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Education

Ph.D., Harvard University, Committee on the Study of Religion, New Testament, 2006
M.Div., Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC
M.A., Black Studies, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
B.A., Theology, Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, MD

Publications—

Books: Published and contracted works in progress

Re-Reading the Lukan Jesus for Liberation: Anointed Abolitionist Born of a Doule Called Mary. Cascade; work in progress.
co-editor with Raj Nadella and Luis Menéndez Antuña. *Oxford Handbook of the Bible, Race, and Diaspora.* Under contract; work in progress.
Chloe and Her People: A Womanist Critical Dialogue with First Corinthians. Cascade, 2023.
Smith, Mitzi J. and Michael W. Newheart, co-authors. *We Are All Witnesses: Toward Disruptive and Creative Biblical Interpretation.* Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2023.
Smith, Mitzi J., Angela N. Parker and Ericka Dunbar Hill, editors. *“Bitter the Chastening Rod”: African American Interpretation in the Age of #BLM, #SayherName, and #Metoo.* Lexington/Fortress Academic, 2022.
Smith, Mitzi J. and Jin Young Choi, editors. *Minoritized Women Reading Race-Ethnicity: Intersectional Approaches and Early Christian (Con)Texts.* Lexington/Fortress Academic, 2020.
Smith, Mitzi J. and Yung Suk Kim. *Toward Decentering the New Testament: A Reintroduction.* Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2018.
Womanist Sass and Back Talk: Social (In)Justice, Intersectionality and Biblical Interpretation. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2018.
Reading the Bible in the 21st Century: Insights from an African American Interpretation. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2017.
Smith, Mitzi J., editor. *I Found God in Me. A Womanist Biblical Hermeneutics Reader.* Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2015. Received CHOICE Magazine book of the year award.
Smith J. Mitzi and Lalitha Jayachitra, editors. *Teaching All Nations: Interrogating the Great Commission.* Minneapolis: Fortress, 2014.
The Construction of the Other in the Acts of the Apostles: Charismatics, the Jews, and Women. Princeton Monograph Series. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock/Pickwick, 2011. (Revision of dissertation)

Journal articles, book chapters, essays, bible commentaries

“Born of a δούλη.” *The Next Quest For The Historical Jesus*, edited by James Crossley and Chris Keith, _____. Louisville, KY: Eerdmans, 2023, forthcoming.
“The Enslaved and the New Testament.” *Routledge Handbook of Marginalization in the Bible*, edited by Joel S. Baden, _____. London/New York: Routledge, forthcoming.

