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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)

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- *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

- “Manufacturing the Black Folk:” Religion and Politics in the Savannah Federal Writers Project,” *Legacy of Slavery in Savannah*, eds. Melissa Cooper and Talitha LeFlouria (Under- Contract, University of Georgia Press)
- “Fit To Be A Midwife: Protestantism, Moral Character, and the State Supervision of Black Lay Midwives, 1931-1946,” *American Religion & Culture: An Interpretation* (Forthcoming, Spring 2023)
- “Neo-Racism and the Shortcomings of Religious Liberalism,” *Speculations of Black Life: The Collected Papers of William R. Jones* (Forthcoming, Bloomsbury Books, May 2023)
- “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

- “We Represent Blue Lives and This is What They Do To Us?,” *Uncivil Religion: January 6, 2021*, (online) University of Alabama and Smithsonian National Museum of American History, January 2022
- “The Politics of Poverty and Race”, *The Journal of Religion and Politics; An Online Journal*, January 20, 2015

Book Reviews

- 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* (September 2021).
- Emily Suzanne Clark, *A Luminous Brotherhood: Afro-Creole Spiritualism in 19th 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)

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

- Invited Lecturer, “T.B. is Curable: The Entanglement of Black Religion and Science in Public Health,” Stanford University, Stanford, CA, April 2023
- Invited Presenter, “American Religion is Health Politics,” *Paradigm Shifts in American Religion Seminar*, Columbia University, New York City, NY, November 2022
- Invited Presenter, “The Southern Liberal Looks at the St. Helena Spirituals,” *Florida A&M University Spring Literary Forum: Music, Authority, and Racial Identity*, February 2022
- Invited Presenter, “Developing the Folk: Moral Engineering in Southern Progressivism,” *Religion in the Americas Workshop*, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J., September 26, 2019
- Invited Presenter, *The Scientific Study of Spirituals and the Social Development of Black Laborers in the American South*, *Sensory Cultures of Religion Research Group*, Yale University, New Haven, CT., February 19, 2019
- Presenter, *Governing Health: Race, Religion, Secularism, and the Healing State: The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, November 2018. Paper: “Legislating Morality, Managing Religion: Florida’s Plan for Improving Midwife Service Program”
- Invited Lecturer, *Medicalizing the Souls of Black Folk: Health and Governance of Black Religion*, *Society of Fellows*, Department of Religion, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, March 5, 2018
- Presenter, *The Challenge and Critique of the Religio-Racial Idea: The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, November 2017. Paper: “Laboring the Religio-Racial Concept: The “Black Folk” in the Fisk University and Julius Rosenwald Fund’s Macon County Health Study”
- Responder, *How Violence Causes Religious Communities to Define and Redefine Themselves*, *The Annual Graduate Symposium*, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL., February 2017

- Presenter, Southern Religious History in the 21st Century: Southern Historical Association Conference, St. Petersburg, FL., November 3, 2016. Paper: “The Social Sciences in the Study of African American Religion”
- Selected Presenter, The Best Graduate Papers in African American Religious History: The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 2014. Paper: “Ethnography, Negro Folk Religion, and the Cultural Deficit Hypothesis in the New Deal Era”
- Selected Presenter, Beyond the Cultural Wars: Recasting Religion and Politics in the Twentieth Century, Washington University, St. Louis, MO., March 2014. Paper: “The Class and Culture Dilemma in the Carnegie-Myrdal Study: Liberalism, Race Relations Research, and the Problem of Black Folk Religion.”
- Presenter, Southeastern Conference for the Study of Religion (SECSOR), Atlanta, GA, March 2014
Book Panel: Ronald Neal’s Democracy in the 21st Century

AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS

- The Whitney A. Griswold Research Fund, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University, New Haven, CT, November 2022
- Advancing Public Knowledge on Race, Justice, and Religion Grant, Henry Luce Foundation, 2022-2025 (\$250,000) (Co-PI with my 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

- 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, 2020-2022
- 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

COURSES TAUGHT

- The Idea of Black Religion (Graduate Course)
- Religion and the Modern Civil Rights Movement (Graduate Course)
- Religion in the Civil Rights Movement in U.S. and Latin America (Graduate Course, co- taught with David Kirkpatrick)
- The Problem of Race in U.S. Religious History (Graduate Course)
- Race, Ethnicity, and Religion in the U.S.
- Religion in the U.S.

- African American Religious Experience
- Battling for the Soul of America: Religion, Politics, and the Culture Wars
- W.E.B Du Bois on Religion and the Problem of Modern Society
- American Religious History, 1865-Present
- American Religious History, 1492-1865
- Religion and Music