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Education

M.Div. (Magna cum Laude), Duke University Divinity School, Durham, NC, 2007.

Certificate in Gender, Theology, & Ministry

Ph.D., Clinical Child/Family Psychology, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, 2000.

Dissertation: *Risk Factors for Gang Involvement among Ninth Grade Students: A Prospective Investigation*

M.S., Clinical Child/Family Psychology, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, 1996.

Thesis: *Motivating Factors for Adolescent Gang Involvement*

B.A., Psychology/African American & African Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 1994

Academic Positions

Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA

Professor, Practical Theology & Pastoral Care, 2021 – present

Mercer University, McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta, GA

Associate Professor of Practical Theology, 2016 – 2021

Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, 2015-2016

Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, 2012-2015

Shaw University Divinity School, Raleigh, NC

Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, 2007-2012

Duke University, Durham, NC

Adjunct Faculty, Department of African & African American Studies/Department of Women's Studies, 2006-2008

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Psychology

Assistant Professor, 2001-2004

University of Florida, Department of Clinical and Health Psychology, Gainesville, FL

Clinical Assistant Professor, 2000-2001

Profile

Interdisciplinary scholar with research and teaching expertise in practical and womanist theology, clinical psychology, gender studies, and critical race studies. Licensed clinical psychologist with background in public health research and family therapy clinical trial studies. Methodological expertise includes phenomenological inquiry, autoethnography, epidemiology, and quantitative analysis.

Core skills

- Pedagogical innovation
- Online and hybrid teaching
- Diversity education
- Curriculum design and assessment
- Practicum supervision and assessment
- Certificate/program development and coordination
- Dual degree program development and supervision
- Accreditation self-study report writing
- Continuing education for health professionals
- Writing and speaking for public audiences

Publications

Books:

- Sacred Self-Care: Daily Practices for Nurturing Our Whole Selves*. New York: HarperOne, 2023.
- I Bring the Voices of My People with Me: A Womanist Vision of Racial Reconciliation*. Prophetic Christianity Series, ed. Bruce Ellis Benson, Malinda Elizabeth Berry, and Peter Goodwin Heltzel. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2019.
- Too Heavy a Yoke: Black Women and the Burden of Strength*. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2014.

Book Chapters:

- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Foreword." In *Our Trespasses: White Churches and the Taking of American Neighborhoods*, Greg Jarrell. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, in press.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Foreword." In *Fostering Hope: A Prayerbook for Foster & Adoptive Families*, edited by Robert W. Lee, 1-4. Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys, 2022.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Foreword." In *Unbossed: How Black Girls Are Leading the Way*, Khristi Lauren Adams. Minneapolis: Broadleaf, 2022.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Prayer of a Weary Black Woman." In *A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal*, edited by Sarah Bessey, 69-72. New York: Convergent: 2021.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Foreword." In *Spiritual Care in an Age of #BlackLivesMatter: Examining the Spiritual and Prophetic Needs of African Americans in a Violent America*, ed. Danielle J. Buhuro. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2019.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Is It Time for a Womanist Reconstruction of Reconciliation?" In *Evangelical Theologies of Liberation*, ed. Mae Elise Cannon and Andrea Smith, 53-72. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2019.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "When the Bough Breaks: How the Myth of the StrongBlackWoman Impacts Health Outcomes of Real Black Women." In *Black Women's Mental Health: Balancing Strength and Vulnerability*, ed. Stephanie Evans, Kaneka Bell-Thomas, and Nsenga Burton, 43-56. New York: SUNY Press, 2017.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Gangs." In *The Encyclopedia of Human Development*, ed. Neil Salkind, 550-552. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2006.
- Stevenson, Howard, Donna-Marie Winn, Chanequa Walker-Barnes, & Stephanie Coard. "Style Matters: Towards a Culturally-Relevant Framework for Interventions with African American Families. In *Emerging Issues in African-American Family Life: Context, Adaptation, and Policy*, ed. Kenneth A. Dodge, Vonnie C. McLoyd, and Nancy Hill, 311-334. New York: Guilford Press, 2005.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa, Oluwatomisin Oredein, Ana Yelsi Sanchez, Ginny Giles, and Sandra Van Opstal. "What Are All Those Women of Color Doing in That Room? Reflections From the Rainbow." *CCDA Theological Journal* 4 (2015): 59-67.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Love Yourself: Urban Ministry and the Challenge of Self-Love." *Ex-Auditu* 29 (2013): 98-111.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Internalized Oppression and the Challenge to CCDA's Theology of Racial Reconciliation." *CCDA Theological Journal* 1 (2012): 72-84.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "The Burden of the Strong Black Woman." *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 19 (Summer 2009): 1-21.

