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Education:

May, 2013 M.A., Religion, *Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) Concentration*
Yale Divinity School. New Haven, CT.

December, 1999 Ph.D., Women's Studies. **Clark University.** Worcester, MA.
Dissertation: *'Adults in Little Bodies': Responsibility and the Politics of
Femininity in Black and Latina, Urban Girlhood.*

May, 1995 M.A., African American Studies. **Temple University.** Philadelphia, PA.

May, 1993 B.A., African American Studies. **Brown University.** Providence, RI.

Research Interests: Gender/Sexuality and the Black Church, African American Girlhood, African American Women's Literature, Gender Based Violence, Queer Theology, Liberation Theology, Feminist Theology, Relational Theology.

Teaching Experience:

Fall, 2018 Adjunct Professor, **Buffalo State College.** Buffalo, NY. *WGSS*
Course: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies

Fall, 2016 Adjunct Professor, **Erie Community College.** Buffalo, NY. *Social Sciences*
Courses: Human Services II, Social Problems

Fall, 2014 Adjunct Professor, **University of Bridgeport.** Bridgeport, CT. *English*
Course: Modern African American Literature

Spring, 2014 Adjunct Instructor, **Montclair State University.** Montclair, NJ. *Communications*
Course: Investigative Research Methods

Fall, 2012 Adjunct Professor, **College of New Rochelle.** New Rochelle, NY. *Sociology*
Course: Introduction to Sociology

Fall, 2011 Adjunct Instructor, **University of Connecticut.** Stamford, CT. *Sociology*
Courses: Social Problems, Black Feminist Political Thought

Spring, 2011 Adjunct Instructor, **College of New Rochelle,** New Rochelle, NY. *Sociology*
Course: Introduction to Sociology

Fall, 2008 Adjunct Professor, **New Jersey City University,** Jersey City, NJ. *Gender Studies*
Courses: Composition, Introduction to Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS)

2007 – 2008 Adjunct Professor, **Rutgers University.** New Brunswick, NJ. *AfroAm/English*
Courses: Expository Writing, Black Profiles, Black Images in Film, African American Folklore, Social and Political Development, Gender and AIDS

Additional Coursework:

1999 – 2000 Postdoctoral Visiting Scholar Position in Women's Studies,
Northeastern University. Boston, MA.

August, 1997 Certificate in Graduate Women's Studies, **Network of Women's Studies in Europe (NOISE).** Dortmund, Germany.

1995 – 1996 Coursework in Africana Women's Studies Graduate Program,
Clark Atlanta University. Atlanta, GA.

Administrative Experience:

- 2016 – Present Congregational Development Director/ Parish Administrator
Trinity Episcopal Church, Buffalo, NY
Provides organizational support for the effective management of the operations of Trinity Church. Supports Rector, staff and volunteers in functional areas including communications, external relations, event management, vendor relations, website, social media and member database maintenance.
- 2016 – 2017 Parish Coordinator (Part-time)
St. John's-Grace Episcopal Church, Buffalo, NY
Assists the Rector (Priest-in-Charge or Interim Rector), Wardens, Vestry Members, Treasurer, Sextons and Parishioners in carrying out the mission of the parish. General planning and organization of the church office. Prepare, type and secure parish publications including weekly worship bulletins, special mailings and other miscellaneous correspondence; Monitor incoming and inter-office communications (including telephone calls, voice mail, email and memos);
- 2013 – Present Scorer (Part-time/remote)
Council for Aid to Education, New York, NY (Remote)
Read and evaluate essays for a non-profit providing performance-based assessment and support to colleges and universities.
- 2015 – 2016 Independent Consultant – Project Management
LGBT Faith Leaders of African Descent, New York, NY
Charged with the creation of a Citywide Coalition of religious leaders to advocate for the lives of Black LGBT youth. Coordinated and participated in programs including Transgender Day of Remembrance and the Black Clergy Roundtable.
- 2015 – 2016 Achievement Coach
Housatonic Community College, Bridgeport, CT
Provided intense, personal coaching to program participants in the Family Economic Security Program – a program for community college students who are female heads of household.
- 2013 – 2016 Outside Reader/ Application Reader (Seasonal/Remote)
Princeton University Office of Undergraduate Admission, Princeton, NJ
Read and evaluated freshman applications to Princeton University. Provided comprehensive analysis of information/credentials submitted to the University by applicants seeking admission. Analyzed applicants' academic and non-academic achievements within the context of school, geographic and personal background. Interpreted and applied institutional policies and goals.
- 2011 – 2013 Administrative Assistant
Yale University, New Haven, CT.
Provided administrative support for several offices at Yale University including the Athletic Department, MacDougal Graduate Student Center/Graduate Student Life Office, Gifts Administration and served as a research assistance for Women's and Gender Studies and History Departments.
- 2007 – 2009 HIV/AIDS, Sexual Health Educator/ Project Coordinator
Liberation in Truth/ Unity Fellowship Church, Newark, NJ
Designed and implemented a HIV/AIDS prevention program for African American young women using the Evidence Based Intervention "SISTA". Assisted the Executive Director in grant writing efforts.

- 2005 – 2006 Interim Executive Director
The Women’s Center, Cambridge, MA
 Stepped in from a Board of Director position to manage the day to day activities of the organization. Managed finances and worked in collaboration with the Development Director on fundraising efforts. Development of special events and workshops. Supervision of paid staff and interns. Conducted volunteer and intern trainings.
- 2000 – 2005 Independent Consultant
Self-employed, Cambridge, MA
 Worked as a research/ project manager for women’s organizations in the Boston area including: The Women’s School, The Boston Black Women’s Health Initiative, The Cambridge Women’s Commission, New Words Bookstore and The Family Violence Prevention Fund.

