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EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. (2001) Yale University:** New Testament Studies. Major Area of Study - Social History of Early Christianity. **Doctoral Dissertation:** The Role and Function of Repentance Within the Narrative of Luke-Acts and Within the Social World Depicted by that Narrative.
- **M.Phil. (1998) Yale University:** New Testament Studies. Concentration -Biblical Interpretation.
- **M.A. (1994) Yale University:** New Testament Studies. Concentration - Greco-Roman Milieu.
- **M.Div. (1993) Princeton Theological Seminary:** Biblical Studies. Concentration - New Testament Exegesis.
- **B.A. (1989) Oral Roberts University:** Psychology

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTEREST

Biblical Studies, Christian Origins, Cultural Hermeneutics, Relationship between Christianity and Empire, Race-Religion-and-Politics, Christianity and Social Change, Black Prophetic Christian Traditions, Interreligious Discourse, 18th-21st Century Black Intellectual Thought

Current research: (1) exploring the power, politics, and meaning behind the rhetoric of “change,” as well as the role of Christianity in bringing about “social change,” (2) promoting civil discourse and engagement through the creation of a social media platform called [Clamoring for Change](#), (3) tracing the development and evolution of black intellectual thought in America and how that thought has contributed profoundly to change and social justice in America.

LUTHER COLLEGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2014 – Present: Professor of Religion
2007 – 2014: Associate Professor of Religion
2001 – 2007: Assistant Professor of Religion

Courses Taught at Luther (* = Courses created):

Religion Offerings

R.A.C.E. (Racism and Christianity Explored)*; Black Lives Matter: A Theology of Confrontation*; Beyond Persuasion and Conversion*; Clamoring for Change: Christianity and Social Change*; Cultural Hermeneutics: Ideology, Power and Text Interpretation*; The Bible and Christian Faith*; Prophetic Voices and Social Transformation*; Religion – A Curse or a Blessing?*; Introduction to Biblical Studies; Introduction to New Testament Studies; Jesus and the Gospels; The Ideal Community*

Paideia 450 Offerings

The Color of Change: Black Intellectual Thought and Social Transformation in America*; Race: The American Dilemma; Christianity, Slavery, and Their Representations in Ghanaian Literature (taught in Ghana, West Africa); Reconciliation in South Africa* (taught in South Africa); Hip-Hop and Cultural Identity*; Practicing Embodiment (taught on campus & in Costa Rica); The English Theatre: Mirror of Society and the Human Condition (taught in London);

Academic Service/Committees

Executive Committee (2021—)

Curriculum Committee (2020—)

Chair (2021-22)

Diversity and Civility in the Liberal Arts working group (2018—)

College Resources Council (2014–2017)

Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents (2014–2017)

Coordinator of the Religion Department's Religion Forum (2013–2017)

OEN Fellow Lecture Committee (2012–2021)

Paideia 450 Coordinator (2005–2010) – SEE DESCRIPTION BELOW

Academic Planning Committee (2005-2006; 2007-2010)

Admissions, Advising, and Academic Progress (AAA) Subcommittee (2005-2006; 2007-2008 Chair; 2008-2010)

Luther College Affirmative Action Guidelines Committee (2005–2007)

Coordinated the Religion Program portion of the Religion/Philosophy Department Review (2004–2005)

Community Assembly (2002–2004)

Community Service/Activities:

Luther College Black Student Union 50th Anniversary Commemoration (2018-19)

Power to the Polls: Decorah Women's March (January 20, 2018)

Commissioner; Decorah Human Rights Commission (2008-2011; 2006-2008)

Decorah Diversity Appreciation Team (DDAT; 2002-2006)

Helped write the "Decorah Human Rights Ordinance" and found the Decorah Human Rights Commission (2005)

Faculty Advisor for the Black Student Union (2014 – Present; 2001–2010)

Director, Summer Humanities Seminar for minority high school students (June 24-July 1, 2006; June 18-25, 2005); faculty participant in the seminar (June 21-28, 2003; June 22-29, 2002)

PAIDEIA 450 COORDINATOR

Paideia 450 courses are team-taught courses for juniors and seniors devoted to interdisciplinary study of an ethical issue that confronts us in our lives as learners and citizens. Paideia 450 courses pay special attention to the nature of moral decision-making and to the continued development of students' writing skills. Paideia 450 is part of the general education curriculum at Luther College and required of all students for graduation.

