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EMPLOYMENT

- 2023-present Master of Arts in Practical Theology (MAPT) Lead Professor
2020-2023 MAPT Program Director
2019 MAPT Program Co-Director with Dr. Kathy Dawson
COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Decatur, Georgia
- 2017-present Associate Professor of Practical Theology and Pastoral Care
COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Decatur, Georgia
- 2012-2017 Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Ethics
PHILLIPS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 2010-2012 Assistant Professor of Congregational Care and Ethics
PHILLIPS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Tulsa, Oklahoma

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2010 VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, Tennessee
Religion, Psychology and Culture in the Graduate Department of Religion
Minor Concentrations: Ethics; Postcolonialism and Gender
Dissertation: "Crisis and Repair in Intercultural Relationships: A Theological, Psychological, and Postcolonial Analysis," *Committee:* Volney Gay, Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Tracy Sharpley-Whiting, John J. Thatamanil, Mark Bliton
- M.A. 2008 VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, Tennessee
Master of Arts *en passant*, Graduate Department of Religion
- M.A.R. 2001 YALE UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL, New Haven, Connecticut
Master of Arts in Religion, Ethics Concentration
- B.A. 1999 UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Charlottesville, Virginia
Major: Religious Studies, Minor: Bioethics

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

Book Monographs

- Listening for Liberation: Sound Practices of Intercultural Spiritual Care*, Fortress, forthcoming 2026
Creating Resistances: Pastoral Care in a Postcolonial World, Leiden: Brill, 2019
Misunderstanding Stories: Toward a Postcolonial Pastoral Theology, Pickwick, 2013

Guiding values that ground my vocation include (1) listening to and engaging many voices, (2) integrity and accountability between practice and theological profession, (3) interplay between teaching, learning, unlearning, scholarship, and service, (4) collaborative practices of generative feedback and (5) identifying and dismantling complicities in oppression for the sake of transformed practices that foster healing, justice, creativity, and joy.

¹ Updated July 2025.

Edited Volume

Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Practical Theology, second edition; co-editors: Eunil David Cho, Bonnie Miller-McLemore, and Melinda McGarrah Sharp; Wiley-Blackwell, *forthcoming 2028*.

Article and Chapter Publications

- "Decolonizing and Postcolonializing," revised chapter, *Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Practical Theology, second edition*, ed. Cho, Miller-McLemore, and McGarrah Sharp, Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, *forthcoming 2028*
- "Teaching the *Companion*," with Eunil David Cho, co-authored Introduction to *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Practical Theology, second edition*, ed. Cho, Miller-McLemore, and McGarrah Sharp, Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, *forthcoming 2028*
- "Theology," in *The Oxford Handbook of Practical Theology*, ed. Sabrina Müller, Duntin Benac, and John Swinton; Oxford, *forthcoming 2027*
- "Practicing Depth," In *The Upper Room Disciplines 2025*, Published by Upper Room Books, 2024
- "'It Isn't Finished Yet'—Parenting, Postcolonializing, and Pathways of Possibility in *Hadestown* and Healing," *Pastoral Psychology* 73 (4): 521-540. Aesthetics for Care and Healing issue, 2024
- "Mapping with Care: Constructing a Christian Theology of Pastoral Care in a Postcolonial, Interfaith World," *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, DOI: 10.1080/10649867.2022.2086369, July 2022
- "Pedagogies of Possibilities: Liberating Moral Imagination by Practicing Pastoral Aesthetics," *Pastoral Psychology* 70(6): 575-583, December 2021
- "Grading Rage in the Pastoral Care Classroom: Tension, Trust, and Possibilities of Creative Transformation," *The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching* 2(2): 85-100, May 2021
- "If You're Ready, I Am Ready (But the Wait Is Harming Us Both): Rambo and Adele on Individual Risks in Institutional Conversions," *Pastoral Psychology* 69:445-463, 2020
- "Phoenix Poetry in a Flammable World," in *Postcolonial Images of Spiritual Care*, edited by Emmanuel Y. Lartey and Hellena Moon, Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2020
- "Moral Imagination and More," in *Teaching Health Humanities*, edited by Olivia Banner, Nathan Carlin, and Thomas Cole, Oxford University Press, 2019
- "Prelude to Decolonizing Immersion Pedagogy: Four Movements," *Sacred Spaces* v. 10, American Association of Pastoral Counselors Annual Journal, Special Issue on Immersion Across Borders as Pastoral Practice, *Sacred Spaces*, volume 10, 2018, www.aapc.org
- "The Living Me: Unmasking Poisonous Pedagogies by Playing and Postcolonializing in Pastoral Theology," *Pastoral Psychology* 65: 681-701, 2016
- "Literacies of Listening: Postcolonial Pastoral Leadership in Practice(s)," in *Postcolonial Practice of Ministry: Leadership, Liturgy, and Interfaith Engagement*, eds. Kwok Pui-lan and Stephen Burns, Lanham, Maryland: Lexington, 2016
- "Writing Purposefully," in *Writing Theologically*, ed. Eric Barreto, Fortress Press, 2015
- "Virtual Empathy? Teaching and Learning Pastoral Care Online," with Mary Ann Morris, *Teaching Theology and Religion*, July 2014
- Pastoral Perspective on Matthew 13:33-35, Matthew 13:36-43, and Matthew 13:44-46, *Feasting on the Gospels*, Westminster John Knox, December 2013
- "Globalization, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism," in *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Practical Theology*, ed. Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012, pp. 422-431 (reviewed AAR 2011 by Emilie Townes, Serene Jones, and Tom Beaudoin)
- "Are There Limitations to Multicultural Inclusion? Difficult Questions for Feminist Pastoral Theology," with Bonnie Miller-McLemore in *Women Out of Order: Risking Change and Creating Care in a Multicultural World*, ed. Stevenson-Moessner and Snorton, Augsburg Fortress Press, 2010
- Study Guide for In the Midst of Chaos: Caring for Children as Spiritual Practice* (Bonnie Miller-McLemore, 2007), <http://www.practicingourfaith.org>, 2006

Review Publications

- Solicited Book Review of *Ethnography as Pastoral Practice, second edition* (Pilgrim, 2023) by Mary Clark Moschella. *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, forthcoming 2026
- Solicited Book Review of *Addiction and Pastoral Care* (Eerdmans, 2019) by Sonia E. Waters. *Interpretation* 74(4): 405-406, 2020
- "Bordering Mysteries," @thispoint Volume 12, Number 2, <http://www.atthispoint.net/professional-responses/bordering-mysteries/296/> Summer 2017
- Book Review of *Postcolonializing God: An African Practical Theology* by Emmanuel Y. Larney (SCM Press, 2013), *Pastoral Psychology* 2016
- Solicited Review of *Opening the Field of Practical Theology* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2014), *Theology Today* 72:1, pp. 114-116, April 2015
- Solicited Book Review of *The Gift of Mission: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow* Edited by James H. Kroeger (Orbis, 2013), *Encounter* 75:2, pp.70-72, Spring 2015
- Solicited Book Review of *Learning to Lead* by James R. Davis (Rowman and Littlefield, 2011), *Teaching Theology and Religion* 17:3, pp. 247-263, Wiley-Blackwell, 2013
- Solicited Book Review of *Higher Education, Policy, and the Global Competition Phenomenon* by Laura M. Portnoi et. al (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010), *Teaching Theology and Religion*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2013
- "A Children's Place? A Review of Two Books that take this Question Seriously," Review of *Children Matter* (May, et. al., Eerdmans, 2005) and *The Vocation of the Child* (ed. Brennan, Eerdmans, 2008), *Journal of Childhood and Religion*, December 2010

Academic Journal Editorials

- "Pastoral Theology that Resists Cultural Scripts of Single Stories," with K. Samuel Lee, *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 29.2, 2019
- "Awakening Forms and Transformations of Activist Pastoral Theology," with K. Samuel Lee, *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, 29.1, 2019
- "Interrogating Identities, Histories, and Cultures: Intersectional Pastoral Theology and Care," with K. Samuel Lee, *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 28.3, 2018
- "Introduction," with K. Samuel Lee, introducing "Teaching, Learning, and Living Roman Catholic Pastoral Theologies" Special Issue *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 28:2, 2018
- "Guest Editors' Introduction," with Katherine Lassiter, *Sacred Spaces* v. 10, AAPC Annual Journal, Special Issue on Immersion Across Borders as Pastoral Practice, 2018
- "Spheres of Prophetic Pastoral Theology: Healing Ecologies of Selves, Systems, and Worlds," with K. Samuel Lee, *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 28:1, 2018
- "Empowering Activist Pedagogies in Pastoral Theology: Accountabilities and Transformative Possibilities," with K.S. Lee and P.I. Sheppard, *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 27:3, 2017
- "Pastoral Theology's Ever-Expanding Boundaries: Narrating the Pasts and Futures of a Field," with K. Samuel Lee, *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 27:2, 2017
- "Unleashing Belonging: Liberating Identities from Categorical Captivities," with Emmanuel Y. Larney, *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 27:1, 2017
- "Seeking Steadiness in Storms: Pastoral Theology in the Midst of Intercultural, Political, and Ecological Trauma," with Emmanuel Y. Larney, *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 26:3, 2016
- "Locating Hope," with Emmanuel Y. Larney, *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 26:2, 2016
- "Entangled but not Entrapped: Pastoral Practices of Resistance from Within Selves and Systems," with Emmanuel Y. Larney, *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 26:1, 2016
- "Practicing Public Pastoral Theologies in Contexts of Difference," with Emmanuel Y. Larney, *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 25:3, 2015

Works in Progress

“Unraveling Gatherings: Practicing Pastoral Political Theology in conversation with Dr. Kwok Pui Lan’s *Postcolonial Politics and Theology: Unraveling Empire for a Global World* (Louisville: WJK, 2021),” solicited article, *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, forthcoming 2027

“Playing with Pain,” co-authored with Choctaw activist Sarah Adams-Cornell.

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Inclusive Pedagogies Certificate, American Academy of Religion Committee on the Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession, *in process*

Invited Participant, Hispanic Scholar’s Program Storytelling Workshop, October 25-27, 2025

Selected Participant, Critical Response Process Circles Fundamentals Training, June-August 2025

Chaplain, Wabash Early Career Faculty Teaching in Theological Schools Workshop, June 2025

Invited Participant, Wabash Curiosity Roundtable, September 2024

Chaplain, Wabash Early Career Religion Faculty Teaching Undergraduates Workshop, June 2024

Participant, Associate of Theological Schools Mid-Career Workshop, Denver, CO, May 2023

Selected Participant, Wabash Digital Salon, Mid-Career Theological School Educators, 2020-2021

Through Hispanic Eyes Participant, Faculty and Staff Allies Program, Hispanic Summer Program, San Antonio, TX, June 23-26, 2019

