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I. EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Yale University, New Haven, CT, 1990
Major Field: Political Science
Dissertation: "A Question of Authority: Protestants in Virginia and the Carolinas and the Tension Between Religion and Politics, 1835-1861"
- M.A., M.Phil. Yale University, New Haven, CT, 1988
Major Field: Political Science
- M.Div. Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, CT, 1983
Major Field: Christian Ethics
- B.S. Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 1979
Major Field: Secondary Education; English

II. ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2013-present Professor of Urban Ministry and (from 2020) Director of Metro-Urban Institute, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
- 2010-present Professor Extraordinarius, Department of Philosophy and Systematic Theology, University of South Africa, Pretoria; (Appointment through the Faculty Senate);
- 1998-2013 Scholar-in-Residence and Director of Religion and Public Life Projects, Leadership Center at Morehouse College, Atlanta
- 2011-2012 James Weldon Johnson Visiting Scholar, James Weldon Johnson Center and African American Studies Department, Emory University
- 2009-2011 Director, Center for Church and the Black Experience, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL
- 2010 (Fall) Virginia Foundation for the Humanities Fellow/Visiting Faculty, University of Virginia
- 2009 (May) Fulbright Senior Specialist, Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Kumba Cameroon
- 2007 (Fall) Faculty-in-Residence and Fellow in the SAGES Program, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH. Taught courses on religion and public leadership.
- 2005 (Spring-Sum) Fulbright Professor, (Lecturing and Research Fellowship), School of Theology, University of Pretoria, South Africa
- 1996-1998 Associate Professor, Political Science Department, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN

1995-96	Visiting Scholar, Political Science Department, Butler University
1994 (Fall)	Visiting Scholar, Religious Studies Department, Butler University
1990-95	Asst. Professor, Afro-American Studies Department, Indiana University, Bloomington
1988 (Fall)	Adjunct Professor, New York Theological Seminary, New York, NY

III. ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION

- 2010-present; Founding Co-Convener, Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race (a scholarly and social action network of hundreds of scholars, clergy, community leaders, and students based in multiple African, European, and North American nations—website: www.religionandrace.com);
- 1985-86; Deputy Director, Africa Program, Operation Crossroads Africa, New York, NY; (and Project Leader, 1983-Lesotho and 1984-Sierra Leone)

IV. ACADEMIC GRANTS/AWARDS

- Principle Investigator, 2020; Grant to respond to metro-Pittsburgh digital gap and other community needs during COVID crisis;
- Co-principal investigator, 2020; Grant to examine “Gentrification, and Racial Violence: An Exploration of Theology’s Participation in the Restructuring of Space,” Luce Foundation, (\$400,000)
- Co-investigator, 2018-19; Grant to assess reconciliation practices in South Sudan and Uganda, Nagel Institute, Calvin College/Templeton Foundation, (\$50,000)
- Fulbright Research Chair, McMaster University, Ontario Canada, 2017 (DECLINED)
- Co-recipient, 2016; Grant to survey clergy in Pretoria on social responses to immigrants, Nagel Institute, Calvin College/Templeton Foundation, (\$40,000)
- Principle Investigator, 2012; grant to study urban ministry innovators; Louisville Institute, (\$25,000)
- Principle Investigator, 2011; Grant to conduct survey of churches and social responses to migrants and immigrants in Pretoria South Africa; Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, (\$3,000);
- Principle Investigator, 2006; Grant to study Civic Service in Lesotho; Center for Social Development, Washington University-St Louis, (\$10,000);
- Principle Investigator, 2001; Grant to study Interactions Between Faith Communities and the Urban Poor; Annie E. Casey Foundation (\$375,000);
- Recipient, 2001; Grant for “U.S. Study Tour for South African Youth Leaders and Youth Workers on Faith-Based Social Leadership Development;” Ford Foundation (\$20,000);
- Recipient, 2000; Grant for roundtable series on Faith-Based Family Support Initiatives: Policy Implications for the Urban Poor; Annie E. Casey Foundation (\$100,000);
- Principle Investigator, 1999; Planning Grant for the Study of Faith-Based Social Development Among South African Youth; Ford Foundation (\$55,000);
- Principle Investigator, 1998; Grant for Public Influences of African-American Churches Project; The Pew Charitable Trusts (\$1,250,000);
- Principle Investigator, 1998; Planning Grant for the Development of a National Project on Black Religion and Public Life; The Pew Charitable Trusts (\$30,000);
- Principle Investigator, 1997; Faculty Summer Research Fellowship for the Study of Religious Value Formation Among the Black Urban Poor in Indianapolis; Butler University (\$5,000);

- Principle Investigator, 1993; Travel Grant for the Study of West African Refugees; Indiana University, President's Council on International Programs (\$1,000);
- Recipient, 1986-88; Minority Graduate Fellowship, National Science Foundation (\$33,000 + tuition);
- Recipient, 1984; Black Graduate Fellowship, American Political Science Association (tuition);
- Recipient, 1979, 1980, 1982; Benjamin E. Mays Fellowship, Fund for Theological Education (tuition);
- Recipient, 1978; Parents and Teachers Association Scholarship (\$1,000);

V. LEADERSHIP AWARDS AND MENTORING HONORS

- Recipient, Governor's Black Expo Award for Educational Leadership, 2008 (one of four selected in Indiana);
- Mentor, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, 2006-2007 (selected as Miller Center program mentor to dissertation fellow, Larycia Hawkins, University of Oklahoma);
- Mentor, South Africa Fulbright Fellows, South Africa, 2005 (conference mentor to 15 South African Fulbright fellows traveling to the U.S.);
- Mentor, Fund for Theological Education Doctoral Conference, June 2003; June 1999 (conference mentor to 30 dissertation fellows);
- Fellow, Emerging Leaders Program of the Centers for Leadership and Public Values at Duke University and the University of Cape Town, 2002;
- Mentor, Florida Education Fund's McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Conference, February 2001 (conference speaker and mentor to 20 minority Ph.D. fellows)

VI. PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

- R. D. Smith, *Black Clergy Activism: Evolving Political Capital and Public Leadership Contexts*, Columbia University Press, (under contract, with completed manuscript currently undergoing external review);
- R. D. Smith and J. Welch, *Beyond Atrocity: Ecologies of Violence and Religious Responses in a 'Melting Pot' City*, proposal stage

Edited Books:

