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CURRENT POSITION

Bunker Hill Community College, Boston, MA

Adjunct Faculty: Department of Behavioral, Social Sciences and Global Learning

Center for The Study of Law and Religion: Emory University: Atlanta

Fellowship: McDonald Distinguished Fellow

EDUCATION

University of Edinburgh: Scotland, United Kingdom,

July 2019

Ph.D., Major: Practical Theology, and Comparative Criminal Justice, (US/UK), Criminology, Ethics, Dissertation: "Punishment, Mass Incarceration, and Death in U.S. and U.K. Prisons: Through the Eyes of Prison Chaplains."

Committee: Profs. Alison Liebling, Joshua Ralston, and Richard Sparks

Supervisors: Professor David Grumett and Professor Richard Sparks

Boston University: Boston, MA, United States

S.T.M. (Master's in Sacred Theology).

January 2006

Major: Philosophy, Theology, and Ethics (Religious and Social).

Boston University/Boston, MA, United States

M.Div. (Master of Divinity). June 2004

Major: Divinity, Church Administration, and Social Justice

Central University College. Accra, Ghana, Africa

B.A. Bachelor of Arts in Religion, July 1997

Major: Religion, Administration and Leadership Development

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Religion/World Religions

Philosophy (Social and Enlightenment)

Ethics (Social and Religious)

Introduction to Criminology

Race Theories

Theology (Including Systematic, Black and

British Black Theologies)

Practical Theology

Social Theory

African American and African Diaspora and

Religious Histories

Black Social Movements and Intellectual

History

PUBLICATIONS

Book

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

Article/Research

Through the Eyes of James Cone: COVID-19, Police Brutality, and the Black Church 2020

Walters-Sleyon, G., *Studies on Religion and Recidivism: Focus on Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan* 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). 2017

Rapporteur

The Scottish Prison Service: Conference on: *From Vision to Reality-Transforming Scotland's Care of Women in Custody International Conference Report*. May 2015

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 U.S. and U.K. Prisons.” The British Society of Criminology Conference: Birmingham City University, Birmingham/U.K. July 2018
- “Mass Incarceration and Death in U.S. and U.K. 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, U.S.A. June 2018.
- “Race, Mass Incarceration, and Theology in U.K. Prisons: A Theological Dialogue on Punishment and Imprisonment.” The Society for the Study of Theology Conference: University of Nottingham, Nottingham/U.K. 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

PANELIST

- “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. Johns University School of Law, Eleanor H. McCullen Center for Law, Religion and Public Policy, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law). 2020
- Center for the Study of Law and Religion: Emory University 2019
- National Cathedral Conference on Reentry: Washington DC. 2013.
- *2013 Reform Conference: The Drug Policy Alliance: Denver/Colorado.* 2013
- *State of Black Boston-Criminal Justice Panel-* Urban League Conference, Boston. 2011
- Harvard University, School of Divinity-*Restorative Justice and Faith* Conference, Boston. 2011

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, the School of Divinity University of Edinburgh. 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bunker Hill Community College, Boston, MA

- Philosophy: Theories of Moral Philosophy and Applied Ethics: Spring 2020
- World Religions: Spring 2020
- World Religion: Summer: 2020

Varsity Tutors

- Providing tutorial services for undergraduate and graduate students: March 2019 to Present

The University of Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom

The School of Divinity:

September 2015 to 2018

- 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:

- Introduction to Criminal Justice: Spring 2018
- Introduction to Criminology: Fall 2018

Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts:

September 2007 to 2011

- Teaching Assistant for Dr. Norm Faramelli. Course: The History of the Social Teachings of the Church.
- Teaching Assistant for Dr. Norm Faramelli. Course: Boston Personalism.
- Teaching Assistant for Dr. Elizabeth Stefanakis. Course: Pedagogical techniques for Urban Schools and students for whom English is a second language.

- Teaching Assistant for Dr. Dale Andrews: Course: Homiletics- the Integration of Ethics and Homiletics.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Methods

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

Empirical Research:

- 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.
- Topic: “Prison Chaplains on the Beat in U.S. and U.K. Prisons.” Ethnographic research work with prison chaplains in the Scottish Prison Service (Scotland) and the United States (Alabama, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Jersey).

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- *McDonald Distinguished Fellow:* 2019
Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University.
- Teaching Certificate: Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy of the United Kingdom. 2018
- *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.

SOME SKILLS

Microsoft Word. PowerPoint. Excel. Windows/Mac. NVivo. Outlook. Trained in Online and Remote learning capabilities. Educated in all forms of social media. Event planning and promotion. Communication/People Skills. Management/Leadership Skills. Organizational Skills.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

- Coordinated the details of intricate student agendas
- Prepared expense reports, mailings, scheduling conference calls, and coordinating logistics for students and school administration meetings
- Acted as a liaison between students and administration
- Handled all logistical aspects of the meetings, including catering arrangements, meeting materials, correspondence, and edits to all presentations

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

- Developed programs along with grant writing, strategic planning and leadership, workforce development and job-fair management
- Planned and executed annual conferences along with speakers' coordination.
- Collaborated with other organizations to host several job and resource fairs with over 750 formerly incarcerated individuals in attendance
- Conducted training on community outreach and engagement

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
- Created new marketing flyers and slogans to promote awareness of the program
- Oversaw daily administrative duties for over 200 subscribers
- Responded to sensitive and confidential written and electronic correspondence concerning subscribers' accounts
- Proofread documents such as quarterly newsletters and edited a variety of publications
- Initiated weekly contact with prospective subscribers: generating new leads by helping to educate and answer questions about the program

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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| • 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 |

REFERENCES

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