The responsibilities of the Paideia 450 Coordinator included:

1. Recruitment of Faculty and Course Development. Each year Paideia 450 offers about nine courses for students to choose from. Each course requires a minimum of 2 faculty members from different academic departments.
2. Evaluation of Paideia 450 Courses. Each year the coordinator visits each Paideia 450 class to observe and work with the faculty to reflect on the degree to which the objectives of the Paideia 450 program are being satisfied. The coordinator also collects and reads end of semester course evaluations in order to assess the degree to which the objectives of the program are being satisfied.
3. Plan and Arrange Faculty Development Opportunities for Paideia 450 Faculty. The coordinator plans and develops workshops on moral reasoning and moral deliberation designed to help faculty participating in Paideia 450 courses. The coordinator designs and plans at least one weeklong summer workshop each year and/or plans other opportunities during the academic year.
4. Program Administration. Each year several students take Paideia 450 courses off campus through study-abroad programs in Nottingham, Malta, and the Baltic States. The coordinator works with the directors of these programs to ensure that the courses they offer fit the objectives of Paideia 450 courses. In addition, the coordinator also works with several students and faculty planning to study and teach off campus and abroad in January-Term courses and other programs designed to satisfy the Paideia 450 general education requirement.

PUBLICATIONS:

“Yes, The Justice System Failed Breonna Taylor. But it’s not Broken.” *Des Moines Register*, Oct 3, 2020. Available at: <https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/opinion/columnists/iowa-view/2020/10/03/breonna-taylor-killing-broken-criminal-justice-system/5878401002/>

“Challenging Privilege through the Preaching and Teaching of Scripture.” *Currents in Theology and Mission*. Vol. 47, No. 3 (2020): The Costly Grace of Racial Reckoning and Eco-Justice. Available at: <http://www.currentsjournal.org/index.php/currents/article/view/255?fbclid=IwAR1e230ifXsh0Q15vEvPyNIK9vB3RAj5c1AI-cU3TXuqwNjW6KGI62n0vzE>

“The Perils and Promise of Privilege.” *Intersections*. Vol. 2019: No. 50, Article 5. Available at: <https://digitalcommons.augustana.edu/intersections/vol2019/iss50/5>

“Polarization, Incivility, and a Need for ‘Change’.” *Intersections*. Vol. 2018: No. 48, Article 6. Available at: <https://digitalcommons.augustana.edu/intersections/vol2018/iss48/6>

“Legacy of Lynching.” *Des Moines Sunday Register*, May 6, 2018, 10P. (<https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/opinion/columnists/iowa-view/2018/05/01/legacy-museum-memorial-peace-justice-iowa-guy-nave-luther-college/570847002/>)

“More to King than ‘I Have a Dream’ Speech.” *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, January 13, 2018, A11. (<https://www.ajc.com/news/opinion/opinion-moving-beyond-rev-king-dream/CJVkDICKVzS6wRLTZthAEM/>)

“Seeing Black People: Confronting Race and Racism.” *Connect*. Journal of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry. Fall 2015, 5-7. (https://issuu.com/elcayouthministrynetwork/docs/connect_2015_03_race_web_1_)

(Exegetical Essays) “Luke 3:15-20”; “Luke 3:21-22”; and “Luke 3:23-38.” *Feasting on the Gospels – Luke*, vol 1. Westminster John Knox Press, 2014.

(Book Review) Raj Nadella, *Dialogue Not Dogma*. (New York: T&T Clark, 2011) reviewed in *Interpretation: A Journal of the Bible and Theology* 68:1 (January, 2014).

