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**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

2023- Yale Divinity School. Associate Professor of Ethics, Philosophy, and Africana Studies

2017-23 Yale Divinity School, Assistant Professor of Ethics and Philosophy

2016-17 Yale Divinity School, Postdoctoral Associate

2015 Yale Divinity School, Lecturer in Ethics and African American Religion

**EDUCATION**

2009-15 Princeton University, Ph.D. Religion, Ethics, and Politics

Graduate Certificate, African American Studies

2009-12 Princeton University, M.A. Religion, Ethics, and Politics

2014-17 University of Memphis, Ph.D. Philosophy

2006-09 University of Memphis, M.A. Philosophy

2002-06 Wake Forest University, B.A. Political Science

**DISSERTATIONS** (\*chair)

Fruits of Love: Self and Social Criticism in James Baldwin and Howard Thurman

\*Eddie Glaude, Jeffrey Stout, Imani Perry, Cornel West, Eric Gregory

More Than Just Testimony

\*Deborah Tollefsen, Bill Lawson, Luvell Anderson, Tom Nenon

**AREAS OF RESEARCH**

African American Religious, Political, and Philosophical Thought; Ethics; Theories of Race, Power, Ignorance, and Freedom; Social Epistemology; Ecological and Environmental Justice

**PUBLICATIONS**

“Grey or Nothing: Blackness and the Perils of Ontology without Ethics” in *The Journal of Black Theology* vol. 21 (2023): 47-61.

“Encountering Beauty, Enacting Self-Love: Toward an Ethic of Black Self-Regard,” *The Journal of Religious Ethics* 50.3 (2022): 488–507.

**BOOK REVIEWS**

*The Papers of Howard Thurman Volume 3: The Bold Adventure, September 1943-May 1949*,edited by Walter Fluker (Columbia, SC: Univ. of South Carolina Press, 2015), in *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion,* July 7, 2016 <http://readingreligion.org/books/papers-howard-washington-thurman>

**MANUSCRIPTS (IN PREPARATION)**

*Epistemic Deference and the Politics of Racial Listening* (under review, Oxford University Press)

*Howard Thurman and the Ethics of Social Criticism* (Invitation to submit manuscript, Cambridge University Press)

“Foucault, Baldwin, and Practices of Freedom” (Draft)

“Pragmatism Draped in Black” (Draft)

“Pessimism, Black Gratitude, and the Politics of Impiety” (Research in progress)

“White Ecological Conscience and Black Geographic Imaginations” (Research in progress)

**FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS**

Visiting Scholar, National Endowment for the Humanities, "Presuppositions and Perception: Reasoning, Politics, Ethics, and Aesthetics," Cornell University, 2016

Research Fellowship, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, 2014-15

Dean's Fund for Scholarly Travel, Princeton University, 2014

Political Philosophy Travel Grant, Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2014

Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship, Center for Human Values,

Princeton University, 2013-14

Department of Religion Teaching Award, Princeton University, 2012-13

Dissertation Fellowship, Center for African American Studies, Princeton University, 2012-13

Merit Grant, Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2009

President's Fellowship, Princeton University, 2009-13

Graduate Meritorious Teaching Award, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Memphis, 2008-09

Provost’s Diversity Fellow, University of Memphis, 2006-09

Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP), University of Illinois-Chicago, 2006

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

“Reconstructing Pragmatism, Criticizing Democracy,” Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit, Academy of Religion, November 2023

“On the Politics of Refusal and the Ethics of Tending,” A Reply to Emily Dumler-Winkler’s *Modern Virtue: Mary Wollstonecraft and a Tradition of Dissent*, 19th Century Theology Unit, American Academy of Religion, November 2023

“Black Religious Epistemologies: James Cone and the Art of Listening,” Columbia University, Black Studies and the Study of Religion: Pasts/Presents/Futures, September 2023

“Selective Retrieval and the Politics of Remembering: On the 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing,” Yale University, 10.23 Conference, September 2023

“For the Sake of the Children: William James on Liberatory Attunement and Social Formation,” American Academy of Religion, The William James Society Unit, November 2022

“The Ethics and Politics of Epistemic Deference,” Brown University, October 2022

“Du Bois on Race, Religion, and Black Reconstruction,” American Studies Association,

October 2021

“Racial Injustice and the Politics of Deference,” Yale Political Theory Workshop, April 2021

“Ecological Pessimism without Black Nihilism,” American Philosophical Association -- Eastern Division, January 2021

“Toward Ecological Community,” Williams College, February 2020

“Testimony and Racialized Ignorance,” Princeton University, November 2019

“The End(s) of Liberalism: A Crisis of History, Legitimacy, and Vision,” American Intellectual History Conference, The New School, November 2019

“Racial Injustice and the Politics of Listening,” Brown University, April 2019

“Authority and Experience in African American Religious Thought,” Princeton Theological Seminary, March 2019

“Epistemic Recalcitrance and the Politics of Listening,” Princeton University, April 2018

“Resilient Injustices, Unyielding Resolve,” College of Charleston, Consuela Francis Lecture Series, January 2018

“Racially Resilient Injustice and the Challenge of Formation,” University of Utah, October 2017

“Ta-Nehisi Coates, Howard Thurman, and the Politics of Impiety,” African American Intellectual Historical Association Conference – Nashville, TN, March 2017

“On the Radical Holism of Cornel West,” American Academy of Religion Conference, Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit, November 2016

