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I possess a PhD from the University of Edinburgh with an interdisciplinary background — over 15 years in higher education, teaching/research experience in Philosophy, Theology/Religion, Ethics (Christian and Social), Social Theory and Comparative Criminal Justice (US/UK)/Criminology and Restorative Justice. I also have experience in race/diversity training, equity and inclusion, policy analysis, administration, academic/leadership coaching.

EDUCATION

- PhD** (Doctor of Philosophy), University of Edinburgh/Scotland United Kingdom July 2019
Major: Practical Theology, and Criminal Justice Reform Research/Comparative Criminology (US and UK), Ethics (Christian and Social).
- Th.D.** (Doctor of Theology) Boston University (Uncompleted) September 2006
Major: Philosophy, Theology and Social Ethics (public policy)
Completed two years of coursework.
- S.T.M.** (Master's in sacred theology). Boston University January 2006
Major: Philosophy, Theology and Social/Global Ethics
- M.Div.** (Master of Divinity). Boston University June 2004
Major: Divinity, Personalism and Social Justice
- B.A.** Central University College. Accra/Ghana July 1997
Major: Religion, Administration and Leadership Development

McDonald Distinguished Fellow, Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University. 2019
Non-residential research responsibilities, the publication of materials reflecting the intersection of Law/the Penal system and Religion/Theology as well as intellectual collaboration with scholars of the legal field, the humanities, and the social sciences.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

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

Article

Walters-Sleyon, G., *Studies on Religion and Recidivism: Focus on Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan*

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

“Promote Justice: Race, Criminology and Restorative Justice.” Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries’
“Values over Violence Institute”. Boston/MA June 2019

“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. Sept. 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 Conf.: Morey House School of Education: Univ. 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

“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

HONOURS AND AWARDS

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

Served as a teaching assistant and tutor for several courses at the following institutions. I have acquired 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.

Varsity Tutors/United States March 2019 to Present

I presently serve as one of the tutors with Varsity Tutors. Varsity Tutors is “an award-winning tutoring platform that connects students with more than 40,000 expert tutors to accomplish academic and test prep goals.”

The University of Edinburgh, Scotland/ U.K. September 2015 to 2018

The School of Divinity University of Edinburgh: Courses

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.

The School of Law University of Edinburgh: Courses

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

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 SKILLS:

Public Policy	Leadership/Academic coaching
Event Planning, Implementation/Evaluation	Human resource/Program development
Strategic Planning	Teaching/Training
Project/Organization Management	Critical Race Theories
Strategic Communication/Public Speaking	Social and Racial Justice
Research Methods/Critical thinking	Advocacy and Community Outreach

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

President: Black Seminarians Association and International Student Association: 2001-2004
School of Theology Boston University

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 to host several job and resource fairs with over 750 formerly incarcerated individuals in attendance.

Assistant Administrator: African Studies Center Outreach Program: Boston University 2006
Helped develop instructional materials for high school and undergraduate students on the history of Africa.

Event planning and management 2012 to present
Planned and managed small events and conferences for over 500 hundred attendees.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology	2019-Present
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
American Association of Blacks in Higher Education	2019-Present

LANGUAGES

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