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EDUCATION VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, TN
1982-1989 Ph.D.
Major: New Testament Studies
Minor: Ethics

THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL
THEOLOGICAL CENTER, Atlanta, GA
1979-1982 M.Div. magna cum laude
Major: New Testament
Minor: Pastoral Care

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, Tuscaloosa, AL
1975-1979 B.A. cum laude
Major: Religious Studies
Minor: Psychology

EXPERIENCE PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
Professor: 2006-Present
Associate Professor: 2002-2006
The Gospel of Mark
The Gospel of Luke
Interpretation of the New Testament I
Interpretation of the New Testament II
Greek I
Greek II
Greek Exegesis
New Testament VIII
African American Perspectives on the Bible

Christian Mission in Cultural Context: São Paulo, Brazil
Readings in the History of Christianity
Division I Reading: Gospel of Mark Greek Reading
Postcolonial and Liberative Hermeneutics
Paul and Ancient Rhetoric
Contemporary Methods of Interpretation
Advanced Rhetoric
Contemporary Theories of Cultural Production
Cultural Studies and “Scripture” in a Columbian Context
Cultural Studies and “Scripture” in an Asian Context

The United Methodist Course of Study School Courses
311 Bible III : Gospels
511 Bible V : Acts, Epistles, and Revelation

ANDOVER NEWTON THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL
Newton, MA
Associate Professor: 1997-2001
The Gospels
The Gospel of Mark

Parables
 The Gospel of Luke
 New Testament Foundations
 Cultural Interpretation
 Johannine Literature

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
 Boston, MA
 Assistant Professor: 1989-1997
 Lk-Acts
 The Gospel of Mark
 The Johannine Literature
 The Parables
 Jesus and the Gospels
 The Social Setting of Early Christianity
 The Literary Environment of the New Testament
 Introduction to the New Testament
 Origins of Early Christianity

PILGRIM'S REST BAPTIST CHURCH, Tuscaloosa, AL
 Pastor: 1979-1989

THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL CENTER, Atlanta, GA
 Instructor of New Testament Studies: 1986-1989
 Introduction to the New Testament
 New Testament Greek
 Advanced Greek
 Biblical Exegesis
 Pauline Literature
 Greek Exegesis
 The Gospel of Luke
 The Acts of the Apostles

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, TN
 Teacher Assistant: Spring, 1986
 Jesus and the Early Christian Communities

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, TN

Teacher Assistant: Spring, 1984
 Introduction to New Testament: The Background,
 Faith and Literature of the New Testament

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

2018 Perkins Scholarly Outreach Award
 2015 Perkins Scholarly Outreach Award
 2008 S.M.U. Research Council Travel Grant
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 2007-2008 ATS Lilly Faculty Fellowship Award
 2005 S.M.U. Ford Research Fellow Recipient
 2002 Perkins Scholarly Outreach Award
 1998 Society of Biblical Literature
 Regional Scholar's Award
 1998-99 Lilly Small Grant
 1993-94 Ford Post-Doctoral Fellowship
 1993-94 ATS Theological Scholarship and Research Grant
 1985-86 Fund for Theological Education, Inc.
 Dissertation Year Fellowship
 1985-86 Dorothy Danforth Compton Dissertation Year Fellowship
 1982-85 Dorothy Danforth Compton Doctoral Fellowship
 1982-84 Fund for Theological Education, Inc.
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REFERENCES

Dr. Mary Ann Tolbert
 Dr. Fernando Segovia
 Dr. Daniel Patte

Addendum to Curriculum Vitae

Books, Articles, Reviews and Essays

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Smith, Abraham. Imagining a Better World: The Bible and African American Visual Artists. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, forthcoming.

_____. "A Review of Womanist Interpretations of the Bible: Expanding the Discourse, ed. Gay L. Byron and Vanessa Lovelace (Atlanta, GA: SBL Press, 2016), *Biblical Theology Bulletin*, forthcoming.

_____. "A Review of Womanist Interpretations of the Bible: Expanding the Discourse, ed. Gay L. Byron and Vanessa Lovelace (Atlanta, GA: SBL Press, 2016), *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, forthcoming.

_____. "African American Studies and Biblical Interpretation." An Essay for Brill's New On-line Journal. Due in press, November 2018.

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_____. "'Do You Understand what you are Reading?': A Literary Critical Reading of the Ethiopian (Kushite) Episode (Acts 8:26-40)." In Afrocentric Interpretations of Jesus and the Gospels. Edited by Thomas B. Slater. Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen, 2015.

