

**CURRICULUM VITAE  
VICTOR ANDERSON**

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**EMPLOYMENT:**

Vanderbilt University,  
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Oberlin Theological School Professor of Ethics and Society, The Divinity School (2011)

Director of African American and Diaspora Studies, The College of Arts and Sciences  
(2012-2014)

Professor of Christian Ethics (2008-2011)

Associate Professor of Christian Ethics (1998-2008)

Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics (1992-1998)

**EDUCATION:**

**Higher Education**

Princeton University, MA, Ph.D. in Religion  
(1992). Program of study: Religion, Ethics and Politics. Dissertation: "The  
Legacy of Pragmatism in the Theologies of D.C. Macintosh, H. Richard Niebuhr,  
and James M. Gustafson," (Princeton: 1992), pp. 218, Jeffrey L. Stout, Director.

Calvin Theological Seminary, M.Th. in Philosophical and Moral Theology (1990).  
Thesis: *Two Types of Reformed Theological Ethics: Henry J.  
Stob and James M. Gustafson* (Calvin Theological Seminary: 1990), pp. 205; Theodore  
Minnema, Director.

Calvin Theological Seminary, M.Div. 1986; Concentration, Historical Theology

Trinity Christian College, B.A. 1982: Double Major/ History and Theology

Chicago Bible College, Diploma of Bible and B.Th., 1976.

### **Fellowships**

Exchange Fellowship: Religious Studies, American Philosophy and Religious Thought, Yale University, The Graduate School, 1990-1991.

Andrew Mellon Seminar Scholarship, Princeton University: "Law Among the Disciplines: Literature, Philosophy, Social Science, and Ethics," 1990.

Calvin College Minority Faculty Recruitment Fellowship for Graduate Studies, 1988-1990.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Editor**

Editorial Board, *James Baldwin Journal*, Dwight McBride, editor, 2018-present.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Africana Studies in Religion*, Sylvester Johnson and Edward Curtis, editors, 2018-present.

Editorial Board of the *Oxford Bibliographies in African American Studies*, 2015-17.

Editorial Board of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 1999- 2002, 2005-2012.

Editorial Board of the *Journal of Religion*, 2004-2010.

Editorial Board of the *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy*, 2002-2012.

Co-editor with Anthony B. Pinn on the Trinity International Press Series on African American Religious Thought and Life, 1998-2005.

#### **Teaching**

Mentor, Payne Theological Seminary, DMIN program, 2018-2021.

Visiting Instructor, Tennessee State University, Department of Language, Literature and Philosophy, course, "Critical Reasoning in the Humanities," Spring Semester, 2018.

Visiting Professor, Black Church Studies, Brite Divinity School, May 2016, Forth Worth, TX.

Visiting Professor, Chicago Theological Seminary, June 2009, "The Queering of the Black Church," Chicago, IL.

Mentor of the United Theological Seminary, D.Min. Program in the “Black Church and Civic Empowerment Group,” 2004-2007, with Dr. Herbert Marbury, 2008-2011, Dayton, OH.

Visiting Professor, Memphis Theological Seminary, summer, 2006, Memphis, TN.

Visiting Professor in Department of Religion and Philosophy, Fisk University, 2003-2004, Nashville, TN.

Mentor of the United Theological Seminary D.Min. Program in the “Black Church and Economic and Spiritual Empowerment Group,” 2000-2003, with Dr. Lewis V. Baldwin, Dayton, OH.

Faculty Consultant in Philosophy, The Department of Language, Literature and Philosophy, Tennessee State University, 1998-2004, Nashville, TN.

Visiting Professor, Iliff School of Theology, Summer 1997, Denver, CO.

Instructor, Department of Religion and Theology at Calvin College, 1986-1988, Grand Rapids, MI.

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **Books**

*Thinking Ethically: Theological Perspectives* (A commissioned work in progress by Fortress Press, expected 2023).

*Revives My Soul Again: The Spirituality of Martin Luther King Jr*, co-editor with Lewis V. Baldwin (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2018), pp. ix-307.