- R. D. Smith, S. Boddie, and R. Peters (eds.), *Urban Ministry Reconsidered: Contexts and Approaches*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2018
- W. Ackah, J. Dodson, and R.D. Smith (eds.), *Religion, Culture and Spirituality in Africa and the African Diaspora*, Routledge, 2017
- R.D. Smith, W. Ackah, A.Reddie, and R.Tshaka (eds.), *Contesting Post Racialism: Conflicted Churches in the U.S. and South Africa*, University Press of Mississippi, 2015
- R.D. Smith, W. Ackah, and A. Reddie (eds.), *Churches, Blackness, and Contested Multiculturalism: Europe, North America, and Africa*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2014
- R.D Smith (Editor), *From Every Mountainside: Black Churches and the Broad Terrain of Civil Rights*, State University of New York Press, 2013
- R.D. Smith (Editor), *Freedom's Distant Shores: American Protestants and Post-Colonial Alliances with Africa*, Baylor University Press, 2006
- R. D Smith and F. Harris (eds.), *Black Churches and Local Politics: Clergy Influence, Organizational Partnerships, and Civic Empowerment*, Rowman & Littlefield, 2005

- R.D. Smith (Editor), *Long March Ahead: African American Churches and Public Policy in Post-Civil Rights America*, Duke University Press, 2004
- R.D. Smith (Editor), *New Day Begun: African American Churches and Civic Culture in Post-Civil Rights America*, Duke University Press, 2003

Journal Collections (Guest editor):

- R.D. Smith (guest editor), assembled special issue of *International Journal of Africana Studies*, on “Social (Dis)integration and Church-Based Advocacy: Black Atlantic Explorations,” (Spring, 2017)
- R.D. Smith (guest editor), assembled special issue of *The Review of Faith and International Affairs*, on “Faith, International Voluntarism, and African American Contributions” (Routledge, Spring 2012)
- R.D. Smith (guest editor), assembled special issue of *The Review of Faith and International Affairs*, on “Church Responses to Conflict and Post-Conflict Situations in Africa” (Routledge Press, Spring 2010)
- R.D. Smith (guest editor), assembled special issue of *The Review of Faith and International Affairs*, on “Black Churches and U.S. Policy in the Middle East and North Africa” (Spring 2008)

Academic Journal Articles:

- (With Stephan DeBeer), “Religious Innovation and Competition Amidst Urban Social Change: Pretoria Case Study,” *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, 5/1, August 2019: 104-121
- (With Lucy Poni and Elias Opongo), “South Sudan’s Costly Conflict and the Urgent Role of the Religious Sector,” *Review of Faith and International Affairs*, June 2019
- (With Stephan DeBeer and Jacob Manyaka), “Trans-Disciplinary Research on Religious Formations in Urban Africa: Toward Liberative Methodological Approaches,” *HTS Theological Studies*, 73 (3), 2017
- “Puritan Chauvinism and the Roots of White Racial Nationalism in the US,” *International Journal of Africana Studies*, Fall 2016: 64-86
- “Urban Marginality, Religious Liminality, and the Black Poor,” *HTS Theological Studies*, 71/3, 2015
- “Religion, Race, and the Making of American Global Citizens,” *Review of Faith and International Affairs*, Spring 2012; pp. 5-14
- “Balancing U.S. Faith-Based Strategies in Africa,” *Review of Faith and International Affairs*, September 2008: 47-51
- “Black Denominational Responses to U.S.-Middle East Policy Since 9/11,” *Review of Faith and International Affairs*, March 2008: 5-16
- (With Michael Owens), “Social Welfare Ministries in Public Housing Neighborhoods: Policy Implications of Church Practices,” *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, September 2005;
- “Churches and the Urban Poor: Interaction and Social Distance,” *Sociology of Religion*, 62 (3), Fall 2001: 301-313
- “Between Symbolism and Substance: the Politics of Racial Reconciliation Within U.S. and South African Churches,” *Christian Scholar’s Review*, 30 (3), Spring 2001: 305-322
- “Missionaries, Church Movements, and the Shifting Religious Significance of the State in Zambia,” *Journal of Church and State*, 41 (3), 1999: 525-55
- “Black Religious Nationalism and the Politics of Transcendence,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 66 (3), 1998: 533-547
- “African-American Protestants, Political Activism and ‘Liberal’ Redemptive Hopes,” *Theology Today*, 53 (2), July 1996: 191-200
- “Black Clergy, Electoral Participation and Interest Representation,” *Humanity and Society*, 18 (4), 1994: 1-12

- "Black Religion-Based Politics, Cultural Popularization and Youth Allegiance," *Western Journal of Black Studies*, 18 (3), 1994: 115-120
- "Slavery, Secession and Southern Protestant Shifts on the Authority of the State," *Journal of Church and State*, 36 (2), 1994: 261-276
- "Popular Democracy Denied, Elite Dominion Preserved: Antebellum Southern Methodists and Abolitionist and Democratic Dissenters," *Southern Studies* 3 (4), 1992: 305-319

Chapters:

- "Inequality in Urban America and Clergy Advocacy on Economic Restructuring," in Zhibin Xie et al (eds.), *Human Dignity, Human Rights, and Social Justice: A Chinese Interdisciplinary Dialogue with Global Perspective*, Springer Publishing, 2020 (forthcoming)
- "Churches, Urban Geographies, and Contested Immigration in the United States," in Stephan DeBeer (Ed.), *Just Faith: Glocal Responses to Planetary Urbanisation*, AOSIS Publishing, 2018
- "Introduction," "Low-Income Residents and Religious In-Betweenness in the United States and South Africa," and "School Voucher Programs and Black Clergy Responses in Two Cities," in R. D. Smith, S. Boddie, and R. Peters (eds.), *Urban Ministry Reconsidered: Contexts and Approaches*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2018
- "The Church," *The Oxford Handbook of African American Theology*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2014: 228-241
- "Introduction," in R.D. Smith, W. Ackah, A.Reddie, and R.Tshaka (eds.), *Contesting Post Racialism: Conflicted Churches in the U.S. and South Africa*, University Press of Mississippi, 2015: 3-12
- "Introduction," (with W. Ackah) in R.D. Smith et al (eds.), *Churches, Blackness, and Contested Multiculturalism: Europe, North America, and Africa*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2014: 1-8
- "Introduction" (1-20) and "Black Clergy, Educational Fairness, and Pursuit of the Common Good" (167-188), in R. Drew Smith (ed.), *From Every Mountainside: Black Churches and Civil Rights Beyond the Southern Movement*, SUNY Press, 2013
- Introduction" (1-10), "American Evangelists and Church-State Dilemmas in Multiple African Contexts" (143-154), and "U.S. Evangelicals, Racial Politics, and Social Transition in Contemporary South Africa" (169-188), in R. Drew Smith (ed.), *Freedom's Distant Shores: American Protestants and Post-Colonial Alliances with Africa*, Baylor University Press, 2006
- "African American Churches and the Changing Nature of Church-State Relations," *Representative American Speeches*, H.W. Wilson Publishing Co., 2005: 66-76
- "Black Clergy and Government During George W. Bush's Presidency" in R. Drew Smith and Fredrick Harris (eds.), *Black Churches and Local Politics: Clergy Influence, Organizational Partnerships, and Civic Empowerment*, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2005: 187-199
- "Assessing the Public Policy Practices of African American Churches," in R. Drew Smith (ed.), *Long March Ahead: African American Churches and Public Policy in Post-Civil Rights America*, Duke University Press, 2004: 9-27
- "Introduction," in R. Drew Smith (ed.), *Long March Ahead: African American Churches and Public Policy in Post-Civil Rights America*, Duke University Press, 2004: 1-8
- (With Corwin Smidt), "System Confidence, Congregational Resources, and Black Church Civic Engagement" in R. Drew Smith (ed.), *New Day Begun: African American Churches and Civic Culture in Post-Civil Rights America*, Duke University Press, 2003: 58-85
- "Introduction," in R. Drew Smith (ed.), *New Day Begun: African American Churches and Civic Culture in Post-Civil Rights America*, Duke University Press, 2003: 1-14