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_____. "Cultural Studies." Pp. 179-188 in The Oxford Encyclopedia of Biblical

Interpretation. Oxford: Oxford University, 2013.

_____. "Naming the Powers: Cultural Studies and the Politics of Representation in Western 'Pauline Studies'." Pp. 107-122 in Soundings in Cultural Criticism: Perspectives and Methods in Culture, Power, and Identity in the New Testament. Edited by Francisco Lozada, Jr. and Greg Carey. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2013.

_____. "Review of Call and Consequences: A Womanist Reading of Mark" by Raquel A. St. Clair. Biblical Interpretation 21 (2013) 426-428.

_____. "Like a Sage Over Troubled Waters: The Politics of Space and the Characterization of Jesus in Mark 4:35-41" Pp. 106-137 in Reading Ideologies: Essays in Honor of Mary Ann Tolbert Edited by Tat-Siong Benny Liew. Sheffield Phoenix, 2011.

_____. "Taking *Spaces* Seriously: The Politics of Space and the Future of Western Biblical Studies." Pp. 59-92 in Transforming Graduate Biblical Education: Ethos and Discipline. Edited by Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza and Kent Harold Richards. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2010.

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- _____. "Review of Christ and Empire by Joerg Rieger, The Progressive Christian, 182 (July/August 2008) 36.
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- _____. "Cultural Studies: Making Mark." Pp. 181-209 in Mark and Method: New Approaches in Biblical Studies, 2nd ed. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2008.
- _____. "More than a 'Mighty Hunter': George Washington Williams, Nineteenth-Century Racialized Discourse and the Reclamation of Nimrod." Pp. 69-84 in African American Religious Life and the Story of Nimrod. Edited by Anthony Pinn and Dwight Allen Callahan. New York: Palgrave Press, 2008.
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Edition. Edited by Michael D. Coogan. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.

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Louisville: The Presbyterian Publishing House, 1992.

_____. "Train Yourself in Godliness: I Tim 4, Background Help." Bible Discovery.
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_____. "Handle God's Word Rightly: II Tim 2:1-19, Background Help." Bible Discovery.
Louisville: The Presbyterian Publishing House, 1992.

_____. "Fulfill Your Ministry Faithfully: II Tim 3:10-4:8, Background Help." Bible
Discovery. Louisville: The Presbyterian Publishing House, 1992.

_____. "Be A Model in Deeds and Words: Titus, Background Help." Bible Discovery.
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United Methodist Publishing House, 1991.

_____. "Songs of Hannah and Mary: I Sam 2:1-10; Lk 1:26-56, Background Help."
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_____. "The Model Prayer: I Chron 29:10-13; Mt 6:7-15, Background Help."
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The Presbyterian Publishing House, 1991.

_____. "Praise for Christ, God's Servant: Phil 2:1-11, Background Help." Bible
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Dwight Cameron, producer, 1987.

Editorial Works

Smith, Abraham. New Interpreter's Annotated Study Bible. Edited by Walter Harrelson, Phylliss Tribble, James Vanderkam, Donald Senior and Abraham Smith. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2003.

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Editorial Boards

Journal of Biblical Literature, since January, 2017

Brill Research Perspectives in Biblical Interpretation, since 2014

Biblical Interpretation, since 2012

Semeia Studies, 2004-2006

Scholarly Papers and Invited Lectures/ Responses

“The *Genesis of Liberation*: The Enslaved and the Interpretation of Scripture” in the “Reading Between the Lines: Alternative Readings of Scripture” Series. Delivered at Alfred St. Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia, January 13, 2018.

“Now that the Ice is Cracked . . . and the Water is Stirring”: A Review of *Womanist*

Interpretations and Vanessa *Interpretations of the Bible: Expanding the Discourse*, ed. Gay L. Byron

Lovelace (Atlanta, GA: SBL Press, 2016). Presented at the Feminist Hermeneutics

of the Bible,

Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation Joint Session of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX, November 20, 2016.

“Mark 101: Teaching Faithful Leadership under Pressure.” Presented at the Dean’s Roundtable, Perkins School of Theology, November 14, 2016.

“‘The Beginning of the Good News’: Following the Markan Gospel’s Plot, Problems, and Politics.” Three Lectures at the Open Ring Adult Sunday School class, First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, TX (January 10, 17, and 24, 2016).