*Creative Exchange: A Constructive Theology of African American Religious Experience*. (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2008), pp. ix-190

*Pragmatic Theology: Negotiating the Intersections of an American Philosophy of Religion and Public Theology*. (Albany: State University of New York, 1998), pp. ix-172

*Beyond Ontological Blackness: An Essay on African American Religious and Cultural Criticism*. (New York: Continuum, 1995; Bloomsbury’s Transatlantic Slave Trade Academic Collection, 2016), pp.7-180.

### **Chapters in Books**

“Pragmatic Naturalism and Public Theology: A Version of Religious Naturalism” in *Handbook on Religious Naturalism*, Donald Crosby and Jerome Stone, editors, New York: Routledge, forthcoming, 2023.

“CONTESTED HERMENEUTICAL AIMS IN THEOLOGIES OPAGUE” in Jennifer Reid, David Carrasco, eds. *Essays in Honor of Charles H. Long* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2020), 233-247.

“For the Beauty of the World: Vision and Moral Order in Martin Luther King’s World House” with Teresa Delgado in *Reclaiming the Great World House: The Global Vision of Martin Luther King Jr.*, Vicki L. Crawford and Lewis V. Baldwin, editors, Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2019.

“Blessed Assurance: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Consolation of the Soul” in *Revives My Souls Again: the Spirituality of Martin Luther King, Jr.*, Lewis V. Baldwin and Victor Anderson, editors, Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2018, pp. 19-38.

“Black Religion and Culture Criticism: the New Politics of Difference” and “Theorizing Black Religious Studies: A Genealogy” in *Theory/Religion/Critique: Classical and Contemporary Approaches*, Richard King, ed. (New York; Columbia University Press, 2017), pp. 573-588.

“Three Theories of Sexuality” in *Queer Christianities*, Mark Larrimore, Kathy Talvachia, Michael Pettiger, eds. (NY: New York University Press, 2015), pp. 172-183.

“Mimetic Reflections: The Religious Critic between the Church and Empire” in *Mission for Diversity: Exploring Christian Mission in the Contemporary World*, Elochukwu E. Uzukwu, editor, in *Interreligious Studies*, Vol 8 (Zurich, LIT 2015), pp. 45-62.

“Ontological Inquiry and Black Existence” in *Oxford Handbook on Black Theology*, Katie G. Cannon and Anthony B. Pinn, eds. (Oxford: 2014), pp. 390-401.

“The Mimesis of Salvation and Dissimilitude in the Scandalous Gospel of Jesus” in *CHRISTOLOGY AND WHITENESS: WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?*, George Yancy, ed. (New York, NY: Routledge, 2012), pp. 196-209.

“Fear and Trembling in the Everyday of Richard Wright’s Black Boy: A Quare Reading” in James Haile, III, ed., *Philosophical Meditations on Richard Wright* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2012), pp.65-81.

“An American Public Theology in the Absence of Giants: Creative Conflict and Democratic Longings” in *Ethics that Matters: African, Caribbean, and African American Sources*, Marcia Y. Riggs and James Samuel Logan, eds. (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2012), pp. 195-214.

“Rousseau on Order” in *Beyond the Pale*, Miguel A. De La Torre, Stacey Floyd Thomas, eds. (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2011), pp. 61-69.

“Augustine” in *Beyond the Pale*, Miguel A. De La Torre, Stacey Floyd Thomas, eds. ((Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2011), pp. 29-36.

“Is America Possible? The Land that Never Has Been: Democratic Hope and Creative Exchange” in *Wading Through Many Voices: Toward a Theology of Public Conversation*, Harold Recinos, ed. (Ilanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2011), pp. 179-193.

“Theorizing African American Religion” in *African American Studies*, Jeanette Davidson, ed. (Edinburgh, UK: University of Edinburgh Press, 2010), pp. 260-81.

“Foreword” *The Rise and Demise of Black Theology*, by Alistair Kee (London, England: UK, SCM Press, 2008), pp. vii-xii.