- (With Tamelyn Tucker-Worgs), “Megachurches: African-American Churches in Social and Political Context,” *National Urban League’s State of Black America*, millennial issue, 2000: 171-198
- “Black Religious Nationalism and the Politics of Transcendence,” Reprint in Larry Murphy (ed.), *Down by the Riverside: Readings in African American Religion*, New York Univ. Press, 2000: 317-328
- “Sub-Texts: Response,” in *African Americans and the Bible*, edited by Vincent L. Wimbush, New York: Continuum Books, 2000: 832-834
- “Ecclesiastical Racism and the Politics of Confession in the U.S. and South Africa,” in William Van Vugt and G. Daan Cloete (eds.), *Race, Ethnicity, and Reconciliation in South Africa: A Multicultural and Comparative Dialogue*, Lexington Books, 2000: 53-76

Essays:

- “Undaunted Resistance: Joseph Lowery and the Spirit of SCLC,” *Black Perspectives*, April 2020;
- “‘Until We Are All Free’: Learning from Tubman, King, and Stephenson,” *Sojourners*, Jan. 15, 2020;
- “National reconciliation without accountability rings hollow,” *Sojourners*, October 21, 2019;
- “400th year remembrances of slavery should prompt renewed attention to U.S.-Africa policies,” *Institute of the Black World 21st Century*, August 27, 2019
- “In Cameroon, religious freedom can’t be separated from politics,” *Religion News Service*, Aug 2 2019
- “Guns are Killing Dreams,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, March 20, 2016;
- “Distant Churches and the Isolated Poor: Lessons from Katrina, Ten Years Later,” *Religion Dispatches*, August 29, 2015;
- “‘My Name is Legion’: Sources and Forces of White Supremacy in the U.S.,” *Religion Dispatches*, July 8, 2015;
- “Churches and the Invisible Urban Poor,” *Pittsburgh Theological Journal*, Spring 2015: 22-32
- “Black and white worlds collide in tragedy: Brown and Garner deaths highlight differences over domain.” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, December 16, 2014;
- “Ebola and the Problem of (Our) Isolation,” *Baltimore Afro-American* (October 16, 2014)
- “Black Urban Males and the Diminishing Public Ideal,” *KineticsLive.com*, August 30, 2014
- “‘Higher Ground’: the Elusive Church Consensus on Equality, Empowerment, and Community in Urban America,” *Pittsburgh Theological Journal*, Spring 2014: 25-39
- “North/West African Conflicts and Interfaith Interventionism,” *Capital Commentary*, (Jan. 25, 2013);
- “Black Religion Scholarship’s Public Reach,” *Society for the Study of Black Religion Newsletter*, January 2013;
- “African Pilgrimage and American Social Identity,” *Review of Faith and International Affairs*, Spring 2012; 67-70
- Review Essay, *Innocents Abroad: American Teachers in the American Century* by Jonathan Zimmerman, in *American Historical Review*, October 2008: 1199-1200
- Review Essay, *Churches, Identity, and Change: Theology and Denominational Structures in Unsettled Times* edited by D. Roozen and J. Nieman, in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Dec. 2006
- “Acts of Mercy: Spirit of Community in Africa,” *Christian Century Magazine*, 111/18 June 1, 1994: 556-558
- Essay on “Religion and Race,” *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*, Indiana Univ. Press, 1994: 1174-76
- “Contemporary African-American Religious Quests for a Popular-Based Political Culture,” Published Conference Papers, *In Touch With the Spirit: Black Religious and Musical Expression in American Cinema*, 1994: 103-112. Reprint.
- “Why Blacks Join Cults,” *Emerge Magazine*, July/August 1993: 52-54. Reprint

- "Black Enlistment in the War of Armageddon," *The Crisis Magazine*, June/July 1993: 12, 30, 32

Published Reports:

- *Civic Service in Lesotho: Local Sources and U.S. Connections*. Final report. Center for Social Development, Washington University-St Louis, 2008: (42 pages)
- *Beyond the Boundaries: Low-Income Residents, Faith-Based Organizations, and Neighborhood Coalition Building*. Final Report, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2003: (44 pages)
- *The Public Influences of African-American Churches: Contexts and Capacities*. Final report, The Pew Charitable Trusts, 2002: (36 pages)
- *Black Churches and Political Leadership in the New Millennium*, The Pew Charitable Trusts, 2001: (35 pages)
- *Social Witness, "Prophetic" Discernment, and Post-Civil Rights Era Churches*, The Pew Charitable Trusts, 2001: (17 pages)
- *Faith-Based Family Support Initiatives: Policy Implications for the Urban Poor*, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2001: (24 pages)

Published Book Reviews:

- Reviewer, *Begrimed and Black: Christian Traditions on Blacks and Blackness* by Robert Hood, in *Theology Today*, 53 (1), April 1996: 132
- Reviewer, *Christianity and Politics in Doe's Liberia* by Paul Gifford, in *Liberian Studies Journal*, 19 (2), Fall 1994: 283-285
- Reviewer, *Raising Up a Prophet: The African American Encounter with Gandhi* by Sudarshan Kapur, in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 32 (1), March 1993: 100-102
- Reviewer, *Martin & Malcolm & America: A Dream or a Nightmare* by James H. Cone, in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 31 (4), December 1992: 552

