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## EDUCATION

Th.D., Theology and Ethics, Duke University Divinity School

M.Div., Theology, Duke University Divinity School

B.A., Religious Studies, The University of Virginia

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Instructor*

(Im)Migrant Identity and Christianity, Independent Study Fall 2014

*Co-Instructor*

Introduction to Christian Theology Fall 2014

Instructor: Willie Jennings

Doctrine of Creation and Theological Anthropology Fall 2014

Instructor: Willie Jennings

Christian Identity and the Formation of the Racial World Spring & Fall 2011 Instructor: Willie Jennings

*Preceptor/Teaching Assistant*

Theologies of Liberation in the U.S. Spring 2016

Instructor: Eboni Marshall Turman

Introduction to Womanist Theology Fall 2015

Instructor: Eboni Marshall Turman

Theology and Ethics of Dietrich Bonhoeffer Spring 2015

Instructor: J. Kameron Carter

Black Women, Womanist Thought, and the Church Spring 2014

Instructor: Eboni Marshall Turman

Introduction to Issues in Cross-Cultural Care and Counseling Fall 2013

Instructor: Esther Acolatse

Introduction to Christian Preaching Spring 2013

Instructor: Chuck Campbell

Marriage and Family in Cross Cultural Contexts Spring 2012

Instructor: Esther Acolatse

Theology in Black Church Traditions Fall 2012

Instructor: J. Kameron Carter

**WRITING EXPERIENCE**

*Academic*

Contributing Editor at *Marginalia* of the Los Angeles Review of Books 2015 - present

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Academic*

“The Role of Self Deception in the Committal of Human Atrocities/Racial Violence” (forthcoming) 2018

 Source: *Sacra Testamentum, Vol. 1: An African Reflection on Christian Studies*

“Interview with Mercy Amba Oduyoye: Mercy Oduyoye in Her Own Words” 2016

 Source: *The Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*

“A Theology of Domesticity: Where Can Black Women Live?” 2014

 Source: *The Other Journal*: The Geography Issue. Online and in print.

*Book Reviews*

*The Death of Race: Building a New Christianity in a Racial World*, Brian Bantum, Author 2017

Source: American Academy of Religion’s *Reading Religion*

*The Strength of Her Witness: Jesus Christ in the Global Voices of Women*, Elizabeth A. Johnson, Editor 2016

 Source: American Academy of Religion’s *Reading Religion*

*Religio-Political Narratives in the United States*, Angela D. Sims, F. Douglas Powe, and Johnny Bernard Hill, Editors 2016

 Source: *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*

*Popular: Poetry*

“weeping will you” 2017

 Source: *The Curator Magazine*. Online.

“handiwork” 2017

 Source: *The Other Journal*. Online

*i have stared down winters* (poetry chapbook) 2016

“Colors in Between: Poetry of Black and White” 2016

 Source: *The Invisible Bear Poetry and Visual Art Review*. Online and in print.

*Popular: Creative Writing*

“Another Letter to My Nephew” Parts I & II 2015

 Source: *Red Letter Christians*. Online.

*Popular: Essays*

“White Christianity and How Hope Was Wrong” 2016

 Source: *BEAR!NGS ONLINE*. Online.

“Black Fatigue, White Empathy, and the Funeral” 2015

 Source: *CCDA Theological Journal*, 2015 Edition. In print.

“When Death Meets you at Retreat” 2015

 Source: *The Mudroom*. Online.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellow 2017 - 2019

The Forum for Theological Exploration Dissertation Fellow 2016 - 2017

The Forum for Theological Exploration Pre-Dissertation Fellow 2014 - 2015

Duke Divinity School Th.D. Fellowship 2013 - 2014

Duke Divinity School Reconciliation Scholarship Recipient 2011 - 2013

**CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION, PRESENTATIONS, PANELS, & RESPONSES**

*American Academy of Religion*

“Precarious Practices: An African Feminist Examination of African Theology’s Patriarchy Problem” paper presentation with the African Religions Unit. November 18-21, 2017 (forthcoming)

“Monsters on Board: The Ontological Baptism of Blackness” paper presentation with the

African Diaspora Religions Group. November 21-24, 2015

“The Propensity of Stains: Suffering as Dirty or Contextual Suffering and Black Female

Subjectivity” paper presentation with the Women in Teaching, Activism and Scholarship Group. November 21-24, 2015

*The Society of Christian Ethics*

“A Case for Everydayness: Black Women’s Identity and an Ethic of Sapphire” paper

presentation.

