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REGENT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DIVINITY
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, PRACTICAL THEOLOGY & MINISTRY (GRANTED TENURE)
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM
FOUNDING DIRECTOR, REGENT YOUTH & URBAN RENEWAL CENTER

EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY, PRACTICAL THEOLOGY (CHURCH & SOCIETY)
Boston University School of Theology, 2008

Dissertation: "Re-envisioning Independent Pentecostal-type Ecclesiology for the Twenty-first Century: Considerations from the African Christian Diaspora" (Practical Theology Doctoral Fellowship)

MASTER OF SACRED THEOLOGY (CONCENTRATION IN BIBLICAL STUDIES & MISSIONS)
Yale Divinity School, 2002

MASTER OF DIVINITY (CONCENTRATION IN BIBLICAL STUDIES)
Candler School of Theology (Emory University), 2001

BACHELOR OF ARTS, CREATIVE MUSIC TECHNOLOGY AND RELIGION (*CUM LAUDE*)
LaGrange College, 1998

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

Harvard University Divinity School, *Graduate Study*

Boston College, *Graduate Study*

Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, *Graduate Study*

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Citizens Academy, *Community Outreach Study*

Lead Hampton Roads, *Chamber of Commerce Community Leadership Study*, Class of 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Research & Books

Current research interest is in the area of Social Holiness and the various Black Holiness Pentecostal Church traditions of the 20th Century.

Soul Stirred Up: Prophetic Preaching in the Black Church Tradition (an edited volume)
(Bowie, MD: Seymour Press, forthcoming 2017).

Monday Morning Inspiration: Christian Theological and Black Spiritual Inspiration to Overcome Everyday 'Monday Morning Blues' (Houston: High Bridge Books, 2016).

Unstoppable Success: 7 Ways to Flourish in Boundless Potential (Houston: High Bridge Books, 2014).

Holy Spirit, Holy Living: A Practical Theology of Holiness for Twenty-first Century Churches (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2013).

For Such a Time as This: Re-imagining Practical Theology for Independent Churches. (Asbury Theological School Series) (Lexington, KY: Emeth Academic Press, 2010).

Chapters and Articles

"An African American Contribution to the Theology of Worship: Considering Three Situations of Integrated African American Led Worship from Pre-Civil Right Times," pp. 247–263. In *Toward a Pentecostal Theology of Worship*, edited by Lee Roy Martin (Cleveland, TN: CPT Press, 2016).

"'Like a Mighty Burning Fire:' Social Holiness with Love at the Center" in *A Festschrift in Honor of Roswith Gerloff*, edited by Armin Triebel (Berlin: Weißensee Verlag, 2015).

"Holiness, the Church, and Party Politics: Toward a Contemporary Practical Theology of Holiness," pp. 221–241. In *A Future for Holiness: Pentecostal Explorations*, edited by Lee Roy Martin (Cleveland, TN: CPT Press, 2013).

"The Spirit and the Prophetic Church: Building Ministry Coalitions for Urban Ministry, Part 1," pp. 54–66. In *Pneuma Review* 16, number 2, spring 2013.

"The Spirit and the Prophetic Church: Building Ministry Coalitions for Urban Ministry, Part 2," In *Pneuma Review* 16, number 3, summer 2013.

"A Prophetic Challenge for the Future of Urban Churches: a call for a revised ecclesiological superstructure," pp. 417–454. In *Spirit-empowered Christianity in the 21st Century: Insights, Analysis, and Future Trends from World-Renowned Scholars*, edited by Vinson Synan (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2011).

"Elements of African Religious Spiritual Practices in African American Worship: Resounding Practical Theological Implications." In *Christianity in Africa and the African Diaspora: The appropriation of a scattered heritage*, edited by Afe Adogame, et al (New York: Continuum Press, 2009).

"The Ordination of Women: An Issue among 'Spirit-filled' Churches from the African Diaspora," 2003. Available at http://people.bu.edu/wwildman/WeirdWildWeb/courses/thth/projects/thth_projects_2003_harris.htm.

Book Reviews

Worship across the Racial Divide: Religious Music and the Multiracial Congregation, Gerardo Marti, Oxford University Press, 2012; *Pneuma* (35): 2013, 280–281.

The Spirit in Worship—Worship in the Spirit, Teresa Berger and Bryan Spinks, eds. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2009; *Pneuma* (34): 2012, 107–108.

Preaching the Gospel of Mark: Proclaiming the Power of God, Dawn Wilhelm. *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>], 2010.

Perspectives on Spirit Baptism: Five, Chad Owens Bran (editor); *Pneuma* (31): 2009, 123-124.

Crisis in the Village: Restoring Hope in African American Communities, Robert M. Franklin, *Religious Studies Review* (35): 2008, 117.

Mission in Acts: Ancient Narratives in Contemporary Context, Maryknoll: Orbis Books 2004, *Pneuma* (26): 2004, 370–372.

Articles for the Church

“Let the Church Cry, ‘Holy!’” (pp. 1–5), In *Life Enrichment Ministries Magazine* 24, Issue 4, fall/winter 2012.