“The Black Church and the Curious Body of the Black Homosexual,” in *Loving the Black Body: Black Religious Studies and the Erotic*, Anthony B. Pinn and Dwight N. Hopkins, eds. (New York, NY: Palgrave, 2004), pp. 297-312.

“Responsibility, Vengeance, and the Death Penalty” in *Religion and the Death Penalty: a Call for Reckoning*, Eric C. Owens, John D. Carlson, and Jean Bethke Elshtain, eds. (Grand Rapid: Eerdmans, 2004), pp.195-213.

“Ontological Blackness in Theology” in *African American Religious Thought: An Anthology*, Cornel West and Eddie S. Glaude, eds. (Westminster John Knox Press, 2003); pp.893-920; also in *Reflections: An Anthology of African American Philosophy*, James A. Montmarquet and William H. Hardy, eds. (Belmont, CA.: Wadsworth /Thomson Learning, 2000), pp. 414-423.

“Secularization and the Worldliness of Theology,” *Converging on Culture: Theologians in Dialogue with Cultural Analysis and Criticism*, Delwin Brown, Sheila Greeve Davaney, and Kathryn Tanner, eds. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001), pp. 71-85.

“Is Cornel West also Among the Theologians: The Shadow of the Divine in the Religious Thought of Cornel West” in *Cornel West: A Critical Reader*, George Yancy, ed. (Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 2001), pp. 139-153.

“We See Through a Glass Darkly: Black Narrative Theology and the Opacity of African American Religious Thought” in *The Ties that Bind: African American and Hispanic American /Latino/a theologies in Dialogue*, Anthony B. Pinn and Benjamin Valentin, eds. (New York: Continuum, 2001), pp. 78-93; earlier version in “Critical Reflection on the Problems of History and Narrative in a Recent African American

Research Program” in *A Dream Unfinished: Theological Reflections on America from the Margins*, Eleazer S. Fernandez and Fernando F. Segovia, eds. (Maryknoll: Orbis, 2001), pp. 37-51.

“Deadly Silence: Reflections on Homosexuality and Human Rights in the African American Community,” in *Homosexual Orientation and Human Rights*, Martha Nussbaum and Saul Olyan, eds. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1998), pp. 185-211.

“Abominations of a Million Men” in *Black Religion After the Million Man March*, Garth Baker Fletcher, ed. (Maryknoll: Orbis, 1998), pp. 19-26.

“Dialogical Interrogations,” Garth Baker-Fletcher, Theodore Walker, and Victor Anderson, in *Black Religion After the Million Man March*, Garth Baker Fletcher, ed. (Maryknoll: Orbis, 1998), pp. 36-46.

“The Search for Public Theology in the United States,” in *Preaching as a Theological Task*, Festschrift for David Buttrick, Thomas Long and Edward Farley, eds. (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1996), pp. 19-31.

## **Articles, Reference, and Reviews:**

### **Refereed /Articles**

“Flesh-Stuff: The Matter of the Reality of God(s),” in commemoration of Charles H. Long, *American Religion* 2 no. 2(Spring 2021), pp. 25-38.

“Black Scholarly Aesthetics and the Religious Critic: Black Experience as Manifolds of Manifestations and Powers of Presentations,” *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* Vol. 3, No. 2, May 2012: 117-134

“Masculinities Beyond Good and Evil: Representations of the Down Low in the Fictional Imagination of Alphonso Morgan’s Sons” in (invited) *On Manliness: Black American Masculinity*, Gilman W. Whiting and Thabiti Lewis, editors, *AmeriQuests* vol.6 No. 1 (2008): 1-13.

“A Relational Concept of Race in African American Religious Thought” (A symposium in honor of Charles H. Long) in *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*, vol. 7, No. 1 July 2003:28-43.

“Pragmatic Theology and the Natural Sciences at the Intersection of Human Interest” *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*, Vol. 37, No. 1 March 2002: 161-73.