VII. COURSES TAUGHT

Black Churches and Contemporary Politics	Black Religion and Social Movements
Religion and Politics in the USA	Religious Ethics and American Public Leadership
Racial and Ethnic Politics	Comparative Politics
Church and Society	African Politics
African and Afro-Caribbean Religion	State and Local Politics
Black Electoral Politics	Global African Christianity
Intro to Urban Ministry	Ministry, Urban Change, and the Global South (doctoral)

VIII. SEMINARS TAUGHT

- Co-Dean and Lecturer, Seminarian Institute of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference on Social Justice, Houston, February 2016
- Principal Lecturer (3 keynote lectures), Presbyterian Church of Cameroon Forum on Reclaiming the Prophetic Voice within Cameroon, Cameroon Christian University, Bamenda, Cameroon, Jan. 2016
- Instructor, "Poverty, Wealth, and Black Church Alignments." A one week seminar for Ashland Theological Seminary Doctor of Ministry students, January 2017, January 2015, and July 2012
- Co-Coordinator and Facilitator, "Ministry and Community in Post-Apartheid South Africa." A two week study tour for students at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
- Coordinator and Facilitator, "Religion and Race in South Africa." A two week study tour for students at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, June 2011

- Coordinator and Facilitator, “Theological Formation of Public Leaders in South Africa.” A two week study tour for students and faculty at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, May 2010
- Instructor, “Black Churches and Public Policy.” A one week seminar for Ashland Theological Seminary Doctor of Ministry students, January 2010
- Instructor, “Ministering and Thinking Across Boundaries.” A four-week seminar for Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Kumba Cameroon, May 2009
- Instructor, “Christianity and Governmental Politics in the U.S. and Cameroon.” A four-week seminar for Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Kumba Cameroon, May 2009
- Instructor, “African American Churches and Contemporary Social Witness.” A weeklong seminar for Ashland Theological Seminary Doctor of Ministry students, January 2007
- Coordinator and Facilitator, “Church, Society, and Responses to HIV/AIDS in South Africa,” A joint study tour for students and faculty at Morehouse College and Butler University, May 2005
- Co-Instructor, “The Black Church, Black Families, and Faith-Based Ministries.” A weeklong seminar for Ashland Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry students, September 2004
- Instructor, “African American Churches and Contemporary Social Witness.” A weeklong seminar for Ashland Theological Seminary Doctor of Ministry students, January 2004
- Organizer and Instructor, "Religious Traditions and Social Identity in Ghana." Butler University and Christian Theological Seminary. A two-week study tour to Ghana designed for faculty, students and community participants. Summer 1996, 1997, and 1998
- Co-Instructor, "African American Arts and Social Life: Exploring Their Influence on Each Other." Telluride Association Sophomore Seminar, Bloomington, IN; Summer 1996. African American high school sophomores from across the U.S.

IX. CONFERENCES AND ROUNDTABLES CONVENED

- Co-Convener, “Old Divisions, New Social Formations: Africa and the Diaspora,” Hekima College, Kenya, July 2019
- Co-Convener, “Religion, Race, and Contested Globalization,” Howard University, June 2017;
- Co-Convener, “Persistent Racial Problems: Political, Cultural, and Religious Responses,” University of the West Indies, Trinidad, August 2016;
- Co-Convener, “Repairing Community: Faith-Based Responses to Racial Disparities and Conflict,” University of London, July 2015;
- Co-Convener, “Social Struggle and Faith-Based Activism in ‘Black Empowerment’ Times,” University of South Africa, July 2014;
- Co-Convener, “Black Churches and 21st Century Captivities.” Ghana Institute of Management and Public Affairs, July 2013;
- Co-Convener, “Black Church Activism and Contested Multiculturalism in Europe, North America, and Africa.” University of London, Birkbeck, May 2012;
- Co-Convener, “Church Activism and Contested Post-Racialism in the U.S., U.K. and South Africa.” University of South Africa, Pretoria; June 2011;
- Convener, “Faith Communities and the Urban Poor.” A roundtable series convening urban faith and community organization leaders and residents of low-income housing complexes; Indianapolis, Denver, Hartford, and Camden; Fall 2001;
- Convener, “Black Churches and Political Leadership in the New Millennium.” A national conference of religious and community leaders, scholars, and students; Washington, D.C. area; April 2001;

- Convener, “Social Witness, ‘Prophetic’ Discernment, and Post-Civil Rights Era Churches.” A roundtable of black religious leaders from Pentecostal, Charismatic, Holiness, and Evangelical churches to discuss the public involvements of their churches; Atlanta; March 2001;
- Convener, “Faith-Based Family Support Initiatives: Policy Implications for the Urban Poor.” A roundtable series convening faith leaders, scholars, and public policy leaders; Baltimore; Fall 2000;
- Convener, Conference on “Black Churches, Community Development and Public Policy,” Butler University, Indianapolis, IN; October 1994;

X. ACADEMIC LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. U.S. Religion, Politics, and Civil Society

- “Gun Violence and Neighborhood Ecologies,” Plenary Address. Conference on Religion in the City,” Morgan State University, April 2019;
- “U.S. Foreign Assistance: Contradictory Orientations and Global South Implications,” Opening Address, Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race, Howard University, June 2017;
- “Faith: The African American Church through American History,” Keynote Address. K. Leroy Irvis Black History Month Program, University of Pittsburgh, (hosted by the Chancellor), February 2017;
- “Social Change Ministries and Hope,” Lecture. Series on Exploring the Landscape of Hope, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, April 2016;
- “Religion, Contested Citizenship, and Public Obligations: Reflections on the American Experience,” Paper, Intl. Symposium on Rel. and Social Justice, Tongji University, Shanghai, China, October 2015;
- “Public Obligations and the Common Good: American Struggles and Comparative Reflections,” Paper, Department of Philosophy, Nanjing University, Nanjing China, October 2015;
- Panelist, “African American Activism and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” Friends of Sabeel North American conference, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, October 2015
- “A Genealogy of White Supremacy in the U.S.,” Paper. Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race, University of London, July 2015
- “The Economic Blockade against the Poor,” Keynote address. Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Norfolk, VA, February 2015;
- “Ministry at the Margins in Times of Government Cutbacks.” Public Lecture. Pittsburgh , April 2014;
- “Black Church Activism: A Data Assessment.” Samuel Proctor Conference, Dallas, TX, Feb 2014;
- “Modern Day Enslavements and Forgetfulness of a Tragic Past,” Opening Address, Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race, University of Ghana, Pretoria, July 2013;
- “Black Religion, Public Ideals, and Post Movement Generation Activism.” Keynote Address. Ohio State University African American Studies Extension Program, Columbus, OH, November 2011
- “Religion, Race, and the Making of American Global Citizens.” Public Lecture. Antioch University, Yellow Springs, OH, August 2011;
- “Religion and Contested Post-Racialism in the U.S.” Paper. University of South Africa, June 2011;
- “Contemporary Black Clergy Activism.” Public lecture. Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, Charlottesville, VA, November 2010;
- “Black Clergy, School Reform, and Pursuit of the Common Good.” Public Lecture. African American Studies Department, Princeton University, March 2010;
- “Black Churches, Race Consciousness, and Generational Differences.” Panelist. Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, February 2010;
- “Black Churches and the New Demographics of Urban Ministry.” Panelist. Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, February 2010;