(Exegetical Essays) “Proper 4 – Matthew 7:21-29”; “Proper 5 – Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26”; “Proper 6 – Matthew 9:35–10:8.” *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A, Volume III*. Westminster John Knox Press, 2011.

“Luke.” Translator. *Common English Bible*. Nashville, TN: Christian Resources Development Corp, 2010.

(Exegetical Essays) “Proper 25 (Sunday between October 23-October 29) – II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18”; “All Saints Day – Ephesians 1:11-23”; “Proper 26 (Sunday between October 30-November 5) – II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12.” *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C, Volume IV*. Westminster John Knox Press, 2009.

(Exegetical Essays) “Holy Thursday – John 13:1-17, 31b-35”; “Good Friday – John 18:1–19:42”; “Holy Saturday – Matthew 27:57-66,” *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B, Volume II*. Westminster John Knox Press, 2008.

“An African American Commentary: Biblical Interpretation by Us, for Us, and for the World,” *The A.M.E. Church Review* 123:406 (April-June, 2007), 102-112.

“Second Corinthians,” *True to Our Native Land: An African American New Testament Commentary*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2007.

“Conversion,” *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*. Vol 1: A-C. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2006.

“‘Repent for the Kingdom of God is at Hand’: Repentance in the Synoptic Gospels and Acts,” in *Repentance in Christian Theology*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2006.

“Instructor’s Self-Understanding,” in *Rethinking the Pedagogy of Ethnicity*. New York: The Teagle Working Group on Pedagogy and Ethnicity, 2006.

“The Empire’s Peace is not Christ’s Peace,” *The A.M.E. Church Review* 122:401 (April-June, 2006), 55-69.

(Multiple Articles) “Documentary Hypothesis and the Art of Sampling,” “Women and Early Christianity,” “Reading Philemon,” “The Social Function of Parables,” “Jesus and the Law,” and “Origin/Source of Scripture.” in *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*. Resources for Biblical Study Series. Atlanta, GA: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.

“Confrontational Faith,” *The A.M.E. Church Review* 121:399 (July-September, 2005), 57-62.

“No Pax Romana: A Lukan Rejection of Imperial Peace,” *Theologies and Culture* 2/1 (2005): 56-72.

The Role and Function of Repentance in Luke-Acts. Atlanta, GA: Society of Biblical Literature, 2001.

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS/PANELS/PRESENTATIONS/INVITED LECTURES:

“Confrontational Faith & Beloved Community: Rekindling Hope and Restoring Faith.” 2021 Progressive Theology Seminar. Good Shepherd UCC. Sahuarita, AZ. February 20, 2021.

“What Makes for a Life Worth Living?” The Living Well Center for Vocation and Purpose. Lenoir-Rhyne University. Hickory, NC. August 3, 2020. <https://youtu.be/FHxGJlowXjs>

“Juneteenth: A Mini-Symposium.” Luther College. Decorah, IA. June 19, 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFi7tLlrSbE>

“Defining the Issues: Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity.” *Together: Bridges into the Future* Public Lecture Series. Midland University. Fremont, NE. September 17, 2019.

“*Achieving* Change by *Practicing* Change: Promoting Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity through Civility.” PLU Fall Conference. Pacific Lutheran University. Tacoma, WA. September 3, 2019.

“‘ALL are Welcome’: Engaging Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity.” Concordia University – St Paul. St. Paul, MN. August 27, 2019.

“The Perils and Promise of Privilege.” The 25th Annual Vocation of a Luther College Conference. Convened by the Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities. Augsburg University. Minneapolis, MN. July 15–17, 2019.

“Promoting Civility through Understanding.” The Urgency of Civility: A Springboard for Action Conference. George Washington Masonic Memorial. Alexandria, VA. April 30 – May 1, 2019.

“The Requisites of True Leadership.” Tougaloo College Vocation Visioning Retreat.” Tougaloo College. Jackson, MS. January 25-26, 2019.