Tenure, Earned and Granted from Columbia Theological Seminary, April 2019

Faculty Sabbatical Awarded, Columbia Theological Seminary, Spring 2019

Invited Participant, Women in Leadership: Emerging Leadership Development Institute, Association of Theological Schools (ATS), 2018

Selected Participant, Colloquy on Writing the Scholarship of Teaching in Theology and Religion, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, 2017-2018

Tenure, Earned and Granted from Phillips Theological Seminary, February 2017

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

Invited Participant, “A Convocation of Christian Leaders,” Convened by Dr. Craig Dykstra, Duke University Divinity School, 2016-2017

Certificate Awarded, “University of Wisconsin-Madison Online Teaching and Design Principles Course,” May-July 2016

American Academy of Religion Mentoring Program, 2014-2015

Pre-Tenure Sabbatical Awarded, Phillips Theological Seminary, January-August, 2014

Selected Participant, Workshop for Pre-Tenure Theological School Faculty, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, 2011-2012

Participant, A Roundtable Seminar for Newly Appointed Faculty, The Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA, October 21-23, 2011

Fellow, American Association of University Women American Fellowship, Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2009-2010

Clinical Ethics Fellow, Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society, Vanderbilt, 2008-2010

GRANTS RECEIVED

Wabash Grant Recipient, “Listening to Listening,” January-December 2025

Wabash Grant Recipient, “Teaching and Learning Deep Listening,” March-November 2024

Wabash Grant Recipient, Anti-Racist Pedagogy Collaborative Grant, 2021-2023

Faculty Development Grant to attend Harkness Humanities Institute, Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, June 2018

Duke Innovation Grant Recipient, "Guiding Innovation in Intersectionality: Disrupting White Supremacies, Expanding Scholar-Activist Creativities," with Dr. Patrick Reyes, 2017-2018
Wabash Grant Recipient, "Rethinking Empowerment," 2012

GUILD SERVICE

Wabash Visioning Consultation, November 2025
Journal on Teaching editorial board, 2024-present
Manuscript Reviewer on Secularization and Medicine, Dr. Nathan Carlin, McGovern Center for Humanities and Ethics, The University of Texas McGovern Medical School, Houston, TX, January 2024
Hispanic Summer Program Board, Finance Committee, elected November 2022
Consultant, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Theology and Religion, 2021-2024
Society of Pastoral Theology Nominating Committee, 2020-2021; 2012-2013
Journal of Pastoral Theology editorial board, 2019-2023
Journal of Pastoral Theology Co-Editor with Emmanuel Y. Lartey and K. Samuel Lee, 2015-2019
Manuscript Reviewer on Pastoral Theology and Medical Ethics, Dr. Nathan Carlin, McGovern Center for Humanities and Ethics, The University of Texas McGovern Medical School, Houston, TX, December 17-19, 2017
Intercultural Pastoral Theology Study Group Co-Convener with Dr. Gregory C. Ellison III and Dr. Phil Browning Helsel, 2016-2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pastoral Theology Courses

Introductory Course in Pastoral Care and Pastoral Theology, *on-campus, hybrid, online*
Death, Dying, and Grief: Intergenerational and Intercultural Perspectives, *on-campus, hybrid, intensive*
Pastoral Imagination in a Violent World, *on-campus, online, DMin intensive*
Disaster Spiritual Care, *online*
Practicum in Listening, *online, on-campus*
Theology and Human Sexualities, *intensive*
Pastoral Care and Social Justice, *online*
Conflict Transformation, *online intensive continuing education*
Accountabilities in Intercultural Spiritual Care, *doctoral seminar*

Practical Theology Courses

Introduction to Practical Theology, *on-campus, hybrid, online intensives*
Capstone in Practical Theology, *on-campus, online, hybrid*
Conversation Matters: Integrating Systematic and Practical Theologies, *on-campus, online, intensive*
Context Matters: Integrating Histories, Ethics, and Practical Theologies, *on-campus, online, intensive*

Immersion Learning Travel Courses and Support

Contextual Immersions in Borderlands, U.S./Mexico, *January term intensive online, ten-day travel*
Contextual Immersions in Cuba, *January term intensive travel*
Contextual Immersions in India, *January term intensive travel*
Immersion Learning: Prepare and Process, *1.0 credit hour one-weekend intensive format for both students who had and students who had not completed the immersion curricular requirement*
Women's Collaborative Leadership Immersion in Nicaragua, *DMin ten-day travel intensive*

Ethics of Practice Courses

Ethics, Cultures, and Missions of the Church(es), *online, on-campus, DMin intensive*
Ministry and Medical Ethics, *one-week intensive format (prepared, but cancelled)*
Personal and Social Ethics, *Course of Study Program for Ordained Ministry in the United Methodist Church, Hiawasse College, two-week intensive*