“Witnesses for the Defense in the Gospel of Luke.” Presented at the Ancient Fiction and Early Christian and Jewish Narrative Section of the Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 21, 2015.

“The Ethical Implications of the Markan Jesus as a Philosophical Hero.” Presented at the Faculty Symposium, Perkins School of Theology, November 16, 2015.

“Meeting Paul Again for the First Time: A Response to Efrain Agosto’s ‘Metaphors for Ministry: Commendation, Hardship, and Reconciliation in 2 Corinthians’.” Presented at Perkins School of Theology, November 10, 2015.

“When Stars Converge: A Critical Appraisal of The Big Bang and God: An Astro-Theology (co-authored by Theodore Walker, Jr. and Chandra Wickramasinghe). Presented at the Perkins Faculty Book Reception, November 3, 2015.

“A Fresh Look at Power: A Critical Appraisal of Hidden Truths from Eden: Esoteric Readings of Genesis 1-3 (Edited by Caroline Vander Stichele and Susanne Scholz).” Presented at the Perkins Faculty Book Reception, November 3, 2015.

“ ‘Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner Now’: The Scope and Significance of the Theme of Hospitality in the Gospel of Luke.” Three Lectures at the Open Ring Adult Sunday School class, First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, TX (June 14, 21, and 28, 2015).

“The Empire Writes Back: Reading and Evaluating the Resistance Rhetoric of the Revelation of John.” Presented to the Perkins Theological School for the Laity, Dallas, Texas, March 7, 2015

“The Empire Writes Back: Reading and Evaluating the Resistance Rhetoric of the Revelation of John.” Presented to the Houston Lay School, Houston Texas, February 21, 2015

“Where Do we Go From Here?: Assessing the Black Church in a Time of Transition.”
Zan Wesley Holmes African Heritage Lecture Series, February 11, 2015, Dallas, TX.

“Three Ways in which the Black Church Must Change.” Guest Lecturer, Pastors’
Conference of Phillips School of Theology, January 13, 2015, Atlanta, Georgia.

“What’s New In the Gospels?,” Four Lectures delivered at the Perkins School of
Theology Youth Ministry program, January 12-15, 2015, Dallas, TX.

“The Gospel of Mark,” A Speech delivered at the Gospel in 40 Days Event for
Grace Avenue United Methodist Church. Frisco, TX, February 27, 2014.

“F2FJ” (Free to Follow Jesus), a Speech on the Gospel of Mark delivered at the D-Now
Event, First United Methodist Church of Arlington, TX, January 25, 2014.

“Preparation for Endurance,” a Speech on the Gospel of Mark delivered at the D-Now
Event, First United Methodist Church of Arlington, TX, January 24, 2014.

“The Gospel of Mark and Life’s Decisive Moments,” an Address delivered at the Perkins
School of Theology Mentor Pastor Colloquy, November 11, 2013, Dallas, TX

“Decisive Moments,” An Address delivered at the Perkins School of Theology “Faith
and Business” Luncheon, with the Honorable Judge Clay Jenkins as a co-presenter.
November 4, 2013, Dallas, TX.

“Neither on This Mountain nor in Jerusalem” (?): An Intersectionality Critical Approach
to Social Identities in John 4:1-42. Presented to the Minoritized Criticism and Biblical
Interpretation Consultation of the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting;
Chicago, IL, November 18, 2012.

A Review of Love Sechrest’s *Paul: A Former Jew*. Presented to the Pauline Soteriology
Group and the African American Biblical Hermeneutics Section of the Society of Biblical
Literature Annual Meeting; Chicago, IL, November 17, 2012.

“Constructing Character under Pressure: A Reading of the Gospel of Mark.”
Presented to Perkins Alumni at the Dean’s Breakfast Roundtable. Perkins School of
Theology, October 10, 2012, Dallas, TX.

“Envisioning the Conjunction between Cultural Studies and Biblical Studies.” Presented
to the SBL Biblical Criticism and Cultural Studies Section of the International Society of

Biblical Literature Meeting, July 26, 2012. The University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

“The King James Bible and the Figuring of African American Bodies.” Presented to Duke University Divinity School. February 14, 2012, Durham, NC.

“The King James Bible and the Figuring of African American Bodies.” Presented to Saint Luke’s Community United Methodist Church, January 30, 2012, Dallas, Texas.