“Overcoming the Insurmountable: Reflections on Urban Haiti-Post 2010 Earthquake,” (pp. 17-19). In *Empower Magazine*, Issue 2, October/November, 2010.

Sheri Smith Clayborn (editor), “I Feel Like Pressing My Way!” In *Pressing My Way through Lent: Wednesday, February 17 through Saturday, April 3, 2010*. Columbus, Ohio: St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Regular Public Writing Venues

Op-ed Contributor for *the Christian Post*, *The Washington Post*, and *Religion News Service*.

Blog Contributor at *Renewal Dynamics.Com*, *Pneuma Review* and at the *Bridge.AntipasHarris.Com*.

Selected Public Theological Articles

“Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Legacy and Equality in Schools,” *The Christian Post*.

“Evangelical Shift on Death Penalty: An Encouraging Step,” *The Christian Post*.

“Conversations that Heal: A Christian Response to Racism,” *The Christian Post*.

“Racism and Unequal Protection in the American Legal System,” *The Christian Post*.

“Common Core: An Education that Does our Children Justice,” *The Christian Post*.

“Racial Reconciliation Demands Christians Reconsider the Death Penalty,” *The Washington Post*.

“‘Chile,’ We Don’t Even Know the Half! A Reflection on African American History – The Soul of American History,” *Renewal Dynamics.Com*.

“Where are the Prophets – the Real Ones?” *Renewal Dynamics.Com*.

“Macedonian Cry from the Urban Streets: ‘Come Over and Help Us!’” *Renewal Dynamics.Com*.

Music Productions

A-7, *Self-titled*, Triple A Entertainment, 2006

A-7, AKA A-Boyz, *The Project*, MNM Entertainment, 2003

A-Boyz, *Hold On*, MNM Entertainment, 2000

HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

University Committee Appointments, 2008–present

University Discipline-Based Curriculum Committee (2012–2013), *Member*

University Scholarship Committee, (2010–2011 and 2012–present), *Member*

University Shared Governance Committee (2009), *Member*

University Founder's Retirement Celebration Committee (2009), *Member*

University Collaboration Committee (2008), *Member*

University Black History Month Committee (2008–present), *Chairperson*

University Quality Enhancement Program Sub-Committee (2011–2012), *Member*

University Global Day of Worship Committee (11–11–11), *Member*

Coalition to End Homelessness (2011–2012), *Faculty Advisor*

Student Democrats and Independents (2008–2009), *Faculty Advisor*

Alpha Zeta Phi chapter of Alpha Phi Omega (2011–present), *Youth Services Advisor*

University Service Appointments

Take 2 Through College Initiative, *Co-Mentor* (2013–2014)

- Represented the Take 2 Educational initiative to assist African American and Hispanics in getting in and through college. This was a national initiative, a partnership between churches and the university.
- Helped to develop curriculum for student mentorship that is essential to the initiative.

The President's Circle, *Member* (2012–2014)

- Co-led and co-facilitated prayer breakfasts with area senior pastors from a diverse ethnic and denominational backgrounds (Protestant and Catholic).

School of Divinity Committee Appointments, 2008–present

RUSOD Doctor of Ministry Committee (2014–present), *Chairperson*

RUSOD Admissions Committee (2012–2014), *Chairperson*

RUSOD Doctor of Ministry Committee (2008–2014), *Member*

RUSOD Admissions Committee (2011), *Member*

RUSOD Syllabus Review Committee (2008–2009), *Member*

RUSOD Curriculum Committee (2010–2012), *Member*

RUSOD Curriculum Revision Task Force (Fall 2011–2012), *Member*

RUSOD Worship Concentration Sub-Committee (2010–2011), *Member*

RUSOD Minister of the 21st Century Research Task Force (2010), *Member*

Doctor of Ministry Program*Associate Director, fall 2015–present*

- Assist the director in all matters related to the development of the program.
- Participate in the self-study and assessment for renewing the Association of Theological Schools and the regional accreditation.
- Serve on the Dean's Council.
- Coordinate admissions and recruitment efforts with Enrollment Services and Recruitment.
- Facilitate monthly meetings with the Doctor of Ministry Committee.
- Recruit Adjuncts to supervise dissertation projects.
- Coordinate the Program Assessment.

Acting Director of Doctor of Ministry Program, 2014–fall 2015

- Served on the Dean's Council.
- Oversaw and establish administrative policies for the Doctor of Ministry Program.
- Oversaw the day-to-day operations of the program.
- Supervised Doctor of Ministry staff (manager and graduate assistant).
- Chaired the Doctor of Ministry Committee.
- Provided primary oversight to the dissertation process, including refining the program.
- Led ad hoc subcommittees for curriculum additions and changes.
- Led the review of student applications for admission to the program.
- Determined appropriate assignments and re-assignments for students' dissertation committees (the chairpersons and the second readers).
- Solved problems related to processes and student related concerns.
- Represented the Doctor of Ministry program at faculty meetings, and other appropriate venues.
- Led in pastoral support to help the Doctor of Ministry students in their journey through to the completion of their degree program.
- Hired Adjunct Professors to assist in the Doctor of Ministry Dissertation Supervision.