- Street, Jalika, April Harris-Britt, & Chanequa Walker-Barnes. "Examining Relationships between Ethnic Identity, Family Environment, and Psychological Outcomes for African American Adolescents." *Journal of Child and Family Studies* 18 (August 2009): 412-420.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa, & Craig Mason. "Delinquency and Substance Use among Gang-involved Youth: The Moderating Role of Parenting Practices." *American Journal of Community Psychology* 34 (December 2004): 235-250.
- Mason, Craig, Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Shiffen Tu, Julie Simons, & Rafael Martinez-Arrue. "Ethnic Differences in the Affective Meaning of Parental Control Behaviors." *Journal of Primary Prevention* 25 (September 2004): 59-79.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "Developmental Epidemiology: The Perfect Partner for Clinical Practice." *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology* 32 (June 2003): 181-186.
- Robbins, Michael, Sameet Kumar, Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Daniel Feaster, Ervin Briones, & Jose Szapocznik. "Ethnic Differences in Comorbidity among Substance Abusing Adolescents Referred to Outpatient Therapy." *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry* 41 (April 2002): 394-401.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa., & Craig Mason. "Ethnic Differences in the Effect of Parenting upon Gang Involvement and Gang Delinquency: A Longitudinal HLM Perspective." *Child Development* 72 (November/December 2001): 1814-1831.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa, & Craig Mason. "Perceptions of Risk Factors for Female Gang Involvement among African American and Hispanic Females." *Youth and Society* 32 (March 2001): 303-336.

Reviews:

- Are You Smart Enough? How Colleges' Obsession with Smartness Shortchanges Students* by Alexander W. Astin. *Reflective Teaching* (2017). Accessed September 27, 2017.
https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/book_reviews/are-you-smart-enough-how-colleges-obsession-with-smartness-shortchanges-students/.
- Mapping Your Academic Career: Charting the Course of a Professor's Life* by Gary M. Burge. *Reflective Teaching* (4/15/2016). Accessed May 17, 2016.
<http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/article.aspx?id=29420>.
- A Faculty Guide to Addressing Disruptive and Dangerous Behavior* by Brian Van Brunt and W. Scott Lewis. *Reflective Teaching* (1/19/2015). Accessed January 6, 2016.
<http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/article.aspx?id=29146>.

Presentations

Invited Lectures/Keynotes:

- "Whiteness as Moral Injury: Pastoral Theologian, Heal Thyself." Plenary keynote presented at the Society for Pastoral Theology, Montgomery, AL, June 9, 2022.
- "Exploring the Spirit of Jubilee." Keynote presented at NEXT Church Annual Gathering, Montreat, NC, May 18, 2022.
- "What I Talk About When I Talk About Self-Care." Keynote presented at NEXT Church Annual Gathering, Montreat, NC, May 17, 2022.
- "Rest is Resistance." Keynote presented at NEXT Church Annual Gathering, Montreat, NC, May 16, 2022.

