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EDUCATION

2013 PhD  Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
2006 MDiv  Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
2003 BA  Religion, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC

ECCLESIAL CREDENTIALS

2017–present  Ordained Deacon, West Virginia Annual Conference, United Methodist Church
2018–21  UMC Representative, Faith and Order, National Council of Churches
2014–17  Provisional Deacon, West Virginia Annual Conference, United Methodist Church

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2024–  Lecturer
Religious Studies
Yale University, New Haven, CT

2023–  Dean
Davenport College
Yale University, New Haven, CT

2021–23  Vice Principal
Wesley House
Cambridge Theological Federation, Cambridge, UK

2021– 23  Affiliated Lecturer
Faculty of Divinity
University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

2013–21  Assistant Professor of Church History and Historical Theology
Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO
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Publications

Books

Manuscript due 2027.


Peer-Reviewed Articles

2024 “Wholeness and Holiness: Reading Wesley through Oduyoye,” Holiness (2024).


Book Chapters


Book Reviews


2019  Augustine’s Theology of Angels, by Elizabeth Klein, Augustinian Studies 50, no. 23 (2019): 248–50
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**Conference Presentations**

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<td>“Wholeness and Holiness: Reading Wesley through Oduyoye,”</td>
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<td>“The Place of <em>De magistro</em> in Augustine’s Theology of Words and the Word,”</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>“Augustine and the Antithetical Beauty of Martyrdom,”</td>
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<td>“What Makes a Martyr? The Movement for Black Lives and the Power of Rhetoric Old and New,”</td>
<td>Faith and Order Convening Table, National Council of Churches, October 2018</td>
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2017 “As the Catholic Faith Believes’ (c. Sec. 5): Unigenitus as pro-Nicene and anti-Manichean in Augustine,” Society of Biblical Literature, Development of Early Christian Theology, November 2017


2017 “The Virtue of Inseparable Operations,” St. Louis Christianity in Antiquity Workshop, March 2017


2015 “Polemics and Participation: Angels from Origen to Augustine,” St. Louis Christianity and the Ancient World Colloquy, February 2015


**TEACHING**

Select Courses taught:
- United Methodist History
- United Methodist Doctrine
- Church History: Christian Thought in Historical Context
- Church History and Doctrine I: Origins to 1400
- Church History and Doctrine II: Reformations and Modernity
- Belief and Practice in the Early Church
- Augustine and Christian Identity
- Ecclesiology: The Church in Early Christian Thought
- Christology: Jesus in Early Christian Thought
- Early Christian Encounters with Islam
- Violence and Theology in Christian History
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2023– 
Residential College Seminar Committee, Yale College
2023 
Divinity Faculty Board, University of Cambridge
2023 
Christian Theology Subject Committee, Divinity Faculty, University of Cambridge
2022–23 
Director, Centre for Global Wesleyan Theology, Wesley House

2022–23 
Program Coordinator, Bachelor of Theology for Ministry, Cambridge Theological Federation
2021–23 
Director, Centre for Leadership and Ministry Development, Wesley House
2021–23 
Director of Studies, Wesley House
2021–23 
Program Leader, MA in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care, Cambridge Theological Federation
2021–23 
Cambridge Awards Oversight Group, Cambridge Theological Federation
2021–23 
Anglia Ruskin University Awards Oversight Group, Cambridge Theological Federation

2020–21 
Co-Director, Doctor of Ministry Program, Eden Theological Seminary
2020–21 
Chair, Degree Programs Committee, Eden Theological Seminary
2020–21 
Admissions Committee, Eden Theological Seminary
2019–20 
Curriculum and Assessment Committee, Eden Theological Seminary
2018–19 
Technology Taskforce, Eden Theological Seminary
2017–19 
Doctor of Ministry Taskforce, Eden Theological Seminary
2017–19 
Non-Degree Programs Taskforce, Eden Theological Seminary
2017 
Academic Dean Search Committee, Eden Theological Seminary
2017 
Faculty Search Committee, Eden Theological Seminary
2015–16 
Assessment, Accreditation, and Coordination Committee, Eden Seminary
2015–16 
Chair, Continuing Education Committee, Eden Theological Seminary
2014–16 
Faculty Co-Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, Eden Theological Seminary
2014–16 
Masters Committee, Eden Theological Seminary
2013–16 
Faculty Representative, Student Cabinet, Eden Theological Seminary
2015 
Strategic Planning Committee, Eden Theological Seminary

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2023–28 
Bedfordshire, Essex, and Hertfordshire Methodist Church District Grant, £25,000
2018–19 
Grant, “Ancient Texts and Modern Tech: Using Online Tools to Facilitate Reading Comprehension of Historical Sources,” $5,000, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
2018 
Regional Meeting and Study Group Initiative Grant, $750, North American Patristics Society
2017–18 
Teaching and Learning Workshop for Early Career Theological School Faculty, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
2013–15 
Vocation of the Theological Educator Postdoctoral Fellowship, The Louisville Institute
2011–13  Dempster Graduate Student Fellowship,  
United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry  
2003–06  Woodruff Fellowship, Candler School of Theology  

**GUILD SERVICE**


2017-21  Convener, Christianity in Antiquity Workshop (St. Louis)  
2016-21  Advisory Board, Christianity in Antiquity Workshop (St. Louis)  

**LANGUAGES**

Reading Knowledge: Latin, Greek, French, German  

**MEMBERSHIPS IN LEARNED SOCIETIES**

International Association of Patristic Studies  
North American Patristics Society  
Society of Biblical Literature  
American Academy of Religion  

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request.