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Education

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Ph.D. Candidate, Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel

Minor: Ethics and Society

Theology and Practice Fellow (2011-present)

Dissertation: *Erasing Realities: Assimilation Politics of Persian Yehud in the Book of Ruth*

Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.

M.T.S., May 2011

Thesis: *An Unspoken Perspective: A Womanist Reading of the Women of Genesis*

M.Div., May 2010

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, May 2004

Awards

Ann E. Dickerson Scholarship (Christian Church, Disciples of Christ) (2014, 2015)

Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE), African American Doctoral Fellow (2011-2013)

Interpretation Award for Excellence in Biblical Interpretation, 2011

CC Goen Student Research Fellowship for Christian History Award, 2010

New York State Campus Compact Scholar, 2004

Chancellor's Award for Public Service, 2003

Maxwell School Award for Citizenship, 2003

Teaching Experience

Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, PA

Visiting Instructor

Co-Teaching, Introduction to Hebrew Bible, Fall 2015

Co-Teaching, Feminist/Womanist Biblical Hermeneutics, Spring 2016

Teaching, Exegesis Seminar: Ruth, Spring 2016

Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.

Immersion Leader

Israel: Jezreel Expedition/Israel-Palestine, Summer 2015

Jezreel Expedition/Israel-Palestine, Summer 2016

Adjunct Faculty

Course of Study: Torah and History of Israel, Spring 2016

Course of Study: Introduction to Bible I, Spring 2015

Course of Study: Prophets, Psalms, and Wisdom Literature, Spring 2015

Biblical Hebrew II, Spring 2015
Biblical Hebrew I, Fall 2014

Guest Lecturer

Biblical Interpretation Practicum, Fall 2014
Lecture: *The Bible and Archaeology*
Biblical Interpretation Practicum, Summer 2013
Lecture: *Womanist Exegesis, Trauma, and the Book of Ruth*

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Hebrew Bible, Fall 2010-Spring 2011
Professor: Dr. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins
Introduction to Hebrew Bible, Spring 2010
Professor: Dr. David Hopkins

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Colloquy Leader

Introduction to Field Education, Fall 2013-Spring 2014

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Hebrew Bible, Fall 2013
Professor: Dr. Herbert Marbury
History of Religion in America, Spring 2013
Professor: Dr. Dennis Dickerson
Prophetic Preaching, Spring 2013
Professor: Dr. Dale Andrews
Introduction to Field Education, Fall 2012-Spring 2013
Professor: Rev. Viki Matson
Introduction to Hebrew Bible, Fall 2012
Professor: Dr. Douglas Knight

American Baptist College, Nashville, TN

Teaching Assistant, Old Testament Survey, Fall 2012
Professor: Rev. Vincent Campbell

Archaeological Experience

Jezreel Archaeological Excavation
Junior Staff, May-June 2016
Square Supervisor, May-June 2015
Co-Square Supervisor, May-June 2014
Team Member, May-June 2013

Publications

Contributing Voice Author, *Wisdom Commentary: The Psalms, Books II and III*, Denise Dombkowski Hopkins, lead author, (Collegeville, MN, Liturgical Press, *pending*)

“Silenced Struggles for Survival: Finding Life in Death in the Book of Ruth” in *I Found God in Me: A Womanist Biblical Hermeneutics Reader*, Mitzi Smith, ed. (Eugene, OR: Cascade Publishing, 2015)

“Reading Esther as an African American Woman” in *Global Perspectives on the Old Testament*, Mark Roncace and Joseph Weaver, eds. (Boston: Prentice Hall, 2013)

Guest Lectionary Commentator, *Ushers and Nurses Guild Sunday Lectionary Commentary*, 2013 African American Lectionary Commentary

Guest Lectionary Commentator, *Holy Thursday Compact Unit Commentary*, 2012 African American Lectionary Commentary

Guest Lectionary Commentator, *Ash Wednesday Compact Unit Commentary*, 2011 African American Lectionary Commentary

Presentations

Social and Economic Evaluation of Women in Proverbs: Responding to Alice Bellis’ Commentary on Proverbs 11:22

Guest Respondent, Faculty-Student Colloquium
Howard University School of Divinity

Weeping Witness: Preaching as Prophetic Lamentation Toward the Ethical Imperative

Co-Author: Casey Thornburg Sigmon
Academy of Homiletics Annual Conference, December 2013

Navigating Territory and Traversing Terrain: A Womanist Reading of the Book of Ruth

Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, November 2013

The Psalms and God’s Hesed: Reclaiming Mature Proximity to Presence/Absence in Public Space

Co-Author: Casey Thornburg Sigmon
Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, November 2012

Temptress or Scapegoat?: The Legacy of Potiphar’s Wife

Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, November 2011
Society of Biblical Literature Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, March 2011

University Service

Steering Committee Member, Duke, Emory, and Vanderbilt Consultation on Practical Theology
Spring 2014

Hebrew Bible, Senior Faculty Search Committee, Vanderbilt University
November 2013-March 2014

Hebrew Bible Junior Faculty Search Committee, Vanderbilt University
November 2013-March 2014

Student Representative, Practice in Missions and Ministry Faculty Committee,
Wesley Theological Seminary
March 2009-May 2011

Ministry Experience

National Baptist Memorial Church, Washington, DC

Minister to Children and Families, September 2010-May 2011

After School Coordinator/Camp Director, January 2010-September 2010

American University/DC Baptist Convention, Washington, DC

Baptist Campus Minister, March 2010-May 2011

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Marbury, MD

Associate Minister, August 2009-May 2010

Macedonia Baptist Church, Bryans Road, MD

Associate Minister, May 2007-August 2009

Ministry Credentials

Ordained Minister, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), November 3, 2013

Licensed Baptist Minister, May 2007

Other Professional Experience

ZERO TO THREE, Washington, DC

Human Resources Associate, October 2006-January 2008

Policy Associate, March 2006-October 2006

Policy Assistant, October 2005-March 2006

National Women's Law Center, Washington, DC

Field/Communications Assistant, June 2004-October 2005

Students United for Child Advocacy, Inc., Syracuse, NY/Washington, DC

Founder/President, May 2002-September 2006

Professional Service and Membership

Homiletician/Pastor Combined Consultation, The Academy of Preaching & Celebration, 2016

Consultation with African American Homileticians, The Academy of Preaching & Celebration, 2014

Society of Biblical Literature

Academy of Homiletics

Society of Christian Ethics

Research Languages

Hebrew

Aramaic

Greek

Spanish

German