race,
Gender, Voice, and Power” for Black and Women History Months,
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE, Bloomfield, NJ

Winter 2021	Moderator of the "Beyond Victim Mentality: Lessons about Agency, Empowerment and Change from the Black Lives Matter Movement" Panel, BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE, Bloomfield, NJ
Spring 2021	Moderator of the "Police Brutality and the Perpetuation of Violence against Black and Brown Bodies: Voices from the Frontline" Panel, BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE, Bloomfield, NJ
Fall 2020	Co-writer of Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) Grant, BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Fall 2020- Present	Member of the Association of American Colleges and Universities Present (AAC&U) ePortfolio Institute
Fall 2020	"Surviving & Thriving in College: Faculty, Alumni and Students Discussing their Experiences as First-Generation College Students" Panel Sponsored by the Holley Program in Applied Ethics, BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Winter 2020	Co-panelist on The American Association of Colleges and Universities ePortfolio Kick-Off Conference, BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Winter 2020	"Teaching Diversity in the Classroom: Learning Disabilities Matter." Co- presenter at the Faculty Learning Community Forum, BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Winter 2020	Moderator of the "Voting While Black: Racial Terror, Trauma, and the Denial of Freedom" Panel for Black History Month BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Fall 2019	Moderating a panel on How the Day of Dead is Practiced in African-Derive Religions, BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Fall 2025	Annual Conference, Presider of the " <i>Black Queer Pathways in Black Theology</i> ," Panel on the Black Theology Unit AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, Boston, MA
Fall 2025	Annual Conference, Presider of the "Liberating Freedoms" Panel on the Liberation Theologies Unit, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, Boston, MA

Fall 2024	Annual Conference, Panel Presider on the Religion and Ecology Unit AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, San Diego, CA
Spring 2024	“Vodou, Rastafarianism, and Spiritual Aesthetics: Toward and Emancipatory Ancestral Epistemology and Praxis,” Presenter at the Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies, OXFORD UNIVERSITY, Oxford, England
Fall 2023	Annual Conference Participant AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, San Antonio, TX
Fall 2022	Responder of the “Honoring the Life and Work of Paul Farmer” Panel, Annual Conference of AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION Denver, CO
Fall 2022	Moderator of “The Intersections between Mental Wellness and Spiritual Well-being, BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Spring 2022	“Towards a Queer Vodou Eco-Theology of Liberation: ‘Possession’ and the Trans/formation of Despised Bodies,” Guest Speaker, Duke UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Indiana, PA
Spring 2022	Participating in the 41 st Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience and the Transitions of College Students THE NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER, Orlando, FL
Fall 2021	“Towards a Black Vodounist Eco-Theology of Liberation: The Earth, Black Bodies and Sexualities Matter,” AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, San Antonio, TX
Fall 2019	“Vodou, an Inclusive Epistemology: Toward a Queer Theology of Liberation,” AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, San Diego, CA
Fall 2019	“Ganja & Muddy Rituals: Vodou, Rastafarianism & Cultural Aesthetics,” KOSANBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE DUKE UNIVERSITY, Durham, NC
Fall 2019	“Towards a Queer Vodou Eco-Theology of Liberation: “Possession” and the Trans/formation of Despised Bodies,” Holley Faculty Lecture BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE, Bloomfield, NJ
Summer 2017	“Toward a Caribbean Ecological Ethic of Liberation,” CARIBBEAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION, 42 nd Annual Conference, Nassau, Bahamas
Spring 2016- Spring 2017	Presenter of Awards, Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement, INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Spring 2017	“Haiti, Vodou and NGOs: Debunking the Myths,” A Special Guest Speaker, the Department of Sociology at RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Spring 2017	“White Like Me: Race, Racism, and White Privilege in America” Discussion Facilitator of Film Screening hosted by Racial Justice Coalition for Change, INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Fall 2016	“Literature, Poetry, Art in Black Theology: ‘The Terrible Beauty’ in the Relationship between the Cross and the Lynching Tree,” Guest Appearance in Graduate Seminar (ENGL 773/873), INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Fall 2016	“Diversity in the Classroom,” Presenter at the Teaching for Excellent Workshop, INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Spring 2016	Table Talk Facilitator, The Diversity and Inclusion Symposium INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Summer 2016	"Survival Tips from Newer Faculty," Session of New Faculty Orientation, INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Summer 2016	"Vodou Aesthetics: The Ground of Survival & Liberation in Haiti," Annual Caribbean Studies Association, 41st Annual Conference, Port-Au- Prince (Haiti)
Spring 2013	<i>Black Liberation Theology in Differing 21st Century Contexts</i> , Lecture Series at UNITARIAN CHURCH OF ALL SOULS:
First Lecture (May 5)	"The Historical Roots & Contours of Black Liberation Theology"
Second Lecture (May 12)	"Responses of the Church and the Academy to Black Liberation Theology"
Third Lecture (May 19)	"Womanist Theological Challenges to Black Liberation Theology"
Fourth Lecture (May 26)	"Black Theology in the 21st Century: Relevance Beyond The American Socio-Cultural Context"
Spring 2013	"Jean Bertrand Aristide: Trauma, Grace, and Liberation Theology in the Struggle for Democracy in Haiti," Lecture at THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
Spring 2012	“Vodou in Haitian History, Society, Culture, & Politics: A Presentation” at GLENSIDE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN PHILADEPHIA
Spring 2012	“Remembering White Terror and Affirming the Redemption of Black Bodies: A Response to a panel discussion on James Cone’s <i>The Cross and the Lynching Tree</i> ” at UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Fall 2011	“Tragic History in the Haitian Religious Imagination: Haitian Vodou Facing Head-on Post-Colonial Trauma and Social Suffering,” a presentation at COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
Fall 2011	“Spirit the Liberator: Toward a Pneumatocentric Soteriology for Black Theology,” at the AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION
Fall 2011	“Afro-Caribbean Spirituality and Poverty: The Haitian Vodou Response,” Panel at UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Spring 2011	"The Black Church and her Other Sheep: Where is our Room at the Inn?" presentation at the LGBTQ Center sponsored by GMAD (Gay Men of African Descent)
Fall 2010	“1 Corinthians and 1 Timothy 1: Abusive Male-Male Sex,” Bible Study Course on Daniel A. Helminiak’s <i>What the Bible Really Says about Homosexuality</i> at THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
Fall 2010	“African Sacred Traditions in the Spanish-Speaking Caribbean,” Church and Society Lecture Series Presentation at UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Spring 2010	“The Influences of Eastern Trinitarian Tradition and Process Thought on Baker-Fletcher’s Views on the Holy Spirit and the Economy of Salvation,” presentation in the Womanist Theological Ethics Seminar at UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Spring 2010	“A Collapsed Nation with Spirits of Resistance and Survival: Toward an Under-the Rubble Haitian Liberation Theology,” panel discussion on Haiti at UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Spring 2009	“Tillich’s Theology of the Spirit and the Church,” presentation in Tillich and the Religions: The Dialogue Continues Seminar at UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Fall 2009	“A Relatable God and Active Resistance in the Face of Ongoing Suffering,” Bible Study Seminar REHOBOTH TEMPLE CHRIST CONSCIOUS CHURCH New York, NY
Summer 2009	“The Interplay of Politics and the Outpouring of the Spirit in the Age of Obama,” Bible Study Seminar REHOBOTH TEMPLE CHRIST CONSCIOUS CHURCH New York, NY
Summer 2009	“Prophecy and Political Ethics: A Liberationist Interpretation of Joel 2: 28-9,” Bible Study Unit on Black Liberation Theology Lecture Series at

