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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Claremont School of Theology** **2017**
Practical Theology, Graduation Date: May 16, 2017
Areas of Research Interest: Spiritual Formation; Neuroscience and Spirituality, Black Studies, Ethics, Technology
Qualifying Exams: Practical Theology; Theory and Practice in the Study of Spiritual Formation; Neuroscience, Spirituality and Blackness; Neurophysiology, Emotion and Spirituality
Dissertation: Black Transhuman Liberation Theology
Advisor and Committee: Drs. Andrew Dreitcer (chair), Monica A. Coleman, Alane Daugherty
- M.A. Claremont School of Theology** **2016**
Concentration: Religion
- M.Div. Candler School of Theology, Emory University** **2012**
Concentration(s): Ethics and Theology, Historical Theology
- B.A. Morehouse College** **2008**
Concentration: Philosophy and Religion

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020 Visiting Assistant Professor - God and the Human Experience**
Loyola Marymount University
- 2020 Visiting Assistant Professor - Black Theology**
Loyola Marymount University

- 2020 Adjunct Professor - Introduction to Theology**
 Iliff School of Theology
- 2019 Visiting Assistant Professor - Black Theology**
 Loyola Marymount University
- 2019 Visiting Assistant Professor - Psychology, Spirituality, and Transformation**
 Loyola Marymount University
- 2019 Visiting Assistant Professor - In Search of Way: Spirituality, Faith, & Culture**
 Loyola Marymount University
- 2018 Visiting Assistant Professor - Liberation Theologies**
 Loyola Marymount University; Graduate Studies
- 2018 Visiting Assistant Professor - Psychology, Spirituality, and Transformation**
 Loyola Marymount University
- 2018 Visiting Assistant Professor - In Search of Way: Spirituality, Faith, & Culture**
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- 2017 Visiting Assistant Professor - Psychology, Spirituality, and Transformation**
 Loyola Marymount University
- 2017 Visiting Assistant Professor - In Search of Way: Spirituality, Faith, & Culture**
 Loyola Marymount University
- 2017 Course Consultant - Your Brain on God**
 Claremont School of Theology
- 2016 Teaching Assistant - Comparative Religious Practices of Restorative Justice, Pedagogies and Education: The End of Punishment**
 Claremont School of Theology
- 2016 Teaching Assistant - Your Brain on God**
 Claremont School of Theology
- 2015 Teaching Assistant - Spiritualities**
 Claremont School of Theology
- 2015 Teaching Assistant - Your Brain on God**
 Claremont School of Theology
- 2015 Teaching Assistant - Cultural Competencies**
 Claremont School of Theology
- 2014 Teaching Assistant - Christian Spiritualities**
 Claremont School of Theology

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2019 Transformative Technology Academy - Accelerator; Stanford, CA**
 September 2019
- 2019 Deep Space Predictive - NASA HERO Grant; Denver, CO**
 June 2019

- 2019 Graduate Thesis Reader; Loyola Marymount University Los Angeles, CA**
Spring 2019
- 2019 Fetzer Institute Healthy Minds Innovation - Consultant;**
University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, WI
January 2019
- 2018 Master's Comprehensive Exam Committee;**
Loyola Marymount University Los Angeles, CA
Fall 2018
- 2018 Graduate Thesis Reader; Loyola Marymount University Los Angeles, CA**
Summer 2018 - Fall 2018
- 2018 Founder; Spiritual Automation Technologies (Sprauto) Los Angeles, CA**
January 2018-Present
- 2017 Ethics Core Team; Hyperloop Transportation Technologies Los Angeles, CA**
September 2017-Present
- 2017 Visiting Assistant Professor; Loyola Marymount University Los Angeles, CA**
August 2017-Present
- 2016 Junior Researcher; Cal Poly Psychophysiology Lab, California State Poly-**
technic University; Pomona, CA
January 2016-2017
- 2015 Director of Youth Ministries; First United Methodist Church; Pasadena, CA**
July 2015-May 2017
- 2014 Teaching Assistant; Claremont School of Theology; Claremont, CA**
September 2014-May 2017
- 2014 Junior Researcher; Center for Neuroeconomic Studies, Claremont Graduate**
University; Claremont, CA
July 2014-May 2015
- 2011 Young Adult Minister; Central United Methodist Church; Atlanta, GA**
September 2011-June 2013

AWARDS

- 2018 Wabash Center Dinner for New Teachers Invitee**
- 2018 Theological Studies Department Travel Grant**
- 2017 United Methodist Foundation Travel Grant**
- 2017 Harry Hosier Spirit Award; By Faith Magazine**

2013 Merit Scholarship (MA); Claremont School of Theology

2005 National Society of Collegiate Scholars

2004 Bonner Scholarship for Community Service; Morehouse College

PUBLICATIONS

2020 *International Journal of Philosophy (Submitted)*

“Decolonial Approaches to Philosophies of Well-Being”

2020 *International Journal of Community Well-Being (Accepted)*

“Artificial Intelligence Agents as Companions to Personal Well-Being”

2019 *Oxford Handbook of Humanism (Under Contract)*

“Humanism and Wellbeing”

2019 *Black Transhuman Liberation Theology: Technology and Spirituality (In Production: December 2019 Release)*

2019 *Spiritualities, Ethics, and Implications of Human Enhancement and Artificial Intelligence (Published)*

“Psychedelics, Implants and Spiritual Enhancement: An Ethical Proposal for Harnessing BCIs for Spiritual Augmentation”