- “Bible, Black Feminism, and Womanism: Dissenting Voices.” *Oxford Handbook on the Bible in Africa and the African Diaspora*, edited by Hugh Page, Jr., _____. New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
- “Critical Agentive Reading of Biblical Texts: Prioritizing Questions, Context, and Justice.” *Word & World*, upcoming.
- “If Rachel Does Not Weep, Who Will?: A Pro-Choice Quality of Life Womanist Reading of Matthew 2.” *Currents in Theology and Mission*, 49.4 (2022), Special Issue, edited by Eunyoung Lim.
- “A Womanist Activist Approach to Biblical Interpretation and Justice.” *Touchstone* 40.1 (2022): 37–45.
- “Letter to a ‘Young’ Biblical Scholar.” *Letters to a Young Theologian*, edited by Henco van der Westhuizen, 170–77. Minneapolis: Fortress, February 2022.
- Mitzi J. Smith, et al. “‘The Hill We Climb’: Introduction.” *Bitter the Chastening Rod: African American Interpretation in the Age of #BLM, #SayherName, and #Metoo*, edited by Mitzi J. Smith, Angela Parker, and Ericka Dunbar, 3–12. Fortress Academic, 2022.
- “A Slave Named Jesus (Christ): Abolitionist Messiah Born of a Doule.” *Bitter the Chastening Rod: African American Interpretation in the Age of #BLM, #SayherName, and #Metoo*, edited by Mitzi J. Smith, Angela Parker, and Ericka Dunbar, 51–68. Fortress Academic, 2022.
- “‘He Never Said a Mumbalin Word’: A Womanist Perspective of Crucifixion, Sexual Violence, and Sacralized Silence.” *When Did We See You Naked? Jesus as a Victim of Sexual Violence*, edited by Jayme Reaves and David Tombs, 46–66. London: SCM, 2021.
- Contributor, *Luke 1–9. Wisdom Commentary*, edited by Barbara E. Reid OP and Shelly Matthews. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical, 2021.
- “Hagar’s Children Still *Ain’t* Free: Paul’s Counterterror Rhetoric, Constructed Identity, Enslavement, and Gal 3:28.” In *Minoritized Women Reading Race/Ethnicity and Early Christianity*, edited by Mitzi Smith and Jin Young Choi, 45–70. Lexington/Fortress Academic, 2020.
- “‘What, then, is the Church?’: A Womanist Biblical Scholar’s Response.” @This Point: Repair. Decatur, GA: Columbia Theological Seminary, June 2020. <https://www.ctsnet.edu/at-this-point/what-then-is-church-womanist-response/>
- “Philemon.” *Wesley One Volume Commentary*, edited by Kenneth Collins and Robert W. Wall. United Methodist Publishing House. Nashville: Abingdon, 2020.
- “Acts of the Apostles.” [*Lexham Context Commentary: New Testament*](#) (LCCNT). Released in Logos Bible Software February 2020.
- “Howard Thurman and the Religion of Jesus: Survival of the Disinherited and Womanist Wisdom.” *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* 17.3 (2019): 271–92.
- “Paul, Timothy and the Respectability Politics of Race: A Womanist Reading of Acts 16:1–5.” *Religions / Special Issue – Current Trends in New Testament Study* 10.3 (2019). Open access: <https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/10/3/190>
- “‘Love Never Fails’: Re-Reading 1 Cor 13 and Constructing a Womanist Hermeneutic of Love’s Struggle.” *Theologies of Failure*, edited by Roberto D. Sirvent and Duncan Reyburn, 230–46. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2019.
- “Resisting the Great Co-mission.” *Unsettling the Word: Biblical Experiments in Decolonization*, edited by Steve Heinrichs, 184–89. Winnipeg, Canada: CommonWord, 2018.
- “The Politics of Sass, Race, Gender, and the Syrophenician Woman. A Womanist Reading of Intersectionality and Inter(con)textuality.” *Womanist Biblical Interpretation: Expanding the Discourse. Semeia*, edited by Gay L. Byron and Vanessa Lovelace, 95–112. Atlanta: SBL, 2016.
- “Womanism, Intersectionality, and Biblical Justice.” *Mutuality Magazine* 23.2 (2016):8–11.
- “Give Me Jesus: Salvation History in the African American Spirituals.” *African American Voices*, edited by Thomas Slater. Vols II and I; Lewiston, NY: Mellen, 2015.
- “‘This Little Light of Mine’: The Womanist Biblical Scholar as Prophetess, Iconoclast and Activist.” *I Found God in Me*, edited by Mitzi J. Smith, 109–29. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2015.

- “Fashioning our Own Souls: A Womanist Reading of the Virgin-Whore Binary in Matthew and Revelation.” *I Found God in Me*, edited by Mitzi J. Smith, 158–82. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2015.
- “US Colonial Missions to African Slaves: Catechizing Black Souls, Traumatizing the Black Psyche.” *Teaching All Nations: Interrogating the Great Commission*, edited by Mitzi J. Smith and Lalitha Jayachitra, 57–87. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2014.
- “Knowing More Than is Good for One: A Womanist Interrogation of the Matthean *Great Commission*.” *Teaching All Nations: Interrogating the Great Commission*, edited by Mitzi J. Smith and Lalitha Jayachitra, 127–57. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2014.
- “Minjung, the Black Masses, and the Global Imperative: A Womanist Reading of Luke’s Soteriological Hermeneutical Circle.” *Reading Minjung Theology in the Twenty-first Century*, edited by Yung Suk Kim, 101–119. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2013.
- “Matthew 13:47–53; Matthew 13:54–58.” *Feasting on the Gospels. A Feasting on the Word Project*, edited by Cynthia A. Jarvis and E. Elizabeth Johnson, 398–410. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 2013.
- “Feminist/Womanist Criticisms” and “African American Biblical Criticism.” *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*, edited by Joel Green, et al. Downers Grove: Intervarsity, 2013.
- “Give Them What You Have”: A Womanist Reading of the Matthean Feeding Miracle (Matt 14:13–21). *The Journal of the Bible and Human Transformation* 3.1 (2013). [An online peer reviewed journal],
http://www.bibleandtransformation.com/JBHT/Volume_3_%282013%29.html
- “1 Corinthians 15:12–20” for “Between Text and Sermon.” *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 67.3 (2013).
- “Zilpha Elaw.” *Biographical History of Women Biblical Interpreters*, edited by Marion Taylor. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2012.
- “Philemon.” *Women’s Bible Commentary. Third Revised Edition*, edited by Sharon Ringe, Carol Newsom and Jacqueline Lapsley, 605–07. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 2012.
- “Utility, Fraternity and Reconciliation: Ancient Slavery as a Context for Onesimus.” *Onesimus Our Brother: Reading Religion, Race, and Slavery in Philemon*. Edited by Demetrius Williams, James Noel, and Matthew Johnson. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2012.
- “‘Unbossed and Unbought’: Zilpha Elaw and Old Elizabeth and a Political Discourse of Origins.” *Black Theology: An International Journal* 9.3 (2011): 287–311.
- “Slavery and the Early Church.” *True to Our Native Land. An African American New Testament Commentary*, edited by Brian K. Blount, Cain Hope Felder, Clarice J. Martin, Emerson B. Powery, 11–22. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2007.
- “Ephesians.” *True to Our Native Land. An African American New Testament Commentary*, edited by Brian K. Blount, Cain Hope Felder, Clarice J. Martin, Emerson B. Powery, 348–62. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2007.
- “Understand Ye a Parable! The Acts of Peter and the Twelve Apostles as Parable Narrative.” *Apocrypha: International Journal of Apocryphal Literatures* 13 (2002): 29–52.
- “Roman Slavery in Antiquity.” *The African American Jubilee Bible*, front matter edited by Cain Hope Felder, 157–85. New York: American Bible Society, 1999.