Youth & Urban Renewal Center (Regent), 2011–2014*Founding Director*

- Prepared budgets and raised financial support.
- Identified and recruit potential volunteer workers.
- Trained and supervised student workers.
- Developed and directed internship opportunities.
- Implemented programs and plan by scheduling meetings, handling administrative details and building relationships with local, regional, national and international pastors and church leaders.
- Provided program analysis, develop vision, and develop strategic plan.
- Collaborated with local churches, ministries and civic organizations to establish goals and objectives for religious education programs and to develop ways to encourage program participation.

- Scheduled five or more special events each year such as meetings, trainings, retreats and seminars and workshops.
- Conceived and led the Church Education Initiative (CEI) within the Regent University School of Divinity, a Continuing Education Program for Churches (Powered by Regent) (2010) and recruited churches to participate in piloting the program. Upon success of the pilot, worked with a recruitment team to invite more churches to adopt the program.
- Facilitated a partnership between the Regent University Psychological Services Center (PSC), United Way, and Booker T. Washington High School.
- Founded an *Urban Youth Summer Academy* for rising 6th graders that enrolls up to sixty-five children each year.
- Co-wrote the summer academy curriculum.
- Facilitated partnerships with the City of Norfolk, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, Tidewater Community College, and Norfolk Public Schools.
- Raised funds for special initiatives and for staff development.
- Employed up to 13 paid staff members with up to 15 volunteers.
- Implemented an *English as Second Language (ESL) Training Ministry* at the Norfolk Learning Center @ Iglesia Pentecostal de Tidewater, Norfolk, VA.
- Developed the *Urban Ministries Residency Program*, an honors ministry training program to provide hands-on competence based learning for divinity students with a clear vision for urban pastoral ministry.
- Co-founded the *In One Accord Dance Company*, an outreach dance troupe featuring modern, liturgical, and hip-hop dance.
- Organized the *YURC Street Team*, an interdisciplinary group of students from across the university, for volunteerism and community outreach.
- Organized the first “Eagles Catching a Glimpse of Regent Day,” the gathering of pastors on campus for a one-day empowerment seminar for pastors (April 5, 2013).

Leadership in Special Projects

Project Catalyst and Executive Leadership Team Member

- Conceived of and lead a project in the arts to extend music arts at Yale Music School as a community outreach to urban youth. The project was called “Broken Chains: A Gospel Hip-Hopera.” The musical consisted of 75 urban youth. The final product was collaboration between Yale University School of Music Community Outreach and the Cooperative Arts and Humanities High School: New Haven, Connecticut, 2007–2011.

Professional and Continuing Education Powered by Regent Representative

- Facilitated strategic partnerships with churches, church networks, and denominations, as well as, conducted business development meetings, marketing, and church client meetings for Powered by Regent program, 2011–2013.
- *Partnership Highlight:* Regent University Educational Collaboration with the TD Jakes School of Leadership, Dallas, TX.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

An expert in teaching in four formats – *Traditional Classroom, Online, Modular, and Hybrid of Online and Classroom*

Regent University School of Divinity (RUSOD), 2008–present

Practical Theology & Ministry, *Assistant Professor*, 2008–2014

Practical Theology & Ministry, *Associate Professor (Awarded Tenure)*, 2014–present

- SELECTED GRADUATE COURSES DEVELOPED (D) AND TAUGHT: PMIN 501- Leadership in Church and Ministry; PMIN 515- Ministry Leader: Lifestyle and Leadership Skills (D); PMIN 524- Preparation of Biblical Messages (D); PMIN 525- Pulpit Ministry (D); PMIN 550- Pastoral Theology (D); PMIN 685A/ DLDR 785A Seminar- Urban Pastoral Leadership (D); PMIN685B/DLDR 785B Seminar- Rebuilding the City of God in Urban America (D); and SFRM 502- Spiritual Formation II.

Regent University Professional and Continuing Education, Virginia Beach, VA

Powered by Regent (PBR), Instructor, 2010–2013

- COURSES TAUGHT: Introduction to Evangelism (D); How to Study the Bible for All It's Worth; How to Craft a Sermon (D); Survey of the New Testament (D) and Survey of the Old Testament (D)

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCES

New York Theological Seminary North, Ossining, NY

Adjunct Professor, Prison Educational Initiative, Sing Sing Correctional Facility, 2010

- COURSE TAUGHT: Homiletics

Virginia Christian College (formerly Calvary Leadership Institute), Norfolk, VA

Adjunct Professor, Foundations for Ministry and Biblical Studies, 2009–2011

- COURSES TAUGHT: Principles and Tools for Bible Study (D); The Pastoral Epistles: A Study of I and II Timothy and Titus (D); God and the Hood: Reflections on Urban Ministry (D)

Sacred Heart University, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Fairfield, CT

Adjunct Professor, Department of Religious Studies, 2006–2008

- COURSE TAUGHT: Introduction to Religion (An introduction course on Judaism, Islam and Christianity)

ACADEMIC SUPERVISIONS

Selected Dissertations and Thesis Committees

Angela Fredrickson, "Strengthening Pastoral Leadership: Overcoming Leadership Challenges Among Small to Medium African American Churches in Sumter, SC." (DMin Dissertation, RUSOD, 2016), *Chairperson*.

