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EDUCATION:

1978 Union Theological Seminary, New York, Ph.D. Systematic Theology
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1972 Union Theological Seminary, New York, S.T.M
1971 Duke University Divinity School, M. Th.
1964 University of London, Diploma in Theology
1964 Calabar College, Jamaica West Indies. Diploma in Theology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Cornwall College, Montego Bay, Jamaica. 1964 - 1970
Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania,
J. Taylor Hamilton Assistant Professor of Theology, 1974-1977
Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia,
and The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Assistant Professor of Theology, 1977-1980
Associate Professor of Theology, 1980 -2009
Professor of Theology and Ethics, 2009-

VISITING PROFESSOR:

University of Ife, Nigeria, Africa 1983
Facolta Valdese di Teologia, Rome, Italy 1993
Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia 1990-92
Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia 2014
Kenya University, Kenya, Africa 1994
The Pastor's Training Institute, Burundi, Africa 2012
Maryknoll School of Theology, The Institute of Justice and Peace, New York,
2007
Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio 1989
Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio 1989

Queens Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education, Birmingham, UK.
2005

Underwood Professor of Theology, Yonsei University
Seoul, South Korea 2009

External Examiner of M.A. & Ph.D. Program in Religion, University
Of The West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica. 2010 -
External Examiner of M.A and Ph.D. Program in Religion, University of South
Africa, UNISA, Tshwane 2007

External Examiner of M.A. and Ph.D. Program in Philosophy, Theology and
Religion, College of Arts and Law, University of Birmingham. United Kingdom.
2012 -
**Invited to serve as Visiting Distinguished Professor for the National Bioethics
Center's Public Health Ethics Intensive Course, Tuskegee University, April,
2019**

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

Black People and the Reformed Church in America, Lansing, Illinois: Reformed Church Press, 1978.

Decolonizing Theology, Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 1981, 1998 Africa World Press.

King Among the Theologians, Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 1994.

From Garvey to Marley: Rastafari Theology Gainesville, Florida: University Press of Florida, 2005

Cited by the Chronicle of Higher Education June 10, 2005 A16 as New Scholarly Book

First paperback edition 2007

Black Theology and Pedagogy, New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2008

Plantation Church: How African American Religion was Born in Caribbean Slavery, New York, London:
Oxford University Press, 2014.

**Forthcoming: *Black Theology: Thinking About God*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: WM. B. Eerdmans
Publishing, Company. (August 2020)**

General Editor, Caribbean Theology, Lewin Williams, Research in Religion and Family, vol. 2,
New York: Peter Lang Publishing, 1996.

General Editor, Religion and Race: A Jamaican Testament, Winston Lawson, Research in Religion and Family, vol. 4., New York: Peter Lang Publishing, 1996.

General Editor, The Missionary Outreach of the West Indian Church, Horace O. Russell, Research in Religion and Family, vol. 3, Peter Lang, New York, 2000.

General Editor, Pastoral Care From A Third World Perspective, Tapiwa N Mucherea , Research in Religion and Family, vol.6. New York: Peter Lang Publishing, 2001.

General Editor, Black Theology and Youths at Risk Research in Religion and Family, vol.5 New York: Peter Lang Publishing, 2001.

Recent essays and articles

“Black Theology in Jamaica” in Cambridge Companion to Black Theology, editor Dwight Hopkins et al Cambridge University Press, 2012

“George Liele, Native Baptists and the Revival Church” in George Liele’s Life and Legacy editor David Shannon et al. Macon, Georgia: Mercer University Press, 2012

“ A Little Bit of This and A Little Bit of That” in If I Could Only Preach One Sermon editor, Johnson T.K. Lim, Singapore: Word N Works Publisher 2013.

“Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.” in Religious Leadership: A Reference Handbook Vol.2 editor Sharon Henderson Callahan. Los Angeles: Sage Publications, 2013.

“What Method for the Oppressed? Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Contribution to Nation-Building in the Caribbean,” in Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Globalization of an Ethical Ideal. Editors Lewis V. Baldwin and Paul R. Dekar. Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books, 2013.

