

## JAMIL W. DRAKE

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### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Assistant Professor of African American Religious History  
**Yale Divinity School**, New Haven, CT. (2022-Present)

Assistant Professor of Religion  
**Florida State University**, Tallahassee, FL (2016-2022)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies  
**Bates College**, Lewiston, ME (2015-2016)

### EDUCATION

**Emory University**, Atlanta, GA

- Ph.D. (2015), **Graduate Division of Religion**
- Th.M. (2010), **Candler School of Theology**

**Princeton Theological Seminary**, Princeton, NJ

- M.Div. (2007)

**Morehouse College**, Atlanta, GA

- B.A. in Religion (2004)

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Book

- *Let My People Live: The Medicalization of Black Religion in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century (Work-In-Progress)*
- *To Know the Souls of a People: Religion, Race, and the Making of Southern Folk* (New York: Oxford University Press, January 2022)

#### Essays and Book Chapters

- "Black Religion and Popular Culture in the Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign," *New Directions of African American Religious History*, eds. Judith Weisenfeld, Alexis Wells-Ogoghomeh, Vaughn Booker, and Ahmad Green-Hayes (forthcoming)
- "Black Religion in Health Communication: National Negro Health Week Sermons," *The Routledge Handbook of Religion, Spirituality, and Medical Humanities*, eds. Kristy Solminski, Adam Powell, and Chris Cook (New York: Routledge Books, forthcoming)
- "Race, Power, and the Limits of Religious Liberalism: William Jones' Challenge to Unitarianism. *Speculations on Black Life: The Collected Writings of William R. Jones*, eds. Anthony Pinn and Monifa Love (Bloomsbury Press, 2023).
- "Fit To Be a Midwife: Protestantism, Moral Character, and the State Supervision of Black Lay Midwives, 1931-1946. *Religion and American Culture*. Vol. 33, Issue 1 (Winter 2023), pp. 75-114.

- “Folk Religion and the Medical Engineering of Black Rural Laborers,” Roundtable: Religio-Racial Identity as Challenge and Critique. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (June, 2020)
- “The Idea of Black Religion”: Encyclopedic Essay (35 pages), *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, ed. John Corrigan (New York: Oxford University Press, November 2018)

#### **Public Scholarship**

- “*The Politics of Poverty and Race*”, *The Journal of Religion and Politics*; An Online Journal, January 20, 2015

#### **Book Reviews**

- “The Façade of State Benevolence: Child Welfare and Policing Black Families: Review Essay of Dorothy Roberts, *Torn Apart: How Child Welfare System Destroys Black Families—and How Abolition Can Build A Better World*, *American Religion*, vol. 5, No. 2 (Spring 2004), 225-231.
- Eddie S. Glaude, *To Begin Again: James Baldwin’s America and It’s Urgent Lesson for Our Own* (New York: Crown Books), *Marginalia Review of Books* (Sept. 2021).
- Emily Suzanne Clark, *A Luminous Brotherhood: Afro-Creole Spiritualism in 19<sup>th</sup> Century New Orleans* (UNC Press, 2016), *Journal of Southern Religion*, Volume 19 (2017)
- Andrew Barnes, *Global Christianity and The Black Atlantic: Tuskegee, Colonialism, and the Shaping of African Industrial Education* (Waco: Baylor University Press, 2017), *Journal of Religion in Africa* (December 2018)

#### **AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS**

- Advancing Public Knowledge on Race, Justice, and Religion Grant, Henry Luce Foundation, 2022-2025 (\$250,000) (Co-PI with Dr. Laura McTighe).
- Dean of Arts and Sciences Subvention Grant, Florida State University, 2020
- McKnight Junior Faculty Fellowship, Florida Education Fund, 2019
- Ford Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention, 2019
- Young Scholars in American Religion Program (Lily Endowment), 2018-2020
- First-Year Assistant Professor Award, Florida State University, 2017
- Provost’s Traveling Grant, Florida State University, 2016
- Postdoctoral Fellowship for the John C. Danforth Center of Religion and Politics, Washington University at St. Louis, 2016 (Alternate)
- Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Laney Graduate School, Emory University, 2013-2014
- Graduate Fellowship, Office of University-Community Partnerships, Emory University, 2010-2011

#### **SERVICE**

- Invited Panelist, Religion and the 2024 Elections, 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on Religion & American Culture, April 13-16.
- Member, Editorial Board of History of Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2024-
- Consultant/Organizer, William R. Jones Papers Project, Florida State University, 2020-2023

- Chair, “A Pedagogy for Existence: Race, Religion, Oppression, and Well-Being in the Work of William R. Jones,” Southeaster Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR), March 2021
- Panelist, Religion & the 2020 Election, Religion & American Culture, November 2020
- Panelist, Professional Development Workshop, Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University, October 2020
- Panelist, Racial Justice and the Humanities, University of Montana, October 2020
- Committee Member, Anti-Racism Committee, Religion Department, Florida State University, 2020-
- Committee Member, African-American Religious History Unit Steering Committee, American Academy of Religion, 2019-2024
- Co-Organizer, Panel: “Governing Health: Race, Religion, Secularism, and the Healing State,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2018.
- Faculty Senate, Florida State University, 2017-2019
- Teaching and Learning Committee, American Academy of Religion, 2017- 2020
- Graduate Advisor, Graduate Symposium of Religion, Florida State University, 2016-2017
- Organized Speaking Series, “Convictions: Religion, Race, and Surveillance Culture, Bates College, Lewiston, ME., 2015-2016
- Religious Consultant, Rhode Island Council of Humanities, Study of Black Storefront Churches, June 2015-2016
- Research Consultant, History of Social Movements and Non-Violent Coursera Course, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. May-June 2015
- Moderator, Panel: “Prophetic Criticism in the Age of Obama,” Annual Meeting for the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR), Nashville, TN., March 7, 2015
- Graduate Mentor, Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, Emory University, Atlanta, GA., 2014-2015
- Co-Coordinator, Black Cultures and the Study of Religion Group, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, 2014-2015