- “African American Churches, Globalization, and Global Solidarities.” Panelist. Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, February 2010;
- “Black Clergy Activism in a Transformed Public Square.” Convocation Keynote Lecture, Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, D.C., November 2009;
- “The African American Journey from Oppression, to Freedom, to Empowerment.” Public Lecture, Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Kumba, Cameroon, May 2009;
- “Black Clergy, Church-State Alignments, and Moral Influence.” Public Lecture. Georgia State University, Atlanta, April 2009;
- “Youth Activism in Social Movement and Post-Movement Contexts,” Martin Luther King Day Keynote Lecture, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, January 2009;
- “Black Clergy and Public Leadership,” Lecture. Center on Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, August 2008;
- “Churches and Residents in High-Poverty Neighborhoods.” Paper. Cityscapes conference. Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, March 2008;
- “Black Churches and Public Ministry.” Lecture. Interdenominational Theological Seminary/Institute on Church Administration and Management, Atlanta, GA, March 2008;
- “Black Churches and the Passion for Justice.” Public Lecture. Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, January 2008;
- “Churches, Poverty, and Community.” Public Lecture. Cleveland State University, October 2007;
- “Black Churches, Diversity, and Community.” Lecture. Ashland Theological Seminary, Cleveland, OH, October 2007;
- “Black Clergy, Community Boundaries, and the Public Good.” Lecture. Center on Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, August 2007;
- “Religion, Social Division, and the Public Good.” Lecture. Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv, June 2007
- “Religion and Social Policy in the U.S.” Lecture. Hebrew University, Jerusalem, June 2007;
- “Black Churches, Politics, and the Changing Social Context.” Keynote Address. 4th Annual History of Black Columbus Conference, African American and African Studies Department, Ohio State University, May 2007;
- “Black Churches, Politics, and the Faith- Based Initiative.” Panelist. Governing America in a Global Era Conference, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, May 2007;
- “Shifting Contexts of Church Ministry and Activism.” Lecture. Center on Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, July 2006;
- “Black Churches and Public Policy Activism.” Lecture. Asia Foundation delegation of visiting Asian leaders, Morehouse College, Atlanta, April 2006;
- “Minority Group Status and ‘Fragile’ Citizenship in the U.S. and France.” Paper. World Council of Churches General Assembly, Catholic Pontifical University, Porto Alegre, Brazil, February 2006;
- “African American Churches and the Changing Nature of Church-State Relations.” Public Lecture. Distinguished Lecture Series, Auburn University, Auburn, AL, March 2005;
- “Black Churches and Post-Civil Rights Movement Activism.” Public Lecture. Princeton U, Nov2004;
- “Black Clergy Activists and the Reconfigured Public Square.” Public Lecture. DePaul U., Oct. 2004;
- “Church Responses to Social Inequality in Four Cities.” Lecture. Crossing Borders Conference. State University of New York, Potsdam, April 5, 2004;
- “Black ‘Steeple’ Churches and Contemporary Political Activism.” Paper. Faith of a Race Conference, University of Chicago, June 2003;

- “Theological Scholarship: Presentation, Praxis, and Publics.” Luncheon Speaker. Fund for Theological Education Conference, Garrett-Evangelical Theo.Seminary, Evanston, IL, June 2003;
- “The Faith-Based Initiative Two Years Later: Examining its Potential, Progress, and Problems.” Panelist. Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., March 2003;
- “African-American Churches and Contemporary American Politics.” Lecture. Fulbright Delegation of International Religious Leaders, Morehouse College, July 2002;
- “Decentralization in Institutional and Public Policy Practices of African-American Churches.” Paper Symposium on Religion and Politics, Calvin College, May 2002;
- “Race, Religion, and Nationalism: Group Politics and Social Redemption in America.” Paper. The Institute on Race and Social Divisions, Boston University, September 1999;
- “Biblical Interpretation, Social Foundations, and African-American Hermeneutics of Suspicion.” Paper. Conference on African Americans and the Bible, Union Theological Seminary, NY, Apr 1999;
- “The Public Influences of African-American Churches.” Lecture. The National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Baton Rouge, LA, March 1999;
- "American Students and Cultural Bridges to Africa." Principal Lecturer. Change and Tradition Convocation, Butler University, March 1997;
- "The Growing Social Distance Between Churches and the Urban Poor." Lecture. Political Science Department Colloquium, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, February 1997;
- “Political Dimensions of Urban Ministry.” Lecture. Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN, April 1996;
- "Black Churches, Urban Activism and Public Policy." Lecture. Conference on Black Churches, Community Development and Public Policy, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN, October 1994;
- "Religion, Ethics and Political Leadership." Lecture. U.S. State Department delegation of African political leaders, Indiana University, Bloomington, May 1994;
- "Black 'Movement' Organizations and Generational and Class Divisions." Paper. National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Hampton, VA, March 1994;
- "Contemporary Black Religio-Political Resistance and the Challenge of Youth Recruitment." Paper. National Conference of Black Studies, (1st Intl. Conference), Accra Ghana, August 1993;
- "The Public Mission of Black Churches." Panelist. Joseph Taylor Symposium on Indiana Univ./Purdue Univ. at Indianapolis, February 1993;
- “Reformist Versus Rejectionist Politics: The Two Faces of Black Religion-Based Resistance,” Lecture, Political Science Department Colloquium, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, Nov. 1992;
- Black Religious Intermediation Between the Social Mainstream and the Margins." Paper. Association for Humanist Sociology, Ottawa, Ontario, October 1991;
- "Afro-American Protestantism and the New Systemic Black Politics." Lecture. Bloomington Seminar on Religion and American Culture, April 1991;