“Contour of an African American Public Theology,” *Journal of Theology*, Summer 2000 2000:49-68.

“The Wrestle of Christ and Culture in Pragmatic Public Theology,” *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy*, Vol. 19, No. 2 May 1998: 135-150; a special issue on Pragmatism in Recent African American Religious Thought, Victor Anderson, ed.

“The Narrative Turn in Christian Ethics: A Critical Assessment,” *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* 19/3 September 1998: 293-312.

## References

“Contested Canons: The African and African American Presence in Religious Ethics” in *The Encyclopedia of Religious Ethics*, [www.wiley.com/en-us](http://www.wiley.com/en-us), William Schweiker, ed. (2020).

“African American Religious Ethics” in *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, Wiley Online Library: 1 Feb. 2013, Hughe Lafollette, ed.

“African American Theologies,” “Black Theology,” “Dewey, John” “Du Bois, W.E.B.,” “Pragmatism and Christian Theologies,” “Introductory Entry: Racism and Christianity: Ethnocentrism,” “Thurman, Howard,” entries in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity*, Daniel Patte, ed. (New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2010).

“African American Church Tradition,” *Homosexuality and Religion: An Encyclopedia*, Jeffery S. Siker, editor (Westport, CT.: Greenwood Press, 2007), pp. 48-49.

## Reviews

“*The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origin of Race*” by Willie James Jennings, reviewed in *Modern Theology* Vol. 28 No 2, April 2012:348-50.

“*Making a Way out of No Way: a Womanist Theology*” by Monica A. Coleman, reviewed in *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* Vol. 32, No 3. September 2011:269-271.

“Theology and Modern Physics,” by Peter E. Hodgson, reviewed by Victor Anderson, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. Vol. 75, No.4 December 2007: 989-993.

“Liberation Theologies, Postmodernity, and the Americas,” by David Batstone, et al., reviewed in *Journal of Religion*. Vol. 79, No. 4 October 1999: 677-79.

“Changing Conversation,” by Dwight N. Hopkins and Sheila Davaney, reviewed in *Journal of Religion*. Vol. 78, No. 4 October 1998: 638-40.

“*Why Lord?: Suffering and Evil in Black Theology*,” by Anthony B. Pinn, reviewed in *Cross Currents*, Fall 1997: 410-413.

## PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

“Mimetic Fire and the Making of Black Studies” The Department of African & African American Studies, The Launching Event,” Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA. February 20, 2022.

“Living Between King’s Arch of Justice and Beloved Community,” Martin Luther King Lectures at Yale University, MLK Day. Denison University. January 22, 2022.

“The Black Church and the Challenges of the Trump Era” panel Society of Christian Ethics, Washington DC. January 2020.

“Jean’s Village; Celebration of Book: Jean Bethke Elshtain; Politics, Ethics, and Society,” AAR, 2019.

Democracy on Trial a Tribute to Jean Bethke Elshtain, AAR, 2017.

“Twenty Years after Beyond Ontological Blackness,” AAR, Atlanta 2015, November 22, 2015, Ethics and Black Theology Group.

“Divine Grotesqueries and Religious Life: An Intellectual Biography,” (Inaugural Address), Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought. Asheville, NC, June 13, 2015

“Living Between King’s Arch of Justice and Beloved Community,” Martin Luther King Lectures at Yale University, Black Culture Center, New Haven, CT, February 24, 2013.

“Contours of an African American Political Theology: Remarks on an Unfinished Project.” Politics in the Age of Obama, Annual Conference of the Association of Black Culture Centers, October 24-27, 2013, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

“Sex Was Good until it became Natural, and Then it became Moral” keynote at “Queer Christianities: A Conference at the New School,” March 23-24, 2012.

“The Religious Critic Between The Church and Empire,” at the “Missiology Symposium – 2012, The Inaugural Symposium of Father Elochukwu Uzukwu as the Pierre Schouver Chair at, March 14, 2012, Duquesne University, Pittsburg, PA.