2019 *Critical Black Futures: Volume I (Volume Editor; Under Contract)*

“Tetration and Blackness in the Future”

2019 *Journal of Future Studies (Accepted)*

“Black Posthuman Transformer”

2018 *Journal of Posthuman Studies (Published)*

“Making Enhancement Equitable: A Racial Analysis of the Term ‘Human Animal’ and the Inclusion of Black Bodies in Human Enhancement”

2018 *Co-Designing Economies in Transition (Published)*

“Technocratic Automation & Contemplative Overlays in Artificially Intelligent Criminal Sentencing”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019 American Academy of Religion, SECSOR Annual Meeting

“Black Posthuman Transformer” March 2019

2017 Spirituality of Human Enhancement and Artificial Intelligence Conference: Surrey, British Columbia

“Psychedelics, Implants and Spiritual Enhancement: An Ethical Proposal for Harnessing BCIs for Spiritual Augmentation” December 2017

- 2017 9th Annual Beyond Humanism Conference: Rome, Italy**
 “Making Enhancement Equitable: A Racial Analysis of the Term ‘Human Animal’ and the Inclusion of Black Bodies in Human Enhancement.” July 2017
- 2017 American Academy of Religion, Western Region Annual Meeting**
 “Medical Mistrust & Mathematical Traditions: An Epigenetic Case for Black Participation in S.T.E.M.” March 2017
- 2016 The Wesleyan Philosophical Society Annual Meeting**
 “Religion’s Inspiring Nature: The Necessary Future of the Religion and Science Conversation” March 2016

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Science Entertainment Exchange Event Los Angeles, CA; Presenter**
 ”Seekr, the Transformer” November 2019
- 2019 NYU Fall Posthuman Summit New York; Key Speaker**
 “Black Posthuman Transformer”
- 2019 Black Speculative Arts Movement Los Angeles; Panelist**
 “Falling into the Digital Black Consciousness of Seekr” September 2019
- 2019 AAA Subcommittee Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health**
 “The Seekr Project” September 2019
- 2019 Alliff Tech Series; Panelist**
 “Building Trust-based AI Ecosystems” May 2019
- 2018 Black Speculative Arts Movement; Panelist**
 September 2018
- 2018 University of Southern California's Beyond the PhD Career Conference; Panelist**
 “Social Sciences & Humanities” March 2018
- 2018 Afrotechtopia Festival: Think Tank Leader**
 “Spirituality, Gamification, and Liberation” March 2018
- 2017 HBCU Tech Summit; Presenter and Panelist**
 “The role of HBCUs in preparing Black tech innovators” October 2017
- 2014 Center for Embodied Compassion; Lead Presenter**
 “Emotion, Biochemistry and Compassion” 2013 - Present
- 2012 Emory University Center for Ethics and Coca-Cola Headquarters**
 “Water as an Ethical Medium: Social Aspects of Water Sustainability” April 2012

COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

Neuroscience of Religion
 Emotion and Spirituality

Embodied Spirituality
 Christian Ethics

Black Theology	Social Neuroscience
Theory of Mind	Bioethics
Liberation Theologies	Internal Family Systems Therapy
Quantitative Research Methods	Practical Theology
Critical Theory	Christian Spiritualities
Black Spiritualit(ies)	Neuroscience, Spirituality, and Blackness
Decolonial Approaches to Religion	Black Religiosity
Cultural Relevance of Artificial Intelligence	Data, Suffering, and Modeling Survival

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE

Religion and Artificial Intelligence Group	2018-Present
Steering Committee Member	
American Academy of Religion, Western Region	2017-2018
Co-Chair, Psychology, Religion, and Culture Group	
Wesleyan Philosophical Society	2016-Present
Member	
American Academy of Religion	
Member	2014-Present
Member, Cognitive Science of Religion Group	2015-Present
Member, Society for the Study of Christian Spiritualities	2015-Present
Claremont Journal of Religion	
Referee	2013-2016

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2018 Black Xmas Website Design: Black Lives Matter (Los Angeles)
November 2018

2017 Black Xmas Website Design: Black Lives Matter (Los Angeles)
November 2017

2017 Youth Empowerment Symposium: 100 Black Men of Los Angeles
October 2017

2017 Sacred Resistance Website Design: Black Lives Matter (Los Angeles)
March 2017

2012 Emerging 100 of Atlanta
January 2012-Present

2009 Mount Vernon Presbyterian School
May 2009-November 2012

2005 Habitat for Humanity
May 2005-May 2008

2004 Bonner Scholar of Community Service; Morehouse College
August 2004-May 2008

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- 2018 ATS Seminaries and Science Grant Proposal; Loyola Marymount University**
Fall 2018
- 2018 EIS Black Student Mental Health Initiative; Loyola Marymount University**
Summer 2018
- 2018 SWAG Resilience Committee; Loyola Marymount University**
Fall 2017-Present
- 2014 Contemplative Unrest Organizer, Chair; Claremont School of Theology**
December 2014
- 2014 Interreligious Conference Organizer; Claremont Lincoln University**
Spring 2014
- 2013 Student Leadership Committee; Claremont School of Theology**
September 2014-Present
- 2013 Pan African Seminarian Association; Claremont School of Theology,**
Member, Vice President, President Emeritus
September 2013- Present

HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

- 2014 Resident Assistant; Claremont School of Theology**
July 2014-May 2016