“Faribault’s Future – Fostering Equity and Inclusion.” Minnesota State Colleges and University. South Central College. Faribault, MN. December 13, 2018.

“Social Media and Online Dialogue and Deliberation: Experiences, Challenges, and Solutions.” National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation – NCDD 2018. Denver, CO. November 2-4, 2018.

“Communicating Civilly with Voters You Disagree with during the Election Cycle.” National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation – NCDD 2018. Denver, CO. November 2-4, 2018.

“Civil Engagement While Demanding Change.” The Fourth International Conference on Hate Studies: Engaging with Communities for Justice. Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA. October 19-21, 2017.

“Clamoring for Change: Embodying Change, not Merely Demanding Change.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature; Atlanta, GA. November 21-24, 2015.

“Scripture, Christianity, and the Construction of Meaning.” Institute for Faith and Learning, Lenoir Rhyne University, Hickory, NC. March 13, 2014.

“Networks of Oppression and Resistance: Discourses of Domination and Liberation.” Faculty Research Symposium. Luther College, Decorah, IA. November 2, 2013

“What Does it Mean to be ‘Black’: Race and Ethnic Identity in America.” 2013 Umoja Conference. Luther College, Decorah, IA. April 6, 2013.

“What Our Questions Say about Us.” Adult Education Forum, Bethel Lutheran Church. Rochester, MN, February 17, 2013.

“Clamoring for Change: Christianity as a Hindrance or an Aid to Social Change?” Religion Forum, Luther College, Decorah, IA. October 30 2012.

“Staying Healthy in Times Like These: Spiritual Health and Overcoming *Dis-ease*.” 30th Annual Scholarship Luncheon. Indiana Black Nurses Association. Indianapolis, IN, October 20, 2012.

“Religion in South Africa: A Force for Peace or Conflict?” Nobel Peace Prize Forum: “The Price of Peace.” Minneapolis, MN, March 3, 2012.

“Black Prophetic Traditions.” *Black Migrations: Movements in Context, Community, and Faith*. 6th Annual Midwest Black History Month Conference. Luther College, Decorah, IA; February 26-27, 2009.

“Race, Religion, & Politics: Barack Obama, Jeremiah Wright, and the Rhetoric of Condemnation.” Religion Forum, Luther College, Decorah, IA; October 9, 2008.

(Presiding) Joint Session with: Early Jewish Christian Relations, Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians; Theme: *Beyond Martyrdom: Official and Unofficial Scenes of Violence among Jews and Christians Throughout Antiquity*. 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature; Washington, DC; November 18-21, 2006.

“Flipping the Script(ures): Foregrounding Race and Marginality in the Teaching of Biblical Studies.” Race and Pedagogy National Conference; University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA; September 14-16, 2006

Jesus Traditions, Gospels, and Negotiating the Roman Imperial World Consultation; Theme: *Negotiation: Luke and Mark*. Respondent to “Turning Lukan Economy Inside Out: Luke’s Concept of Oikonomia in Postcolonial Perspective” (by Rohun Park). 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature; Philadelphia, PA; November 19-22, 2005.

“Race Religion, and Capital Punishment.” Luther College Amnesty International Forum on Capital Punishment, Decorah, IA; March 10, 2005.

“It’s Time for a Change! Examining the Lukan Demand for Repentance within the Context of Roman Imperialism.” 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature; San Antonio, TX; November 20-23, 2004.

“*Repent for the Kingdom of God is at Hand*: Repentance in the Synoptic Gospels and Acts.” 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature; Atlanta, GA; November 22-25, 2003.

“Writing: A Process of Critical Thinking.” 67th Annual Conference of the Association of Lutheran College Faculties: *Hallmarks of Excellence for the Liberal Arts in the 21st Century*. Roanoke College, Salem, VA; October 3-4, 2003.

“From the New Testament to the Hebrew Bible: A Search for the Early Jewish-Christian Understanding of Repentance.” Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature; Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN; April 25-26, 2003.