“Scholarly Aesthetics and the Religious Critic: Black Experience as Manifolds of Manifestations and Powers of Presentations” Third Wave Womanism Conference, Feb 24-26, 2009, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA.

“Creative Conflict and Creative Exchange: Revisiting the Public and its Problems:



Lecture One: An American Public Theology in the Absence of Giants: Creative Conflict and Democratic Longings; Lecture Two: Is America Possible? The Land that Never Has Been Yet: Democratic Hope and Creative Exchange.” The Clark Horowitz Lectures in Religion, Pomona College, Claremont, CA. March 30-31, 2009.

“Rekindling the Theological Imagination: Theology Transforming the Church and Society,” Presentation, Claremont School of Theology, March 13-15, 2009. Claremont CA.

“Reconciling Two Realities: Faith and Evolution. Panel Discussion/Darwin’s 200th Birthday Celebration.” Presentation, Belmont University, Nashville, TN Feb 12, 2009.

“Toward an Ethics of Interracial Relationships,” Presentation, Vanderbilt University, Closet Conversation series, Residential Affairs. Nashville, TN. February 21, 2006.

“Henry Nelson Wieman and Howard Thurman: Two Processive Theologians.” Process Theology and Black Theology: A Conversation. AAR November 2005.

“Challenge to a Sleeping Giant,” Inspiring Integrity in the Black Church. Society of Black Religion, November 19, 2005, Philadelphia.

“AIDS as Crucifixion,” Presentation, Religion, Faith and Politics Forum, Vanderbilt Divinity School, June 2005.

“The Smell of Life: A Pragmatic Theology of African American Religious Experience,” March 5, 2005. Rice University, Houston, TX.

“Theology and Civic Empowerment,” four lectures, Relevant Religion Series, Scarritt Bennent Center, March 1, 15, 22, 29, 2005. Nashville, TN.

“The Crisis of Religion and the Crisis of AIDS in Africa,” Presentation, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Cal Turner Program in Professional and Moral Leadership, March 16, 2004.

“Dream Tracker, Dream Tracker, Track Me a Dream: Reflection on Vincent Harding’s Hope and History,” AAR, Atlanta, November 2003 Session in honor of the career of Dr. Vincent Harding.

“Sin Talk and Sexuality in the Black Church,” AAR, Atlanta, November 2004, Constructive Theology Group session on Stephen Ray’s *Do No Harm: Social Consequences of Sin Talk*.

“Sex, Gender and Activism: Nashville, TN” Presentation, Gender, Sexuality, and Political Action” interdisciplinary conference organized by the 2002/2003 Warren Center Fellows, October 31, 2003, Vanderbilt University.

“Three Versions of Empowerment Ethics,” United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH January 2003.

“The Banality of Racism in Natural Science,” Presentation, regional session of the Center for Theology and Natural Science Workshop, Atlanta, GA, June 13, 2002.

“Race, The Black Church, and Homosexuality,” Presentation, Center for Gay and Lesbian Studies, Pacific School of Theology, Berkeley, CA, April 24, 2002.

“Relax its Just Sex: Homosexuality and African American Sexual Ethics,” Presentation, 5th Brothers United Retreat, Fall Creek, TN December 7-9, 2001

“Pragmatic Theology and Natural Science: Converging Streams” at the Naturalism and Transcendence in Religious Thinking Seminar, the Lutheran School of Theology, April 2, 2001.

“Another Yale Theology: D.C. Macintosh and the Legacy of Empirical Theology,” the 300th Celebration of Yale Divinity School. January 2001.

“Religion, Science and the Organization of Human Interest: or How can Science and Religion Benefit Humanity?” Science and Religion: The New Imperative Workshop. Center for Theology and Natural Sciences Workshop, Berkeley, CA., January 4-9, 2001.

“The Black Church and Homosexuality”: A debate with Kelly Brown Douglas, Presentation Vanderbilt University, Spring 2000.

“The Black Church and Sexuality,” Society of Christian Ethics, Washington, D.C. January 8, 2000.