B. International Religion, Politics, and Civil Society

- “Transatlantic Religion and Public Life Praxis: Strategies and Approaches,” Hekima College, Kenya, July 2019
- “African American Clergy and Global Citizen Diplomacy,” Paper. Evangelical Theological Seminary, Matanzas, Cuba, January 2019
- “Theological Critiques of Race-Based Economic Inequality in the U.S. and South Africa,” Paper. Conference on Religion and Racial Justice, Jesuit Institute, South Africa, August 2018

- “Ministry and Migration in Conflicted Urban Spaces,” Two-day workshop leader, Urban Ministry Consultation, Tshwane Leadership Foundation, South Africa, August 2018
- “Contextual Theological Education: U.S.-Nigeria Comparisons,” Lecture. Methodist Church of Nigeria, Lagos, March 2018
- “Pan-Africanist Responses to Color and Caste Chasms,” Opening Address, Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race, University of the West Indies, Trinidad, August 2016
- “Social Divisions and Community-Building Prospects,” Opening Address, Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race, University of South Africa, Pretoria, July 2014;
- “Urban Migration and Church-Based Social Services in a Pretoria Neighborhood.” Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race, University of South Africa, Pretoria, July 2014;
- “Restrictions on Religious Freedom in Select African Nations.” Testimony before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, Washington, D.C., November 2011;
- “Western Perspectivism and African Independent Churches.” Panelist. Butler University, Indianapolis, September 2011;
- “African Global Migration, Religious Culture Mobility, and Host Context Responses” Panel presentation. Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, October 2010;
- “Competing Visions of Social Empowerment and Comparisons Between the U.S. and Cameroon.” Public Lecture, Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Kumba, Cameroon, May 2009;
- “Urban Migration and Church-Based Social Services in a Pretoria Neighborhood.” Paper. Conference on African Cities, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, June 2007;
- “American Evangelists, Social Self-Interests, and Political Misalignments in Africa.” Paper. Lilly National Research Conference on Christianity and Human Rights, Samford University, Birmingham, AL, November 2004;
- “American Students and Africa Involvements.” Panelist. Crossing Borders Conference. State University of New York, Potsdam, April 2004;
- “Africa and Democratization: A Comparative Look at African and African-American Civil Society.” Workshop leader. Eighth General Assembly of the All Africa Conference of Churches. Yaounde, Cameroon, November 2003;
- “Religion and Contested Social Identity: African-American and South African Youth.” Panelist. Emerging Leaders Program, University of Cape Town, South Africa, May 2002;
- “Ecclesiastical Racism and the Politics of Confession in the U.S. and South Africa.” Paper. Conference on Race and Reconciliation, Univ. of the Western Cape, South Africa, Jan. 1999;
- “African Initiated Churches and the Shifting Religious Significance of the State in Zambia.” Paper. Society for Pentecostal Studies, Cleveland, TN, March 1998;
- “Church Influences on Collective Identity in Zambia.” Paper. Joint Center for African Studies, U.C.-Berkeley and Stanford University, Berkeley, CA, April 1997;
- “Afrocentric Scholarship and the Reclaiming of African Heritage.” Principal Lecturer. Change and Tradition Convocation, Butler University, March 1997;
- “Millenarian Resistance to Colonial Authority in South Central Africa.” Paper. International Studies Association, Midwest Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN, Sept. 1995;
- “African Indigenous Churches: Southern Africa.” Lecture. Symposium on Christianity in Contemporary Africa, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN, November 1995;

XI. COMMUNITY LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS:

- “Racial Divide in Gun Violence,” Featured/principal webinar speaker, Presbyterian Mission Agency: Standing Our Holy Ground, webinar, March 2020
- “From Polarization to Cooperation: Exploring Shared Economic Interests.” Keynote speaker. Race Summit, Pittsburgh, January 2017
- “Find a Way Forward,” (a post-election panel discussion). Panelist. Pittsburgh, November 2016;
- “Israel/Palestine, the U.S., and Social Struggle Parallels.” Workshop leader. Friends of Sabeel Conference, Pittsburgh, October 2015;
- “Called to Ministry in Strange Places.” Presentation. Self-Development of People Conference, Pittsburgh, September 2015;
- “Race, Poverty, and Christian Responses.” Lecture. Westminster Presby. Church, Pittsburgh, Jul 2015;
- “South African Churches and the Anti-Apartheid Movement.” Lecture. Bower Hill Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, April 2015
- “Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Poor People’s Movement.” Lecture. East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, March 2015
- “Ministry at the Margins.” Public lecture. Urban Ministry Consultation, St. Alban’s Anglican Cathedral, Pretoria, South Africa, July 2014;
- “A Discussion on Race and Religion,” Faculty Lunchtime Speaker Series, University of Pittsburgh Office of Cross-Cultural Leadership Development, April 2014;
- “Churches and Restrictive State Immigration Laws.” Public lecture. Indiana Legal Services Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, May 2011;
- “Church Responses to Youth Violence.” Moderator. St. Mark United Methodist, Chicago, Feb. 2011;
- “Religion, Diversity, and Community Building.” Moderator. Martin Luther King Day City-Wide Convocation, Second Baptist Church, Evanston, IL, January 2011;
- “Seeking Common Ground.” Keynote Speaker. Evanston/North Shore Clergy Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Service, Evanston, IL, January 2010;
- Keynote Conversation on “The Confluence of Religion and Politics, featuring Congressman Lee Hamilton. Moderator. International Interfaith Initiative’s Fall Conference, Indianapolis, Oct. 2009;
- “The Faith Sector and U.S. Foreign Assistance to Least Developed Nations.” Public Lecture. Mid-Coast Forum on Foreign Relations, Rockport, ME, August 2009;
- “After the Elections: Where Do We Go From Here?” Panelist. Proctor Conference on Black Churches and Social Justice, St. Petersburg, FL., February 2009;
- “Black-Jewish Relations in Antebellum America.” Lecture. Indianapolis Dialogue, August 2008;
- “Black Churches and the Wider Civil Rights Struggle.” Panel Chair and Presenter. 3rd Annual Rise to Freedom Conference, Buffalo Action Network, Buffalo, NY, July 2007;
- “Religion, Social Division, and Community Responses.” Lecture. Citizens Accord Forum for Jews and Arabs, Jerusalem, June 2007;
- “Religious Pluralism and Community Building in the U.S.” Lecture. Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel, Jerusalem, June 2007;
- “Black Churches and Civic Formation in the U.S.” Lecture. Center for Educational Technology, Tel Aviv, June 2007;
- “Violence, Youth Estrangement, and Faith-Based Responses.” Keynote Speaker. Melissa Institute for Violence Prevention and Treatment, Miami, FL, April 2007;
- “Black Churches, Leadership, and Social Change.” Keynote Speaker. National Action Network (Regional Conference), Indianapolis, IN, October 2006;