Blogs and Working Preacher commentaries:

- “Decentering Biblical Interpretation is Anti-Racism Work: African American and Womanist Hermeneutics and Exegesis as Performing Whiteness.” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning. Blog Series: Social Justice and Civic Engagement, Aug 10, 2020.
<https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/2020/08/decentering-biblical-interpretation-is-anti-racismwork-african-american-and-womanist-hermeneutics-and-exegesis-as-performing-whiteness/>

“Gender, Race, Biblical Studies, and Constructing a Different Table.” Blog post for *Logia*. August 2019.
“Sandra Bland: Race, Gender and the Politics of ‘Sass’”. *Feminist Studies in Religion Forum* blog post, August 7, 2015. <http://www.fsrinc.org/node/1733> .

Blog: <http://www.womanistntprof.blogspot.com>

“Complete Silence is not Absence,” adapted from my blog and published on the Global Feminist Blog www.genderacrossborders.com on Oct 27–28, 2011 as a part of the Cultural and Women’s Rights Blog – Violence Gender. Published after Oct 28, 2011 on the Violence is Not Our Culture page at http://www.violenceisnotourculture.org/campaign_activities/events/blogseriesI .

Over thirty 1,000-word Working Preacher Commentaries for <https://www.workingpreacher.org/>

Translation project:

Review of NRSV New Testament, Society of Biblical Literature, Philemon and Colossians, completed January 2, 2019.

Book reviews:

Review of Wongi Park. *The Politics of Race and Ethnicity in Matthew’s Passion Narrative* in SBL’s *Review of Biblical Literature*, December 30, 2021.

Review of Lisa Bowens. *African American Readings of Paul: Reception, Resistance, and Transformation*. Grand Rapids, MI: 2020 in *Dialog. A Journal of Theology*, July 1, 2021.

Review of Jennifer Kaalund’s *Reading Hebrews and 1 Peter with the African American Great Migration, Diaspora, Place, and Identity*, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 82.4 (2020):12–13.

Review of Elizabeth Schüssler Fiorenza. *Ephesians. Wisdom Commentary in Biblical Interpretation*, April 2019.

Review of Elsa Tamez, et al. *Philippians, Colossians, Philemon. Wisdom Commentary in Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 73.1 (2019): 65–118.

Review of Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove. *Reconstructing the Gospel. Finding Freedom from Slaveholder Religion*. Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity, 2018 in *American Academy of Religion Review*.

Review of David J. McCollough. *Ritual Water, Ritual Spirit. An Analysis of the Timing, Mechanism, and Manifestation of Spirit Reception in Luke-Acts* in *Horizons of Biblical Theology*. April 2018.

Review of Justo L. Gonzalez. *The Story Luke Tells: Luke’s Unique Witness to the Gospel* in *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 71.2 (2017): 230–1.

Review of Caroline S. Turner, Editor. *Mentoring as Transformative Practice: Supporting Student and Faculty Diversity*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2015. Wabash Center for Teaching and Theology, *Reflective Teaching*, August 9, 2016.

