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EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY IN PREACHING, 2014
AQUINAS INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY-ST. LOUIS

MASTER OF DIVINITY, 2006 EDEN
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, 1997
HOWARD UNIVERSITY

EXPERIENCE

EDEN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
VISITING PROFESSOR OF COMMUNITY ENAGAGEMENT &
DIRECTOR CONTEXTUAL EDUCATION, 2020-PRESENT
VISITING PROFESSOR OF PREACHING, 2019-2020
INTERIM DEAN OF THE CHAPEL, SPRING 2018
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, 2006-2018

METROPOLITAN CONGREGATIONS UNITED, 2017-PRESENT
ORGANIZER

NATIONAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, 2015-2020
PROGRAM COORDINATOR, ADVOCACY AND ACTIVISM

LIBERATION CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST), 2007-2016
PASTOR AND FOUNDER

EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION FOR INCARCERATED YOUTH, 2005-2017
CHAPLAIN AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

VARIOUS CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, 2003-2007
YOUTH MINISTER

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, 1997-2003
OFFICER

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

ASSOCIATION FOR THEOLOGICAL FIELD EDUCATION 2020-PRESENT

AWARDS AND HONORS

2016 LIBERATOR AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL CONVOCATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)
2014 EMERGING LEADER FROM THE NATIONAL CONVOCATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)
2012 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: STOP THE KILLING INITIATIVE, MUHAMMAD MOSQUE#28
2011 YOUNG LEADERS AWARD FORM THE ST. LOUIS AMERICAN
2010 TORCH AWARD, EDEN BLACK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2006 SENIOR PREACHER AWARD FROM EDEN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
2003 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL
2000 AIR FORCE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL W/1 OAK LEAF CLUSTER
1998 AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL W/1 OAK LEAF CLUSTER

PUBLICATIONS

CAN ANYTHING GOOD COME FROM NAZARETH: A WOMANIST HERMENEUTIC
OF PREACHING, THESIS 2014

CONTRIBUTOR FERGUSON AND FAITH; SPARKING LEADERSHIP AND AWAKENING COMMUNITY,
CHALICE PRESS 2015

CONTRIBUTOR 99 PRAYERS, YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU NEEDED, CHALICE PRESS 2018

CONTRIBUTOR FERGUSON AFTER FAITH, RESILENT LEADERSHIP IN PURSUT OF RACIAL JUSTICE , CHALICE
PRESS 2022

CHAPTER, PREACHING RACIAL JUSTICE, ORBIS PRESS FALL 2023.

PRESENTATIONS

Keynote, Kansas City Disciples of Christ Inaugural Racial Justice Summit , 2023

Presenter Educational Intensive: A Case for Black Reparations, UCC General Synod, 2023

Sermon and Liturgy Submission, Stewardship Project for the UCC-DOC, 2022

Closing Keynote, “The Non-Profit Industrial Complex”, CHHSM 83rd Annual Gathering, 2021

Walk Justly Conference Workshop Presenter, “Organizing for Congregations” 2021

NBA Peer Group Gathering, “Equity & Justice Games”, 2021

Panelist, Revolutionary Love Conference 2021

Sermon and Liturgy Submission, Stewardship Project for the UCC-DOC, 2022

Keynote, National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ,) 2016

Keynote General Assembly (DOC) Reconciliation Ministry Breakfast, 2017

Panelist, Revolutionary Love Conference 2021

Keynote, Heartland Regional Conference, 2018

Black Lives Matter: Challenges & Responsibilities for Catholics: Aquinas Institute of Theology, 2018

Ending the Cradle to Prison Pipeline in Missouri: St. Louis Crisis Nursery, 2018

School to Prison Pipeline, Illinois Wisconsin Regional Gathering DOC, 2016

TRAINING

PROMO, Healing the Hurt Consultation, 2023

Restorative Justice, National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ,) , 2022

CORE Trainer, Gamaliel National Leadership Training, 2019-Present

Core Trainer, Upper Midwest Region’s Ministers Institute on Anti-Racism , 2019

“Anti-Racism and Publishing”, Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2022

“When They See Us” Mass Incarceration and Supervision, St Louis Ethical Society, 2019

COURSES

Racial Justice for Congregations and Organizations, Spring 2023

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) History & Polity, Spring 2023

The State of Faith and the Movement, Spring 2023

Not Called to Pastor: Discerning an Alternate Path in Ministry, Spring 2022

Intersections of Race and Caste in South Asia and America, Spring 2021

Faith Based Community Organizing, Summer 2020

Womanist Preaching, Fall 2016