Linda G. Grant, "Church Health Through Implementing African American Culturally Sensitive Natural Church Development: Considering a Local Congregation in Suffolk, Virginia." (DMin Dissertation, RUSOD, 2015), *Chairperson*

Eugene Kent Austin, "Sexual Abuse Awareness and Training Course for Ministry: Toward a Program to Eradicate Ministry Misconduct for Healthier Churches in the Twenty-first Century." (DMin Dissertation, RUSOD, 2014), *Chairperson*.

Dia LaTrise Liggons, "Hip-Hop Music and Poetry as Spiritual Efficacy to Assist in Anger Management among Urban Youth: A Youth Project at the City of Refuge Church in Watertown, New York." (DMin Dissertation, RUSOD, 2014), *Second Reader*.

Robert Manning, "Necessary Elements for Attractive Ministry among Young Adult African-American Men: A Consideration from A Local Church in Prince Georges County, Maryland," (DMin Dissertation, RUSOD, 2013), *Chairperson*.

Daniel Rollins, "A Practical Theology for Transformational Theatre and the Church: Judgment House as Case Study for Community-building, Discipleship, and Evangelism," (DMin Dissertation, RUSOD, 2013), *Second Reader*.

Laura Madison, "Answering the Social Ministry Call: Serving the Least, Last and Lost by Feeding the Mind, Body and Spirit," (MA Thesis, RUSOD, 2013), *Chairperson*.

PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Theologian in Residence, The First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk (2015–present)

- Develop Adult Education Curriculum.
- Teach Adult Discipleship Classes.
- Assist in Organizing Outreach Projects.
- Preach as needed.
- Strategize with the Senior Pastor.
- Organize City-wide Ecumenical Clergy Monthly Meetings with the City Manager.

Founder, GIELD | Global Institute for Empowerment & Leadership Development, Inc. [a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization], Virginia Beach, VA, 2010–present

- Develop vision for national and international network of urban ministry efforts.
- Articulate the vision and mission of the organization.
- Direct activities of business and manage budgets.
- Lead teams of volunteers and hired personnel.
- Travel regularly, implementing the vision of the organization.
- Prepare budgets and raise financial support.
- Founded the Young Ministers and Pastors (YMP) Mentoring Group, a peer-mentoring program for ministers and pastors. There are 28 ministers and pastors currently in the

group. YMP's focuses on mentoring, fellowshiping and ongoing ministry training. 2015–present.

- Established the annual Urban Summer Academy for elementary and middle school children. 2015–present.
- Launched *Chosen for Completion Church*, a congregation of Circle of Grace in the Cradock Community of Portsmouth, VA, 2014–present.
- Initiated and Lead the G.A.M.E. (God's Ambassadors Men of Excellence) Discipleship Group at the Union Mission Ministries Men's Shelter, 2013–2015.
- Started *Circle of Grace*, a cross-cultural, trans-denominational outreach oriented Christ-centered ministry in Norfolk, VA, 2012–2015

Manager, Antipas Enterprises, LLC, 2015–present

- Direct activities of business.
- Offer seminars and training for churches and businesses.
- Develop marketing strategy.

Associate Pastor, Christ Chapel New Testament Church, New Haven, CT, 2007–2008

- Conducted staff meetings and participated in business meetings.
- Prayed and promoted Christian spirituality.
- Led weekly Bible Study, prepared, and delivered sermons.
- Organized and lead regular worship services.
- Counseled individuals and groups concerning their spiritual, emotional and personal needs.
- Visited people in homes, hospitals and prisons to provide them with comfort and support.
- Trained youth group.
- Led outreach projects.
- Taught Bible study and prepared and delivered sermons in the prison ministry.
- Counseled inmates concerning their spiritual life and reason for solitary confinement.
- Administered baptisms and Communion.

Local Coordinator, National Day of Prayer, New Haven, CT, 2008

- Organized churches, college students, high school students, and civic organizations for a prayer rally and planned public events at the city park.
- Raised financial support to host the public event that focused on prayer.

Spiritual Advisor, Walker and Associates Law Firm, Monroe, CT, 2006–2008

- Counseled the senior partner pertaining to ethical issues regarding decisions at the firm.
- Assisted the senior partner for special high-profiled meetings with pastors and church leaders to help him in providing the best support for churches.
- Conducted reviews of legal matters for the purpose of spiritual guidance to the firm.

Facilities & Youth Director, Cornerstone Christian Center, Milford, CT, 2005–2007

- Managed the church facility and daily operations, including coordinating volunteers for setting up and dismantling rooms for special events.

