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Education:

- Ph.D. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee  
Major: Hebrew Bible; Minor: Law (Legal Theory)
- M.Div. Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.  
Summa Cum Laude
- J.D. Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, Michigan  
Cum Laude
- B.A. Hampshire College, Amherst, Massachusetts

Publications:

“Reading Genesis 19 and Judges 19 in the Context of HIV and AIDS: Exploring Biblical Interpretation as Violence,” in *La Violencia and the People’s Life: Politics, Culture, and the Interpretation of the Bible* (Semeia Studies, *in preparation*).

“Family and its Discontents: A Response,” in *Fragile Dignity: Intercontextual Conversations on Scripture, Family, and Violence*, edited by L. Juliana Claassens and Klaas Spronk (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2013), pp. 227-231.

*Ancient Laws and Contemporary Controversies: The Need for Inclusive Biblical Interpretation* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009).

“Reconsidering Theological Education in an Age of HIV and AIDS: Shifting Away From the Elite Towards the Marginalised,” *Journal of Constructive Theology* 15. no. 2 (2009): 99-112.

“Reflections in an Interethnic/racial Era on Interethnic/racial marriage in Ezra,” in *They Were All Together in One Place: Toward Minority Criticism*, edited by Randall C. Bailey, Tat-siong Benny Liew, and Fernando F. Segovia (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2009), pp. 47–64.

“Transatlantic Reflections: Contesting the Margins and Transgressing Boundaries in the Age of AIDS,” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 25. No. 2 (Fall 2009): 103-107.

### Publications (con't)

“Biblical Laws: Challenging the Principles of Old Testament Ethics,” in *Character Ethics and the Old Testament: Moral Dimensions of Scripture*, edited by M. Daniel Carroll R. and Jacqueline E. Lapsley (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2007), pp. 37–49.

*Women, Ideology, and Violence: Critical Theory and the Construction of Gender in the Book of the Covenant and the Deuteronomic Law* (London: Continuum/T&T Clark: *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series* 394, 2004).

“The Eighth Commandment: A Way to King’s Beloved Community?,” in *The Ten Commandments: The Reciprocity of Faithfulness*, edited by William Brown (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2004), pp. 276–289.

Video Presenter, “Lesson 6: God Sends the Law” and “Lesson 7: When God Draws Near,” Disciple I: *Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2004)

“Lessons on Healing from Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-27): An African American perspective,” in *African Women, HIV/AIDS, and Faith Communities*, edited by Isabel Apawa Phiri, Beverley Haddad, and Madipoane Masenya (South Africa: Cluster Publications, 2003), pp. 23–43.

“Lessons Learned in the Wilderness (March 24-30),” *Disciplines 2003: A Book of Daily Devotions* (Nashville: The Upper Room, 2002).

Video Presenter, “Second Chronicles,” Disciple IV: *Under The Tree Of Life* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2001).

### Scholarly Presentations:

- 2013 Panelist, Teaching Religion Section and Africa Diaspora Religions Group, Theme: Teaching African Diaspora Religions, American Academy of Religion annual meeting
- 2012 Panelist, Review of *Postcolonial Perspectives in African Biblical Interpretations* (Society of Biblical Literature), Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting
- 2011 Panelist, Wesleyan Studies Group, Theme: What Make Biblical Interpretation “Wesleyan”?, American Academy of Religion annual meeting
- 2010 Panelist, Review of *The Peoples’ Bible* (Fortress Press), Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting
- 2009 Panelist, Review of *Ancient Laws and Contemporary Controversies: The Need for Inclusive Biblical Interpretation*, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting

Scholarly Presentations (con't)

- 2008 Panelist, Challenges and Opportunities in Contemporary Feminist Studies, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting
- 2007 “Moving Away from Athens and Berlin Toward Johannesburg and Washington, D.C.: Reconsidering Theological Education in the Age of AIDS, Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians, Conference Theme: The Girl Child, Women, Religion and HIV/AIDS in Africa: Gender Perspectives, Yaounde, Cameroun
- 2007 “Ruth and Esther as Models for the Formation of God’s People: Engaging the Liberationist Critiques,” Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies (Biblical Studies Working Group), Oxford University, Great Britain
- 2006 Chair, “Law and Cultural Narratives,” a joint session of the Law, Religion, and Culture Group of the American Academy of Religion and the Biblical Law Section of the Society of Biblical Literature
- 2005 “Biblical Laws: Challenging the Principles of Old Testament Ethics,” Character Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Group, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting
- 2004 SBL Biblical Law Section: Response to panel review of *Women, Ideology, and Violence: Critical Theory and the Construction of Gender in the Book of the Covenant and the Deuteronomic Law* (November 2004)
- 2002 “The New Creation: What’s Law God To Do With It?: John Wesley, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Need for an Inclusive Interpretive Hermeneutic,” Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies (Biblical Studies Working Group), Oxford University, Great Britain
- 2002 “Lessons on Healing from Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-27): An African-American Perspective,” Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians, Conference Theme: Sex, Stigma, and HIV/AIDS: African Women Theologians Challenging Religion, Culture, and Social Practices, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2001 Response to the volume, *The Bible in Africa*, The Bible in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean Section, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting
- 2000 “The Decalogue: A Way to the Beloved Community?,” Character Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Group, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting

Workshops, Lectures, and Other Presentations:

- 2014 Research tour of Cuba on the Afro-Cuban experience, organized by Common Ground Education and Travel Services and led by Pedro Perez Sarduy (one week)
- 2014 Intensive Summer School Course: The Church, the Bible, and the HIV/AIDS Pandemic, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, Texas (one week)
- 2014 Preacher, MLK, Jr. Day observance, Foundry United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C.
- 2013 Resource person, *Ecumenical Health and Healing Ministries* workshops, 10<sup>th</sup> World Council of Churches Assembly, Busan, Korea
- 2013 Plenary Address: “Negotiating Methodist Denominational Identity in the Age of HIV/AIDS: Lessons from the United States, South Africa, and Brazil,” Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Oxford, England
- 2013 Lecture and research tour of Brazil, concerning their HIV-prevention strategies (one month)
- 2013 “Reproductive Justice: The Queer Connections,” a workshop funded by the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice for the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) General Conference, Chicago, Illinois
- 2013 “Living Faith/Living Bible” workshops for clergy and laity in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church
- 2013 Distinguished Faculty (workshop leader on HIV/AIDS and the Bible), Metropolitan Interdenominational Church Technical Assistance Network (MICTAN), a program funded by the Centers for Disease Control (2010- 2013)
- 2011 Intensive Course: Contextual Bible Study, Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
- 2011 Resource Day, “Ruth, the story of an immigrant,” Greater New Jersey Conference (UMC)
- 2011 “First Century Theology, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ministry: Contextual Bible Study for Contemporary Realities,” Columbia, South Carolina and Chicago, Illinois
- 2010 Intensive Course: Contextual Bible Study, Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
- 2010 “First Century Theology, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ministry: Contextual Bible Study for Contemporary Realities,” Memphis, Tennessee and Rochester, New York

Workshops, Lectures, and other Presentations (con't)

- 2010 Presenter, Lighten the Burden III, an international conference of the United Methodist Church on HIV/AIDS, Dallas, Texas
- 2010 Adult Bible Study series on *Ancient Laws and Contemporary Controversies: The Need for Inclusive Biblical Interpretation*, Winnetka Congregational Church, Winnetka, Illinois
- 2009 “Addressing the HIV/AIDS Pandemic in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church,” 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ministry Conference, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- 2008 “Gender, HIV/AIDS and the Church,” Graver Lectures, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and Grace United Methodist Church, Naperville, Illinois
- 2007 Lecture series on interpreting the Bible, First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Arlington Heights, Illinois
- 2006 Presenter, Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) Lectures, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma
- 2004 Foundational Seminar Series leader, “The Presence of God in Sustaining,” funded by Lilly’s Pastoral Excellence Project and the Center for Ministry (affiliated with the Mississippi Conference of The United Methodist Church), Jackson, Mississippi
- 2004 Consultation participant, “Reading and Teaching the Bible as Asian, Black, and Latino/a Scholars in the U.S.,” 2004-2005, funded by the Wabash Center and directed by Randall C. Bailey, Tat-siong Benny Liew, and Fernando F. Segovia
- 2004 Panelist, “Mapping the Terrain of Theological Research Methodologies,” ATS Lilly Conference on Theological Research, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 2003 Bible study and workshop leader, Iowa Conference (UMC) School for Ministry, Des Moines, Iowa
- 2002 Panelist, “Surviving seminary as assistant professors,” Roundtable Seminar for Newly Appointed Faculty in Theological Education, Association of Theological Schools (ATS), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 2002 Participant, 2002-2003 Wabash Center Workshop on Teaching and Learning for Pre-tenure African-American Faculty

Major Grants:

- 2009 Fulbright Program of the U.S. Department of State (University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa)
- 2008 Grants from the Christian Faith and Life program of the Louisville Institute and the Fulbright Program of the U.S. Department of State (University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa)
- 2004 Association of Theological Schools Faculty Fellowship
- 2003 Summer research grant, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
- 2002 Center for the Study of Cultural Diversity in Healthcare, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Professional Affiliations:

- Ordained Elder, Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church
- Member, Council, Society of Biblical Literature (2008-2013)
- Member, Nominating Committee, Society of Biblical Literature (2010-2014)
- Member, Steering Committee, Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation Group, Society of Biblical Literature (2012 to present)
- Member, World Methodist Council (2011-2016)

Previous Professional Experience:

- 1990-1993 Associate Pastor, Grace United Methodist Church, Gaithersburg, Maryland
- 1984-1986 Staff Attorney, Division of Advertising Practices  
Bureau of Consumer Protection  
Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C.
- 1983 Staff Attorney, Committee on Standards of Official Conduct  
U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.
- 1980-1982 Associate, Law Firm of Cladouhos and Brashares, Washington, D.C.
- 1977-1980 Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel  
Division of Interpretations and Rulings and  
Division of Petroleum Regulations  
Department of Energy, Washington, D.C.