Review of Lynne Darden. *Scripturalizing Revelation. An African American Postcolonial Reading of Empire*. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2015 in *Black Theology* 14. 2 (August 2016): 1–2.

Review of Kristine de Wilde and Andi Stepnick, Editors. *Disrupting the Culture of Silence. Confronting Gender Inequality and Making Change in Higher Education*. Wabash Center for Teaching and Theology, *Reflective Teaching*. February 2016.

Review of Teresa J. Calpino. *Women, Work and Leadership in Acts*. Tübingen, Germany: Mohr Siebeck, 2014 in *Religious Studies*.

Review of Kimberly Buch and Kenneth E. Barron, Editors. *Discipline-Centered Learning Communities: Creating Connections among Students, Faculty and Curricula*. Wabash Center for Teaching and Theology, *Journal of Teaching Theology, and Religion* 17.4 (October 2014)

Review of Susan Handelman. *Make Yourself a Teacher. Rabbinic Tales of Mentors and Disciples* by. Wabash Center for Teaching and Theology, *Journal of Teaching Theology, and Religion* 17.1 (January 2014)

Review of Reta Halteman Finger. *Of Widows and Meals. Communal Meals in the Book of Acts* by. *Interpretation*, April 2008.

Review of J. Albert Harrill. *Slaves in the New Testament: Literary, Social, and Moral Dimensions in Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 75 (2007): 219–23.

<http://jaar.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/lfl053?ijkey=0eWrmWkZzkOezcT&keytype=ref>

Select Paper Presentations and Lectures

March 23, 2023, Anna Julia Cooper Lecture, “We Will Neither Hide Nor Shrink: Anna Julia Cooper's Legacy and the Audacity of Womanist Interpretation,” Emory University's Candler School of Theology's Black Church Studies Program.

SBL November 2022 invited review presentation of *Voices Long Silenced* by Marion Taylor and Joy Schroeder.

July 15–16, 2022, Next Quest Historical Jesus Conference Presentation, Bedford, UK.

SBL November 2021 invited review presentation of Christy Cobb's book *Slavery, Gender, Truth and Power in Luke-Acts and Other Ancient Narratives*; presented paper on “Sexual Violence, Silence the Jesus' Crucifixion” in one of the inaugural sessions of the new Womanist Interpretation Program Unit; invited paper presentation on panel discussing the revised NRSVue review.

July 27, 2021, “A Tale of Two Planters? Apollos, Paul, and Corinth as Contested Missional Space,” SNTS (Leuven, Belgium via Zoom).

April 22, 2021, “Lost in Translation: Jesus, Slavery, and Freedom,” Howard Lecture, University of Georgia, Department of Religion

March 10, 2021, “Womanist Interpretation and Dissent,” Seminary of the Southwest, Making it Plain: Civil Discourse and African American Interpretation Virtual Conference

July 6, 2020, Atlanta NT Colloquium, “Sexual Violence, Corrupt Religious Authorities, and Accused Women: A Womanist Reading and an Identification of the Literary Form of John 7:53–8:11.” Zoom. Respondents: Drs. Jennifer Knust and Susan Hylen

SECSOR, February 2020, “Sexual Violence, Crucifixion and Sacralized Silence,” Univ of Georgia.

SBL 2019 Review of *Landscapes of Korean and Korean American Biblical Interpretation* (SBL Press, 2019). *Invited*

SBL 2019 Panel on how women can advance their publishing careers, SBL Women's Breakfast.

October 26, 2019, Eighth Annual J. Alfred Smith Sr. Lecture Series, Womanist Sass and Talk Back: Paul, Galatians and Slavery, Allen Temple Baptist Church Leadership Institute, Oakland, CA.

June 18–22, 2019, Council of World Missions Discernment and Radical Engagement (DARE) Global Forum, Taipei, Taiwan. “Race and Scriptural Legacies of Inclusion in Black and White.” Abstract accepted.

March 18, 2019, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, Atlanta, GA. “Surviving Rome: Womanist Interpretation as Prophetic Language of Resistance.” 2019 Peter Rhea and Ellen Jones New Testament Lectures. |Also participated in panel discussion March 19. *Invited*.