"More Than 'Just' Testimony: Thoughts on Critical Openness," Cornell University, July 2016

"Modalities of Love: Pastoral Warmth and Prophetic Fire," Ethics Colloquium – Yale University, March 2015

"Baldwinian Methods and Menaces," Center for the Study of Religion – Princeton University, December 2014

"James Baldwin: On Knowing as a Practice of Freedom and Love," Ways of Knowing Conference – Harvard Divinity School, October 2014

“Foucault, Baldwin, and the Politics of Self-Care,” Frederick Douglass Institute – West Chester University, November 2012

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Lectures and Seminars

W.E.B. Du Bois and Black Radical Traditions (Yale University)

African American Religious and Political Thought (Yale University)

Experience in Ethics (Yale University)

Ecological Ethics and Environmental Justice (Yale University)

Ethics, Imagination, and the Art of Living (Yale University)

Love, Prophecy, and Social Criticism (Yale University)

Virtue, Vice, and Epistemic Injustice (Yale University)

Seminar in Christian Ethics (Yale University)

Introduction to Christian Ethics (Yale University)

Philosophical Values in the Modern World (University of Memphis)

Reading Courses

Racial Capitalism and Religious Ethics (Yale University, Fall ’23)

Utopia and Power: The Politics of Possibility (Yale University, Spring ‘21)

Meaning, Experience, and Trauma (Yale University, Fall ‘19)

Race, Religion, and Mass Incarceration (Yale University, Spring ‘19)

James Baldwin (Yale University, Fall ‘18)

Assistant Instructor and Grader

Law, Social Policy, and African American Women (I. Perry, Princeton University, Fall 2012)

Black Power and Its Theology of Liberation (E. Glaude, Princeton University, Fall 2010)

Classical Issues in Philosophy (H. Robinson, University of Memphis, AY 2006-07)

Instructor in Residence

Philosophy and Contemporary Ideas (The Governor’s School of North Carolina – Meredith College, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014)

**SERVICE**

*Professional*

Referee: *Journal of Social Philosophy; American Political Thought: A Journal of Institutions, Ideas and Culture; The Journal of Religious Ethics, Method and Theory in the Study of Religion; Harvard Theological Review*

*University*

PhD Examination Committee – Yale Graduate School

K. Chow (2021) J. Hawkins (2019) J. Abbottsmith (2018)

MA/MDiv Thesis Advising -- Yale Divinity School

M. Hutchins (2023) T. Ahn (2023)

Undergraduate Senior Thesis Advising – Yale College

J. Parks (2019)

M.A.R. Ethics Coordinator, Yale Divinity School (2023-24)

Assistant Director of Graduate Studies, Religious Ethics (2023-24)

Search Committee, Ecological Ethics – Yale Divinity School (2023-24)

PhD Graduate Admissions Committee – Department of Religious Studies (2022-23)

Professional Studies Committee – Yale Divinity School (2022-23)

Citizens, Thinkers, Writers, Instructor, Yale University (2023-present)

Executive Committee, The Humanities Program – Yale University (2021-22)

Search Committee, “Director of Community Equity” – Yale Divinity School (2019)

Black Church Studies Committee – Yale Divinity School (2018-22)

Walls Committee – Yale Divinity School (2017-19)

Thomas C. Berry Fellowship Committee, Yale College (2023-24)

Search Advisory Committee, Head of College – Pierson College (2023)

Student Advisor – Pierson College (2019 – present)

Faculty Fellow – Pierson College (2017- present)

*Presentations*

“A Light for Revelation,” Sermon at Dixwell Avenue Congregational Church of Christ, December 2023

“Lord Have Mercy,” Sermon at Dixwell Avenue Congregational Church of Christ,

August 2023

“Wanting Song, In the Beginning”: A Roundtable on Images of Eden in History, Culture, and the Environmental Crisis.” (Panelist, Yale Institute of Sacred Music, February 2023)

“Biblical Authority and African American Religious Experience” (Invited Lecture, Yale Divinity School, April 2021)

“The Book of Job and African American Perspectives on Suffering” (Invited Lecture, Yale Divinity School, April 2021)

“Be Transformed,” MLK Day Keynote, 40th Annual Black Pride Celebration (Mt. Aery Baptist Church, Bridgeport CT, January 2020)

“Truth in Love: Prophetic Witness as Ethical Responsibility” (Yale Divinity School, October 2019)

“The Uses and Abuses of Barack Obama’s Religious Rhetoric” (Invited Lecture, Yale Divinity School – April 2019)

“Beyond Despair and Denial: Facing Climate Change with Hope” (Atlanta, GA – Yale Divinity School – March 2019)

“Intersectional Imperatives: Bible, Theology, and Ethics Beyond the Binary” (Yale Divinity School – March 2019)

“Heaviness and Hope” (Sermon in Marquand Chapel, Yale Divinity School – December 2018)

“What’s at Stake?: Why Midterm Elections Matter” (Yale Divinity School, November 2018)

“Art, Justice, and James W.C. Pennington” (Yale Divinity School – October 2018)

“Confronting Despair, Cultivating Self-Care” (Yale Hospitality Team – January 2017)

*Publications*

“Reckoning with Climate Denial” in *Reflections* (Spring 2019)

<https://reflections.yale.edu/article/crucified-creation-green-faith-rising/reckoning-climate-denial>

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Academy of Religion

American Philosophical Association

American Studies Association

African American Intellectual Historical Society

Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy