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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Director, The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning 2025-present
Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and Education, Fordham University 2019-2025

EDUCATION

PhD, Emory University Graduate Division of Religion 2019
Religious Education & Practical Theology

M.Div., Emory University Candler School of Theology 2014
Certificates in *Religious Education* and *Women, Theology, and Ministry*

M.A., Regent University School of Divinity 2011
Concentration in *Practical Theology*

B.A., Kent State University, College of Business 2004
Major in *Business Administration and Marketing*; Minor in *Spanish*

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Louisville Institute, *First Book Grant for Scholars of Color* 2024

Fordham University, *Faculty Fellowship (Sabbatical) Grant* Spring 2024

Wabash Center of Teaching and Learning, *Small Project Grant: Black Womanhood, Well-being, and the Teaching Life* Summer 2022

Wabash Center of Teaching and Learning, *Faculty Teaching Grant* 2021-2022

Fordham University, *Summer Research Grant* 2021

Wabash Center of Teaching and Learning, *Early Career Faculty Fellowship* 2020-2021

Forum for Theological Exploration, *Dissertation Fellowship* 2018-2019

Louisville Institute, *Dissertation Fellowship* (award declined) 2018-2019

Emory University Graduate Division of Religion, *Graduate Fellowship* 2014-2019

Forum for Theological Exploration Christian Leadership, *Doctoral Cohort* 2015

Candler School of Theology, *Dean's Scholarship Award* 2012-2014

Candler School of Theology, *John D. & Alice Slay Academic Leadership Award* 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts

Learning to Live: Prisons, Pedagogy, and Theological Education. Baylor University Press, 2024.

Peer-Reviewed Journals

“The Serious Work of Political Theology” *Political Theology*, issue 4, (summer 2022), 287-290.
(co-authored with Joshua Dubler)

“Carve Out Living Space: Creativity, Counter-environments, and the Formation of Salvific Community in Prison” *Practical Matters*, issue 14, (2021), digital access.

“Playing in the Face of Death: Pedagogical Play as Love and Lament in a Time of COVID” *Religious Education*, 116:1, (2021), 16-25.

“Can Religious Education Change a Prison?” *Religious Education*, 115:1 (Jan 2020), 83-91.

“Remember Your Graduation: Reflections on the Significance of Theological Education from a Prison Theological Educator,” *Theological Education*, vol. 51, no. 2 (2018), 93-103.

Book Chapters

“Ethnography as Critical Pedagogy.” In *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Theology and Qualitative Research*, edited by Peter Ward and Knut Tveitereid, 38-48. New Jersey: Wiley-Blackwell, 2022.

Journal Editing

Political Theology Journal: Special Edition on Political Theology: Incarceration and Decarceration. Co-editor with Joshua Dubler (Summer 2022)

Ecclesial, Community-based, and Public Scholarship

“Prison Chaplains: On the Spiritual Front Lines in Correctional Facilities” Study Guide for Healing the Healers: Special Edition COVID-19 Town Hall, published by Odyssey Network, online, 2020.

“Teaching in Crisis – Lessons from Teaching in Prison” Wabash Center Blog: Teaching and Learning in Crisis, May 13, 2020.

“Scriptural commentary” on Articles 6, 8, and 9 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in *A Biblically Annotated UDHR: Biblical Scripture Promoting Human Rights*, published by The Carter Center, Atlanta, 2018.

“Discussion” Essays on Esther, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Hebrews (each with interactive guide) in *The CEB Student Bible*. Elizabeth Corrie, ed. Nashville: Common English Bible, 2015.

Reviews

Review of *Church in Color: Race, Youth Ministry, and the Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Montague Williams in *Theology Today*, 78:4, (Dec 2021), 432-434.

Review of *Adulthood, Morality, and the Fully Human: A Mosaic of Peace*, by John J. Shea in *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society*, 48:1, (June 2021), 253-254.

Review of *Womanist Sass and Talk Back: Social (In)Justice, Intersectionality, and Biblical Interpretation*, by Mitzi J. Smith in *Reading Religion* (October 23, 2018), online.

