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Education

Ottawa University, Ottawa, KS
1972 Bachelor of Arts, Psychology/Sociology

Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT
1975 Master of Divinity

Yeshiva University, New York City
1981 Master of Social Work
For Thesis entitled: "Clergy As Counselor: A Question of Identity and Effectiveness"

Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge MA
1989 Certificate, Professional Education – Life Span Psychology

Yeshiva University, New York City
1997 Doctor of Social Welfare (renamed PhD in Social Work)
For dissertation entitled "Religious Values and Social Work Education: Outcomes and Conflicts" – an exploratory quantitative and qualitative study with data gathered by survey method and analyzed by multivariant analysis

Pastoral Positions

2012–2023 Senior Pastor, Dixwell Avenue Congregational United Church of Christ, New Haven, CT
1992–2007 Yale University Chaplain and Senior Pastor, Church of Christ in Yale
1975–1992 Senior Pastor, Mount Aery Baptist Church, Bridgeport, CT

Academic Positions

2023– Adjunct Associate Professor and Coordinator of Joint Degree Program in Divinity and Social Work, Yale Divinity School
2023–2024 Visiting Professor, Hartford Seminary
2012–2014 Associate Professor, University of Saint Joseph Department of Social Work, West

Hartford, CT
2007–2012 The Carl and Dorothy Bennett Professor in Pastoral Counseling, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University, New York City
2004–2005 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Counseling/School of Psychology, Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT
2002–2003 Acting Head, Trumbull College, Yale University
1995–2000 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Social Work, Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT
1992–2007 Assistant Clinical Professor of Social Work, Yale University
1991–1992 Research Associate (Lilly Endowment funded), Hartford Seminary
1990–1991 Visiting Professor, Hartford Seminary
1987–2023 Adjunct Associate Professor, Pastoral Theology, Yale Divinity School

Social Work Positions
1998– Senior Social Worker, Clergy Consultant and Faculty, Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma
1983–1987 Psychiatric Social Worker, Greater Bridgeport Community Health Center, Bridgeport, CT
1981–1983 Psychiatric Social Worker, Bridgeport Child Guidance Center
1979–1981 Coordinator, Friendly Visitation Program, Jewish Family Services, Bridgeport, CT

Fellowships and Research Appointments
2022 Pastoral Study Project Award, Louisville Institute
2010 Connecticut Health Foundation Fellow, Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences
2010 Fulbright Specialist, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa
2009–2010 Connecticut Health Foundation Health Leadership Fellow
2007–2008, 2010 Fulbright Senior Scholar, Department of Practical Theology, University of Pretoria, South Africa
2004 Sabbatical Grant for Pastoral Leaders, Louisville Institute
2001–2002 Visiting Scholar, Yale Law School
1999–2001 Faculty Research Fellow, Yale University Institute for the Advance Study of Religion
1981–1982 National Institute on Mental Health, Doctoral Fellowship, Council on Social Work Education
1976 Rockefeller Doctoral Fellowship, Fund for Theological Education
1973–1975 Protestant Fellow, Fund for Theological Education
1970 Independent Researcher, Institute on Race Relations, London, England

Honors and Awards
2021 Frederick J. Streets Social Justice Student Award established by Yale Divinity School
2021 Lux et Veritas Award, Yale Divinity School
2005 Ottawa University Alumni Association, Outstanding Achievement Award
2002 African American Trail Blazer, WTNH News Channel 8 and UPN 9
1998 Honorary Doctor of Divinity, Ottawa University, Ottawa, KS
1975 Yale Divinity School, Merzick Prize in Preaching

Current Memberships

- American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work
- American Psychological Association
- American Canadian School of Medicine, Dominica, board member
- Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences
- Connecticut Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology
- Leeway Inc., New Haven, CT
- National Association of Social Workers/CT
- North American Association of Christians in Social Work
- Society for Pastoral Theology
- State of Connecticut Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Yale Mental Health and Spirituality Center: Steering Committee/Advisory Board

Research in Progress

- "Theologies for Pastoral Ministry": An ATS Project Funded by the Lilly Endowment. Member of research team led by Prof. Craig Barnes. This project, with a completion date of 2028, is developing a series of ten books addressing current social changes faced by pastors and their congregations. The participants represent the church's diversity of traditions, race, generations, genders, and socio-economic settings.
- Under consideration for Project Grant for Researchers, Louisville Institute: Research Proposal: "Does a Dual Degree Make a Difference in Pastoral Leadership?"