The RIVERSIDE CHURCH

- Fall 2008 “A *Pneumatocentric* Interpretation of Salvation and Liberation through Jesus the Christ,” A Bible Study Seminar
REHOBOTH TEMPLE CHRIST CONSCIOUS CHURCH New York, NY
- Fall 2008 “‘The Scandal of the Cross’ and the Crucified Christ: A Spirit Christology of Liberation,” Bible Study Seminar
REHOBOTH TEMPLE CHRIST CONSCIOUS CHURCH New York, NY
- Fall 2008 “Jesus of Nazareth in the Power of the Spirit: A Lukan Spirit Christology,” Bible Study Seminar
REHOBOTH TEMPLE CHRIST CONSCIOUS CHURCH New York, NY
- Spring 2005 “Jesus, the Great Feminist and Social Activist: The Story of the Samaritan Woman,” Panel at HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL
- Summer 2004 “The Faith of the Christian Youth Challenged by Post-Modernity, New Age Philosophy, and Technology,” Guest Speaker at a

FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

April 2012 - June 2013

North American Fellowship: THE FUND FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION (FTE) awarded this fellowship to ten Ph.D./Th.D. students of color who "aspire to teach and do research as theological educators." This fellowship is intended "to improve the quality of theological education and scholarship in the 21st century by diversifying the faculties of theological schools."

September 2010 – April 2011

Wabash Fellowship: UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY in April 2010 in collaboration with the Wabash Center selected a group of doctoral students to attend a biweekly seminar in order to share experiences as teaching fellows at UTS. Participants were given the opportunity to meet with professors from various fields, both from UTS and other affiliated institutions to learn about different pedagogical approaches that would enable us to become confident and competent college/university professors.