Review of *Redeeming a Prison Society: A Liturgical & Sacramental Response to Mass Incarceration*, by Amy Levad in *Practical Matters Journal*, 2014.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Theological Education Between the Times, Candler School of Theology, Emory University
Scholar Fellow, 2019-2022
Associate Director of \$1M Lilly funded research project, 2017-2019

Prison Certificate Program in Theological Studies, Atlanta Theological Association and
Arrendale State Prison for Women
Director, 2017-2019
Co-director, 2016-2017

Youth Theological Initiative, Candler School of Theology, Emory University
Advisory Board Member, 2020-present
Assistant Director, 2015-2016
Mentor Coordinator, 2014
Mentor, 2013
Contextual Education Course Leader: Refugees and Immigration, 2012

Office of Spiritual and Religious Life, Emory University
Interfaith Programming Resident in Chaplain's Office, 2013-2014
Chaplain Interfaith Intern, 2012-2013

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "Teaching in Death-dealing Contexts: Prison as a Place of Liberative Education"* Wabash Center Panel AAR/SBL. San Diego. November 2024.
- "Let Us Meet There: Black and Asian Women Making a Pedagogical Home in the Margin(s)"* Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit of AAR/SBL. San Diego. November 2024.
- "Risk, Consent, Collaboration, and Accountability in Ethnographic Theologies and Qualitative Research"* AAR/SBL Ecclesial Practices Pre-Conference Workshop. San Diego. November 2024.
- "Just Mercy, Just Care: Lessons from Carceral Spaces"* Society for Pastoral Theology Keynote Address. New Brunswick, NJ. June 2024.
- "The Stories We Embody: Black and Asian Perspectives on Pedagogical Formation and Legacy-Bearing"* Religious Education Association. Online. July 2022.
- "Theological Education Between the Times"* AAR/SBL Annual Meeting; presider. Online. November 2021.
- "Ethnography as Critical Pedagogy"* Qualitative Research and Theology: One Day Conference. St. John's University, Queens, NY. October 2021.
- "White Women's Care, Black Women's Crime: How Race and Sexism Shaped the Legacy of Care Practice toward Incarcerated Women of Color"* AAR/SBL Annual Meeting. Online. December 2020.
- "Where you feel like yourself again": Transformative Theological Education in Prison"* Princeton Seminary Conference on Theological Education in Prison. Online. November 2020.

- “*Social Death and Religious Education in Prison: How Religious Discourse Shapes and Critiques Prison Practice*” Political Theology Network Conference. New York, NY, October 2019.
- “*Practicing Pedagogy*,” Practical Matters Conference: Celebrating 15 Years of the Initiative in Religious Practices and Practical Theology. Atlanta, GA, March 2018.
- “*Pedagogical Justice: Toward a Theologically Responsible Pedagogy for Teaching Religion to Women in Prison*” American Academy of Religion. Boston, MA, November 2017.
- “*Beyond Moral Damage: ‘Imagining Future Possibilities’ as a Pedagogical Practice of Hope*” Religious Education Association. Pittsburgh, PA, November 2016.
- “*The Rose it Grew from Concrete: A Practical Theology of Creativity in Incarceration*” (by invitation) Unfinished Worlds: Moltmann at 90. Atlanta, GA, October 2016.
- “*Un-barring Hope: Theological Education and the Prison*” Religious Education Association. Boston, MA, November 2013.

WORKSHOPS AND INVITED LECTURES

- “*Freedom, Flourishing, and Wholeness ... in Prison?*” Presentation for South Carolinians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, online, July 2022.
- “*Carceral Creativity*” Lecture for Emory Undergraduate Class on Religion and Incarceration, October 2021.
- “*Just Us: An American Conversation – Prison, Race, and the (f)utility of Conversation*,” Presentation for Curran Center for American Catholic Studies, March 2021.
- “*Strengthening Preaching within the Changing Landscape in Theological Education – Insights from Theological Education in Prison*,” Calvin Institute for Christian Worship, online, March 2021.
- “*Carceral Theological Education*,” Association of Hispanic Theological Education English-Language Conversatorio, online, November 2020.
- “*Social Justice Research*,” Presentation for Center for Community Engaged Learning and Undergraduate Research Leadership, October 2020.
- “*Speaking of Death and Incarceration*,” Death, Dying, & Domination: Racism and the Ends of Life, Interdisciplinary Workshop sponsored by the Africana Studies & Political Theology Networks, Villanova University, January 2020.
- “*Growing in the Dark: Lessons on Growth from those Surviving Incarceration*,” Women in Ministry and Leadership, City Seminary of New York. Harlem, NY, January 2020.
- “*Ethical Leadership*,” The Emory Integrity Project: Cultivating Ethically Engaged Leaders, October 2018.
- “*The Theology of Lockdown: Violence, Punishment and the Incarceration of Black Women and Girls*,” Digital conversation sponsored by KineticsLive and Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, January 2018.
- “*Righteous Resistance: The Role of Faith Leaders in the Age of Mass Incarceration*,” Incarceration Forum of the Interdenominational Theological Center. Atlanta, GA, March 2018.
- “*Skills for a Public Theologian: Reading the Bible in Context*,” Youth Theological Initiative, 2017, 2016.
- “*Why Christians Should Care about Access to Quality Education*,” Youth Theological Initiative Faculty Workshop, 2017.