“DiJamiekan Nyuu Testament” in International Journal of Public Theology, vol. 7 2013, 389-397

“**The Burial of Jesus**” The Lenten Dove: A Devotional for Lent, Atlanta, Georgia: Reaching and Meeting Needs Worldwide Ministry, Inc. 2014. 82-83

“God’s Word in our Heart” The Lenten Dove: A Devotional for Lent, Atlanta, Georgia: Reaching and Meeting Needs Worldwide Ministry, Inc. 2015. 8-9

“Redeeming the Land” The Lenten Dove: A Devotional for Lent, Atlanta, Georgia: Reaching and Meeting Needs Worldwide Ministry, Inc. 2015. 34-35.

“ We gon’ be alright”: Rap and Reggae as Black Sacred Space.” Sightings The Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion. The University of Chicago Divinity School.

February 9, 2016

“Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Theologian With A Passion for Reconciliation” Sightings The Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion The University of Chicago Divinity School. March 31, 2016

“Introduction: Rasta Poetics – Approach Analysis- Africa for the World” *Could You Be Loved* by Tekla Mekfet; USA and Singapore: Strategic Book Publishing, 2016

“Baptists and Emancipation in Jamaica” in *Journeying to Justice: Contributions to Baptist tradition across the Black Atlantic (studies in Baptist History and Thought)*. ed. Anthony Reddie et al, London: Paternoster Press, 2017

Martin Luther & Martin Luther King, Jr.: Theologians of Faith in Law and Grace: Martin Luther, Lucas Cranach, and the Promise of Salvation Halle, Germany: Landesamt für Denkmalpflege und Archäologie Sachsen-Anhalt – Landesmuseum für Vorgeschichte Halle (Saale) 2017

Recent Lectures and Addresses

Guest Preacher at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, April 18, 2011

Attended Baptist World Alliance General Council Meeting as Commissioner on Evangelism, Mission and Theological Education, July 4-9, 2011 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Visiting Professor of Theology and Ethics, The College of Theology and The United Graduate School of Theology, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea. March - June, 2012

Guest Preacher, The Good Samaritan Methodist Church, Incheon, South Korea, April 23, 2012

Guest Preacher, The College of Theology, Yonsei University, April 18, 2012

Guest Preacher, The International College, Yonsei University, April 5, 2012.

Presented Lecture: “Black Churches and Slavery: Caribbean and African American” to faculty and graduate students, The United Graduate School of Theology, Yonsei University, May 24, 2012.

Guest Preacher “The Church of the Narrow Way” Seoul, South Korea, June 17, 2012

Taught seminar on Rastafari history, faith and rituals at New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, Albany, New York, June 25-28. 2012

Preacher Cannon Chapel Emory University, September 27, 2012

Provided Leadership at The National Institute of Corrections in curriculum planning on workshop for Prison Chaplains and Directors of Religious Services, November 2012.

Taught workshop on Religious Services in Prison at National Institute of Corrections, Aurora, Colorado, February 25-27, 2013.

Gave Plenary address at 26th Annual Racial Ethnic Multicultural Invitational Conference in Atlanta, February 7, 2013.

Presented paper at the launch of George Liele's Life and Legacy, at American Baptist Historical Society, Atlanta, March 22, 2013

Presented paper at Baptist World Alliance General Gathering, July 2013, "DiJameikan Nyuu Testament" in Jamaica, West Indies.

Presented paper on, "George Liele as first Baptist Missionary" at Baptist World Alliance" In Jamaica, West Indies, July 2013.

Presented paper on "George Liele" at "Society for the Study of Black Religion" March 2015.

Presented on "Plantation Church" to Laney Colloquium on Religion, Emory University, February 9, 2016

Addresses Lutheran Scholars from Munich, Germany on The Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. April, 2017

Presented paper on " Letter from a Birmingham Jail" by Martin Luther King Jr. to students from Wesley Theological Seminary, at Emory University. February, 2017.

Gave lecture on "Marcus Garvey and Martin Luther King, Jr. : How to Understand New Modes of Interaction between Ethnic / Religious Groups in the Age of Global Migration" Conference sponsored by The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China. September, 23. 2018

Presented paper "Ministry of Service for Students at Historical Black Colleges". Conference sponsored by The Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care, Tuskegee University. December 2018.

"The Ethics of Reparation and Reconciliation" Lecture presented to The National Bioethics Center of Public Health at Tuskegee University, April 11, 2019

Forthcoming: Present Plenary address to the American Society of Missiology, June 10, 2020 on "The Life and Legacy of George Liele".