- Participated in the Storehouse Food Pantry Ministry (Shopped at the Food bank, bagged groceries for the community, transported food and other goods from donors to those in need of food).
- Participated in the Crossroads Ministry, an outreach ministry to those struggling with alcohol and drug addictions.
- Completed and maintained inventory lists.
- Supervised and coordinated the work activities of personnel, such as lawn caregivers, snowplowing companies, clean-up crews, and construction workers.
- Prayed and promoted Christian spirituality.
- Led weekly Bible Study for youth.
- Prepared and delivered sermons for main services.
- Counseled youth and youth leaders concerning their spiritual, emotional and personal needs.
- Visited people in homes, hospitals and prisons to provide them with comfort and support.
- Trained youth leaders and directed regular meetings.
- Implemented programs and coordinated worship events.
- Participated in outreach projects.
- Taught Bible study for entire congregation when the pastor was away.

Co-founder, Composer & Producer, A7, Inc. Atlanta, GA, 1997–2007

- Produced musical recordings.
- Coordinated talent, including singers, musicians, music producers, and songwriters.
- Managed the project, including but not limited to studio time, recording sessions.
- Edited vocals with digital software; lead post-production recording sessions.
- Performed before live audiences and in television productions.
- Applied knowledge of harmony, melody, rhythm, and voice production to individualized presentations and maintained audience interest and practiced singing exercises and study with vocal coach, in order to develop my voice and skills and to rehearse for upcoming performances.
- Participated in community outreach projects to inspire and empower youth.
- Recorded three musical CDs.
- Performed for George W. Bush Inauguration Reception (United States of America), January 20th, 2005.
- Performed on the BET (Black Entertainment Television Network) on the Bobby Jones Show, Angel Network, WORD Network, TBN (Trinity Broadcasting Network), and CBN (Christian Broadcasting Network).
- Performed in theme parks such as Disney World, Six Flags Over Georgia, and Kings Dominion as well as at numerous schools, colleges, universities, and churches across the country.

Youth Director, Covenant Congregational Church, Jamaica Plain, MA, 2005–2007

- Coordinated pastoral care for urban and suburban youth.
- Arranged and led urban and suburban youth camps.

Volunteer Chaplain, American Red Cross, New Haven, CT, 2001–2002

- Served as chaplain for families affected by 9/11.

- Offered Pastoral Support for observers, and families of victims of attack on the Twin Towers in New York.

Chaplain Intern, Metro State (Women's) Prison, Atlanta, GA, 1998–2001

- Prayed and counseled inmates concerning their spiritual wellbeing and concerning their reason for solitary confinement.
- Offered group therapy for inmates.
- Directed the Metro State Prison Choir.
- Prepared and delivered sermons.
- Made ministry rounds in the infirmary wing of the prison.

Associate Pastor, A House of the Living God, Manchester, GA, 1997–2001

- Prepared and delivered sermons and taught Bible study.
- Coordinated young adult ministries.
- Counseled youth and young adults concerning their spiritual walk and life choices.
- Led outreach projects.
- Administered baptisms and communion.

Interim Worship Pastor, Abundant Life Worship Center, Tyrone, GA, 1997–1998

- Chose Music for Sunday morning service.
- Conducted choir rehearsals.
- Played piano for worship and led songs for worship.
- Directed worship team meetings.

PUBLIC LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Local, National, and International

Leader

Founder and Chairperson. Facilitate the monthly held Norfolk Senior Pastors Roundtable for the City Manager of Norfolk (2015–present).

- Lead a multi-ethnic and ecumenical team of the most prominent pastors and senior pastors of the largest churches in Norfolk in an effort to build strategic partnerships between the City Government and the Faith-based community. Together we support innovative efforts to support public education, rally around economic empowerment initiatives for citizens, and work to strengthen race relations to build a stronger Norfolk. Additionally, we pray with the the City Manager and offer counsel as Christian leaders in the city.
- Organize meetings, coordinate projects, and serve as liaison between the Faith-based community and the City of Norfolk.

Sub-Committee Team Leader. Serve on the Virginia Beach Public School Discipline Taskforce (chosen by the VBPS Superintendent to participate in the process of rethinking and revamping the Virginia Beach Public School policies to handle an increased problem of truancy, high school dropout, school suspensions, and behavioral issues (2015–present).

Co-founder and Co-Chairperson. Co-lead Hands United Building Bridges (HUBB), a quarterly meeting with interfaith clergy – Christian pastors and bishops, Conservative and Reformed Jewish Rabbis and Muslim Imams. HUBB builds relational bridges among multi-faith clergy to advance human and religious tolerance and social justice advocacy (2015–present).

Mentor and Discipleship Leader. Mentored and offered discipleship classes for male residents at the Union Mission Homeless Shelter and provide discipleship and aftercare for homeless men who enroll the discipleship program at the shelter (2012–2015).

Leader. Collaborated with a congregational outreach in the Park Place Neighborhood of Norfolk at Park Place Methodist Church, along with the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, February 1st, 2014.

Mission Team Leader. Led international urban ministry trips to Port Au Prince, Haiti (Summer 2012–2015).