- “Reducing School Dropout Rates.” Panel Moderator. Pew Partnership for Civic Change. National Press Club, Washington, D.C., October 2006;
- “Black Churches and Black Family Crisis.” Panelist. National Conference for Christian Education and Leadership Development, Urban Ministries Inc., Chicago, October 2006;
- “Black Churches and Political Activism.” Keynote Speaker. General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Cartersville, GA, July 2006;
- “Black Churches and Public Policy Urgencies.” Keynote Speaker. National Action Network (Regional Conference), Dallas, June 2006;
- “Churches and Low-Income Black Families.” Panelist. Hampton Ministers Conference, VA, 2006;
- “Black Churches and Political Alignments.” Workshop leader. Conference, Foundation for American Communications and the Religion Newswriters Foundation, Philadelphia, PA, November 2005;
- “Churches and Urban Poverty.” Anglican Archdiocese of Pretoria, South Africa, March 2005;
- “African American Churches and Public Life.” Workshop leader. Conference on media coverage of black religion; sponsored by the Foundation for American Communications in conjunction with the Religion Newswriters Foundation, Charlotte, NC, August 2004;
- “Black Churches and the 2004 Elections.” Conference speaker. Conference on religion and the 2004 elections; sponsored by the Foundation for American Communications in conjunction with the Religion Newswriters Foundation; National Press Club, Washington, D.C., March 2004;
- “African American Churches and Public Life.” Workshop leader. Conference on media coverage of black religion; sponsored by the Foundation for American Communications in conjunction with the Religion Newswriters Foundation and the Atlanta Journal Constitution, Atlanta, GA, October 2003;
- “Black Churches and Public Policy.” Workshop leader. National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, July 2003;
- “The Social Distance Between Churches and the Urban Poor.” Workshop Leader. The Seminary Consortium on Urban Pastoral Education Conference, Chicago, March 2003;
- “The Public Influences of African-American Churches.” Panelist. Town Hall Meeting at the National Press Club, Washington, D.C., April 2001;
- “Standing in the Gap: Churches, Community Needs, and Social Resources.” Keynote Address. Presiding Bishop’s Annual Leadership Conference, Church of God in Christ, Dallas, TX, Jan.2000;
- "Spirituality and Black Cultures." Lecture. The Journeys Project, Madame Walker Theater Center, Indianapolis, IN, September 1997;
- "The Power of the Pew: Black Churches and Economic Development." Panelist. Indiana Black Expo, Indianapolis, IN, July 1996;
- "Contemporary African-American Religious Resistance: Old Strategic Divisions, New Political Urgencies." Lecture. Indiana Black Expo Conference, Indianapolis, IN, July 1992;
- "Cultural Barriers to Ministering to the Urban Poor." Lecture. Church Federation of Indianapolis Training Seminar, April 1992;

XII. MEDIA INTERVIEWS/COMMENTARIES

Television/ Documentaries:

- 2013, Documentary film, “Contradiction: A Question of Faith,” FilmFreeway
- 2004, January. PAX TV, Indianapolis. “The church in Africa,” Faces of Faith Talk Show.
- 2003, January. PAX TV, Indianapolis. “The legacy of civil rights activism,” Faces of Faith Talk Show
- 2001, May. WISH, CBS, Indianapolis. Black churches and activism,” Religion in the News Talk Show

- 2001, May. Public Access TV, Chicago. “Black churches and political leadership in the new millennium,” Panel and Town Hall Meeting, National Press Club

Radio:

- 2014, December. KQV Radio. “Police-Community relations and recent grand jury verdicts.” Pittsburgh.
- 2014, July. Sirius XM Radio. “Black religion and public life.” Interview. Plumblin. Nashville, TN
- 2008, April. Pacifica Radio. “Black churches and public life.” Interview. Washington, D.C.
- 2007, May. National Public Radio. “Black churches and politics.” Interview, WOSU Columbus, OH. “All Things Considered”
- 2003, May. National Public Radio. “The public influences of African-American churches.” Featured Guest. The Tavis Smiley Show
- 2001, May. Powernomics Radio Network, a National Urban Adult Radio Network. “Black churches and public policy,” Hour-long interview as the Featured Talk Show Guest, “The Tom Pope Show”
- 2001, February. National Public Radio. “Black churches and politics,” Hour-long interview as a Featured Talk Show Guest on *PowerPoint*
- 1991, January. WFIU, Bloomington, IN. “The state of black America.”

Newspapers and Magazines (quoted in):

- 2018, June 25. Religion News Service. “Poor People’s Campaign rally ends with vows to keep organizing”
- 2013, December 11. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. “For 3, Mandela experience is personal”
- 2009, March 29. The Journal News. “Mt. Vernon clergy lead effort for peace.”
- 2008, May 5. Afro-American Newspaper. “Hurricane Wright blowing over in North Carolina”
- 2008, March 16. BlackAmericaWeb.com. “Trinity official, other black ministers decry controversy over Rev. Wright’s comments.”
- 2007, December 7. Congressional Quarterly Researcher. “Black churches cater to suburban middle class”
- 2007, September 30. Columbia Missourian. “Baptist church ordains five ministers.”
- 2007, August 17. Chicago Tribune. “Prosperity gospel comes to Chicago.”
- 2007, July 21. Buffalo News. “Role of black church in achieving civil rights is conference theme.”
- 2007, May 20. Tampa Tribune. “Of faith, fame, and fortune.”
- 2006, December 3. Baltimore Sun. “Minister rich in spirit”
- 2006, November 11. New York Newsday. “Prosperity gospel bringing in the cash”
- 2006, November 4. Indianapolis Star. “Being Black Churches”
- 2006, October 7. Denver Post. “Bank on God: storing up riches on earth”
- 2006, August 12. Atlanta Journal Constitution. “Faithful, but absent”
- 2006, February 27. Science & Theology News. “God, faith, and the flu”
- 2006, February 12. Chicago Tribune. “Struggling to fill needs, pews”
- 2005, December. Essence Magazine. “Creflo Dollar: something like a phenomenon”
- 2005, Winter. Black MBA Magazine. “Business principles go to church”
- 2005, August 8. Miami Herald. “Black churches preach finance”
- 2005, March 30. Associated Press. “Some blacks say focus on Schiavo is excessive”
- 2005, March 29. Baltimore Sun. “Black churches ponder direction as some ally with GOP”
- 2005, February 1. Miami Herald. “Churches in black communities get parishioners in shape”
- 2005, January 28. Chicago Tribune. “Black Baptists convene to define new priorities”
- 2004, December 3. Chicago Tribune. “Bishop Trotter to spread ecumenical vision”