- “Lessons from an Almost Burnt Out Professor.” Keynote presented at the Association for Chaplaincy and Spiritual Life in Higher Education, February 7, 2022.
- “Confronting White Culture.” Keynote presented at Confronting Whiteness Conference, Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC, November 6, 2021.
- “Armor Up: The StrongBlackWoman as a Response to Cultural Trauma.” Lecture presented at the Wesley Theological Seminary Moving Toward Wholeness Conference, October 29, 2021.
- “Navigating the Emotional Minefield.” Keynote presented at the Charlotte Justice Conference, October 16, 2021.
- “What White Feminists Need to Know about Intersectionality.” Lecture presented for the Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, June 21, 2021.
- “Pathological Whiteness: Diagnosing the Hidden Wound.” Keynote presented at TheoEd Talks, February 21, 2021.
- “The Meaning of White Repentance.” Lecture presented at National Council of Churches Christian Unity Gathering, October 12, 2020.
- “A Wilderness People.” Plenary presented at Evolving Faith, October 2, 2020.
- “Healing the Wounds of Cultural Trauma.” Spirituality & Psychotherapy Lecture Series, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN, February 21-22, 2020.
- “Healing the Moral Injury of Whiteness.” Plenary presented at the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education Racial & Ethnic Minority (REM) Invitational, Atlanta, GA, February 7, 2020.
- “Antiracist While White?” Lecture presented at Furman University, January 21, 2020.
- “What to the Black Woman Is Beloved Community?” Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Service, Furman University, January 20, 2020.
- “The Fitless Christian.” Plenary presented at Evolving Faith, Denver, CO, October 4, 2019.
- “Prophetic Presence: Chaplains as Social Healers and Activists.” Plenary presented at the Association of Professional Chaplains, Lake Buena Vista, FL, June 23, 2019.
- Response to Keynote by Michael McBride, “Conversions in the Age of Trump,” Society for Pastoral Theology, Decatur, GA, June 14, 2018.
- “Race, Gender, and the Imago Dei.” Schaff Lecture Series, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, April 30-May 3, 2018.
- “Cultural Trauma: Care and Coping.” Invited plenary presented at the American Association of Pastoral Counselors SE Region annual conference, Hendersonville, NC, October 21, 2017.
- “Loving Me, Loving God.” Invited lecture presented at The Table Conference, Biola University Center for Christian Thought, La Mirada, CA, September 17, 2016.
- “Womanist Reconstructions of Racial Reconciliation.” Invited lecture presented at the Back to the Garden, Into the City Conference, Atlanta, GA, April 9, 2016.
- “A Theological Understanding of Jeremiah 29.” Moderator of plenary panel with Vince Bantu, Kate Bowler, Luis Carlos, and Terry LeBlanc, Christian Community Development Association, Raleigh, NC, September 2014.
- “Love Yourself: Urban Ministry and the Challenge of Self-Love.” Invited paper presented at the Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture, North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, September 2013.

Paper/Panel Presentations:

- “Health and Medical Disparities.” Panelist, with Angelita Howard and Allison Matthews, Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference, Atlanta, GA, February 21, 2023.

- "My Mind, My Mind: Getting and Keeping Your Sanity." Panelist, with L. Toni Lewis, Natasha Murphy, and Patrice Harris, Power Rising, Atlanta, GA, September 24, 2022.
- "The Next Generation of Spiritual Care: Post-COVID and Beyond." Respondent, with Leigh Miller, Daniel Nuzum, Niels den Toom, and Aaron Klink, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November 21, 2021.
- "Spiritualities of Joy in the Midst of Persistent Pandemics." Panelist, with Sarah Bessey and Amy Valdez Barker, Candler Women in Theology Annual Women's Forum, November 4, 2021.
- "Working with Whiteness: From Moral Injury to Advocacy and Allyship." Workshop presented at the Georgia Psychological Association, May 2, 2021.
- "Making Space: Reclaiming Our Bodies, Our Lives, and Our Identities." Panelist at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Wise Women and Spirituality Series, April 15, 2021.
- "Helping Youth Unlearn the Habits of Whiteness." Workshop presented at the Forum for Theological Exploration Youth Theology Network, February 3, 2021.
- "Spiritual Care, Race, and COVID-19." Webinar presented at the International Association for Spiritual Care *What Is Spiritual Care in Light of COVID-19 from the Perspectives of Different Professions: Medicine, Public Health, Psychology, and Pastoral Care/Seelsorge*, January 19, 2021.
- "Until You Do Right by Me: A Womanist View of Racial Reconciliation." Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA, November 2017.
- "Exploratory Session: Critical Whiteness Studies and Global Religion." Convener and panelist at the American Academy of Religion, December 9, 2020.
- "Reflections on *I Bring the Voices of My People: A Womanist Vision for Racial Reconciliation*." Paper presented at American Academy of Religion Women's Caucus Book Panel, December 2, 2020.
- "Wholistic Self-Care: Mining the Depths, Challenges, and Stigmas of Communal and Private Mental Health from Womanist Perspectives." Respondent, with Rezenet Moges, Monica Coleman, and Trina Armstrong, American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA, November 2017.
- "A Womanist Vision of Reconciliation: Lessons from *The Color Purple*." Paper presented at the Women and Girls in Georgia Conference, Athens, GA, November 2017.
- "Truth." Panelist with Gail Christopher, Mustafa Santiago Ali, Michael Gerson, and Lovelyn Nwadeyi, The Summit, Washington, DC, June 2017.
- "Is It Time for a Womanist Theology of Reconciliation?" Paper presented at the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA, March 2016.
- "What Manner of Woman is This? Images of Black Womanhood in the Art of Shonda Rhimes." Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.
- "The Strong Black Woman: Blessing or Burden? A Roundtable Discussion on Chanequa Walker-Barnes's *Too Heavy a Yoke: Black Women and the Burden of Strength* (Cascade Books, 2014)." Respondent, with Trina Armstrong, Carolyn McCrary, Bridget Piggue, and Beverly Wallace. American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.
- "Panel Discussion with Scholars and Pastors." Panelist with Neichelle Guidry, Serene Jones, Nichole Renee Phillips, Marsha Snulligan-Haney, and Haruko Nawata-Ward, Women of Color in Ministry Conference, Atlanta, GA, September 2015.
- "Women of Color Panel." Panelist with Micky Jones, Kathy Khang, Andrea Smith, and Sandra Van Opstal, Reconciliation Preconference Track, The Justice Conference, Chicago, IL, June 2015.
- "Culturally Competent Practice with the StrongBlackWoman." Workshop presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Psychological Association, Atlanta, GA, April 2015.
- "My Sisters' Keeper: Ministry with StrongBlackWomen." Workshop presented at the annual conference of the Christian Community Development Association, Raleigh, NC, September 2014.