Chairperson. Chaired the Hampton Roads Committee of 200 Plus Men Scholar's Academy Committee (2010–2012).

Leader. Led a community friend-raising campaign in the Huntersville Community of Norfolk, VA (December 2012).

- Organized pre-Christmas Outreach Party for At-risked Children and their Families, 3rd Saturday Community Cleanups in Distressed Communities and monthly Family Game Nights for Poor Families.

Missions Team Leader. Led a ministry team on a mission trip to Democratic Republic of the Congo (Africa) for the "DRC for the DRC African Extravaganza: A Mission and Evangelism Excursion" (Summer 2007).

Podium Presenter

Keynote Speaker. Served as guest speaker for "Old Dominion University's Sunday Supper: The Significance of Observing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – His Life and Legacy concerning Poverty," Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA (January 17th, 2016).

Guest Speaker. Served as guest speaker for Sunday Morning Worship Service at the Potter's House Dallas (Bishop TD Jakes, Senior Pastor)–38,000 in attendance (local and live globally online; 500,000 views of clips within a week's time) (October 18th, 2015).

Speaker. Served as one of the key note speakers for the Resilient Cities Strategy Launch Event, City of Norfolk, VA (October 28th, 2015).

Guest Speaker. Served as guest speaker *Via Skype* for the Leadership Incubator's 2013 Graduation in Mamelodi, South Africa, (July 2012 and 2013).

Banquet Participant. Participated in the Crisis Pregnancy Center (Kiem Center) Annual Banquet; Chesapeake, VA (Fall 2012).

Motivational Speaker. Served as guest speaker at the Juvenile Detention Center; Virginia Beach, VA, Summer Speaking Series (Summer 2011).

Motivational Speaker. 5th grade boys Motivational Night: Holland Elementary School; Virginia Beach, VA (Spring 2011).

Participant on Special Committees/ Taskforces

Leading Participant. Serve as covenant partner with the Reconciled Church, a coalition of pastors who are committed to healing the racial divide in the nation (2015–present).

Leading Participant. Serve as covenant partner with the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC) Faith and Education Coalition, a multicultural team of bipartisan evangelicals who are committed to improving America's public education system, which educates more than 90% of U.S. children (2015–present).

Leading Participant. Serve on the Steering Committee for Bank on Norfolk – a private-public partnership to assist Norfolk citizens with financial literacy and personal/family economic empowerment (2015–present).

Leading Participant. Serve on the Norfolk Police Fairness in Policing Working Group – invited by the Chief of Norfolk Police Department (2015–present).

Leading Participant. Serve as Community liaison, a part of Norfolk Resilient City Comprehensive Strategy (2015–present).

Leading Participant. Serve on the Norfolk City Poverty Commission Community Team (2015–present).

Leading Participant. Served as one of the Faith-based community's liaisons at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation U.S. Education Learning Forum in Bellevue, WA (October 6 – 8, 2015).

SELECTED PANELS

“An In-depth Look at Islam.” Co-host of Panel; Bishop TD Jakes International Pastors and Leadership Conference; Orlando FL, April 21st – 23rd, 2016.

“Black Youth in the Justice System: A Discussion on the Documentary on ‘Prison Kids’.” Panelist; Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi); Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, February 16th, 2016.

“Black Family Matters.” Panelist; Black Family Reunion Symposium at Norfolk State University; Norfolk, VA, November 19th, 2015.

“Changing Work of Faculty.” Panelist; Elected to the Convening of Midcareer Faculty sponsored by the Association of Theological Schools and Commission on Accrediting (ATS). Hyatt Regency Airport Hotel; Chicago, IL, March 13th –16th, 2014.

“Integration in Action: The Application of Biblical Principles in Contemporary Times.” Panelist; Psychological Services Center Paradigm Shift Initiative Series Special Event; Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, June 18th, 2013.

“A Revival of Passion and Pride—Black in America, Coping with Racism.” Panelist; Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi); Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, February 19th, 2013.

“Lifelong Learners;’ the Annual Family Enrichment Conference.” Panelist; NSU Women's Economic Development Center; Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA, November 17th, 2012.

“Leading as A Woman in 21st Century Ministry” at the Twenty-first Century Women in Ministry Conference. Panelist; Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, October 13th, 2012.

“Higher Education at Regent University.” Panelist; ACT NOW: Empowering Next Generation Leaders Forum. Urban League of Hampton Roads Young Professionals; Norfolk, VA, June 23rd, 2012.

“A Biblical Worldview;” A church-wide panel discussion about God and the everyday life of the believer in the church and society. Panelist; Calvary Revival Church Peninsula; Newport News, VA, April 29th, 2012.

“Where I am from and Where I am Now—A Look at Racial Co-existence in Hampton Roads;” A city-wide panel discussion about Race, Ethnic, and Heritage issues; Sponsored by the FBI Academy Alumni Association. Panelist; Virginia Beach, VA, April 28th, 2012.

“Naughty or Nice: Why do Good Girls like Bad Boys? —A Hip-Hop Symposium.” Panelist; Tidewater Community College; Virginia Beach, VA, February 7th, 2012.