February 28, 2019, Presentation on Womanist Interpretation as Moral Center. San Francisco Theological Seminary. *Invited*

Dec 3–9, 2018, Bangalore, India and Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand. “Reading Scripture Subversively in the Context of Racism and (White) Nationalism”, World Communion of Reformed Churches, Consultation of Dalit and African American Religious Scholars and Activists on Resisting Racism, Discrimination, Authoritarianism and Nationalism. *Invited*

SBL 2018 Racism, Pedagogy and Biblical Studies Section: “Teaching Race in Biblical Studies: Matthew's Genealogy, ‘Inclusivity’, and ‘Race/Racism’ in Dialogue.” *Invited*

SBL 2018 LGBTI/Queer Hermeneutics; Women in the Biblical World Sections: “Paul, Timothy, Respectability Politics and Black Women.” *Invited*

SBL 2018 Slavery, Resistance, and Freedom Section: Response to Dr. Wil Gafney's *Womanist Midrash* and slavery. *Invited*

Nov 2, 2018, Word City Church, Akron, Ohio, *Woman What is Your Worth Conference* Workshop:

- “Introduction to Womanist Hermeneutics for First Ladies and Women Pastors: Doing Embodied, Soul-full Interpretation.” *Invited*
- Jan 25, 2018, University of Michigan, Department of Near Eastern Studies, inaugural lecturer for Martin Luther King Jr Annual Lecture Series: “Martin Luther King’s Use of the Bible.” *Invited*
- Mar 6, 2017, Hope International University, Fullerton, CA: “Normalizing Violence, Epistemologies, and Constructions of the Kingdom.” *Invited*
- April 14, 2018, Sankofa Institute, Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, TX: “Womanism, Biblical Interpretation, and Social (In)Justice.” *Invited*
- SBL 2017 Historical Jesus Section: “Historical Jesus, Slavery and the Problem of the Kingdom of God.” *Invited*
- SBL 2017 Paul and Politics Section, response to Joshel and Petersen’s *The Material Lives of Roman Slaves*. *Invited*
- SBL 2017 Graduate Student Advisory Panel on Publishing. *Invited*
- SBL 2016 Paul and Politics Section, response to *The Genesis of Liberation: Biblical Interpretation in the Antebellum Narratives of the Enslaved* by Emerson Powery and Rodney Sadler. *Invited*
- SBL 2016 Luke-Acts, Characterization in Luke-Acts: “Subordination, Marginalization and Subversion: Luke’s Parallel Construction of the Ethiopian Eunuch and the Alexandrian Apollos.” *Invited*
- SBL 2015 Asian and Asian American Hermeneutics Group, review of Jin Choi Young’s book *Postcolonial Discipleship of Embodiment: An Asian and Asian American Feminist Reading of the Gospel of Mark*. *Invited*
- SBL 2015 special co-sponsored session of Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible; Paul and Politics; and Rhetoric and the New Testament sections reflecting on the 25th Anniversary of Antoinette Clark Wire’s *The Corinthian Women Prophets: A Reconstruction through Paul’s Rhetoric*. *Invited*
- SBL 2014 African American Hermeneutics Section: “Systemic Oppression and Kingdom Rhetoric: Reading Matthew 25:1–13 as an African American Female.” *Invited*
- SBL 2014 panel on the integration of social activism and academic writing/presence. SBL Student Advisory Board. *Invited*
- SBL 2012 Section “Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible” panel: *Discussion of Handbook of Women Biblical Interpreters*, edited by Marion Ann Taylor and Agnes Choi (Baker Academic, 2012). *Invited*
- April 2011 Inaugural Howard Thurman Lecture Series, Fellowship Chapel Church, Detroit, MI: “Deep is the Hunger: Reflections on Howard Thurman.” *Invited*
- SBL 2010 Joint Session of Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible and African American Biblical Interpretation: “‘Zilpha Elaw and her ‘Peculiar Circumstances’: Pauline Scripture and a Hermeneutics of Vocation.” *Invited*
- SBL 2008 African American Biblical Hermeneutics Section: “‘Not from Men’: Paul’s Politics of Origins and (Nineteenth Century) African American Women’s Call to Preach.”
- SBL 2003 African American Biblical Hermeneutics Section: “The Foregrounding of Background Noise: The Representation of Women’s Roles in Acts and in the Civil Rights Movement.”
- Popular Culture Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, April 14, 2001: “From Egypt Land to Canaan’s Shore: Salvation History in the Spirituals.”