- “Good Hair, Acting White, and Other Signs of Internalized Oppression.” Workshop presented at the annual conference of the Christian Community Development Association, Minneapolis, MN, September 2012.
- “New Monasticism’s Racial Dilemma.” Workshop presented at Radical Gospel Living: Monasticism Today, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH, November 2011.
- “Recognizing Trauma and Preventing Compassion Fatigue.” Workshop presented at the Christian Community Development Association, Indianapolis, IN, October 2011.
- “The Role of Faith in Public Space.” Panelist with Carl Kenney, Mark Anthony Neal, & Timothy Tyson, Pauli Murray Project, Durham, NC, September 2010.
- “‘What about Madea?’: Using Film to Cultivate Consciousness about the Strong Black Woman.” A paper presented at the Southeastern Women’s Studies Association, Charlotte, NC, April 2008
- “Deconstructing the Strong Black Woman.” A paper presented at the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C., November 2006.
- “The Strong Black Woman: The Role of the Black Church in the Creation of an Unhealthy Archetype.” A paper presented at Clothed and in Our Right Minds Conference on Black Women, Mental Health, and Faith, Bennett College, Greensboro, NC, April 2006.
- Stevenson, Howard, Donna Marie Winn, Stephanie Irby Coard, & Chanequa J. Walker-Barnes.
 “Towards a Culturally Relevant Framework for Interventions with African American Families.” Paper presented at the conference on Emerging Issues in African American Family Life: Context, Adaptation, and Policy, Durham, NC, May 2003.
- “Low Birthweight Outcomes among Black and White Women: An Examination of the Role of Race.” Paper presented at the meeting of the National Association of African-American Studies, Petersburg, VA, February 1994.

Poster Presentations:

- Winn, Donna Marie, Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Howard Stevenson, & Stephanie Coard. “What Else Really Matters: A Culturally Relevant Framework for Interventions with African American Families.” A poster presented at the meeting of the Family Research Consortium, San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 2004.
- Stein, Gabriela L., Will Hall, & Chanequa J. Walker-Barnes. “Parental Rejection and Adolescent Delinquency: Is Adolescent Self-esteem a Mediator or Moderator?” A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Quebec City, Canada, May 2004.
- Stein, Gabriela L., & Chanequa J. Walker-Barnes. “The Effect of Parental Hostility and Disengagement upon Adolescent Adjustment: Gender as a Moderating Variable.” A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Quebec City, Canada, May 2004.
- Stein, Gabriela L., & Chanequa J. Walker-Barnes. “The Effect of Parental Rejection upon Adolescent Adjustment: Teasing Apart Hostility and Disengagement.” A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD, March 2004.
- Simons, Julie, & Chanequa J. Walker-Barnes. “Predicting Increases in Adolescent Drug Use: A Longitudinal Investigation.” A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Minneapolis, MN, April 2001.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa J. “The Influence of Parental Control on the Relationship between Gang Involvement and Adolescent Problem Behavior.” A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL, March 2000.