“Justice Jubilee: A Conversation about Human Trafficking.” Panelist; Old Dominion University; Norfolk, VA, January 11th, 2012.

SELECTED ACADEMIC PAPERS, AND GUEST LECTURES

“Holy Spirit, Holy Living and 21st Century Christianity.” Lecture; COGIC Scholars Forum at the 108th Church of God in Christ Holy Convocation; St. Louis, MO, November 7th, 2015.

“Music and Testimony in the Black Holiness-Pentecostal Church Tradition: Spiritual, Relational, and Emotional Resources for Christian Formation.” Paper Presentation; The Holy Spirit and Christian Life Conference at Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, March 21st, 2015.

“An African-American Contribution to the Theology of Worship: Three Pre-Civil Rights Considerations.” Paper Presentation; Society of Pentecostal Studies; hosted at Southeastern University; Lakeland, FL, March 12th, 2015.

“Achieving Unstoppable Success in College and Beyond,” Thomas Nelson Community College Faculty Colloquium, Hampton, VA, September 22nd, 2014.

“Practicing Holiness in the Obama Era and Beyond: Towards a Practical Theology of Holiness for the 21st Century Church,” Paper Presentation; Society of Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the Wesleyan Theological Society, and hosted at Seattle Pacific University; Seattle, WA, March 23, 2013.

“For Such a Time as This: Is This My Time?” Twenty-first Century Women in Ministry Conference. Lecture; Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, October 13th, 2012.

“Church as Prophet: The Churches, the Spirit, and the City.” Paper Presentation; Society of Pentecostal Studies; hosted at Regent University; Virginia Beach, VA, March 1st, 2012.

“The Future and Vitality of the African and African American Spirit Empowered Churches in Africa.” Paper Presentation; Empowered 21: Global Congress on Holy Spirit Empowerment in the 21st Century (Converge 21 USA); Regent University; Virginia Beach, VA, March 2nd, 2012.

- “The Psalter for Songwriters: A Critical Review of the Psalms as Contemporary Inspiration for Songwriters.” Seminar Presentation, “Worship & Songwriting Seminar Series: Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs.” Regent University; Virginia Beach, VA, September 17th, 2011.
- “Prophecy to the Dead Bones: Developing Ministries that Transform Urban Communities.” Seminar Presentation, the 97th Annual Hampton Ministers Conference; Hampton University: Hampton, VA, June 2011.
- “The Role of Community in Revitalizing Youth.” Seminar Presentation, Virginia Gang Prevention Partnerships, Vineyard Community Church: Virginia Beach, VA, August 2011.
- “The Church and the Urban Struggle: Yesterday and Tomorrow; A Prophetic Challenge for the Future of Urban Churches: A Call for a Revised Ecclesiological Superstructure.” Paper Presentation, Empowered 21: Global Congress on Holy Spirit Empowerment in the Twenty-first Century: Oral Roberts University; Tulsa, OK, April 2010.
- “Elements of African Religious Spiritual Practices Increasingly Accepted among African American Worship Services: Resounding Practical Theological Implications.” Paper Presentation; African Christian Diaspora Conference: Frankfurt Oder, Germany, 2003.

SPECIAL ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL PODIUM PRESENTATIONS

- “Preach with Clarity: Prophetic Preaching that Moves the Soul and Makes a Difference.” Breakout Session Speaker; Bishop TD Jakes International Pastors and Leadership Conference; Orlando FL, April 21st – April 23rd, 2016.
- “Why Churches Are Dying.” Seminar Presentation; African Methodist Episcopal Church Pastors Symposium with Presiding Elder Larry Hinton; Goldsboro, NC, March 11th, 2016.
- “Frequent Rest for Unstoppable Success.” Seminar Presentation; Safe Harbor Mental Health Conference with Bishop Donald Hilliard; Princeton, NJ, September 17th–19th, 2015.
- “How to Reach the Masses: Preaching with Multiple Intelligences.” Breakout Session Speaker; Bishop TD Jakes International Pastors and Leadership Conference; Orlando FL, April 30th –May 2nd, 2015.
- “Redefining the Church for the 21st Century.” Guest Lecturer for the TD Jakes School of Leadership Education Showcase. Bishop TD Jakes International Pastors and Leadership Conference. Orlando, FL, March 6th – 8th, 2014.
- “Faculty Development in the Midst of Institutional and Vocational Change Consultation for Racial/ Ethnic.” Faculty Consultation sponsored by Association of Theological Schools (ATS). Hyatt Regency Airport Hotel; Pittsburg, PA, March 14th –17th, 2013.
- “Responding to Real Life with Eyes of Faith.” Seminar Presentation; “Extending Your Reach: Creating a Missional Culture;” New Life Providence Church; Virginia Beach, VA, May 1st, 2013.
- “Moving Beyond the Mountain: A Talk for Young Aspiring Leaders.” Motivational Speech, Students African American Brothers (SAAB); Tidewater Community College; Virginia Beach, VA, March 19th, 2013.