Books

[as sole author] *How Are You "Being"? Clergy Well-Being in a Time of Uncertainty*, Pickwick Press, 2024

[as editor] *Preaching in the New Millennium: Celebrating the Tercentennial of Yale University*, Yale University Press, 2005

Book Chapters

"Relational Social Work and Religious Diversity," in *Relational Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations*, ed. J. B. Rosenberger, Springer, 2014

with J. Tuskan and A. Basit, "Religion, Spirituality and Faith" in Global Mental Health: Trauma and Recovery: A Companion Guide for Field and Clinical Care of Traumatized People Worldwide. ed. R Mollica, Lulu Press, 2011

"Pastoral Perspectives on Psalm 19, Psalm 29 and Psalm 36," in *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary*, vol. 5, ed. D. Bartlett and B. B. Taylor, Westminster John Knox Press, 2008

"The Work and Role of the College Chaplain Following a Disaster or Traumatic Event," in *Disaster Spiritual Care: Practical Clergy Responses to Community, Regional and National Tragedy*, ed. S. Roberts and W.W.C. Ashley Sr., Skylight Paths, 2008

"Trauma and the Role of Religion in Mental Health Services in a Post-Conflict Society," in *Trauma and the Role of Mental Health in Post-Conflict Recovery*, Harvard Program in

Refugee Trauma (2006/7)

"A Christian Patriot's Dream: Seeing Beyond the Tears of Humiliation and Mass Violence," in *The Sunday after Tuesday: College Pulpits Respond to 9/11*, ed. W. H. Willimon, Abingdon Press, 2002

"Bearing the Spirit Home," in *Facing Death*, ed. H. M. Spiro, M.G. McCrea Curan, and L.P. Wande, Yale University Press, 1996

Journal Articles

"The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Clergy Identity, their Practice of Ministry and Theology," *Journal of Pastoral Theology* (forthcoming)

with A. Breland-Noble and A. Jordan, "Community-based Participatory Research with Black People and Black Scientists: The Power and the Promise", *Lancet Psychiatry*, 11, no. 1 (2024): 75–80

"Let's Stay in Touch," *Reflections: A Magazine of Theological and Ethical Inquiry*, Spring 2024: *Ghost in the Machine: The Ethics of A.I.*, Yale Divinity School

with S. M. Berthold, P. Polatin, R. Mollica, C. Higson-Smith, C. M. Kelly, and J. Lavelle, "The Complex Care of a Torture Survivor in the United States: The Case of 'Joshua'," *Torture*, 30, no. 1 (2020)

"Understanding Diversity," *Diversity Newsletter*, 2, no. 2, Norwalk Community College, Norwalk, CT (2018)

"Starting An Urgent Conversation," in *Reflections: A Magazine of Theological and Ethical Inquiry*, Spring 2017: *God and Money, Turning the Tables*, Yale Divinity School

"On a Journey," *Spirituality in Clinical Practice*, 2, no. 2 (2015)

"Overcoming a Fear of Religion in Social Work Education and Practice," *Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought*, 28, no. 1/2 (2009)

"The Pastoral Care of Preaching and the Trauma of HIV and AIDS," *Verbum et Ecclesia: Journal of the Faculty of Theology, University of Pretoria, South Africa*, 29, no. 3 (2008)

"Religion and Social Work: Dilemmas and Challenges in Practice," *Journal of Jewish Communal Service*, 83, no. 2/3 (2008)

"The Value of a Social Work Education for the Religious Professional," *Journal of Jewish Communal Service*, 83, no. 2/3 (2008)

"African-Americans and Middle East Bridges," *Review of Faith & International Affairs*, 6, no. 1 (2008)

"Body as Metaphor and Fact," *Living Pulpit*, 15, no. 2 (2006)

"Preaching and Trauma," *Living Pulpit*, 14, no. 4 (2005)

"Crossing the Barriers: Commentary on Facing the Challenges of the Politics of Race and Identity," *Social Work Forum*, 34, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University, NY (1998/9)

"Diversity and Its Contribution to Student Learning," *Curriculum Units by the Fellows of the Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute*, vol. 4 (1997)

"The Multiple Challenges of University Chaplaincy," *Yale Alumni Magazine* (1997)

"Speaking Out on Diversity," *On Common Ground*, Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute (1996)

"Seven Meditations," *The Upper Room Disciplines* (Upper Room Books, 1995)

"Ministering to Today's Yale," *Yale Alumni Magazine* (October 1994)

"The Spiritual Dimensions of Community Mental Health: A Shared Value," *Listening: Journal of Religion and Culture*, 29, no. 2 (1994)

"Where are the Modern Jeremiahs?", *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, 22, no. 3 (1993)
"Living by the Word," *Christian Century* (February 3, 10, 14, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 1993)
"Meditation on Vocation," *Praxis*, Hartford Seminary (November 15, 1991)
with R. Mollica, J. Boscarino, and F. C. Redlich, "A Community Study of Formal Pastoral Counseling Activities of the Clergy," *American Journal of Psychiatry*, 143 no. 3 (1986), 323–328
"Clergy as Counselor: A Question of Identity and Effectiveness," *Jewish Social Work Forum*, 18 (1982)

Book Reviews

Review of *Holy Play: The Joyful Adventure of Unleashing Your Divine Purpose*, by Kirk Byron Jones, *Living Pulpit*, 17, no. 1 (2008).
Review of *Crisis in the Village: Restoring Hope in African American Communities*, by Robert M. Franklin, *The Living Pulpit*, 16, no. 3 (2007)
Review of *A Passion for the Possible: A Message to U.S. Churches*, by Wm Sloan Coffin, Jr., *Christian Century* (April 1994)

Public-Facing Writing

"Faith Matters," a weekly opinion column in the *New Haven Register*; selection from over 30 contributions:

- "Protect the Hope That Is Within Us," July 10, 2020
- "The Grace of God," February 22, 2019
- "Watching a Child Suffer is a Major Test of Faith," May 19, 2001
- "In Times of Crisis, Keep Close Eye on Children," August 7, 2019
- "Hope," April 22, 2017
- "We Fight Some of Our Greatest Battles When We Are Alone," April 9, 2006
- "Trauma and Healing," October 2, 2005
- "Give Thanks for Bond between City and University," November 11, 2000

"Forum: If Not Forgiveness, Then Compassion," *New Haven Register*, March 7, 2019
"Forum: The Spiritual Child," *New Haven Register*, May 18, 2017
"Campus Chapels and Religious Diversity," Letter to the Editor, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 1, 2011
"College Campuses Are Producing New Style of Aids Activists," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, December 6, 2010
"Black Children's Education and the 'Obama Effect'," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, January 31, 2009
"Reactions to the Mark Sanford Drama," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, June 26, 2009
"Tribute to Rev Cofield," Letter to the Editor, *New Haven Register*, April 2, 2008
"Many Blacks Find Hope and Joy in an Unimaginable Breakthrough," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, June 6, 2008
"Change in South Africa," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, October 10, 2008
"Faith and Obama," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, May 6, 2007
"A Saint's Dark Soul," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, August 31, 2007