Publications:

- Contributor. *50 Key Events that Shaped African American History: An Encyclopedia of the American Mosaic*. Edited by Karsonya Whitehead. ABC-Clio, 2019.
- Contributor. *Misogyny in American Culture: Causes, Trends and Solutions*. Edited by Letizia Guglielmo. ABC-Clio, 2018.
- Contributor. *Race and Ethnicity in American Film: Voices and Visions that Shaped a Nation*. Edited by Daniel Bernardi and Michael Green. Greenwood, 2017.
- Contributor. *Women’s Rights: Reflections in Popular Culture*. Edited by Ann Savage. Greenwood, 2017.
- Contributor. *African American Leadership: A Concise Reference Guide*. Edited by Tyson King-Meadows. Mission Bell Media, 2015.
- “Hard Choices: Hillary Rodham Clinton” (Review) *Herizons* 28(3) [Winter, 2015]
- “Seeds of Change: Critical Essays on Barbara Kingsolver” (Review) *Southern Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the South*.20 (1) [Fall, 2013]
- Atchison, Gabriel and Dominique Atchison “LGBT Sunday: Music and Worship Resources” *The African American Lectionary*.
http://www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org/PDF/LGBTSunday_WR_June2313.pdf)
- God is Here*. [Kindle Ebook] (2012)
- Building the Dream: Creative Fundraising for Churches*. [Kindle Ebook] (2012)
- “Brother Can We Talk?: Why Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse Should Speak Out” *Spotlight on Recovery*, June, 2011
- Silent Rage: African American Boys and Sexual Abuse*. [Kindle Ebook] (2010)
- “HIV/AIDS: Are We Afraid to Talk About it?” *Spotlight on Recovery*, Winter 2010
- “Health at the Margins” in Worcester, Nancy. *Women’s Health: Readings on Social, Economic and Political Issues*. Kendall Hunt Publication, Co. Dubuque, IA. (2007)
- Autry, A., Davis, L., Mitchell-Clark, K. and Atchison, G. (January, 2003). “Conversations with Mothers of Color who Have Experienced Domestic Violence”. Family Violence Prevention Fund
http://www.ncdsv.org/images/Mothersof_Color1.pdf
- Guest Editor Special Issue on Violence Against Women of Color, “Introduction”, “The Dawn Crawlers” *Sojourner, The Women’s Forum* (October 2002, Vol 28, No. 2)

“I’m Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield...And Study War No More” *Sojourner, The Women’s Forum* (December 2001, Vol 27, No.4)

“Kenyan Grassroots Environmental Campaign Empowers Women to Protect Their Farms” *Sojourner, The Women’s Forum* (November, 2001 Vol. 27, No 3)

"An Open Letter to Black Lesbian and Bisexual Teens" *Sojourner, The Women’s Forum* (June, 2001 Vol. 26, No.10)

Academic Presentations:

Paper Presentation, “Awakenings: The Black Experience in the Episcopal Church.” Eastern International Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion. Waterloo, Ontario. April, 2017.

Paper Presentation, “Awakenings: The Black Experience in the Episcopal Church.” New York African Studies Association (NYASA). University of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY. March, 2017.

Panelist, “Queer Black Bodies and the Contested Space of the Black Church.” National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA), Montreal, Quebec. November, 2016.

Paper Presentation, “Queer Hush Harbors: African American LGBT Christians, Homophobia, and the Black Church.” 2015 New England-Maritimes Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion. Brighton, MA. April 2016.

Panelist, “‘The Erotic as Power’: Female and Queer Black Bodies Disrupting the Patriarchal Space of the Black Church.” #BlackChurchSex/ Love Thyself: Black Bodies and Religious Spaces Convening, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ. March, 2016.

Paper Presentation, “The Color of Innocence: Racism and the Effort to Save America’s Prostituted Youth.” International Summit on Civil and Human Rights, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA. October, 2015.

Panelist, “The Criminalization of Survival: African American Women and Sex Work.” Interdisciplinary Conference on Race, Monmouth University, Monmouth, NJ. April, 2015.

Paper Presentation, “Ferguson and the Power of Forgiveness: Lessons from *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman” 2015 New England-Maritimes Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion. Brighton, MA. March 2015.

Panelist, “Feminist Transgressions in the Black Church” And They Spake These Words ... Women’s Voices in Religion: The Trinity; Duke University Women’s Center, Durham, NC. February 2015.

Panel Moderator on “Dismantling Master’s Tools: Feminist Transgressions in the Black Church” Annual Conference, National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA), San Juan, Puerto Rico. November 2014.

Community Service:

2016 - present	Board Member	Jesus the Liberator Seminary
2016 - 2018	Board Member	Compass House
2012 – 15	Volunteer	Abraham’s Tent
2012 – 13	Vice Moderator (Board Chair)	MCC New Haven
	Co-Chair, Women’s Center	Yale Divinity School
2010 – 11	Online Hotline Volunteer	RAINN
	Bereavement Support Group Facilitator	The Mautner Project
	Bereavement Support Group Facilitator	DC LGBT Community Center
	Board Secretary	Unity Fellowship Church of Columbia
2007 – 08	Church Clerk, Volunteer	Unity Fellowship Church of Newark
2003 – 05	Board Secretary	The Women’s Center of Cambridge