- “Elements of Spirit-filled Leadership.” Regent University Conference at Grace Bible Church-Soweto; Soweto, South Africa, March 10th, 2012.
- “The Holy Spirit and Prophetic Leadership.” Hatfield Christian Church; Pretoria, South Africa, March 7th, 2012.
- “Profiles of Ethical Leadership.” Empowerment Academy, Pretoria, South Africa, March 6th, 2012.
- “Hope Unborn: The Blight of Abortion in African American Communities.” Lecture, Crisis Pregnancy Center, Virginia Beach, VA, January 12th, 2012.
- “Intentional Evangelism.” Lecture, Annual Southeastern Evangelism Conference, United Holy Churches of America: Goldsboro, NC, November 2011.
- “Introductory Lectures on the New Testament and Theology.” Lecture, Church of God in Christ, 2nd Jurisdiction Christian Education Department: Held at Founder’s Inn, Virginia Beach, VA, October 2011.
- “Release for Peace: A Message on Forgiveness.” Sermon, Wesleyan University (Protestant Chapel), Middletown CT, October 2011.
- “Urban Outreach and Church Growth.” Seminar Lecture, Solid Rock Full Gospel Baptist Church General Conference: Held at Founder’s Inn, Virginia Beach, VA, spring 2011.
- “Biblical Integration and Character Development in Urban Disciplining Seminar.” Lecture, The Dream Center: Los Angeles: CA: Fall 2010.
- “Urban Education Orientation and Biblical Integration in Education.” Workshop Presenter, Calvary Christian School System Teachers Retreat: Norfolk, VA, September 2010.
- “Embracing Life: The Treasures of the Good Book.” Lecture, Lecture Series on Embracing Life at Calvary Revival Church: Norfolk, VA, 2009.
- “Jesus Christ: The Same, Yesterday, Today, and Forever.” Sermon, Conference on Evangelism of Germany and Africa, Waldbröl, Germany: Spring 2006.
- “To Be Young, Gifted, and Saved.” Speech, Educating, Embracing, and Empowering Youth: Making an Impact on Our Urban Communities, Urban Impact Summit: Mashantucket, CT 2004–2005.
- “Exploring a Possibility of Studying Science through Lenses of Faith.” Lecture, Morehouse College Ronald McNair Scholars Program: Atlanta, GA, 2003.
- “The Songwriter as Theologian, History of Black Gospel Music, and Contemporary Levites in God’s House.” Lecture, Michel “Moses” Mathis and Berklee College of Music Choir Conference: Boston, MA 2000–2001.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS

COGIC Scholars, *Member*

Society of Pentecostal Studies, *Member*

Alpha Zeta Phi chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, *Member*

Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity, *Member*

National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC), 2016–present, *Board Member*

Park Place Child Life Center, (Norfolk, VA), 2016–present, *Board Member*

GIELD | Global Institute for Empowerment & Leadership Development, Inc. [a non-profit 501 (c) (3)], (Virginia Beach, VA) 2010–present, *Board Member*

Mid-Atlantic Teen Challenge (Newport News, VA) 2015, *Board Member*

Hampton Roads Committee of 200 Plus Men, Inc. [a non-profit 501 (c) (3)], (Hampton Roads, VA) 2012–present, *Board Member*

Hampton Roads Ecumenical Council of Bishops Executive Board (Virginia Beach, VA) 2011–2013, *Dean of Academic Affairs*

National Leadership Committee for America for Jesus (Virginia Beach, VA) 2012, *Member*

Starlight Creative Arts Center (Virginia Beach, VA) 2010–2012, *Board Member*

Christian Way Academy (Manchester, GA) 2008–2011, *Board Member*

In Touch with Communities around the World (Tampa, FL) 2005–2008, *Board Member*

HONORS

John C. Maxwell Top 100 Leaders & Nominated for the John C Maxwell Awards, 2016

Faculty of Excellence Award for Service at Regent University, 2012

International Top 100 Magazine, 2012

Inside Business Top 40 Under 40 of Hampton Roads, 2011

Wall of Outstanding Alumni, LaGrange College, 2011

Who's Who among America's Colleges and Universities

Omicron Delta Kappa Honors Society (inducted member since 1997)

American Award, Scholarship in Biblical Greek, 1997

Certificate of Recognition, World Methodist Evangelism Institute

Certificate of Recognition, California State Assembly, 2007

Resolution from Memphis City Council, 2007

A-7, Gospel Choice Music Awards, "Don't Walk Away," Song of the Year, 2006

"Don't Walk Away" Charted, Top 30 on Billboard

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Associate Member, Calvary Alliance of Churches and Ministries, 2014

Ordained Elder, AHOLG, 1997

Evangelist, AHOLG, 1992–1997

Licensed minister, A House of the Living God, Church of Jesus Christ (AHOLG), A Holiness-Pentecostal Church, 1992

COMPUTER COMPETENCIES

Blackboard, Scholar 360, Canvas, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and Publisher, Adobe Photoshop, Apple Logic Studio, Avid Pro Tools Professional Audio Recording and Music Creation Software

REFERENCES

Upon Request