- 2004, August 19. Culpepper News. “Black churches: a local response”
- 2004, August 7. Charlotte Observer. “Not all black churches fit stereotype”
- 2004, May 7. Chicago Tribune. “Black churches quiet on gay marriage”
- 2003, October 3. Chicago Tribune. “Activist gets pulpit with higher profile”
- 2003, April. “Black Churches and Government.” Featured Interview. The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy, Rockefeller Institute of Government, State University of New York
- 2002, August 25. Baltimore Sun. “A shift in their focus for black churches”
- 2001 June. Church & State. “‘Faith Czar’ calls for government funds to repair old churches”
- 2001, May 17. Chronicle of Philanthropy. “Faith plan isn’t a huge leap”
- 2001, May 9. Christian Century. “Black churches reduce public-policy activity”
- 2001, May 3. New Haven Register. “Black churches must tackle social issues”
- 2001, April 29. Religion News Service. “Black churches reporting less involvement in policy issues”
- 2001, April 29. Detroit News. “Should black pastors expand role in politics?”
- 2001, April 24. Savannah Morning News. “Jackson assessing credibility as he strides into Savannah”
- 2001, April 20. Baltimore Sun. “Black church study classifies few congregations as activist”
- 2001, April 19. Associated Press. “Black churches’ political activism spotty, researcher says”
- 2001, April. Baltimore Sun. “Not all praise new focus in black churches”

Blogs:

- 2017, February 13. “Reinhold Niebuhr’s Challenge to His Era and Ours,” pts.edu/blog
- 2011, May 17. “Barack Obama and the Niebuhr Presidency,” UrbanFaith.com
- 2010, April 2. “Now That We’ve Got (Health) Reform: Beyond Rage to Hope,” UrbanFaith.com
- 2010, January 21. “A Year of Obama: A Solid Start, Despite the Arrows,” UrbanFaith.com

XIII. EDITORIAL PEER REVIEW

2019, 2014, 2011	Columbia University Press, ad hoc reviewer
2018, 2006	Baylor University Press, ad hoc reviewer
2018	<i>International Journal of Africana Studies</i> , ad hoc reviewer
2017, 2012	Oxford University Press, ad hoc reviewer
2014, 2009	New York University Press, ad hoc reviewer
2014	<i>National Political Science Review</i> , ad hoc reviewer
2014	<i>Black Theology: An International Journal</i> , ad hoc reviewer
2013	<i>Journal of Church and State</i> , ad hoc reviewer
2012	<i>American Review of Politics</i> , ad hoc reviewer
2011	Columbia University Press, ad hoc reviewer
2011	<i>Ethnicity</i> , ad hoc reviewer
2008	<i>Journal for the Study of Religion</i> , ad hoc reviewer
2008	<i>American Sociological Review</i> , ad hoc reviewer
2007	<i>Social Forces</i> , ad hoc reviewer
2006	University of Georgia Press, ad hoc reviewer
2005	Duke University Press, ad hoc reviewer
2005	<i>Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion</i> , ad hoc reviewer

XIV. EXTERNAL EXAMINER

- 2020 Lead evaluator, Louisville Theological Seminary Quality Enhancement Plan, as part of SACSCOC Reaffirmation Visit (March)
- 2019 University of Pretoria for PhD. candidate in the School of Theology
- 2019 Emory University for tenure review
- 2018 Vanderbilt University for promotion to full professor review
- 2017 South African National Research Foundation, for national research rating review of scholar from Stellenbosch University and of scholar from University of South Africa
- 2017 South African National Research Foundation, for national research rating review of scholar from from University of South Africa
- 2016 South African National Research Foundation, for national research rating review of scholar from University of South Africa
- 2016 Antioch University, for PhD. candidate in Leadership Studies
- 2015 University of Pretoria, for PhD. candidate in the School of Theology
- 2015 South African National Research Foundation, for national research rating review of scholar from University of South Africa
- 2013 Antioch University, for PhD. candidate in department of Leadership and Change
- 2005 University of Pretoria, for PhD. candidate in School of Theology

XV. MEMBERSHIPS

- 2012 Society for the Study of Black Religion
- 2011 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

XVI. CONSULTANT ACTIVITIES

- Advisory Board Member, Center for the Study of Religion and the City, Morgan State University, 2018-present
- Designee, Fulbright Senior Specialist Roster, 2006-2010
- Research Fellow, Center for Social Development, Washington University-St. Louis, 2006-07
- Advisory Planning Council, Institute of Church Administration and Management, Atlanta, 2006-07
- Coordinating Consultant, Leadership Academy, Institute for Church Administration/Management, 2006-07
- Member, Policy Working Group, African Presidential Roundtable, Boston University, 2006-2011
- Member, Fulbright Review Panel for U.S. Study in South Africa, 2005; and Member, Fulbright Review Panel for South African Study in the U.S., South Africa, 2005
- Selection Committee, Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations, Lilly Endowment, 2004
- Project Scholar, The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy, Rockefeller Institute of Government, SUNY-Albany, 2002-2004
- National Advisory Board, The Pew Partnership for Civic Change, Charlottesville, VA, 2001-2004
- National Advisory Board, The Paul B. Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, 1999-2003
- Advisory Group, Congregations Study, Center for the Study of Latino Rel, Univ. of Notre Dame, 2003
- National Advisory Commission, National Religious Affairs Association of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, 2003
- National Advisory Board, Project on Religious Congregations and Charitable Choice Policy, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana U.-Purdue U. at Indianapolis (IUPUI), 2002
- Selection Committee, North Amer. Doctoral Fellowship, The Fund for Theological Education, 1999

- Principal Consultant, "Youth Civic Development," Council of Churches, Sierra Leone, 1998
- Research Associate, "Black Church Services and Support to At-Risk and Gang-Related Youth." The Divinity School, Rochester, NY, 1996-1998
- Research Consultant, "Faith and Community." POLIS Research Center, IUPUI, 1995
- Member, Youth and Values Task Force, YMCA of Greater Indianapolis, 1995
- Research Consultant, "History of Indianapolis," POLIS Research Center, IUPUI, 1992-1994
- Academic Advisor, Global Exchange Studies Associates, New York, NY, 1993

XVII. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL—TEACHING, LECTURES, PROFESSIONAL VISITS

Africa: Botswana, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Egypt, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, (most countries multiple times)

Middle East: Israel, (Egypt)

Latin America: Brazil, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico

Caribbean: Trinidad & Tobago, Cuba

Asia: China