“Beyond Ontological Blackness” book discussion at Yale Graduate School, Yale University, New Haven , CT, November 10, 1999.

“Between a Rock and a Hard Place: History and Narrative in African American Theology,” Institute for the Advance Study of Religion at Yale, Yale University, New Haven, CT., November 11, 1999.

“American Public Theology: Three Lectures,” United Theological Seminary, Dayton, April 5-8, 1999, John Arthur Heck Lecture Series.

“Pragmatic Theology and Natural Science at the Intersection of Human Interests,” Kentucky State University, Templeton Lecture, April 9, 1999.

“The Contour of an American Public Theology” at Harvard Divinity School, October 27, 1998.

“A Conception of Race in African American Philosophy and Religion,” The African

American Studies Program, Washington University, St. Louis, October 22, 1998.

“Toward a Theory of Minority Discourse in Religion,” Presentation, Theology and Culture Group at Iliff School of Theology, October 13-18, 1998.

“The Public Burden of African American Theology: Theology and Cultural Criticism,” Theology and Cultural Criticism, the University of Chicago, October 9-12, 1997.

“Religious Realism in American Theology: D. C. Macintosh and H. Richard Niebuhr,” AAR, Pragmatism and Empiricism Group, San Francisco, November 1997.

“Pragmatic Historicism and the Theological Imagination: A Response to Sheila Davaney,” the Highlands Institute for American Religious Thought, June 21, 1997.

“Is Graduate Education in Religion in Crisis?: Some Remarks,” Presentation, Auburn Institute for Theological Education, Auburn Theological Seminary, March 1997.

“Critical Thinking in African American Philosophy,” Second Philosophical Forum at Tennessee State University, February 1997.

“The Problems of History and Narrative in Contemporary African American Theology,” Theology Department, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, England, May 14, 1996.

“Culture Wars, Do They Exist and What do We Make of Them,” and “The Fragility of Democratic Ethics,” Presentations, the Continuing Education Series of Vanderbilt Divinity School (Fall, 1996) and The Ministerial Fellowship of Huntsville, AL., (Spring, 1997).

“The Roots of Prejudice,” Presentation, Vine Street Christian Church, Sunday, April 28, 1996.

“The Ethics of Conversation,” Presentation, Interdenominational Clergy Conference, at Jefferson Street Baptist Church, Nashville, TN. Hosted by The National Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, March 4, 1996, the First Response Center, Nashville, TN.

“Public Theology, Paradox, and Postmodern Life,” AAR, Theological Interpretations of America Panel. Theological Reflection Group, 1995.

“A Critical Response to Homosexual Issues in the African American Community: Cheryl Sanders and Michael Eric Dyson.” An International Conference on Sexual Orientation and Human Rights, Brown University, April 1995.

“Playing on the Grotesque in the Face of Mystery: A Response to Gordon Kaufman’s *In Face of Mystery*.” AAR, Theological Reflection Group. Chicago, November 1994.

“Race and Sexuality,” at “From Affirmation to Advocacy: Recognizing the Needs of Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Youth,” Sept 1994. The Tennessee Coalition for Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Youth Services.

“Re-conceptualizing the Midwifery Role of the Physician to Include Death: A Theocentric Response to Margaret Battin.” Presentation the Philosophy Department and Clinical Ethics Program at Vanderbilt University, 1994.

“On Speaking American: Culture, Diversity, and Conflicts of Faith. A Response to James Davison Hunter's *Culture Wars*.” Project Dialogue, Presentation, Vanderbilt University, 1993.

“Theology and the Human Genome Research.” Vanderbilt Medical School Continuing Education Summer Course, May 17, 1993.

“Christ and Culture and Recent African American Religious Criticism.” The Enduring Problem: H. Richard Niebuhr's *Christ and Culture* After Forty Years. Conference at Vanderbilt Divinity School, May 14-16, 1993.