“The Fierce Urgency of Now: Doing Kairos Theology,” Youth Theological Initiative Plenary, 2016.

“Hermeneutics and Practical Theology: The Fluid Dance of Practical Theology,” Youth Theological Initiative Plenary, 2016.

“Critical Pedagogy and Shared Christian Praxis,” Staff Training for Youth Theological Initiative, 2016.

COURSES TAUGHT

Fordham University

<i>Foundations of Practical Theology</i>	2025
<i>Religion and Criminal Justice</i>	2022
<i>Antiracism</i>	2021, 2022, 2023
<i>Religious and Educational Development of Children and Youth</i>	2021, 2022, 2023
<i>Foundations of Religious Education</i>	2020, 2021
<i>Evangelization: Faith and Culture</i>	2020
<i>Education for Peace and Justice (online)</i>	2020, 2021, 2023
<i>Moral Education and Development</i>	2020
<i>Imagination: Ministry and Religious Education</i>	2020
<i>Religious Education and Human Development (online)</i>	2020
<i>Theology of Ministry (online and remote)</i>	2019, 2021, 2022
<i>Research Methods in Religious Education</i>	2019

Emory University, Candler School of Theology

<i>Approaches to Criminal Justice Ministry</i>	Instructor, 2018
<i>Introduction to Religious Education (Jennifer Ayres)</i>	Teaching Associate, 2016
<i>Introduction to Systematic Theology (Steffen Lösel)</i>	Teaching Assistant, 2015

Arrendale State Prison, Certificate in Theological Studies Program

<i>Biblical Foundations: Old and New Testaments</i>	Instructor, 2016, 2017, 2018
<i>Theology & Film: An Exploration of Redemption</i>	Instructor, 2018
<i>The Art of Spiritual Writing</i>	Instructor, 2017
<i>Theology, Ethics, & Literature</i>	Instructor, 2017
<i>Soul Stories: Theology, Ethics, and the Novel</i>	Co-instructor, 2014
<i>Her-Story: Feminist Theological Reflection</i>	Instructor, 2012

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Incarcerated Women’s Theological Understanding, Researcher (Liz Bounds) 2018-2019

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

<i>Christian Education Facilitator</i> , Impact United Methodist Church	2015 - 2018
<i>Christian Education Intern</i> , Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps	2011
<i>Young Adult Minister</i> , Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church	2009-2011
<i>Associate Minister</i> , Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church	2009-2011
<i>Dean’s Staff</i> , National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, USA	2009-2011

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Board Service

Abolitionist Sanctuary 2024-present
Youth Theological Initiative 2022-present

Fordham University

Salary and Benefits Committee 2024
Faculty Technology Committee 2023-2024
University Laudato Si Action Plan Committee 2022
Social Innovation Collaboratory Faculty Advisory Group 2019-2021
Seminar on Inclusion, Diversity, and Mission 2020
New Faculty Seminar on Mission 2019-2020

American Academy of Religion

Ecclesial Practices Steering Committee 2021-present
Co-Chair 2023-present

Religious Education Association

Reviewer, Journal 2019-2022
Board Member, Graduate Student Representative 2017-2019

Emory University

Think Tank Contributor, Lilly Youth Theology Network 2016
On Peace Building Practices with Youth
Writing Mentor, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Program 2015 – 2017
Orientation Leader, Graduate Division of Religion: PCRL 2015
Program Organizer, Presidential Forum (Atlanta University Presidents) 2013 & 2014

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member, American Academy of Religion 2010 – present
Member, Religious Education Association 2013 – present
Member, International Academy of Practical Theology 2021 – present
Member, Association of Practical Theology 2021 – present

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Procter and Gamble Company, Cincinnati, OH 2004-2010
Led annual strategic planning, managed \$300MM budget; developed 5-year vision and strategy for global application. Coached, developed and managed the evaluation and work processes of over seven multi-functional agencies and one direct report. Managed and led ethnic marketing programs including quantitative and qualitative research, TV-Print-Radio communication plans, and Public Relations activities. Won two ethnic brand-building awards.