“The Black Church: Not Dead but Disconnected;” and “The Black Church Reclaiming the Radical Edge of the Early Gospel.” B. Julian Smith Lectures for the Sixteenth Pastors’ Conference of Phillips School of Theology, January 9-12, 2012, Atlanta, Georgia.

“How ‘Critical’ is an Empire-Critical Study of the Pauline Communities in the Roman World”: A Response to Papers presented at the Paul and Politics Section of the Society of Biblical Literature Meeting; San Francisco, California, November 19, 2011.

Bridwell Lecture: “The King James Bible and the Figuring of African American Bodies.” Presented to Perkins School of Theology, October 27, 2011, Dallas, Texas.

“My Country, ’Tis of Thee”: The Bible, Empire, and the Ideology of U.S. Exceptionalism. Presented to Philander-Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas, February 23, 2010.

“Reading from this Place and Rethinking Critical Production.” Presented at the “Contextual Reading—Looking Back and Forward” Session sponsored jointly by the Asian and Asian-American Hermeneutics Group, the Contextual Biblical Interpretation Group, the Latino/a and Latin American Biblical Interpretation Consultation, and the African-American Biblical Hermeneutics Section. Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 22, 2009.

“‘Nobody Tasted Blood in It’: Public Intellectuals Interrogating Myths of Innocence in Biblical Studies.” Presented at the Reading the Signs of the Times Session: A Session in Honor of Richard A. Horsley. Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, November 22, 2008.

Review of Tat-Siong Benny Liew’s What is Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics? Presented at the Asian and Asian American Hermeneutics Section. Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, November 24, 2008.

“My Country, 'Tis of Thee”: The Bible, Empire, and the Ideology of U.S. Exceptionalism. Presented to Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, September 22, 2008.

“Mark’s Vision of Leadership: Constructing Character Under Pressure.” Presented to O Centro de Estudo Teológico Batista Nacional. Salvador, Bahia (Brazil) August 30, 2008.

“‘The Duty to Act’: Ethics in the Academy as Public Accountability.” Presented to the Curso de Pós-Graduação em Geofísica at Universidade Federal Da Bahia, Salvador, Bahia (Brazil) August 28, 2008.

“Mark’s Vision of Leadership: Constructing Character under Pressure.” Presented to O Seminário Teológico Batista do Nordeste, Salvador, Bahia (Brazil) August 27, 2008.

“Mark’s Vision of Leadership: Constructing Character under Pressure.” Presented to O Seminário Teológico Batista do Nordeste, Feira de Santana, Bahia (Brazil) August 25-26, 2008.

“Reading Mark's Gospel to Reclaim Prophetic Discipleship in the Black Church.” Zan W. Holmes, Jr. African Heritage Lecture Series. St. Luke Community United Methodist Church. February 18-20, 2008

“Will There be a Next Generation?: Minoritized Biblical Scholars, Graduate Biblical Education, and Power.” Presented to the Graduate Biblical Studies: Ethos and Discipline Session of the Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, San Diego, California, November 19, 2007.

“Context Matters: The Claim, Contribution, and Challenges of The Global Bible Commentary.” Presented at the Contextual Biblical Interpretation Section of the Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Sunday November 20, 2005, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

“21st Century Black Biblical Hermeneutics and Identity Formation.” Presented at the Seventh Annual Session of the Black Religious Scholars Group. November 19, 2004 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas.

“Rethinking the Ethos and Practices of Graduate Biblical Studies for African American Biblical Scholars. Presented to the Graduate Biblical Studies: Ethos and Discipline of the Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November 22, 2004.

“Unmasking, Unloading and Unveiling: Viewing Biblical Scholars as Public

Intellectuals: Response to Paul and Politics Session.” Presented at the Paul and Politics Section of the Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2004.

Review of Shawn Kelley’s Racializing Jesus: Race, Ideology, and the Formation of Modern Biblical Scholarship. Presented to the Ideological Criticism Section, the African Americans and the Bible Section, and the Historical Jesus Section of the Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2003.

Review of Gay L. Byron’s Symbolic Blackness and Ethnic Difference in Early Christian Literature, and Harold Bennet’s Injustice made Legal: Deuteronomic Law and the Plight of Widows, Strangers, and Orphans in Ancient Israel. Presented to the African Americans and the Bible Section of the Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2003.

“Finding Another Route to Luke’s Gospel.” Presented to the Rhetoric and New Testament Section of the Southwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, March 15, 2003, Irving, Texas.

