

GEORGE WALTERS-SLEYON (PhD, S.T.M. MDiv.)

Dr. Walters-Sleyon is an Author, Professor, Speaker and Consultant with an interdisciplinary and broad international academic background. He possesses skills in cross-cultural and racial competence, adaptability to diverse academic environments, understanding global issues, engaging with diverse curricula, and participating in international research or academic projects.

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Edinburgh, 2019, Scotland, United Kingdom

Major: Studied: Ethics and Practical Theology, Criminology and Comparative Criminal Justice -United States and United Kingdom.

Dissertation: "Punishment, Mass Incarceration and Death in US and UK Prisons: Through the Eyes of Prison Chaplains."

S. T. M., Boston University, 2006, Massachusetts, United States

Major: Studied: Philosophy, Religion/Theology and Ethics.

M.Div., Boston University, 2004, Massachusetts, United States

Major: Studied: Divinity, Church Administration, and Social Justice .

B.A., Central University College, 1997, Accra, Ghana,

Major: Studied: Religion, Administration, and Leadership Development.

Teaching Certificate: Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA) of the United Kingdom, 2018, United Kingdom.

VITAE: *Realizing the Potential of Researchers*, Edinburgh

Institute for Academic Development (IAD) and VITAE: 2016, University of Edinburgh.

FACULTY EXPERIENCE

2020-present Bunker Hill Community College, Boston, Massachusetts: Professor

World Religions: 2024 REL 111-02; 2023/2022 REL 111 201; 2022 REL 111-03; 2021 REL 111 H1; 2021 REL 111-RI; 2021 REL 111 TC; 2021 REL 111-A1-1: In-person & Remote.

Introduction to Philosophy: Summer: 2025 PHL-101-01R and PHL-101-02R; Spring: 2025 PHL-101-03; 2024 PHL-101-03; 2024 PHL-101-02; 2023 PHL101 202; 2022, 2021, 2020 PHL-101-01; 2022 PHL 101-100: In-person & Remote.

Applied Ethics: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, PHL 103 01; 2023, 2022 PHL 103 -02: In-person & Remote.

Principles of Sociology: Spring: 2025 SOC-101-09 and 2025 SOD-101-202: In-person.

Criminology: Spring: SOC-207-01: In-person.

2021 Boston University Metropolitan College, Boston, Massachusetts: Adjunct professor

Principles of Criminal Justice: MET CJ101: In-person.

2007 - 2011 Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts: Teaching Assistant for:
Dr. Norm Faramelli, School of Theology,
Courses: The History of the Social Teachings of the Church, and Boston Personalism
Dr. Elizabeth Stefanakis, School of Education
Course: Pedagogical techniques for Urban Schools and Students for whom English is a Second Language.
Dr. Dale Andrews, School of Theology
Course: Homiletics- the Integration of Ethics and Homiletics

2019 - 2020, Varsity Tutors, Boston
Providing tutorial services for 20 undergraduate and graduate students: In-person.

2015 - 2018, The University of Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom

The School of Divinity: Tutor

2016 History of Christianity as a World Religion, HCWR1B (ECHS08004): grad/undergrad course
2016 Global Religions A: Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism, (REST08015): grad/undergrad course
2015 History of Christianity as a World Religion, HCWR1A (ECHS08005): grad/undergrad course
2018 Theological Ethics in Continental Perspective, THET10057: grad/undergrad course

The School of Law: Tutor

Spring 2018-Fall 2018 Introduction to Criminal Justice, LAWS08136: grad/undergrad course
Spring 2018-Fall 2018 Introduction to Criminology, LAWS08137: grad/undergrad course

PUBLICATIONS

Articles/Research

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2023, 7). *The Black Police Officer in the US: An Analysis of Tyre Nichols' Death*. Canopy Forum, <https://canopyforum.org/2023/06/27/the-black-police-officer-in-the-us-an-analysis-of-tyre-nichols-death/>.

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2022, 2). *Caring for Aging, Dying, and Dead Prisoners. A Summary of Prison Chaplains on the Beat in US and UK Prisons*. Canopy Forum, <https://canopyforum.org/2022/02/02/caring-for-aging-dying-and-dead-prisoners-a-summary-of-prison-chaplains-on-the-beat-in-us-and-uk-prisons/>.

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2020, 02). *Through the Eyes of James Cone: COVID-19, Police Brutality, and The Black Church*. Canopy Forum. <https://canopyforum.org/2020/10/02/through-the-eyes-of-james-cone-covid-19-police-brutality-and-the-black-church/>.

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2019). *Why We Love the Hymns: An African Methodist Episcopal Perspective*. Sunday Magazine: The Lord's Day Alliance. 10-12.

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2013). *Studies on Religion and Recidivism: Focus on Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan*. Trotter Review, Volume 21 Issue 1-Reclaiming Humanity in and Out of the Cell. 21-48.

Books

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2024) *The Rush for Black Diamonds, Vol. One*: Cascade Books, An Imprint of Wipf and Stock Publishers.

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2022). *God in the Name of Jesus Christ*. United States: Independently published.

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2021). *Prison Chaplains on the Beat in the US, and UK Prisons: Caring for Aging, Dying, and Dead Prisoners*. United States: Outskirts Press.