Feb. 2008

Dr. James H. Cone Systematic Theology Fellowship: THE SAMUEL DEWITT PROCTOR CONFERENCE created this fellowship to honor

annually a Ph.D. student in Systematic Theology who shows great promise in broadening the perspective of Black Theology by attempting to bridge the intellectual and theological gap between the Black Church and the academy.

- 2006 - 2010 ***The Robert McAfee Brown and Sydney Thomson Brown:*** UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY awards this four-year fellowship annually to an entering doctoral student selected by the faculty. Students selected for this award must demonstrate a commitment to theology as the instrument of liberation and justice locally and globally.
- 2004 - 05 ***James N. Snitzler Scholarship:*** HARVARD UNIVERSITY awards this scholarship to an underrepresented-minority graduate student with a very good academic record in religious and theological studies.
- 2002 – 2003 ***Class of 1940 Scholarship:*** SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION annually gives this award to a student who strives for excellence during his/her college years.
- 2000 – 2002 ***Richard Webb Scholarship:*** SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION awards this scholarship annually to a student with an excellent academic record.
- Summer 202 ***Honors Program Scholar Study Abroad Fellowship:*** SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY awards this fellowship annually to a student who demonstrates outstanding aptitudes in foreign languages. This award allows the student to spend a summer or semester in Europe to study at a university of his/her choice.
- Summer 2001 ***McNair Scholars Program:*** SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY selected talented minority students from different colleges and universities in the United States, every summer, to teach them research and writing skills. It prepares students for doctoral studies in the sciences and in the humanities. At the end the program, students are given the opportunity to present their research papers to scholars in their academic fields.
- 1999 – 2000 ***Charlotte Forten Distinguished Scholarship:*** SALEM STATE COLLEGE awards this scholarship to a freshman or sophomore with a distinguished academic record.
- 1999 - 2003 ***Tomorrow's Teachers Scholarship:*** MASSACHUSETTS' BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION gives this 4-year scholarship to Boston Public Schools students who graduate high school with honors and has an interest in pursuing a career in teaching.

AWARDS, HONORS, & RECOGNITIONS

Spring 2017	Certificate of Recognition for Achievement in Scholarship during 2016 INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
2002 – Present	<i>Pi Lambda Theta International Honor Society</i> . Gamma Upsilon Chapter recognizes superior academic achievement in Education.
2000 – Present	<i>Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society</i> inducted students in the upper 10 th of their college freshman class.
Spring 2003	<i>The National Scholars Honor Society</i> honors outstanding scholastic achievements of college students in the top 25 th percentile of their classes.
Spring 2003	<i>Silver Key Senior Award</i> - SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY awards this to five graduating seniors with excellent academic records who also impacted the college community through their leadership roles and extracurricular activities.
2002 & 2003	<i>Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities</i> . I was selected twice as one of 7 students from SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY who received this national award for academic excellence and outstanding leadership and service.
February 2002	<i>Massachusetts Hall of Black Achievement Award</i> : BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY recognizes students of African descent from the nine Massachusetts State University System institutions. "This award honors and celebrates the culmination of an undergraduate career that exemplifies academic achievement, strong leadership skills, and good citizenship both on campus and within the community."
March 2002	<i>President Nancy D. Harrington Leadership Medal</i> : SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY bestows this presidential award to a graduating senior in the Honors Program who exemplified outstanding leadership on campus and in the larger community.
March 2001	<i>Dr. Patricia Markunas Leadership Medal</i> : SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY honored a junior in its Honors Program with strong leadership skills and demonstrated great potential to be an influential societal leader.
In 2000 and 2001	America's National Dean's List Award is given nationwide to students in American colleges and universities who have achieved high scholastic achievement.

April 2000

Bowditch Hall Outstanding Scholar Award: SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY awards this to a student with distinguished academic record.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Haitian Creole (native)	Theological German (reading/basic competency)
American English (fluent)	Biblical Greek (basic)
French (advanced intermediate) (basic)	Biblical Hebrew (basic) Spanish

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2018-Present	The Congress of Santa Barbara (KOSANBA)
2015- Present	The Caribbean Studies Association
2013- Present	African & Diasporic Religious Studies Association
2014 - Present	The Forum for Theological Exploration
2012 - Present	The Riverside Church African Fellowship
2011 - Present	Society for Black Critical Thought & Empowerment
2010 - Present	The Haitian Association Caucus
2010 - Present	Christian Systematic Theology Group
2010 - Present	Theology and Ethics Collaborative Group, Harvard University and Union Theological Seminary
2007 - 2012	Interfaith Worker Justice (IWJ) National Conference
2005 - Present	American Academy of Religion (AAR)