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**EDUCATION**

**Princeton Theological Seminary**, Princeton, New Jersey  
Doctor of Philosophy in Pastoral Theology, May 2008  
**Emory University**, Atlanta, Georgia  
Postdoctoral Fellowship in Practical Theology and Religious Practices, 2009  
**Princeton Theological Seminary**, Princeton, New Jersey  
Master of Divinity, May 2002  
**Emory University**, Atlanta, Georgia  
Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Sociology, May 1999

**COURSES**

SELF.CARE.HOPE.: An Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling; Caring for Marginalized Populations;  
A.C.T.I.O.N. Research Methods; Caring for Adolescents; Historical and Global Perspectives of Pastoral Counseling

**PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

“Holy Activist and Wholly Other: Youth, Vocation, and the Problem of Fit,” Princeton Theological Seminary Presidential Lecture, Institute for Youth Ministry, April 2017  
“Care+Full Dialogue: The Five Fears that Stifle Hard Conversations,” 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE), plenary lecturer alongside Parker J. Palmer, ACPE National Meeting, May 2017  
“Conversations with Country Dark: The Craft of Creating Space for Fearless Dialogues,” Spring Convocation Lecture, plenary lecturer alongside Dr. Walter Brueggemann, Eden Theological Seminary, March 2016  
Fearless Dialogues™ Community Conversation with Community Activists and Faith Leaders about Crisis in Ferguson, St. John’s UCC, Ferguson, MO, November 2014  
“Fantasy as Addition to Reality? Fantasy Aggression, Fantasy Aggrace-ion and Violent Media in a Pluralistic World,” Plenary Address, Society for Pastoral Theology, June 2012

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Cut Dead But Still Alive: Caring for African American Young Men in Today’s Culture*, Abingdon Press, (2013).  
Book Reviews of *Cut Dead But Still Alive* in peer-reviewed journals  
*Journal of Pastoral Care & Counseling*, Fall 2014, Vol. 68:2  
*Religious Education*, May/Jun2014, Vol. 109 Issue 3  
*Fearless Dialogues: A New Movement for Justice*, Westminster John Knox Press (November 2017)  
*Anchored in the Current: The Timeless Wisdom of Howard Thurman in a Changing World*, Westminster John Knox Press (November 2018)  
“Holy Activist and Wholly Other: Youth, Vocation, and the Problem of Fit,” Princeton Theological Seminary Presidential Lecture, Princeton Theological Seminary Library Digital Collections, (2018)

**SERVICE**

**CANDLER**

Personnel and Policy Committee 2011-2012, 2013-2015; University Faculty Council, 2014-2015; Th.D. Committee 2011-2015; Admissions, Scholarship and Honors Committee, 2009-2011; Baptist Studies Advisory Committee, 2009-2015; Youth Theological Initiative Advisory Board, 2009-2011, 2014-2015; TTTE Taskforce, 2009-2010

**OFF-CAMPUS**

Forum for Theological Exploration, Board of Trustees Member, 2014-present (board chair); Society for Pastoral Theology (SPT), Co-Chair of Theological Working Group on Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue, 2010-present; 2013-2016; Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Childhood and Religion* 2010-present

**MEMBERSHIPS**

Forum for Theological Exploration, Board Member 2014-present(2017-18 chair) National Baptist Convention (Ordained)

**AWARDS**

Louisville Institute Research Grant, 2012-2013  
Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant, 2015-2016  
Emory Williams Distinguished Teaching Award, 2014-2015  
Faculty Person of the Year, 2010-2011, 2016-2017