ACADEMIC PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "Breathing Life into Religion through Teaching, Research, and Writing: Building on the Contributions of Bonnie Miller-McLemore," Panelist. Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit, AAR 2024
- "'It Isn't Finished Yet'—Parenting, Postcolonializing, and Pathways of Possibility in *Hadestown* and Healing," Art, Aesthetics, and Healing Conference, Princeton, October 2023
- "Unraveling Practices: A Practical Theology Response to Kwok Pui Lan's *Postcolonial Politics and Theology: Unraveling Empire for a Global World* (2021)," Women and Religion Section, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November 2022
- "Decolonizing Listening in Pastoral Care," Workshop at Post-Imperial Futures Conference, Meadville-Lombard Theological School, October 2022
- "Misunderstanding Stories as Pastoral Care," Lecture at Candler School of Theology, March 2022
- "Writing with Casket Stationary: A Narrative Pedagogy for Teaching and Learning the 'Blessed Ambiguity of Dying'" American Academy of Religion, online lecture, December 7, 2020
- "Postcolonializing Pastoral Care," Lecture at Candler School of Theology, March 30, 2020
- Invited Respondent, Scholarly Workers in Public Spaces: The Long Road toward De-Colonizing Psychology, Culture, and Religion, Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 25, 2019
- Dean's Lunch Sabbatical Presentation, Columbia Theological Seminary, September 24, 2019
- "Decolonizing Pastoral Practices," Person, Community, and Religious Life Guest Lecture, Emory Graduate Department of Religion, Atlanta, GA, September 20, 2019
- "'If You're Ready, I am Ready' (But the Wait is Killing Us Both)," New Directions in Pastoral Theology Conference in honor of Lewis Rambo, Zephyr Point, Zephyr Cove, NV, September 9-11, 2019
- "Pastoral Care in a Postcolonial World," Lecture with Gregory Ellison, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA, February 11, 2019
- "Pastoral Care: Glimpsing a Landscape," Presentation and Workshop, Southeastern Symposium on Ecology and Theological Education, Columbia Theological Seminary, March 22, 2018
- "Unlocking Disbelief: Loosening Hinges of Healing in an Intercultural Paradigm of Pastoral Care," New Directions in Pastoral Theology Conference, Princeton Seminary, October 2-4, 2017
- "Leading and Being Led Into the Deep," A Convocation of Christian Leaders, Duke University, September 27, 2017
- "Lifecycles of Learning and Unlearning: Disrupting White Supremacy in Introduction to Pastoral Theology and Care Courses," Workshop with Dr. Zachary Moon, Society for Pastoral Theology Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, June 14-17, 2017
- "Impassable Futures," New Directions in Pastoral Theology Conference, Princeton Seminary, October 5-7, 2016
- "In Good Company: Collaborating and the Writing Life," presented with M. Y. Perkins, J. Morrow, and T. Ross, Frederick Buechner Writer's Workshop at Princeton Seminary, June 8-9, 2016
- "Postcolonializing Role Dramas in Pastoral Theology: Implications for Theological Anthropology from Intake to Interpretation," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2015
- "Locked in Disbelief: Reading Michelle Alexander and Jessica Benjamin to Loosen Resistance in the Bonds of Love," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2015

ACADEMIC PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS, CONT.

- "In Search of the Phoenix Poet: The Moving Stakes of Learning and Teaching Empathy in a Postcolonial World," New Directions in Pastoral Theology, Princeton Seminary, October 2015
- "The Living Me: Unmasking Poisonous Pedagogies by Playing and Postcolonializing in Pastoral Theology," New Directions in Pastoral Theology Conference, Princeton Seminary, May 2015
- "Decolonizing Immersion through Radical Listening: Teaching that Transforms 'On All Sides of Harm'" Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 22-25, 2014
- "Literacies of Listening in Postcolonial Pastoral Leadership," Postcolonial Practical Theology Symposium, Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, November 2014
- "Cultivating A Postcolonial Moral Imagination," Postcolonialism, Globalization, and Pastoral Care \ Study Group, Society of Pastoral Theology, Atlanta, GA, June 20, 2014
- "Strategic Blindness," Phi Beta Kappa 2014 John G. Gammie Symposium, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK, April 10-11, 2014
- "Virtual Empathy? Fantastic Narratives of Helping and Healing Across Postcolonial Borders," American Association of Pastoral Counselors Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, April 5, 2014
- "Alliances of Accountability: Three Models for Advancing Women's Writing," with Amy Erickson, Anjulet Tucker, and Miriam Perkins, AAR/SBL Women's Caucus Roundtable, Baltimore, MD, November 23, 2013
- "Letters to a Young Bioethicist: Practice Beyond the Seminar (or, How to Get Started, With or Without a Degree in Bioethics)" with Virginia Bartlett, Kyle L. Galbraith, and Daniel Morrison, American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 27, 2013
- "Wider than I Imagined and Deeper than I Thought: The Need for Postcolonial Pastoral Practice in Middle America," Invited Keynote Speaker, Subverting the Norm Conference: Can Postmodern Theology Live in the Churches? Drury University, Springfield, MO, April 6, 2013
- "Rethinking Empowerment: Pastoral Leadership as Participating in Healing Work in an Intercultural World," Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue Study Group, Society of Pastoral Theology Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, June 15, 2012
- "Virtual Empathy? Assessing Authentic Connections and Real Conflicts in Teaching and Learning Pastoral Care Online," with Mary Ann Morris, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 19, 2011
- "Death and Dying in Film," Guest Lecture, Theology and Film Class, Brandon Scott, Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK, October 12, 2011
- "The Frontiers of Distance Learning: Reflecting Collectively on Our Experiences of Teaching Pastoral Care Online," Co-Presenter with Carrie Doehring, Society of Pastoral Theology, Denver, CO, June 2011
- "Ethics is Moving—As Long as Being Lost Isn't So Bad," International Conference on Clinical Ethics Consultation, Amsterdam, May 18-21, 2011
- "I Know Not if I Sink or Swim: Navigating Deep Waters in Times of Trouble," Minister's Week, Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK, January 18-20, 2011
- "Examining 'Proper' Places for 'Southern Hospitality'—Contemporary Struggles around Hospitality in the Church," Psychology, Culture, and Religion "Southern Sensibilities" Pre-Session, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 29, 2010
- "Intercultural Empathy: Examining Pastoral Theology's Guiding Metaphors in Light of Complex Intercultural Realities," Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue Theological Study Workgroup, Society of Pastoral Theology, Chicago, IL, June 18, 2010
- "Clinical Uncertainties and the Art of Moral Imagination," International Conference on Clinical Ethics Consultation, Portland, OR, May 2010