“The Hebrew Bible and Repentance in Early Jewish and Christian Literature.” Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; St. Louis, MO; April 6-7, 2003.

“Repentance in Luke-Acts: Suggestions for Responding to Religious Pluralism.” Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; St. Louis, MO; April 6-7, 2003.

“Repentance in Luke-Acts: Not Simply a Human Response, but Part of the Plan of God.” The Society of John Wesley Fellows; 1998 Christmas Conference; Duke University Divinity School; December 12, 1998.

“Christian Architectural Adaptation: An Examination of the Subterranean Levels beneath SS. Giovanni e Paolo.” Early Christianity in Rome, Naples, and Their Environs Symposium; Rome, Italy; March 16, 1994.

“House Churches? An Examination of Early Christian Meeting Places in Imperial Rome.” Religious Communities in Imperial Rome Seminar; Yale University; December 17, 1993.

“A Response to the ‘Hermeneutical Dilemma of the African American Biblical Student.’” *Stony the Road We Trod: African American Biblical Interpretation* Conference; Princeton Theological Seminary; November 14, 1991.

ONLINE BLOG POSTS

“What is Juneteenth.” *Medium*. 18 Jun 2021. <https://medium.com/the-polis/what-is-juneteenth-537135e22707>

“Demanding Independence on Independence Day.” *Medium*. 3 Jul 2020. https://medium.com/@Guy_Nave/demanding-independence-on-independence-day-3b0806966d53

“Creating Beloved Community Requires Accepting Responsibility for One’s Actions.” *Sojourners*. 16 Jun. 2020. <https://sojo.net/articles/creating-beloved-community-requires-accepting-responsibility-one-s-actions>

“The Land We’re Supposed to Love?” *Clamoring for Change*. 27 Jul. 2019. <https://clamoringforchange.com/the-land-were-supposed-to-love/>

“Love It or Leave It.” *Clamoring for Change*. 19 Jul. 2019.
<https://clamoringforchange.com/love-it-or-leave-it/>

“Disrespecting the Green Book.” *Clamoring for Change*. 17 Mar. 2019,
<https://clamoringforchange.com/disrespecting-green-book/>

“Donald Trump as God’s Gift?” *Clamoring for Change*. 29 Dec. 2018,
<https://clamoringforchange.com/donald-trump-gods-gift/>.

“Jeff Sessions’ Use of Romans 13 is Not New.” *Clamoring for Change*. 20 June 2018,
<https://clamoringforchange.com/jeff-sessions-romans-13/>.

“Legacy Museum and Memorial for Peace and Justice: A Reflection.” *Clamoring for Change*. 26 Apr. 2018, <https://clamoringforchange.com/legacy-museum-memorial-reflection/>.

“Half a Century Later, We Are Still a ‘Society Gone Mad on War.’” *Sojourners*. 4 Apr. 2018,
<https://sojo.net/articles/half-century-later-we-are-still-society-gone-mad-war>.

“A Holy Week Choice: The March of Empire or the March of Christ.” *Sojourners*. 29 Mar. 2018, <https://sojo.net/articles/holy-week-choice-march-empire-or-march-christ>.

“Jonah, Trump, And the Perils of a Nationalistic View of God.” *Sojourners*. 2 Feb. 2018,
<https://sojo.net/articles/jonah-trump-and-perils-nationalistic-view-god>.

“The Other Troubling Thing About Roy Moore’s Theology.” *Sojourners*. 12 Dec. 2017,
<https://sojo.net/articles/other-troubling-thing-about-roy-moore-s-theology>.

“Americans’ Selective Memory Will Not Heal Racial Wounds.” *Sojourners*. 5 Jul. 2017,
<https://sojo.net/articles/americans-selective-memory-will-not-heal-racial-wounds>.

“Make America Great Again?” *CounterPunch*. CounterPunch. 27 Jul. 2016,
<https://www.counterpunch.org/2016/07/27/make-america-great-again-2/>.

“A War on Racism?” *Sojourners*. 21, Jul. 2015, <https://sojo.net/articles/war-racism>.