Responder: Emilie Townes January 5-8, 2017

*The Association for Theopoetics Research and Exploration*

“My Body is Theology: Poetry of Self-hood and Self-naming” for Theopoetics: A Transdisciplinary Conference with Workshops and Dialogue. March 10-12, 2017

*Professional Conferences*

“Word(s) and Women: Who is Christ Really for the African Woman?” paper presentation for

African and African Diasporan Women in Religion and Theology, “Say Her Name:

Africana Women as Interpreters, Healers and Revolutionaries.”

Keynote Speaker: Marjorie Lewis July 10-15, 2016

*Graduate Conferences*

“Stealing the (Intelligent) Souls of Black (Women)Folk: Black Women’s Knowledge As

Chattel” paper presentation at the Graduate Theological Conference at Garrett

Theological Seminary, “How Does it Feel to be a Problem?: Religion and Racialized

Violence.”

Keynote speaker: Sylvester A. Johnson November 13, 2015

“Stealing the (Intelligent) Souls of Black (Women)Folk: Black Women’s Knowledge As

Chattel” paper presentation at the Koinonia Forum of Princeton Theological Seminary,

“Twisted Intersections: Race, Gender and Religion.”

Keynote speaker: Thelathia "Nikki" Young. April 17-18, 2015

“The Propensity of Stains: Suffering as Dirty” paper presentation at the Duke Graduate

Conference in Theology, “Do Not Be Silent at My Tears.”

Keynote speaker: M. Shawn Copeland October 3-4, 2014

“Distinction and Desire: Racing Reconciliation” paper presentation at The University of

Virginia Graduate Colloquium in Theology, Ethics, and Culture, “Contests of Desire:

God, Goods & The Good.”

Keynote speaker: Eugene Rogers March 28-29, 2014

*Other*

Essay response to *Against Purity: Living Ethically in Compromised Times*, Alexis Shotwell

 (forthcoming) Fall 2017

 Source: *Syndicate*. Online and in print.

*Conferences/Symposia Organized*

Head Coordinator for Duke Graduate Conference in Theology, “Encounter”

 September 25-26, 2015

*Colloquia Presentations*

“Monsters on Board: The Ontological Baptism of Blackness” at the Duke Th.D. Colloquium

 November 6, 2015

*Respondent*

Responder to paper by Therese Lysaught at Duke University Divinity School Theology,

 Medicine, and Culture “Taking our Meds Faithfully? Christian Engagements with

Psychiatric Medication” conference March 3-4, 2017

Responder to the paper, “Addressing Self-Sacrifice's Ambiguity” at the Duke Th.D. Colloquium

 March 2015

**LECTURES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

*Campus Talks*

“Who Counts as African?” TED Talk for DukeAFRICA Red Week Fall 2015

*Guest Lectures*

“Womanist Christian Ethics” lecture for *Christian Ethics* course Spring 2017

“Class/race/gender – equality – solidarity” lecture in the *Christianity and Capitalism: A*

 *Theological Exploration* course Fall 2016

“Perceiving the Grotesque in the Beautiful: Black Women, Suffering, and the Cross” lecture for

 *Beauty, Suffering and the Cross* course Spring 2016

“Mujerista Theology” lecture for *Theologies of Liberation in the U.S.* course Spring 2016

“Ain’t I a Woman: Black Women, the Politics of Identity, and Public Policy” for *Introduction to*

 *Womanist Theology* course Fall 2015

**LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

*Academic*

Steering Committee, Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching & Activism, American Academy

 of Religion Group 2015 - 2020

Active participant in Duke Divinity School’s Center for Reconciliation 2007 - 2015

*Ecclesial*

Co-leader of Race and Reconciliation small group 2013-2015

Ruling Elder at Durham Presbyterian Church 2009–2015

*Community*

Life Lines, Editorial Board 2016 - present

Board Member, BUMP the Triangle 2015 - 2016

**LANGUAGES**

Reading proficient: German (elementary), French, Spanish

Minimally conversant: Spanish, Yoruba

**ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

*Professional*

Fellowship for Protestant Ethics Symposium 2017 - present

Association of Writers and Writing Programs 2017 - present

American Academy of Religion 2010 - present

Society of Christian Ethics 2014 - present

Society of Race, Ethnicity and Religion 2014 - present

National Women’s Studies Association 2015 - present

Immigration and Ethnic History Society 2013 - 2015

*Communal and Organizational*

NAACP (North Carolina Chapter) 2013 - present

Christian Community Development Association 2014