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SUMMARY

My research explores intersections of race, religion, and society to deconstruct the unjust social structures that inhibit the ability of all populations to flourish and to examine the strategies oppressed communities use to subvert those structures. I seek to equip leaders who labor with these affected communities to create a more just society.

EDUCATION

Emory University (2015)

PhD Religious Studies (Ethics and Society)

Forum for Theological Exploration Doctoral Completion Fellowship (2013)

Dissertation – “The Canonization of Martin Luther King Jr.: Collective Memory, Civil Religion, and the Reconstruction of an American Hero”

School of Theology at Virginia Union University (2006)

Master of Divinity

S. Leon Whitney Scholarship Recipient (2005)

University of Virginia (2001)

Bachelor of Science (Computer Science)

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

December 2014 to Present

Symposium Ethics (www.symposiumethics.org)

Washington, DC

Managing Editor – Founded website featuring commentary from Christian ethicists on their scholarship.

- Produce the Symposium Ethics podcast featuring discussions with Christian ethics scholars.
- Tripled the number of contracted scholar contributors.
- Manage customized WordPress site and edit images, videos, audio, and text for publication using iMovie, GarageBand, Audacity, and GIMP.

September 2012 to May 2013

Episcopal Divinity School

Cambridge, MA

Adjunct Professor – Designed and taught elective courses on religion in society.

- Provided in-class instruction for resident students and online instruction for distance learners.
- Courses taught: Religion and the American Creed (Fall 2012), Religion and American Politics (Spring 2013).

May 2009 to May 2013

Practical Matters Journal (www.practicalmattersjournal.org)

Atlanta, GA

Managing Editor – Managed daily operations, directed tech support, and provided directed online journal.

- Developed network of other relevant blogs and academic professionals to increase reach and exposure.
- Recruited and managed journal content development, technical, and editorial staff.
- Solicited and secured authors to submit, scholars to peer review, and copy editors to edit journal articles.
- Shepherded authors through article developmental process and copyedited articles for publication.

September 2009 to May 2011

Candler School of Theology

Atlanta, GA

Teaching Associate – Co-taught masters level religious courses to seminary students.

- Developed course materials, in-class activities, and student assignments.
- Courses taught: Christian Ethics (Spring 2009, Spring 2011), Care for Marginalized Populations (Spring 2010), and Contextualized Leading the Congregation (Fall 2009).

PROFESSIONAL AND MINISTERIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

August 2013 to Present

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

Washington, DC

Senior Web Developer – Manage technical projects for leading online science news service.

January 2010 to June 2011

Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church

Atlanta, GA

Associate Minister for Christian Education – Managed religious education ministry and provided pastoral guidance to laity and community.

- Implemented strategic plan for religious education that corresponded with broader vision and mission of church.
- Designed Institute of Christian Education, connecting laity to theological insights from scholars of religion.
- Coordinated Summer Bible Institute and Neighborhood Block Party, connecting needy with ecclesial and community resources.
- Organized spiritual retreats for Young Adult Ministry, including booking travel and lodging, and planning program and activities.

Summer 2010

Youth Theological Initiative

Atlanta, GA

Mentor and Exploratory Leader – Guided high school students in exploring theological questions and contemporary issues.

Summers 2009, 2010, and 2011

Youth Hope-Builders Academy

Atlanta, GA

Mentor and Exploratory Leader – Guided high school students in exploring theological questions and contemporary issues.

Summer 2009

Independent Project Evaluation

Atlanta, GA

Lead Ethnographic Evaluator – Coordinated ethnographic research and program evaluation project using Triangulation Convergence Model.

January 2007 to August 2008

First Baptist Church, Vienna

Vienna, VA

Associate Minister – Administered young adult and youth ministry events.

- Led teens on spiritual retreat, provided classroom instruction at event, and executed youth prayer breakfast.
- Started Young Adult Ministry featuring outreach opportunities and worship services.

January 2008 to August 2008

Evercare Hospice and Palliative Care

Chantilly, VA

Chaplain – Provided spiritual care to hospice patients and families in homes and residential facilities.

January 2007 to January 2008

Washington Hospital Center

Washington, DC

Administrative Unit Chaplain Resident – Provided spiritual care to patients, and families in trauma hospital and rehabilitation center.

July 2001 December 2006

Computer Sciences Corporation

Hampton, VA

Lead Software Engineer - Led software development teams in creation of customized web-based systems using LAMP Stack (Linux, Apache, MySQL and PHP/Perl).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS
Society of Christian Ethics (SCE)

Member (from 2008), National Student Rep. (2011-2013)

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Member (from 2008)

PUBLICATIONS

Fall/Winter 2016 (forthcoming)

***Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 36.2** (peer-reviewed)

"Ferguson and Baltimore According to Dr. King: How Competing Interpretations of King's Legacy Frame the Public Discourse on #BlackLivesMatter"

Summer 2014

Fellowship: A Magazine of Peacemaking

Book Review of *In an Inescapable Network of Mutuality* by Lewis V. Baldwin and Paul R Dekar (eds.)

Spring 2013

***IMPLICIT RELIGION* 16.1 (2013)** (peer-reviewed)

"A Fourth Time of Trial: Towards an Implicit and Inclusive American Civil Religion"

Spring 2012

***Practical Matters Journal* 5 (2012)**

"Troy Davis Still Matters: A Conversation with the Reverend Raphael G. Warnock"

"Reflections from the Managing Editors: Practical Matters Five Years Later," Jessica M. Smith co-author

Book Review of *Spirit and Trauma: A Theology of Remaining* by Shelly Rambo

Spring 2010

***Practical Matters Journal* 3 (2010)**

Book Review of *Ethnography as a Pastoral Practice: An Introduction* by Mary Clark Moschella

PRESENTATIONS

January 2016

Society of Christian Ethics

Toronto, ON (Canada)

Ferguson and Baltimore According to Dr. King: How Competing Interpretations of King's Legacy Frame the Public Discourse on #BlackLivesMatter

January 2014

Society of Christian Ethics

Seattle, WA

Fulfillment of the 'Dream': Recovering the Ethics of Martin Luther King to Reflect on the Obama Presidency

November 2013

American Academy of Religion

Baltimore, MD

Precursor to the 'Dream': Martin Luther King Jr. and the Appeal for a Second Emancipation Proclamation

November 2012

American Academy of Religion

Chicago, IL

President Obama, Historically Black Churches, and Public Discourse about Same-Sex Marriage

October 2012

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Phoenix, AZ

The National King Memorial and the Erac-ing of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy

November 2011

American Academy of Religion

San Francisco, CA

The Fourth Time of Trial – American Civil Religion in the Age of Global Terrorism