"Negative Attitudes and Myths Hinder Welfare," Letter to the Editor, *Wall Street Journal*, November 13, 2007
"Culture and the Fate of Black Men," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, April 2, 2006
"The Patient as Teacher," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, August 23, 2005
"Wrapping Yourself in Love," Forum, *New Haven Register*, December 23, 2005
"The Dorms May Be Great," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, November 2, 2004
"Why Students Should Become and Remain Politically Active," *Yale Daily News*, November 9, 2004
"Inspired in the Pulpit," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, April 6, 2002
"Colombia's Challenge," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, August 19, 2002
"Creating Culture of Peace and Justice," Forum, *New Haven Register*, August 27, 2002
"Commentary on the One Year Anniversary of 9/11," *Yale Daily News*, September 12, 2002
"Bosnians Appreciate Peace Effort," Forum, *New Haven Register*, January 14, 2001
"Demand for Faith-based Service Will Rise," Editorial, *New Haven Register*, February 11, 2001
"Yale, Slavery and a Moral Duty," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, August 15, 2001
with R. Mollica, "Treating Trauma," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, November 14, 2001
"Redefining 'Normal' in Abnormal Times," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, November 19, 2001
with R. Mollica, "Talking about Trauma," Letter to Science Editor, *New York Times*, November 27, 2001
"How to Help Colombia," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, February 13, 2000
"Sound Ruling on School Prayer," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, June 21, 2000
"Religious, Ethnic Biases Must Not Influence Vote," Letter to the Editor, *New Haven Register*, August 10, 2000
"Religion and Politics," Letter to the Editor, *USA Today*, November 1, 2000
"The Shame of Colombia," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, November 12, 2000
"U.S. Should Rethink Its Colombia Policy," Letter to the Editor, *New Haven Register*, November 14, 2000
"Bosnia's Rebirth," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, November 30, 2000
"Black Baptist Leader's Controversy Dilutes Organizational Power," *New Haven Register*, September 18, 1997
"The Violence of Our Time," address, Ministers & Missionaries Benefit Board of the American Baptist Churches, New York, 1993
"African American: Reconciling the Two," Black Profiles, *Bridgeport Post*, July 1990

Lectures/Workshops (Selected)

"Dual Degree: Divinity and Social Work" North American Association of Christian Social Workers, Dallas, Texas, October 2024
"Being a Healer in a Wounded World," Spirituality Mind Body Institute, Teacher's College, Columbia University, June 2024
"The Role of Pastoral Care in a Wounded World," Berkley Divinity School at Yale, June 2024
"Pastoral Care and Self-Care," National Alliance of Mental Health Annual Clergy Retreat, Long Island, New York, May 2024
"The Damages of Racism: A Mental Health Response," Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma, Spring 2024
"The Work of Howard Thurman," Spirituality Mind Body Institute, Teacher's College, Columbia University, February 2023

"Trauma Informed Ministry: New Haven Area Clergy," Yale Divinity School, 2016 and 2017
"Trauma and Pastoral Care," Department of Practical Theology, University of Pretoria, Spring 2008
"Pastoral Care after War," Franciscan Seminary, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Winter 2002
"The Road of Ministry," Wake Forest University, March 2001
"A Dream for the Millennium, honoring Solomon Melvin Coles, YDS, 1875", Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX, June 2000
"Meditations for the Journey," workshops, Children's Defense Fund, Hall-Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry, Clinton TX, 2000–2018
"Welfare Reform: A Theological Perspective," Council of Church of Greater Bridgeport, CT, March 1998
"Self-Esteem and Spirituality," Connecticut Mental Health Center, February 1998
"Equipping Faith Communities for a Changing World," The Earl Lectures, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA, 1997
"Faith and Hope: Fashioning a Vision of Community in American Society," Greenhoe Lectures, Louisville Seminary, 1996
"The Partnership of Ministry and Medicine: Hope in Urban America," Yale Medical School, February 1995
"A Ministry of Hope," The Day Missions Associates Lecture, Yale Divinity School Library, October 1994

Podcasts and Interviews (selected)

Howard Thurman: Universal Love, January 2019, *http://blog.sutra.co/2019/01/14/jerry-streets-on-universal-love-in-practice/*
Voices of the Civil Rights Movement: Rev. Dr. Frederick Jerome Streets, nbc connecticut, February 13, 2020, *https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/community/voices-of-the-civil-rights-movement-rev-dr-frederick-jerome-streets/2223239/*