ENGAGING WIDER PUBLICS THROUGH ECCLESIAL, INSTITUTIONAL, COMMUNITY SERVICE (AUGUST 2017-PRESENT)

Guest Writer, *Everything In Between* Lenten Resource, A Sanctified Art, 2025

"En Route to the Yes(es)," Sermon for Matthew Cowell Ordination, New Hope Presbyterian Church, Columbus, GA, September 17, 2023

"Grieving Well When the List of Losses is So Long," CTS Center for Lifelong Learning Course, April 17-May 12, 2023

Lecturer, "Postcolonial Pastoral Theology," Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA, March 2023

Panelist, Intersections of Psychology and Religion, Spelman College, online, March 2023

Grief Workshop, Senior Psychologist's Network, Georgia Psychological Association, March 12, 2023

Lecturer on Grief and *Being Mortal*, Embury Hills United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA, February 2023

Panelist on Grief and *Being Mortal*, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, December 4, 2022

"Mapping with Care" Lecture with the Korean Lay Leadership Meeting, CTS, November 2022

"Conflict Transformation: A Respite Event," online event, The Board of Pensions for the Presbyterian Church (USA), November 11, 2021

"Vulnerabilities and Overcoming Systemic Issues," United Methodist Lay Ministry Training Lecture, Glenn UMC, Decatur, GA, October 25, 2021

"Reckoning with Resistances to Remembering the Tulsa Race Massacre," Odyssey Study Guide, *in press*, 2021

"Unwinding Tornadoes to Make Pinwheels Turn: Three Conflict Transformations," CTS Blog, February 2021, accessible at <https://www.ctsnet.edu/unwinding-tornados-three-conflict-transformations/>

"Prayers for Learning, Living, and Loving In Between," CTS, *Vantage*, Winter 2021, accessible at https://issuu.com/columbiatheologicalseminary/docs/vantage.winter2021.final_for_upload

Pandemic Holiday Grief Workshop, Olivet Presbyterian Church, Virginia, November 22, 2020

"Accounting for Courage: Four Course Design Recalibrations," Wabash Blog, November 2020, accessible at <https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/2020/11/accounting-for-courage-four-course-design-recalibrations/>

"Stubborn Ivy and Rhythmic Solidarity: Movement Metaphors," CTS Chapel Sermon, July 28, 2020

"Practices of Faith in Pandemic?" Oak Grove UMC Young Adult Sunday School, July 26, 2020

"When Grief Moves In: Pastoral Care for Grief and COVID-19 through Stories," lecture, *Presbyterian Outlook*, online, May 28, 2020

"Self-Care and Mental Health as Political Acts: Surviving a Pandemic+" panelist, organized by Dr. Mitzi Smith in the series "Self-care and mental health for black women, women of color, and women in general during this pandemic, online, May 21, 2020

"Resourcing the In-Between: Teaching and Learning Pastoral Care During Pandemic," Wabash Blog, April 2020, accessible at <https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/2020/04/resourcing-the-in-between-teaching-and-learning-pastoral-care-during-pandemic/>

"Moving and Mourning: A Practical Theologian's Values Matrix for Stressful Times," CTS Blog Series, April 2020, accessible <https://www.ctsnet.edu/moving-and-mourning-a-practical-theologians-values-matrix-for-stressful-times-part-1/> and <https://www.ctsnet.edu/moving-and-mourning-a-practical-theologians-values-matrix-for-stressful-times-part-2/>

"Practices of Faith," Oak Grove UMC Young Adult Sunday School Series, Atlanta, GA, March 2020

"A Meditation on Might," Sermon on Genesis 11:1-9, Columbia Theological Seminary Chapel, November 11, 2019

"Creating Resistances for Justice," Oakhurst Presbyterian Adult Sunday School, Decatur, GA, November 3 and 10, 2019

Ordination Presentation, Bethany Aplequist Ordination, First Christian Church of Decatur, Decatur, GA, November 2, 2019

