

FARRIS BLOUNT, III, Ph.D.

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Tyrone Adam Burroughs Assistant Professor of Theology | 2022 – Present
Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, TN

Postdoctoral Fellow | 2022 – 2024
Louisville Institute | Louisville, KY

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Practical Theology
Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA
Primary Advisor: Bryan P. Stone, Ph. D.
Secondary Advisor: Jonathan Calvillo, Ph. D.

Master of Divinity (M.Div.)
Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA
Thesis Title: *It's Complicated: Exploring the Relationship Between Millennials and Church*
Primary Advisor: Jonathan L. Walton, Ph. D.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), International Relations
Minor: African & African-American Studies
Stanford University, Stanford, CA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Areas: Practical Theology, Black Church Studies, African-American Theologies, Ecclesiology, Sociology of Religion, History of Christianity

Assistant Professor | Memphis Theological Seminary | Memphis, TN

Spring 2026	The Church As A Non-Profit Organization
Spring 2026	Christian Heritage II
Fall 2025	Christian Heritage I
Fall 2025	The Theology & Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Spring 2025	Constructing Our Theological Futures (DMin)
Spring 2025	Christian Heritage II
Spring 2025	African-American Theology
Fall 2024	Christian Heritage I

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Fall 2024	Theology of Gender & Sexuality
Spring 2024	Christian Heritage II
Spring 2024	Special Topics in Theology: Ecclesiology
Fall 2023	Christian Heritage II
Fall 2023	Christian Heritage I
Spring 2023	Christian Heritage II
Spring 2023	The Theology & Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Fall 2022	Christian Heritage I
Fall 2022	African-American Theology
Fall 2022	Introduction To Thinking Theologically

Instructor | Stanford Digital Education | Stanford, CA

Spring 2025	Between Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr.
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Instructor | Lux Summer Institute at Monmouth College | Monmouth, IL

Summer 2021	Theological & Practical Considerations for Humanity & The Environment
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Co-Instructor | Harvard Divinity School | Cambridge, MA

Spring 2021	Being Baptist: Polity & Politics, Race & Culture, Theology & Practice
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Instructor | Boston University School of Theology | Boston, MA

Spring 2020	Pastoral and Spiritual Formation II
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Fall 2019	Pastoral and Spiritual Formation I
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Graduate Teaching Fellow | Boston University School of Theology | Boston, MA

Spring 2021	Evangelism and Contemporary Cultures
Spring 2020	Dismantling White Privilege, Power, & Supremacy
Spring 2020	Contextual Analysis and Transformational Leadership
Fall 2019	Religious Change and Competition in Latin America
Spring 2019	Evangelism and Contemporary Cultures
Fall 2018	Ethical Leadership: Character, Civility, and Community

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Fall 2018

The Religious Thinking of Howard Thurman

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

- Blount, III, Farris. “Be Bold: Spread The Table. The Future of Black Church Life.” 2025 Arkansas Region Fall Gathering, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, First Episcopal District. September 2025.
- Blount, III, Farris. “The Five Dysfunctions of a Team.” 2024 West Tennessee Region Fall Gathering, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, First Episcopal District. November 2024.
- Blount, III, Farris. “We Are What We’re Looking For: Developing A New Black Church Ecclesiology for Black Millennials.” J.W. James African Methodist Episcopal Church, Maywood, Illinois. October 2024.
- Blount, III, Farris. “The African American Religious Experience – Christian Traditions.” Strake Jesuit College Preparatory, Houston, TX. November 2023.
- Blount, III, Farris. “Introduction to Thinking Theologically.” Metropolitan Baptist Church, Memphis, TN. June 2023.
- Blount, III, Farris. “The African American Religious Experience – Christian Traditions.” Strake Jesuit College Preparatory, Houston, TX. November 2021.
- Blount, III, Farris. “Evangelism, Salvation, & Liberation.” Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA. March 2021.
- Blount, III, Farris. “Hospitality & Evangelism.” Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA. April 2019.
- Blount, III, Farris. “Howard Thurman & Black Theology.” Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA. December 2018.
- Blount, III, Farris. “If God Got Us, Then We Gon’ Be Alright!”: Hip-Hop Music & Faith Formation in Black Millennials.” Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA. April 2018.

PUBLIC FACING SCHOLARSHIP & MEDIA

Blount III, Farris. “Following Jesus from The Black Church Tradition,” in *Following Jesus: Perspectives from Diverse Christian Traditions*, Harold Heie, ed., 2023.

Research Assistant – Sharpton, Al. *Righteous Troublemakers: Untold Stories of the Social Justice Movement in America*. Hanover Square Press, 2022.

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MENTORSHIP, SERVICE, AND LEADERSHIP

Doctor of Ministry (DMin) Student Mentoring

Alexis Tardy

Eric Alexander

Audrey Hall (in progress)

Executive Pastor of Ministries | 2025 – 2026

Metropolitan Baptist Church, Memphis, TN

Grant Site Coordinator | 2023 – 2026

Metropolitan Baptist Church | Memphis, TN

- Identify innovative methods to curate relatable and accessible faith-based content for adults and children
- Coordinate with local churches and organizations to share best practices, develop plan of work, and solicit feedback on curriculum

Community Engagement Committee | 2022 – 2026

Memphis Theological Seminary | Memphis, TN

- Organize and facilitate lectures for the community from scholars and researchers that connect faith and belief to lived practice

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Student – Level 1 | June 2024 – August 2024

MD Anderson Cancer Center | Houston, TX

Executive Pastor | 2016-2024

Western Avenue Baptist Church | Cambridge, MA

Research Assistant | 2020-2021

Fuller Theological Seminary | Pasadena, CA

Member, Association of Black Seminarians | 2017-2024

Boston University School of Theology | Boston, MA

Graduate Resident Assistant | 2019-2020

Boston University | Boston, MA

Ministry Intern | 2015-2016

Western Avenue Baptist Church | Cambridge, MA

HONORS

Dean's Fellow | 2014-2017

Harvard Divinity School | Cambridge, MA

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MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Religion
Association of Practical Theology

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

Intermediate Spanish speaking and reading ability