Academic Teaching and Other Experience

- May 2022—present: (Affiliated) Professor Extraordinarius, University of South Africa, College of Humanities, Institute of Gender Studies
- July 2019—present: J. Davison Phillips Professor of New Testament, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA

Feb 2006–May 2019: Asst, Assoc and full tenured Professor of New Testament and Early Christian Origins, Ashland Theological Seminary/Detroit, Southfield, Michigan
Apr 14, 2018: Visiting Professor, Sankofa Institute, Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, TX
Mar 6–10, 2017: Visiting Professor, Hope International University, Fullerton, CA
Jan 16–22, 2017: Havana, Cuba—Taught NT Pedagogy to Seminary Faculty at Seminario Evangelico Metodista
Apr 2008 – June 2009: Associate Minister, St. Matthew AME Church, Detroit, MI
Aug 2006 – May 2008: Executive Minister, Oak Grove AME Church, Detroit, MI
2000–02, Teaching Fellow, Harvard University
2001–02, Greek Tutor, Harvard Divinity School
1998–99, Youth Pastor at Faith Presbyterian Church in Southeast, Washington, D.C.
1997–98, Assistant/Managing Editor, *The Journal of Religious Thought*, Howard University School of Divinity

Editorial Board Membership:

May 2021—present: Editorial Board, OUP’s *The Journal of Theological Studies*
Jan 2020—present: Editorial Board, *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus*
June 26, 2018–September 2022: Co-editor with Gay Byron, Rowman & Littlefield academic monograph publication series “Womanist Readings of Scripture”
Sept 2010 – Sept 2017: Editorial Board. *The Bible and Human Transformation*. An Online Journal. Yung Suk Kim, Editor. Sopher Press

Select Courses Taught at CTS:

Biblical Perspectives of Justice (new DMin Justice track course co-taught with Dr. William Brown)
Ancient Slavery, New Testament, and Modern Slave Narratives
African American/Womanist Interpretation and the Gospel of Luke (focus on home/homelessness with Matthew Desmond’s *Evicted*)
Greek-based exegesis courses (Gospel of John, Acts of the Apostles, Galatians, First Corinthians)
Womanist and Feminist Interpretation, Intersectionality and Social Justice
Womanist and Feminist Interpretation and Acts of the Apostles (focus on medical apartheid and black transgender history)
New Testament Interpretation
New Testament Greek
Atlanta Explorations Contextual Education course focused on Interreligious Faith, Intersectionality, and Justice
Dissent, New Testament, and Justice (Spring 2023)

Languages Studied: Koinē Greek, One Semester Classical Greek (Plato’s *Protagoras*), Latin, French Reading, Conversational German, German Reading, Coptic, Middle Egyptian Hieroglyphs, Biblical Hebrew, and Conversational Spanish (studying)

Grants, Awards and Honors

Wabash Hybrid Teaching and Learning Workshop for Faculty of African Diaspora, 2022
Wabash round table conversation to catalyze emerging projects focused upon teaching the Black woman’s experience, 2022
Wabash Small Project Grant Awards 2022 and 2020
Wabash Teaching the Black Presence Colloquy, November 3–6, 2019
Wabash Peer Mentoring Cluster Grant 2019–20: “Black Women Embodying Authenticity as Women, Teachers, Scholars and Mentors”

Wabash Peer Mentoring Cluster Grant, 2016: “African American Women Negotiating Academia with Self-Care”

Wabash Colloquy for Writing the Scholarship of Teaching, 2014–15

ATS Lilly Foundation Faculty Fellowship (\$30,000), 2009–2010

Fellow, Wabash Workshop for Pre-Tenured Faculty at Theological Schools, 2008–09

Dissertation Fellow, Fund for Theological Education, 2004–05

Doctoral Fellow, Fund for Theological Education, 2001–02

High Academic Achievement Award, Howard University School of Divinity (HUSD), May 1998

American Bible Society Biblical Scholarship Award, HUSD, May 1998

Student Government Excellence Award, HUSD, February 1998

Ford Foundation Field-Based Fellowship, HUSD, 1997–98

Order of the Eastern Star Religious Leadership Award, 1996–97

Time for Equality in Adventist Ministry Scholarship Award, 1996–97

Professional Memberships and Committees

SBL Womanist Interpretation Program Unit (Inaugural) Chair, 2021–2023; co-chair 2023–2025

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Dissertation Award Panel 2020–2021

SBL Committee on Underrepresented Ethnic Minorities in the Profession (CUREMP) Steering Committee, 2020–2023; chair, 2024–

SBL Paul and Politics Steering Committee 2022–

SECSOR “Religion and Intersectionality” Section Chair, 2020–2022

Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas effective 2020

Society of Biblical Literature since 1996

Society for the Study of Black Religion, lifetime membership