“Christian Dominance and So-Called ‘Religious Freedom.’” *Sojourners*. 8 Apr. 2015,
<https://sojo.net/articles/christian-dominance-and-so-called-religious-freedom>.

“The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the Sanctity of All Life.” *Sojourners*. 28 Jan. 2015,
<https://sojo.net/articles/arctic-national-wildlife-refuge-and-sanctity-all-life>.

“Ferguson: A Question of Excessive Force.” *Sojourners*. 25 Nov. 2014,
<https://sojo.net/articles/ferguson-question-excessive-force>.

“Justice ... not ‘Just Us.’” *Sojourners*. 14 Nov. 2014, <https://sojo.net/articles/justice-not-just-us>.

“What Do Our Beliefs Say About Us?” *Sojourners*. 25 Apr. 2014,
<https://sojo.net/articles/what-do-our-beliefs-say-about-us>.

“What Good Is a Ph.D. for Reading the Bible?” *Sojourners*. 11 Nov. 2013,
<https://sojo.net/articles/what-good-phd-reading-bible>.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- AAC&U “Global Learning Reimagined” Virtual Conference. October 7-9, 2021
- Teaching Interfaith Understanding Faculty Seminar. Council of Independent Colleges and Interfaith Youth Core. DePaul University. Chicago, IL. June 16-20, 2019.
- “Civil Discourse in a Fragmented and Multi-Religious Society.” Vocation of a Lutheran College Annual Conference. Augsburg University. Minneapolis, MN. July 16-18, 2018.
- Civil Dialogue Workshop, “Voices: Racial Justice.” Sponsored by the Institute for Civil Dialogue, Arizona State University. Scottsdale, AZ. October 25, 2017.
- ACM Hiring and Diversity Workshop. Sponsored by the Undergraduate and Faculty Fellows Program for a Diverse Professoriate. Big Ten Conference Center, Chicago, IL. October 29-30, 2015.
- ACM Institute on College Futures. ACM Offices. Chicago, IL, June 22-23, 2015.
- Faculty Development Workshop (**Presenter**): *Designing and Teaching Paideia II Courses*. Luther College, August 13-14, 2009; August 1-3, 2007
- “*Interdisciplinarity and the Engaged Citizen: Integrating Higher Education, Public Policy, and Global Action.*” 2008 Association for Integrative Studies Conference. University of Illinois at Springfield, Springfield, IL, October 23-26, 2008
- “*Interdisciplinarity at the Border: Creating, Thinking, and Living New Knowledge.*” 2007 Association for Integrative Studies Conference. Arizona State University, Tempe AZ, September 27-30, 2007
- 2006-2007 Thrivent Associates Program: Lutheran College and University Leadership Program. Midland Lutheran College, Midland NE, 2006-2007
- Faculty Development Workshop: *The Vocation of College Leadership*. Luther College, May 25-27, 2005
- Faculty Development Workshop: *Understanding Islam Islamically: Reconsidering the Concept “Religion.”* Luther College, June 28–30, 2004
- Iowa College Foundation Technology Workshop: *Technology & Education: The Integrated Classroom*. Luther College, June 14–16, 2004
- Faculty Development Workshop: *Pedagogy and Diversity*. Luther College, June 8–9, 2004
- Faculty Development Workshop: *Diversity in the Classroom and the Curriculum*. Luther College, August 12–14, 2002.

HONORS & AWARDS

- “Racial Equity & Interfaith Cooperation Award,” 2020-21. Interfaith Youth Core’s (IFYC’s) [We Are Each Other’s Campaign](#).
- “Teaching Interfaith Understanding Faculty Seminar” sponsored by the Council of Independent College and the Interfaith Youth Corps, with support from the Henry Luce Foundation. DePaul University, Chicago, IL (June 16-20, 2019).