“ ‘Unmasking the Powers’: A Postcolonial Analysis of 1 Thessalonians.” Presented to the Paul and Politics Section of the Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Nashville, TN, November 20, 2000.

“On the Eve of a New Millennium: The Future of African American Biblical Hermeneutics.” Presented to the African Americans and the Bible Section of the Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Boston, MA, November 22, 1999.

“Aaron Douglas, the Harlem Renaissance and Biblical Art: A Radical Politics of Identity.” Presented at the African Americans and the Bible Conference, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, April 10, 1999.

“Paul, Popular Culture, and a Poetics of Location,” A Response to papers on “Issues on Contemporary Receptions of Romans.” Presented to the History of the Reception of Romans and Exegesis Consultation of the Society of Biblical Literature, Orlando, FL, November 21, 1998.

“Living the Profession.” Presented at the SBL Recruitment Conference, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, Sep 25-27, 1998.

“A Response to Vernon Robbins’ ‘How Does Socio-Rhetorical Interpretation Reconfigure Historical Interpretation?’ Delivered at the New England Regional SBL Meeting, April 17, 1998, Andover Newton Theological School, New Centre, MA.

“Aaron Douglas: Harlem Renaissance and the Bible.” Presented at the African Americans and the Bible Pre-Conference Colloquy, April 1998, Union Theological Seminary, New York, New York.

“‘There’s More in the Text than That’: William Wells Brown’s Clotel, Slave ideology and Pauline Hermeneutics.” Presented to the African American Theology and Biblical Hermeneutics Group of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, CA, Washington D.C., November 20, 1997.

“‘Honor Matters’: The Lukan Trial of Jesus and Early Christianity’s Serious P.R. Problem.” Presented at the SBL Undergraduate Recruitment Conference, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, October 11-13, 1996.

“‘Full of Spirit and Wisdom’: Luke’s Portrait of Stephen as a Man of Self-Control.” Presented at the Asceticism in the New Testament Conference, Emmanuel College of Victoria University and the Toronto School of Theology in the University of Toronto, Toronto Ontario Canada, October 4, 1996.

“‘Put Outside for a While.’: Luke’s Ironic Portrait of Gamaliel (Acts 5:27-42).” Presented at the Rhetorical Criticism Section of the Society of Biblical Literature, Philadelphia, PA, November 20, 1995.

“The Productive Role of Translations.” Presented to The Role of Race and Class and Translation Consultation Team of the National Council of Churches USA (NCCUSA). San Juan, Puerto Rico, September, 1995.

“Toni Morrison, the Blues and the Bible.” Presented to the African American Theology and Biblical Hermeneutics Group of the Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, D.C., November 20, 1993.

Response to Barry Sang’s “The Hagar Allegory in Galatians.” Presented to the Rhetorical Criticism Section and the Semiotics Group of the Society of Biblical Literature, Kansas City, Missouri, November 20, 1992.

“A Second Step in African Biblical Interpretation.” Presented at the “Reading from this Place Conference” (a conference on biblical hermeneutics held at Vanderbilt University, 1992).

“‘Comfort One Another:’ 1 Thessalonians and the Consolatory Tradition.” Presented to the Pauline Letters Section of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, Louisiana,

November 19, 1990.

Respondent to Howard Kee's, "Through the Eye of a Needle: Rich and Poor in the Religious Roots of Social Welfare Class," Boston University School of Theology, 1990.

" 'Do you Understand What You are Reading': Reconstructing the Intra-and Extratextual Repertoires of Acts 8:26-40." Presented to the African- American Theology and Biblical Hermeneutics Group of the Society of Biblical Literature, Anaheim, California, November 20, 1989.

Lecture, "How an Undergraduate Prepares for Graduate Theological Education." Presented to the Black Student Conference. Fund for Theological Education Inc., Atlanta, GA, November 18, 1989.

Respondent to the Charles Copher Faculty Lectures, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia, 1989.

Respondent to Clarice Martin's "A Chamberlain's Journey and the Challenge of Interpretation for Liberation." Conference on Research and the Black Church, Atlanta, GA, 1988.

"Mark's Attacks Against Oppressive Structures: A Bible Study." C. D. Hubert Lecture Series, Morehouse School of Religion, Atlanta, GA, 1988.

Respondent to Lindsey Pherigo's "The Bible and Older Persons." Gerontology in Theological Education, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, 1987.

