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Summary

Deborah Flemister Mullen, PhD, Associate Professor of American Christianity and Black Church Studies, and Vice President for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, at Columbia Theological Seminary previously served as Dean of Faculty and Executive Vice President from 2010-2016. Prior to coming to Columbia, Dr. Mullen was on the faculty at McCormick Theological Seminary for 21 years, serving for ten years as Dean of Masters Programs and five years as the founding director of the Center for African American Ministries and Black Church Studies. Dr. Mullen's research and teaching interests include the intersection of church and society, faith and public life, with a particular focus on matters of race, sexuality, and culture. Dr. Mullen is a seasoned academic administrator and theological educator having spent the past three decades fulfilling her vocation as an ordained teaching elder of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. within the church and the academy.

Denominational Affiliation

Ordained, Minister of Word and Sacrament 1983

Education

PhD, History of Christianity, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois 2003
Dissertation: *"Bound Together in Christ's Name? United Presbyterians and Racial Justice, 'The Angela Davis Affair' 1967-1972*
Master of Divinity, Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary, Rochester, New York 1982
BA, Psychology, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York 1972

Experience and Academic Appointments

Vice President for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion 2016-
Dean of Faculty and Executive Vice President 2010-2016
Associate Professor of American Christianity and Black Church Studies 2010 -
Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia 2010 -
Dean of Masters Level Programs 1998-2008
Associate Professor of Ministry and Historical Studies 2003-2010
Associate Dean of Masters Level Programs for Experiential Education 1989-1996
Assistant Professor of Ministry and Historical Studies 1992-2003
Founding Director, Center for African American Ministries and Black Church Studies 2003-2010
McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois 1989-2010
Associate Dean of Students and Director of Minority Student Affairs 1987-1989

Senior Lecturer, Religion and Classics
University of Rochester, Rochester, New York 1987-1989

Stated Supply Pastor, Trinity Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Rochester, New York 1983-1987

Professional Service/Associations

Clergy member, Presbyterian Church U.S.A.	1983-
Clergy member, Genesee Valley Presbytery	1983-2003
Clergy member, Chicago Presbytery	2003-2011
Faith and Order Commission, National Council of Churches U.S.A.	1988-2001
Presbyterian Publishing Corporation Board of Directors	1995-2004
More Light Presbyterians Board of Directors	2001-2004
McCormick Theological Seminary Board of Trustees	2004-2006
Center for Sexuality and Religion Board of Directors	2006-2010
Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School Board of Trustees	2007-2010
Association of Theological Schools (ATS) Board of Directors	2012-
Wabash Center Advisory Committee	2016-

Selected Publications

“A Time for Openness” in *Presbyterian Survey* (1990)

Ordination: Past, Present, and Future (1989), co-editor with Jack Rogers

“Sharing the Fire” The Question of Advocacy in *Out of the Ashes* (1997)

“Baptism: Sacrament of Struggle and Rite of Resistance” in *Ending Racism in the Church* (1998)

“Eugene Carson Blake: The Public Witness of the Church” in *The Journal of Presbyterian History* (Winter, 1998)

“Through Times of Challenge, Controversy and Hope” in *Renewing the Vision: Reformed Faith for the 21st Century* (2000)

“From Sideline to Center: Teaching and Learning for a Racially and Culturally Diverse Church” in *Shaping Beloved Community: Multicultural Education* (2006)