- Thrivent Associates Program: Lutheran College and University Leadership Program. Midland Lutheran College, Midland NE, 2006-2007
- Teagle Foundation Working Group (grant): *Rethinking the Pedagogy of Ethnicity*. Washington University, St. Louis, MO (2005–2006).
- John Wesley Fellow [funded: 1995-1999]: A Fund for Theological Education (AFTE)
- Yale University Dissertation Fellowship [1998-1999]
- North American Doctoral Fellows Program [1993-1996]: Fund for Theological Education (FTE)
- Yale University Fellowship [1993-1997]
- Yale University Book Award [1993-1995]
- Hawkins Memorial Award for Scholastic Excellence-1993: Princeton Theological Seminary (PTS)
- Benjamin Mays Fellowship [1991-1993]: FTE
- President's Scholarship [1990-1993]: PTS

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Society of Biblical Literature
- Society for the Study of Black Religion
- American Academy of Religion
- African Methodist Episcopal Church – Ordained Elder

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE OTHER THAN LUTHER COLLEGE

Academic

- 1994–2001: **Instructor, New Testament, Hartford Seminary**
Teaching:
 Introduction to the New Testament
Service:
 Curricula development and student advising for the Black Ministries Certificate Program
- 1995–1997: **Teaching Assistant, Yale University**
Teaching:
 New Testament Interpretation
 History of Christianity in the Ancient World: Jesus to Augustine
- 1992–1993: **Teaching Assistant, Princeton Theological Seminary**
Teaching:
 Introductory Biblical Greek (academic year + summer course)

Non-Academic

- 2006–2010: **Associate Minister**, Payne Memorial AME Church, Waterloo, IA. Preached and led weekly worship. Assisted in the emotional and spiritual development of the

church membership. Developed male and young adult programs. Engaged in home and hospital visitations. Conducted Bible studies.

- 2000–2001: **Employment Programs Director**, Greater Dwight Development Corp, New Haven, CT. The Employment Programs Director (EPD) was responsible for the development, oversight and operations of the agency's various employment-training programs. The EPD worked with local, regional, national, public, private, and government employers customizing employment-training programs that provided employers with trained employees from inner-city New Haven. The EPD also worked with various social agencies to provide trainees with childcare, transportation, and housing assistance. The EPD managed an annual budget of approximately \$1.5 million, all of which resulted from competitive grants (many written by the EPD).
- 1996–2001: **Resident Director**, Madison A Better Chance (ABC) Program, Madison, CT. Madison ABC is part of a national, non-profit organization that places academically talented minority students in challenging college preparatory programs. The Madison program is a residential college preparatory program. The Resident Director (RD) was responsible for the screening, interviewing, and selecting of students for the program. Students resided with the RD at the Roby House. The RD oversaw the daily operations of the house, and was responsible for the physical, emotional, and academic development of all the students from the time of admission until graduation. The RD worked with a Board of Directors and volunteer committees that administered the program. The RD maintained all program records as required by the Board, including all reports to National ABC. The RD managed an annual operating budget of approximately \$250,000, all of which came from private contributions and fund raising projects.
- 1993–2001: **Associate Pastor** Bethel AME Church, New Haven, CT. Assisted in the emotional and spiritual development of the church membership. Developed youth programs. Sought funding for and administered social programs out of the church's Community Outreach Center. Engaged in home and hospital visitations, conducted Bible studies, led worship, administered communion, conducted weddings, funerals, and baptisms.
- 1991–1993: **Volunteer Chaplain**, Trenton State Prison, Trenton, NJ. Responsible for spiritual counseling and the development and administration of religious programming for inmates.
- 1991–1993: **Associate Minister**, North Stelton AME Church, Piscataway, NJ. Assisted in the emotional and spiritual development of the church membership. Developed youth programs, engaged in home and hospital visitations, conducted Bible studies, and led worship.
- 1983–1989: **Legal Specialist/Court Reporter**, US Army and US Army Reserves. Responsible for initiating and implementing both judicial and non-judicial legal proceedings for military units. Prepared pre-trial legal briefs and documents. Recorded and transcribed court-martial proceedings.