

GEORGE WALTERS-SLEYON

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Edinburgh, 2019, Scotland, United Kingdom
Major: Practical Theology, Comparative Criminal Justice (United States and United Kingdom),
Criminology, and Ethics
Dissertation: “Punishment, Mass Incarceration and Death in US and UK Prisons: Through the
Eyes of Prison Chaplains”

Campus Presentations

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

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

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

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

S. T. M., Boston University, 2006, Massachusetts, United States
Major: Philosophy, Religion/Theology and Ethics (Applied, Religious, and Social)

M.Div., Boston University, 2004, Massachusetts, United States
Major: Church Administration, and Social Justice

B.A., Central University College, 1997, Accra, Ghana,
Major: Religion, Administration, and Leadership Development.

Teaching Certificate: Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy of the United
Kingdom, 2018, United Kingdom

VITAE: *Realizing the Potential of Researchers*, Edinburgh Local GRAD school
course through the Institute for Academic Development (IAD) and VITAE: realizing the
potential of researchers: 2016, University of Edinburgh

FACULTY EXPERIENCE

2020-Present, Bunker Hill Community College, Boston, Massachusetts
Adjunct professor, 2020 -present

Bunker Hill Community College is one of Massachusetts' most affordable community colleges. With a total enrollment of over 13,000 students, it offers a comprehensive array of more than 100 academic programs, encompassing associate degrees, certificates, and transfer programs to four-year universities.

World Religions (Fall, Spring and Summer): REL 111 201, 2022 and 2023; REL 111 H1, 2021; REL 111 -RI, 2021; REL 111 TC, 2021; REL 111-03, 2022; REL 111-A1-1, 2021

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall, Spring, and Summer): PHL-101-01, 2020, 2021, 2022; PHL-101-03, 2024; PHL 101 100, 2022; PHL101 202, 2023.

Applied Ethics (Fall and Spring Semesters): PHL 103 01: 2021, 2022, 2023; PHL 103 -02: 2022 and 2023

2021, Boston University Metropolitan College, Boston, Massachusetts

Adjunct professor, 2021

Boston University Metropolitan College (MET) is one of the 17 schools and colleges that comprise Boston University.

Principles of Criminal Justice: MET CJ101 – Fall 2021

2007 to 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 to 2020, Varsity Tutors

Providing tutorial services for 20 undergraduate and graduate students.

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

The School of Divinity: Tutor

History of Christianity as a World Religion, HCWR1B (ECHS08004), 2016

Global Religions A: Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism, (REST08015), 2016

History of Christianity as a World Religion, HCWR1A (ECHS08005), 2015

Theological Ethics in Continental Perspective, THET10057, 2018

The School of Law: Tutor

Introduction to Criminal Justice, LAWS08136, Spring 2018-Fall 2018

Introduction to Criminology, LAWS08137, Spring 2018-Fall 2018

PUBLICATIONS

Articles/Research

Walters-Sleyon, G. 02, 2022. "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., 2, 2020. "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. 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's (AABHE) Annual

Conference. Conference theme: *Power, Performance, and Pride: Enhancing the Legacy of Blacks in Higher Education*. 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).

2019, "Promote Justice: Race, Criminology, and Restorative Justice." Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries' *Values over Violence Institute*. Boston/Massachusetts

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

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

2018, "Prison Chaplaincy in the Era of Mass Incarceration." The Correctional Ministries and Chaplains Association Summit: Wheaton College, Illinois, United States

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.

2011, "Restorative Justice and Faith," Harvard University, School of Divinity Conference, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Panelist

2019, *McDonald Distinguished Fellow*, Center for the Study of Law and Religion: Emory University
2013, National Cathedral Conference on Reentry: Washington DC
2013, “Reform Conference”: The Drug Policy Alliance: Denver/Colorado
2011, “State of Black Boston-Criminal Justice Panel”- Urban League Conference, Boston

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