- Arrue, Rafael M., Craig A. Mason, & Chanequa J. Walker-Barnes. "The Role of Parenting in Preventing Behavior Problems among Hispanic Adolescents." A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL, March 2000.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa, C.H. Miller, & Kathy R. Francis. "Parenting Influences on the Relationship between Peer and Adolescent Delinquency." A poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA, August 1999.
- Mason, Craig A., Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Rafael M. Arrue, Evelyn M. Alvarez, Felicia Barrera, Dionne T. Brunson, & L. Coston. "Affective Meaning of Parenting Behaviors." A poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA, August 1999.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa J., Craig A. Mason, & Rafael M. Arrue. "Precursors of Gang Involvement among Ninth Grade Students: A Longitudinal Investigation." A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Albuquerque, NM, April 1999.
- Barrera, Felicia D., & Chanequa J. Walker-Barnes. "Neighborhood Effects on Adolescent Problem Behaviors: An Epidemiological Perspective." A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Albuquerque, NM, April 1999.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa J., & Rafael M. Arrue. "Girls and Gangs: Identifying Risk factors for Female Gang Involvement." A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Diego, CA, February 1998.
- Mason, Craig A., Chanequa J. Walker-Barnes, & Margaret Blaustein. "Ethnic/Cultural Differences in the Affective Meaning of Parenting Behaviors." A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Diego, CA, February 1998.
- Blaustein, Margaret, Craig A. Mason, Virginia Knight, & Chanequa Walker. "Cultural and Contextual Differences in the Effects of Parenting upon Adolescents." A poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Diego, CA, February 1998.

Funded Research

- Wabash Center for Teaching & Learning in Theology & Religion Summer Fellowship (2014). Project Title: *Moving Past "Move on!": Toward a Fuller Inclusion of Women's Voices in the Seminary Classroom*. Direct costs: \$5,000.
- UNC Program on Ethnicity, Culture, and Health Outcomes (ECHO) Pilot Grant (2008-2009). Project Title: *Cultural Attitudes and Expectations regarding Intimate Relationships among African Americans*. Direct costs: \$12,000.
- National Institute of Mental Health Mentored Minority Scientist Development (K01) Award (2002-2004). Project Title: *Parenting and Problem Behavior in Ethnic Minority Youth* (NIMH grant #1 K01 MH66024-01). Direct costs: \$212,647.
- National Institute on Drug Abuse Minority Supplemental Award (1999-2000). Project Title: *Structural Ecosystems Therapy with Drug Using Minority Youth* (NIDA grant# 3 R01 DA10574-04S1). Direct costs: \$16,875. Principal Investigator: Jose Szapocznik, Ph.D.
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill/Duke University Robertson Scholars Collaboration Fund (Co-Investigator: Stephanie Coard, Ph.D.), (2003-2004). Amount Awarded: \$2,000.
- Junior Faculty Development Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost (2003). Amount Awarded: \$5,000.
- University Research Council Grant, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2001-2003). Project Title: *Healthy Minority Families*. Amount Awarded: \$4,000.

Mason and Linda Stephenson Faculty Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Psychology (2000-2001). Amount Awarded: \$400.

Professional Activities

Organizational Affiliations:

American Academy of Religion

Person, Culture, & Religion Steering Committee Member, 2021-present

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Steering Committee Member, 2016-2018

American Psychological Association

Georgia Psychological Association

Society for Pastoral Theology

Co-Chair, Embodiment Study Group, 2018-present

Editorial Board, *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, 2016-2020

Society for the Study of Black Religion

Professional Service:

Review Board, *Black Women and Religious Cultures*, 2021-present.

Chair, Steering Committee, Christian Community Development Association Women of Color Post-Conference Retreat, 2015-2016

Review Board, Special Issue on Black Feminist Thought, *Departures in Critical Qualitative Research*, 2015

Article Editor, *SAGE OPEN*, 2014

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *SAGE OPEN*, 2013

Co-chair, Theology Committee, Christian Community Development Association, 2013-2014

Conference Coordinator, *Building Policy, Research and Practice Collaborations on Behalf of North Carolina's African American Youth: Fostering Healthy Social and Emotional Development*, Durham, NC, May 2004

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 2003-2004

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*, 2002-2004

Editorial Consultant, *Child Development*, 2002

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Child Development*, 2000-2001, 2003-2004

University/Institutional Service:

Chair, MFT Task Force, Columbia Theological Seminary, 2022-present

Member, Executive Committee of the Faculty, Columbia Theological Seminary, 2021-2022

Member, Institutional Review Board, Columbia Theological Seminary, 2021-present

Member, Judicial Council, Columbia Theological Seminary, 2021-present

Advisor, Black Student Union Mercer-Atlanta, Mercer University, 2017-2021

Member, ATS Self-Study Steering Committee, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, 2016-2018