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2020). *Nuggets From the Night: An Anthology of Poetic Expressions*. United States: Kindle Publishing House.

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2013). *Locked Up and Locked Down: Multitude Lingers in Limbo-Revised Edition*. United States: Lulu Publishing House.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2019 *McDonald Distinguished Fellow*: Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University

2016 Selected a researcher for *Understanding Prison Life: New Research Frontiers* at Cambridge Institute of Criminology, Cambridge University

2015 to present Associate Fellow, The Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research: Scotland

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2024). *The Rush for Black Diamonds: A Synopsis*. General Conference Presentation at the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education (AABHE) Annual Conference. Las Vegas, Nevada

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2024) *The Rush for Black Diamonds -Volume One*. Bunker Hill Community College Black History Month Celebration. Boston, Massachusetts

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2024). *Race, Mass Incarceration, and Mental Health*. Massachusetts Department of Health. Worcester, Massachusetts

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2022). *A Panegyric and Love and Romance: Poems from Nuggets from the Night: An Anthology of Poetic Expressions: Vol. One*. Bunker Hill Community College Celebrates National Poetry Month. Boston, Massachusetts

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2022). *The Dilemma of the Black Man at Recognition and Reckoning: Empowering Men of Color Through Equity and Cultural Wealth*. Hosted by Bunker Hill Community College Center for Equity and Cultural Wealth 2022 Institute

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2020). *Law, Religion, and Coronavirus in the United States: A Six-Month Assessment* (Organized by: Co-organized by: International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University Law School, Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University Law School, Notre Dame Program on Church, State & Society, Notre Dame Law School, Center for

Law and Religion, St. John's University School of Law, Eleanor H. McCullen Center for Law, Religion and Public Policy, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law).

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2019). *Promote Justice: Race, Criminology, and Restorative Justice*. Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries' *Values over Violence Institute*. Boston/Massachusetts

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2018). *Prison Chaplains on the Beat: Caring for Aging, Dying and Dead Prisoners in US and UK Prisons*. The British Society of Criminology Conference: Birmingham City University, Birmingham, United Kingdom

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2018). *Mass Incarceration and Death in US and UK Prisons: A Theological Situation*. The Society for the Study of Christian Ethics 2018 Conference: St. John's College, Durham/United Kingdom

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2018). *Prison Chaplaincy in the Era of Mass Incarceration*. The Correctional Ministries and Chaplains Association Summit: Wheaton College, Illinois, United States

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2018). *Race, Mass Incarceration, and Theology in UK Prisons: A Theological Dialogue on Punishment and Imprisonment*. The Society for the Study of Theology Conference: University of Nottingham, Nottingham, United Kingdom.

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2011). *Restorative Justice and Faith*. Harvard University, School of Divinity Conference, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Panelist

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2019). *McDonald Distinguished Fellow*, Center for the Study of Law and Religion: Emory University

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2013). *National Cathedral Conference on Reentry*. Washington DC

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2013). *Reform Conference*. The Drug Policy Alliance: Denver/Colorado

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2011). *State of Black Boston-Criminal Justice Panel*. Urban League Conference, Boston

Campus Presentations

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2017). *Race, Terrorism, and Theology*. Special Church History Lecture to Commemorate Black History Month, School of Divinity, University of, Edinburgh

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2017). *A DuBoisian Perspective in Socio-Ethnographic Research*. Theology and Ethics Seminar, School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2018). *Race and Racism: From the Enlightenment to the Contemporary- the 1620s-2016: A Synopsis*. History of Christianity Research Seminar, the School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh

Walters-Sleyon, G. (2015). *Race and the School-to-Prison Pipeline in the United States*. Centre for Education and Racial Equality International Conference, Morey House School of Education: University of Edinburgh

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Methods

Phenomenological research methods in the social sciences, theology, and society
Criminology research methods, Ethnography, Nvivo, SPSS Statistics

Empirical Research

“Studies on Religion and Recidivism: Focus on Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan.” Context: 15 African American churches in Boston. Goal: Investigation of the implications of mass incarceration on the Black family structure.

“Prison Chaplains on the Beat in US and UK Prisons.” Ethnographic research work with prison chaplains in the Scottish Prison Service (Scotland) and the United States (Alabama, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Jersey).

Research and Teaching Interests

Introduction to Criminal Justice/Comparative Criminal Justice (The United States and the United Kingdom)
Religion/World Religions, and Religion and Society
Introduction to Philosophy (Ancient, Religious, Social, and Enlightenment)
Ethics (Applied, Social, and Religious)
Introduction to Criminology
Social Theories and Sociology of Religion
Criminal Justice: Race and Justice Policies
Politics, Race, and Ethnicity
Theology (Including Systematic, Practical Theology, Black, and British Black Theologies)
African American History, African Diaspora Religious and the Transatlantic Trade
Black Social Movements and Intellectual History over the centuries
Research Methods

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2019-present American Society of Criminology
2018-present American Academy of Religion
2018-present British Society of Criminology
2017-present Society for the Study of Theology
2017-present Society for the Study of Christian Ethics
2015-present Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research
2010-present National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
2019-present American Association of Blacks in Higher Education