"Characterization in Luke's Passion Narrative: A Bible Study." Black Theology Project, Atlanta, GA, 1987.

**Conferences/
Consultations**

Consultant on the Planning Committee of the NCC
USA Biblical Translation and Utilization Unit, 1993-1997.

Consultant on the Role of Race and Class and Bible
Translation Team of the NCCUSA, 1993-1996.

Consultant on the Self-Study Team of the
Association of Theological Schools. 1994-1995.

Consultant on "The Study of the Black Doctoral Program."

Sponsored by the Fund for Theological Education, Inc.,
Newark, New Jersey, 1991.

Reporter, “Black Men In Prison: The Church’s Response.”
Conference on Research and the Black Church, Atlanta, GA, 1989.

Participant, “The Parting of the Ways: The First
Century and Today.” Auburn Theological Seminary,
New York, New York, 1988.

Consultant, United Methodist Jewish/Christian Relations Council,
Nashville, 1987.

**Community/
Professional
Affiliations**

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)
National Baptist USA, Inc.
Society for the Study of Black Religion

**Professional
Committees and
Projects**

Associate Editor, Journal of Biblical Literature
since 2017

Associate Editor, Biblical Interpretation Editorial Board
Since 2012

Member, Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation Section,
Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), since 2012

Member, Paul and Politics Section, SBL, 2008-2013

Associate Editor, Semeia Studies Editorial Board,
2004-2006

New Testament Editor for the New Interpreter’s
Study Bible, Abingdon Press, 2003.

Fund for Theological Education Black Doctoral
Program Selection Committee, 1999-2001

Chair, Committee on Underrepresented Minorities in the Profession of the
SBL, 1997-1999

Ford Foundation Selection Committee, 1999-2001

**Church
Conferences**

“Back to the Future with the Gospel of Luke” and
“Widening the Horizons of Salvation and Ethics”
First Church, UCC
Wenham, MA
Nov 4 and Nov 11, 2001

Craigville Theological Colloquium
“Reading Luke”
Craigville Conference Center
Craigville, MA
July, 1998

Lenten Series
“Christ and Culture: Luke and the Rhetoric of
Prestige”
First Baptist Church
Newton Centre, MA
March, 1998

Leadership Workshop
Tabernacle Baptist Church
Birmingham, AL
January, 1997

Leadership Workshop
Galilee Baptist Church
Detroit, MI
September, 1996

**Speeches/
Sermons
Lecture Series**

Sunday Morning 10:45 am. Sermon: St. Paul UMC, Dallas, Texas,

October 9, 2016

Sunday Morning 10:45 am. Men's Day Sermon: St. Paul UMC, Dallas, Texas, November 8, 2015.

Thursday Morning 11:00 am. Sermon: Stillman College Religious Emphasis Series, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, October 15, 2015.

Wednesday Morning 11:00 am. Sermon: Stillman College Religious Emphasis Series, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, October 14, 2015.

Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m. Sermon: The Village UMC, DeSoto, Texas, August 2, 2015.

Tuesday Morning 9:00 am. Sermon: The Achieving Excellence through Communal Empowerment and Creative Collaboration Conference, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, July 28, 2015.

Wednesday Night 7:30 p.m. Sermon: Igreja Batista Betel, São Geraldo do Baixio, Brazil, July 22, 2015.

Sunday Morning 10:15 a.m. Sermon: The Church of the Disciple UMC, February 1, 2015

Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m. Sermon: The Village, DeSoto, Texas, July 6, 2014

Sunday Morning 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sermons: The Village, DeSoto, Texas, March 16, 2014

Sunday Morning 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sermons: The Village, DeSoto, Texas, March 17, 2013

Sunday Morning 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sermons: The Village, DeSoto, Texas, February 26, 2012

Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m. Sermon: Jubilee UMC, February 19, 2013.

Sunday Morning 11:00 a.m. Sermon: St. Luke's Community United Methodist Church, June 14, 2009

Church Anniversary Sermon: Sixteenth St. Baptist Church, Birmingham,
Alabama, April 19, 2009.

Morning 11:00 a.m. Sermon: Mt. Canaan Baptist Church, Pensacola,
FL, August 3, 2008.

Bible Studies Graduation Ceremony
St. Luke's Community United Methodist Church
June 27, 2004
Dallas, TX

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration
Southern New Hampshire
Outreach for Black Unity
January 15, 2001
Hollis, New Hampshire