

# GEORGE WALTERS-SLEYON

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## Faculty Member, Researcher and Administrator

PhD candidate (passed-graduating in July 2019) at the University of Edinburgh with an interdisciplinary and international background. Over ten years of teaching and research experience in Philosophy, Theology/Religion, Social Ethics, Sociology and Comparative Criminology/Criminal Justice Reform Research with a background in research, resource development and administration.

## EDUCATION

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- PhD** University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom Present  
Practical Theology, and Criminal Justice Reform Research/Comparative Criminology (US and UK). Completed, passed the oral exam and awaiting graduation in July 2019.
- Th.D.** (Doctor of Theology) Boston University (Uncompleted) September 2006  
Philosophy, Theology and Sociology/Social Ethics (public policy)  
Completed two years of coursework.
- S.T.M.** (Master's in sacred theology). Boston University January 2006  
Philosophy, Theology and Social Ethics (public policy)
- M.Div.** (Master of Divinity). Boston University June 2004  
Divinity, Religious studies and Administration.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Book**

Walters-Sleyon, G., *Locked Up and Locked Down: Multitude Lingers in Limbo-Revised Edition*, U.S.A: Lulu, 2013.

### **Book Review**

*Missions: Centrifugal or Centripetal* in The Expository Times Volume 129 Number 1. A review of Gordon L. Snider, *The Use of Old Testament in a Wesleyan Theology of Mission* (Cambridge: James Clark and Co, 2016. pp. ix + 310. ISBN:978-0-227-17602-3).

### **Rapporteur**

May 2015

The Scottish Prison Service: Conference on: *From Vision to Reality-Transforming Scotland's Care of Women in Custody International Conference Report*.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Prison Chaplains on the Beat: Caring for Ageing, Dying and Dead Prisoners in US and UK Prisons.” The British Society of Criminology Conference: Birmingham City University, Birmingham/U.K. July 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/ U.K. September 2018

“Prison Chaplaincy in the Era of Mass Incarceration.” The Correctional Ministries and Chaplains Association Summit: Wheaton College, Illinois, USA. June 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/UK. April 2018

“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. 2015

### **Panellist:**

National Cathedral Conference on Reentry: Washington DC, 2013.

*2013 Reform Conference:* The Drug Policy Alliance: Denver/Colorado.

*State of Black Boston-Criminal Justice Panel-* Urban League 2011 Conference, Boston.

Harvard University, School of Divinity- *Restorative Justice and Faith*-2011 Conference, Boston.

## CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS

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“Race, Terrorism, and Theology.” Special Church History Lecture to Commemorate Black History Month, School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh, October 2017

“A DuBoisian Perspective in Socio-Ethnographic Research in Practical Theology.” Theology and Ethics Seminar, School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh. November 2017

“Race, Racism and Theology: From the Enlightenment to the Contemporary- the 1620s-2016: A Synopsis.” History of Christianity Research Seminar, School of Divinity University of Edinburgh. October 2016

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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### **Teaching Certificate:**

**Associate Fellow Certificate of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA)** 2018

Awarded the Associate Fellow certificate of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA). It is the United Kingdom's national recognition framework for commitment to professionalism in teaching and learning in Higher Education.

***Understanding Prison Life: New Research Frontiers:*** 2016

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

**VITAE: Realizing the Potential of Researchers** 2016

Completing the Edinburgh Local GRAD school course through the Institute for Academic Development (IAD) and VITAE: *realizing the potential of researchers: University of Edinburgh.*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Served as a teaching assistant/tutor at Boston University and the University of Edinburgh for several courses. Have gained international experience in teaching, academic supervision of students as well as supervision of students in multi-cultural and multi-racial settings.

- Developed lesson plans and materials for classroom instruction.
- Used several teaching methods to teach over 30 students per semester.
- Provided grading, supervision and personalised feedback.

**The University of Edinburgh, Scotland/U.K.** September 2015 to Present

Tutored the following courses at the School of Divinity University of Edinburgh

History of Christianity as a World Religion: B.  
Global Religions A: Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism.  
History of Christianity as a World Religion: A.  
Theological Ethics in Continental Perspective.

Tutored the following courses at the School of Law University of Edinburgh

Introduction to Criminal Justice. Spring 2018  
Introduction to Criminology Fall 2018

**Boston University, Massachusetts/U.S.A.** September 2007 to 2011

Served as a teaching assistant for the following courses at the School of Theology and the School of Education Boston University.

The History of the Social Teachings of the Church.  
Boston Personalism.  
Pedagogical techniques for Urban Schools and students for whom English is a second language.  
Homiletics- the Integration of Ethics and Homiletics.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Achieved a level of research proficiency and skills in the following research methods:

- Phenomenological research methods in the social sciences, and theology and society
- Criminology research methods
- Ethnography, NVivo, SPSS Statistics and Microsoft Office Proficient

**Empirical Research:** 2013

Topic: *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.

## SOME AREAS OF TEACHING INTEREST:

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Historical/Continental Philosophy  
Social/Political Philosophy  
Sociology/Social Theory  
Practical/ Liberation Theology  
Christian Ethics and Social Ethics  
Comparative Criminology

Introduction to Criminal Justice  
Research Methods  
Critical Race Theories  
Comparative Religion/Religious Studies  
African American Social/Religious  
History and Diaspora.

## MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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**Executive Director for The Center for Church and Prison, Inc.** Boston/MA, 2009-2016

Developed programs along with grant writing, strategic planning, leadership, workforce development and job fair management. Collaborated with other organizations in hosting several job and resource fairs with over 750 attendees.

**Assistant Administrator: African Studies Center Outreach Program: Boston University** 2006

Helped develop instructional and intellectual materials for high school and undergraduate students on the history of Africa.

**Event planning and management** 2012 to present

Planned, implemented and managed small events and conferences for over 500 hundred attendees.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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

## LANGUAGES

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**English:** Fluent; **French:** Reading knowledge; **Latin:** Elementary level and learning#