ENGAGING WIDER PUBLICS THROUGH ECCLESIAL, INSTITUTIONAL, COMMUNITY SERVICE (AUGUST 2017-PRESENT), CONT

- "Parenting is Hard," Sunday School Series Leadership, Glenn UMC, Atlanta, GA, October 2019
- "Sustaining Resistances: Pastoral Care for the Ongoing Work of Justice Movements," McCormick Days, McCormick Theological Seminary, October 18, 2019
- "Facing My Resistances to Taking this Home to the Folks who May Resist Hearing about It," ColInspire Conference, Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC, October 8-9, 2019
- "Moving Possibilities: Four Lessons from Moving More," CTS Blog, October 2019, accessible at <https://www.ctsnet.edu/moving-possibilities-four-lessons-from-moving-more/>
- "Learning to Thrive," with Christópher Abreu Rosario, *CTS Vantage*, Fall 2019, accessible at https://issuu.com/columbiatheologicalseminary/docs/vantage_fall_2019_web
- "Sustaining Resistances: Pastoral Care for the Ongoing Work of Racial Healing and Justice," Lift Every Voice: Racial Healing and Justice Lecture Series, Glenn Memorial UMC, Atlanta, GA, August 11, 2019
- "Disrupting White Supremacies in the Introduction to Pastoral Care Course," Two-Day Pre-Conference Event with Dr. Zachary Moon, Society of Pastoral Theology, June 12-13, 2019
- "Called Beyond Walls," Facilitator of Mentoring Dinner in partnership with FTE, Migration and Border Crossing Conference, Columbia Theological Seminary, February 6, 2019
- Advent Service of Longing, Lamentation, and Hope, with P625 course members, Columbia Theological Seminary Chapel, December 2018
- Presider, "Self Disclosure in the Classroom," Teaching Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion, November 19, 2018
- "Harkness Teaching Demonstration," Faculty Teaching Meeting, Columbia Theological Seminary, September 20, 2018
- "Thresholds of Possibility: A Prophetic Orientation," Columbia Theological Seminary Orientation Sermon, August 30, 2018
- Senior Chapel Team Advising, Columbia Theological Seminary, August 6-10, 2018
- "I'm Not Moving, You Move," Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Theology and Religion, Teaching and Traumatic Events Blog, July 3, 2018, <https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/2018/07/im-not-moving-you-move/>
- "Disrupting White Supremacies in Pastoral Theology," Two-Day Pre-Conference Event with Dr. Zachary Moon, Society of Pastoral Theology, June 13-14, 2018
- FTE Scholar Track, Christian Leadership Forum, GA Tech, Atlanta, GA, May 30-June 2, 2018
- "One Layer Removed: A Pedagogical Strategy When Trauma Interrupts," Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Theology and Religion, Teaching and Traumatic Events Blog, May 22, 2018, <https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/2018/05/one-layer-removed-a-pedagogical-strategy-when-trauma-interrupts/>
- Supervised Year in Ministry (SYM) Co-Advising, with Jeffery Tribble, Spring 2018
- "A Practical Theology of Borders: DACA and more...," Oakhurst Presbyterian Immigration Presentation, Oakhurst, GA, April 25, 2018
- Practical Theology Presentation, MAPT Capstone Course taught by Dr. Kathy Dawson, Columbia Theological Seminary, April 17, 2018
- Practical Theology Presentation to Academic Affairs Committee of the Columbia Theological Seminary Board of Directors, April 9, 2018
- "On Building a Just World: A Lament and Call to Commitment," Columbia Theological Seminary Board Meeting Devotion, April 9, 2018
- "Pastoral Imagination in a Violent World: A Lenten Meditation and Invitation to Reflection," DMin Course Lenten Chapel Service, Columbia Theological Seminary, March 20, 2018
- Host, "Mission Possible for Social Change," with Rev. Jenny Phillips, March 7, 2018

ENGAGING WIDER PUBLICS THROUGH ECCLESIAL, INSTITUTIONAL, COMMUNITY SERVICE (AUGUST 2017-PRESENT), CONT

- "What *am* I doing and why? Some Reflections of a Pastoral Theologian, Clinical Ethicist, and Global Citizen Teaching and Learning in a Postcolonial World," Alumni Weekend Presentation with Bill Harkins, February 6, 2018
- "Vocational Reflections: Theologian and Parent," Morningside Presbyterian Adult Sunday School, December 10 and 17, 2017
- Columbia Theological Seminary Advent Lectionary Discussion with Dr. Beth Johnson and Rev. Kyle Brooks, December 10, 2017, accessible at <https://www.ctsnet.edu/advent-resources-yearb/>
- Chapel Liturgy with Christine Hong and Marcia Riggs, Columbia Theological Seminary Chapel, 2017
- "Predictable Misconnections: Teaching and Learning Good Enough to Support Thriving," Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Theology and Religion, Teaching, Religion, and Politics Blog, December 7, 2017, <https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/2017/12/predictable-misconnections-teaching-learning-good-enough-support-thriving/>
- Fellowship for Theological Discussion (FTD), Q&A with Dr. McGarrah Sharp, Columbia Theological Seminary, December 1, 2017
- Peace Corps Presentation, Renfroe Culture of Caring Day, Renfroe Middle School, Decatur, Georgia, November 30, 2017
- Invited Participant, "Psychology, Culture and Religion: An Experiential Workshop on the Future of a Field," Boston, MA, November 17, 2017
- "The Privilege of Good Enough? Challenges of Radical Hospitality in Theological Education," Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Theology and Religion, Teaching, Religion, and Politics Blog, <https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/2017/11/privilege-good-enough-challenges-radical-hospitality-theological-education/>, November 9, 2017
- Women in Ministry (WIM) Presentation on Vocation, Columbia Theological Seminary, November 14, 2017
- Immigration Forum Panel Member, Columbia Theological Seminary, November 1, 2017
- "How Has Your Teaching Changed," Panel Remarks, Teaching Faculty Meeting, Columbia Theological Seminary, October 19, 2017
- Introduction, A Presentation at Supervisor Training, Office of Contextual Education, Columbia Theological Seminary, September 21, 2017
- "Staying Sane in Seminary," Orientation Panel Convener, Columbia Theological Seminary Orientation, August 30, 2017

ENGAGING WIDER PUBLICS THROUGH ECCLESIAL, INSTITUTIONAL, COMMUNITY SERVICE (PRIOR TO CTS, *SELECTED*)