Coordinator, Spirituality & Mental Health Conference, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, 2016

Member, D.Min. Committee, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, 2015-2016, 2019-2021

Member, House of Delegates, Mercer University, 2013-2014, 2015-2016

Faculty Associate Advisor, Community Engagement Fellows Program, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, 2013

Member, M.Div. Committee, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, 2012-2014, 2016-2018

Member, Graduate Honor Council, Mercer University, 2012-2013

Chair, Student Support Services Committee, Shaw University Divinity School, 2010-2011

Member, Faculty Development Committee, Shaw University Divinity School, 2010-2011

Chair, Curriculum Committee, Shaw University Divinity School, 2008-2010

Member, Curriculum Committee, Shaw University Divinity School, 2007-2008

Member, Curriculum Committee, Duke University Divinity School, 2005-2006

Chair, Diversity Committee, UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Psychology, 2002-2003

Community Involvement:

Principal Advisory Council, Henderson Middle School, Atlanta, GA, 2019-2021

Board of Directors, Christian Community Development Association, Chicago, IL, 2013-2016

Board of Directors, School for Conversion, Durham, NC, 2006-2012

Academic Consultations

Facilitator, Writing for Mystic Activists Writing Retreat, Collegeville Institute/St. Francis Springs Retreat Center, Stoneville, NC, October 2022

Participant, Reading Group & Women of Color Faculty Retreat, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology, 2021-present

Facilitator, Writing for Mystic Activists Writing Retreat, Collegeville Institute, Online, 2020, 2021

Participant, Digital Salon for Mid-Career African American Faculty, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology, 2020-2021

Facilitator, Writing for Mystic Activists Writing Retreat, Collegeville Institute/Franklinton Center at Bricks, Whitakers, NC, 2019

Mentoring Program Participant, ATS Women in Leadership Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, 2018

Participant, Workshop for Theological School Faculty Teaching Online, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology, Crawfordsville, IN, 2016-2017

Participant, Apart and Yet A Part Summer Writing Workshop, Collegeville Institute, Collegeville, MN, 2016

Participant, Pre-Tenure Workshop for Theological School Faculty, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology, Crawfordsville, IN, 2013-2014

Participant, National Women's Studies Association/Spelman College Women of Color Institute, Atlanta, GA 2009

Honors & Awards

Finalist for Multicultural (Adult Non-Fiction), Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Award, 2019

Nominee, Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion for *I Bring the Voices of My People*, 2019, 2020

First Book Grant for Minority Scholars, Louisville Institute, 2011-2012

Emerging Leaders Cohort, Christian Community Development Association, 2010-2012

McMurry Richey Outstanding Student in Mission, Duke Divinity School, 2007

Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship, Duke Divinity School, 2004-2005

Health Disparities Scholar, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, 2003

Finalist, Society for Research on Adolescence Herschel Thornburg Dissertation Award, 2000
Inductee, Thurgood Marshall Achievers Society, 1999
Rotary Club Award for Urban Peace Project, 1997
McKnight Doctoral Fellowship, Florida Education Fund, 1994-1999

Licensure & Ordination

Ordination, Atlanta Community Fellowship, 2018
North Carolina HSP-P Psychologist Licensure (#2828), 2002-2014
Georgia Psychologist Licensure (PSY003787), 2013-present

Courses Taught

Graduate Courses in Theology

Spiritual Formation
Introduction to Pastoral Care/Counseling
Spiritual Care through Crisis Ministry
Theory and Practice of Pastoral Counseling
Cultural Intelligence
Counseling the Culturally Disenfranchised
Counseling Couples in the Congregation
Spiritual Care and the African American Family
Spiritual Care for Black Women
Post-Modern African American Spiritualities
Mindfulness & Self-Care for the Helping Professions
Marriage: Theory and Practice
Couples, Families, and Cultural Change
Trauma Stewardship
Forgiveness and Reconciliation
Race, Racisms, & Reconciliation

Graduate Courses in Psychology

Abnormal Psychology
History and Systems of Psychology
Introduction to Child Psychotherapy
Practicum in Brief Strategic Family Therapy

Medical School Teaching

Clinical Skills

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Psychology
Behavior Disorders of Childhood and Adolescence
Politics of African American Womanhood
Black Love: Romantic Relations in the African-American Experience