#### **WORKS IN PROGRESS:**

*Ways of Moral Worldmaking: Archive in Philosophical and Christian Imaginations (Collected Lectures and Unpublished Essays)*

#### **SERVICE:**

Faculty Senate: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (2019-2022).

Chancellor Diversity Consultation, 2015-2016.

Luce Chair Search Committee, 2015-2016.

Dean of the Commons Search Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2014.

Director of African American and Diaspora Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, 2012-14.

Dean's Search Committee, Divinity, 2012.

Committee for Interdisciplinary Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, 2012-2014.

Admission Committee, Divinity School, 2009- 10; 2012-2013.

Academic Programs, Divinity School, 2005- 2006.

University Appellate Review, 1992-1994; 1998-2000, 2006-2008.

Academic Affairs, Divinity School, 1995-1997; 2003-2004; 2007-2009.

Personal and Policy Committee, Divinity School, 1994-1998; 2007-2008; 2010- 2012; 2015-2017.

Graduate Admission and Policy Committee, GDR, 1994-2011, 2015-2021

University Faculty in Resident Program, 1993-1998.

Faculty Senate: Professional ethics and grievance committee, Students Affairs, 1998-2000.

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

American Academy of Religion. Co-Chair of the Ethics Section, 2013-2016; Steering committee for Philosophy of Religion group, 1995-98; Affiliate, Ethics, Pragmatism and Empiricism Group; Black Theology Group.

Society of Christian Ethics. Affiliate: African American Working Group; Service, Nomination Committee, nominated for president, 2016; Committee on Contingent Faculty, 2017-2018, Workplace Grievance Committee , 2019-2021.

Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought, formerly, Highlands Institute for the Study of American Religious and Philosophical Thought.

Society for the Study of Black Religion.

### **Extra-curricular**

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

### **ECCLESIAL AFFILIATIONS:**

Temple Church, Nashville, Tennessee, member since 2015

2016-2021: Advisory Board for the “Capacity Building Innovations: Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Services for African American Young Men Who Sleep with Men,” research grant-based program headed by Dr. Sandra Barnes. The 1.5M grant conducts research and programing around HIV/AIDS and substance abuse among Black males, 18-24. The endeavor “aims to reach 5,000 members of the target population of Black males who have sex with males’ which according to the CDC, “account for 75 % of new HIV diagnosis among 18–24-year-old Black men. Grant is

in cooperation with the First Response Center of Metropolitan Interdenominational Church, Nashville, TN. A HIV/AIDS crises and wellness center.

Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church; Instructor in the Biblical and Theological Academy 2005-2011.

Pastor of Grace Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids MI., 1986-1988.

Associate Minister, Canaan Baptist Church of Christ, Chicago, IL. 1976-1982.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Theories of Race (grad-tutorial)  
 From the Art of Politics to Political Theory (grad-seminar)  
 Readings in Ethics: American Public Theology (grad-seminar)  
 Theology and Ethics in America: Pragmatism and Religious Life (div-grad).  
 Twentieth-Century North Atlantic Theology and Ethics (div-grad)  
 Ethics in Theological Perspective (div).  
 Catholic Moral Theology (div-graduate)  
 Black Religion and Culture Studies I and II. (div-grad)  
 African American Religious Thought (undergrad-div)  
 Black Religion: Slave Thought and Culture (undergrad-div)  
 The British Moralists from Cambridge Moralists to Hume (grad).  
 Methods in Ethics: Socratic to Discourse Ethics (div-grad)  
 Ethics and Society (div-grad).  
 Religion and Natural Science (undergrad)  
 Philosophy for the Study of Theology and Ethics (div-tutorial).  
 Philosophical Theology of Josiah Royce (grad-seminar).  
 God and Philosophy from Edwards to Royce (grad-seminar)  
 Sociology of Religion: The Classical Sociologists (div-grad)  
 The Tradition of Theological Liberalism (div-grad)  
 The Tradition of Political Liberalism (div-grad)  
 American Empirical Theology (div-grad)  
 Sociology of Black Religion (Div)

**REFERENCES: upon request**