- "Life on the Other Side of Moving is More Moving," Sermon for Ordination of Paul Ellis Jackson, University Congregational Church, Wichita, KS, June 11, 2017
- "Make Way for Depth," Phillips Theological Seminary Commencement Address, May 20, 2017
- "A Perfect Legacy?," Sermon on Acts 7:55-60, Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, Tulsa, OK, May 14, 2017
- "A Lament for All Who Thirst," Good Friday Meditation, St. John's Episcopal Church, Tulsa, OK, April 14, 2017
- "A Moving Syllabus," Teaching, Religion, and Politics Blog, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, March 30, 2017, <https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/2017/03/a-moving-syllabus/>
- "Online Pedagogy," A Report to the Faculty from the Wabash Online Workshop, Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK, March 29, 2017
- "What is an Ally?," Presentation to Phillips Theological Seminary Faculty, Tulsa, OK, March 28, 2017
- "Introduction of Dr. Roberta Bondi," Boston Avenue UMC, Tulsa, OK, March 4, 2017

ENGAGING WIDER PUBLICS THROUGH ECCLESIAL, INSTITUTIONAL, COMMUNITY SERVICE (PRIOR TO CTS, *SELECTED*), CONT

- "Misunderstanding Stories," A Presentation in Emmanuel Lartey's Course, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA, March 2, 2017
- "Not Yet Here: Reformations of Presence," Remind and Renew Lecture, Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK, February 2017
- "Orientation to the Critical Response Process," CPE Didactic, Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK, February 13, 2017
- "A Few Things We Learned in the Peace Corps," Youth Sunday School Presentation, Boston Avenue UMC, Tulsa, OK, January 22 and 29, 2017
- "'I am Stronger than Fear'—Bringing Inspiration to Life," Feature Article, *Holland Hall Magazine*, Holland Hall School, Tulsa, OK, 2017
- "Assenting to Creative Joy," Advent Devotion, Phillips Theological Seminary, December 2016
- "Well, What Did you Expect?" A Sermon in Three Movements, Tulsa Central Community of Christ, Tulsa, OK, October 16, 2016
- "Literacies of Listening: Awakening to Postcolonial Pastoral Practice(s)," A Lecture in Peter Mena's Latin@ Religious Identities in the US Course, Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK, October 11, 2016
- "Practical Theology in Times of Heartache," Maranatha Sunday School Presentation, Boston Avenue UMC, Tulsa, OK, October 9, 2016
- "Before I Die: Talking about End of Life Issues," committee member for community exhibit, lecture series, and installation of "Before I Die" wall at Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK, October 2016
- "A Moving Vocation," Chapel Sermon, Phillips Theological Seminary, June 21, 2016
- "What United Methodists Believe about Just War," Cornerstone Sunday School Class, Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, Tulsa, OK, May 15 and 29, 2016
- "Why Care about Race in Elementary School Culture and Curriculum," Invited Leader of Primary School Conversation, Holland Hall School, Tulsa, OK, March 9 and 23, 2016
- "Assessment Committee Report and Suggestions on Curricular Adjustment for Faculty Senate Consideration," Lead Author and Assessment Committee Chair, Phillips Theological Seminary, February 2016
- "Expanding our Imaginations about Race Matters," Harvard Avenue Christian Church, Tulsa, OK, November 15, 2015
- "Practical Theology with Mindy McGarrah Sharp," *Homebrewed Christianity* podcast, May 23, 2015, <https://homebrewedchristianity.com/2015/05/23/practical-theology-with-mindy-mcgarrah-sharp/>
- "Vital Conversations on Race: Listening and Speaking Up," Panel Participant, John Hope Franklin Symposium for Reconciliation, Tulsa, OK, May 21, 2015
- "Embodied Empathy: An Exercise in Courageous Self-Awareness," *The Arts in Religious and Theological Studies*, 26:2 (Special Issue on Justice and Race), Spring 2015
- "Ethics of Immigration and Welcome," TLC Class, Christ United Methodist Church, Tulsa, OK, February 15 and 22, 2015
- Keynote Speaker, "Awakening to a Beautiful Tension Where Two or More are Gathered," OK Disciples Regional Gathering, Oklahoma City, OK, January 2015
- "Proximity to Suffering: Not Whether but How and Why Race Matters in the Classroom," Wabash Center Blog, October 2014, <http://bit.ly/1o86zzW>
- "What is Ethics? A Prelude to Discussing Immigration in the Local Church" Invited Lecture, St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Tulsa, OK, September 14, 2014

ENGAGING WIDER PUBLICS THROUGH ECCLESIAL, INSTITUTIONAL, COMMUNITY SERVICE (PRIOR TO CTS, *SELECTED*), CONT

- "The Choice to Fast" Guest Lecture for NEO-HPNA (Northeast Oklahoma Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association) Ethics Roundtable on VSED (Voluntary Stopping Eating and Drinking), Clarehouse, Tulsa, OK, July 29, 2014
- "How Should Faith Community Respond to Undocumented Children?" News Channel 8 interview on undocumented children coming to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, June 10, 2014
- "Role-Playing Public Voice to Integrate Teaching and Service," Seminarium The Elements of Great Teaching Blog, May 2014
- "Let Them Read Drafts! Integrating Teaching and Scholarship," Seminarium The Elements of Great Teaching Blog, May 2014
- "The Under-Side of Bridging," Faith-Life Connections Lay Education Event, Columbia, MO, November 10, 2013
- "Soul Repair: Moral Injury After War," co-organized day-long conference with Belva Brown Jordan and community agency partners in conjunction with my introductory ethics course in which Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock and Chaplain (Col.) Herm Keizer spoke with the class around their book *Soul Repair* (Beacon, 2012) as a pre-conference event, Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK, May 2-3, 2013
- "Practicing Community," Soup for the Soul Lenten Series on Communities, Eastside Christian Church, Tulsa, OK, March 24, 2013
- "Becoming a Pastoral Theologian," Holland Hall Upper School, Tulsa, OK, January 22, 2013
- "Soul Clapping Care: Chaplaincy Privileges and Responsibilities," Hillcrest Hospital CPE Graduation Commencement Speaker, Tulsa, OK, May 24, 2012
- "Faith in the Real World," Regional Disciples Young Adult Winter Retreat Keynote Speaker, Camp Christian, OK, January 6-8, 2012
- "Abuse: Speaking out Feels Risky but Silence is Deadly," PTS Blog, November 10, 2011
- "Teaching and Learning Pastoral Theology and Congregational Care Online," Phillips Theological Seminary Board Dinner, Tulsa, OK, October 24, 2011
- September 11 Ten Year Anniversary Chapel Service, Planning Team, Facilitator of Liturgy, and Speaker, Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK, September 6-8, 2011
- "Sustainable Faith," Pilgrimage Class, Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, Tulsa, OK, August 21 and 28, 2011
- "An Iona Service for Peace and Justice," Liturgist and Speaker, Phillips Theological Seminary Chapel, Tulsa, OK, May 4, 2011
- "Life in the Rainforest," Holland Hall Preschool, Tulsa, OK, 2011-2016 (annual presentation)
- "Interfaith Perspectives on End of Life Issues," Presenter and Panel Participant, Interfaith Trialogue, Tulsa, OK, February 2011
- "Culture Shock and Intersections within Institutional Life," Society Twenty-Five Year Celebration, Society of Pastoral Theology, Chicago, IL, June 17, 2010
- Peace Corps Lectures and Presentations to Wider Publics 2004-present, including Girl Scouts, Church Youth Groups, Church Sunday Schools, Church-Wide Programs, Women's Groups, University Audiences

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- Board Member, Hispanic Summer Program, 2020-present, finance committee 2022-
- Advisory Board, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Theology and Religion, 2021-present
- Consultant, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Theology and Religion, 2021-2023
- Editorial Board Member, *Postcolonial and Decolonial Studies in Religion and Theology*, Lexington Press, 2017-present

CoInspire Conference Planning Team, Montreat Conference Center, 2018-2019
 Advisory Committee to General Board of Church and Society in preparation for United Methodist Church General Conference (*focus: global health for and rights of women and girls; editing/review work; approximately five meetings on phone and online*), 2015-2018
 CPE Professional Advisory Group (PAG), Phillips Theological Seminary, 2016-2017
 JustHope, Inc., Sustainable Hope and Justice Partnerships between US and Nicaragua, (www.justhope.org), Board Co-Chair (2015-2016); Board Member, 2012-2017
 Peace Corps Volunteer Recruiter, Oral Roberts University and University of Tulsa, 2010-2016
 Clinical Ethics Consultant, Hillcrest Hospital Ethics Committee, Tulsa, OK, 2011-2014

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Society of Pastoral Theology, 2004-present
 American Academy of Religion, 2007-present
 American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, 2009
 Society of Christian Ethics, elected member, 2009

INSTITUTIONAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Executive Committee of the Faculty, 2025-present
 Pastoral Care Innovation Task Force, 2023-2025
 MDiv Program Review Task Force, 2020-2025
 Admissions Committee, 2019-present
 Basic/Master's Degrees Committee, 2019-present, Chair 2024-present
 HALA (Hispanic and Latinx Association), faculty advisor, 2017-present
 MFT Taskforce, 2022-2023
 Faculty Evaluation Committee, 2020-2023
 Search Committees for Dean and Faculty Members, 2025-26; 2020-21; 2014; 2012; 2010
 DMin Review Task Force, 2019-2021
 Chapel Team Advisor, annual service, 2018, 2019
 MA(TS) Online Task Force, 2018
 Cobb Mid-East Task Force, 2018
 Integrative Course Assessment Task Force, 2018
 Migration and Immigration Conference Planning Committee, 2018-2019
 EDI Council (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Council), election, 2018
 Exercising Our Faith Wabash Consultation at CTS, faculty participant, Spring 2018
 Community Life Committee, 2017-2018
 Instructional Technology Committee, 2015-2016; 2017-2018
 Assessment and Student Learning Committee, Member, 2010-2015; Chair, 2015-2017
 Curriculum Revision Task Force, 2016-2017; 2012-2013
 Faculty Diversity Taskforce, 2013-2015
 Contributing Author, "Ensemble Pedagogy" Grant for the Phillips Theological Seminary Faculty, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, 2014 and 2015
 DMin Committee, 2014-2017
 Library Committee, 2011-2013
 Institutional Review Board, 2011-2013; 2015-2016
 Rank and Tenure Committee, 2010-2012

PHD, THD, DMIN, AND THESIS PROJECT ADVISING

DMin Project Advising and Project Reader, Columbia Theological Seminary; Phillip Seminary
Master's Honors Project Advising, Columbia Theological Seminary
PhD Comprehensive Exam Reader, Union Theological Seminary, New York
ThD Committee Member, Columbia Theological Seminary
PhD Committee Member, Emory University, Atlanta, GA; Union Theological Seminary, NY; Princeton University, Princeton, NJ; University of Pretoria, South Africa

PAST EMPLOYMENT (SELECTED)

Non-formal Rural Community Development and Education Volunteer, Republic of Suriname,
United States Peace Corps, 2002-2004
Staff Member, Course of Study School for United Methodist Ministers, Office of Church
Ministries Education, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 2002, 2000