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## Curriculum Vitae

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#### GENERAL INFORMATION

##### Degrees

2017, Doctor of Philosophy, History, Howard University.  
2013, Masters, History, Florida A&M University.  
2011, Masters, Divinity/Ministry History MDIV, Emory University.  
2008, Bachelor of Science, Political Science, Religion, Florida State University.

#### DOCTORAL CONCENTRATIONS

Major Field – **U.S. History** (emphasis, 19<sup>th</sup> Century African-American Religions)  
Minor Field – **African Diaspora** (emphasis, Diasporic Religions)  
Minor Field – **Public History** (emphasis, Archival Sciences)

#### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

**2023-Current Middle Tennessee State University**  
Director for Africana Studies

**2018-Current Middle Tennessee State University**  
Associate Professor with Tenure

**2019-Current Methodist History Journal**  
Editorial Board

**2016-2018 Florida Agriculture & Mechanical University**  
Visiting Professor of Religious History

**2017 Edward Waters College**  
Adjunct Professor of History

**2014–2016 Howard University**  
Graduate Teaching Fellow in American History

#### SCHOLARSHIP/RESEARCH/CREATIVE ACTIVITY

##### Publications/Peer Reviewed/Published

###### Books (University Press)

**Treadwell, A. M.** *Tongues of Fire: A Collection of the Black Religious Resistance Against Lynching.*  
Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University. (October 2025)

**Treadwell, A. M.** *Black Christian Evolution: The Gospel of the Northern Negro in the Southern Mission.*  
Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University (Forthcoming, November 2026)

## SCHOLARSHIP/RESEARCH/CREATIVE ACTIVITY

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Treadwell, A. M.** (2021). "Tongues Of Fire: AME Theological Protection In The Face Of Lynching." *Griot: Journal Of African American Studies, Volume 39* (Number 01), 28-47.
- Treadwell, A. M.** (2025). (Editing) "'The Work Is All Divine': The State of the Field of African Methodist Episcopal Church Scholarship." *Journal Of African American History*.

### Book Chapter

- Treadwell, A. M.** (2024). "Total War: The Justification of Lynching Black Women." In *Breonna Taylor and Me Black Women, Racial Justice and Reclaiming Hope*. Edited by Angela Douglas and Emmanuel Harris II. Peter Lang Inc., International Academic Publishers.
- Treadwell, A. M.** (2024). "Black Fires: Analyzing the Relationship Between Radical Theology and Arson in South Georgia." In *Discourses of Crisis and the Study of Religion*. Edited by Lauren Horn Griffin. Sheffield, South Yorkshire: Equinox Publishing Ltd..
- Treadwell, A. M.** (2023). "Understanding and Teaching Contemporary U.S. History since Reagan." In *Examining African-American Voter Suppression, Reagan to Trump*. Edited by Kimber M. Quinney and Amy L. Sayward. Madison, Wisconsin: University of Wisconsin Press.

### Book Review

- Treadwell, A. M.** (2025) (Submitted) Book Review, *The Violent World of Broadus Miller: A Story of Murder, Lynch Mobs, and Judicial Punishment in the Carolinas*. Southern Journal.
- Treadwell, A. M.** (2023) Book Review, *A Long Reconstruction: Racial Caste and Reconciliation in the Methodist Church*. Southern Journal.
- Treadwell, A. M.** (2021) Book Review, *Soul Liberty: The Evolution of Black Religious Politics in Postemancipation Virginia*. Church History.

### Public History Project

- Treadwell, A. M. (Ed.)**, African Methodist Episcopal Church Digital Archives.

### Newspaper Article

- Treadwell, A. M.** (2025). "Join Me As We Seek To Explore the Virtual Story of the African Methodist Episcopal Church." (Forthcoming) *The Christian Recorder*.
- Treadwell, A. M.** (2024). "General Conference Business Session IV" (August 2024). *The Christian Recorder*..
- Treadwell, A. M.** (2024). "General Conference Business Session X" (August 2024). *The Christian Recorder*.
- Treadwell, A. M.** (2024). "The Social Reform of the North Carolina AME Church" (August 2024). *The Christian Recorder*.
- Treadwell, A. M.** (2023). "Schools are Banning Diversity Instruction, is Your 501c3 Status Next?" (vol. July 2023). *The Christian Recorder*.
- Treadwell, A. M.** (2022). "Student Loan Forgiveness, Black Debt, and the MDIV Degree" (November 13, 2022 ed.). *The Christian Recorder*.
- Treadwell, A. M.** (2022). "Has the Flag Run its Course in Our Sanctuary?." *The Christian Recorder*.
- Treadwell, A. M.** (2022). "A Contextualization of the Bomb Threat: A Brief History of America's Use of Firebombing the Black Church" (pp. 3). *The Christian Recorder*.
- Treadwell, A. M.** (2022). "We Fought Once, Will We Fight Again?: Attempting to Contextualize A.M.E. Resistance." *The Christian Recorder*.
- Treadwell, A. M.** (2021). "The Deep Impact of AME Roots: Dr. Sidney McPhee's Story." *The Christian Recorder*.

## Presentations

### Panel

- Treadwell, A.M.**, ASALH Annual Meeting, Black Expression as Resistance: Art, Faith, and Activism in the 20th Century" Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Atlanta, GA, United States of America. (September 2025).
- Treadwell, A. M.**, AHA Annual Meeting, "Teaching Contemporary U.S. History since Reagan: Challenges and Resources", American Historical Association, San Francisco, CA, United States of America. (January 4, 2024).
- Treadwell, A. M.**, Nelson, A., SCAASI TURNS 40: Celebrating 40 years of Interpreting and Preserving African American History and Culture, "The Negro Preacher and his support of the Second Amendment," The Southern Conference on African American Studies, Inc., Doubletree Hotel By Hilton, Tallahassee, FL, United States of America. (February 8, 2019).

### Paper

- Treadwell, A. M.**, North American Association for the Study of Religion, "The Relationship Between Black Liberation Theology and Arson in the South," American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, San Antonio, TX, United States of America. (November 19, 2021).
- Treadwell, A. M.**, Slave Dwelling Project Conference: Changing Narratives in Changing Times, "Building a Fundamental Archive for the African Methodist Episcopal Church: A Survey Report on the Digital A.M.E.-Archives Project," Digital. (September 16, 2021).
- Treadwell, A. M.**, Cable, J. H., Florida Conference of Historians, "Theology as self-defense in the Black Florida Church," New College of Florida, Sarasota, FL, United States of America. (February 23, 2019).

### Lecture

- Treadwell, A. M.**, Power of a Thinking Church, "Re-Thinking Black Liberation Theology in Rural Settings," African Methodist Episcopal Church: Department of Research, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, United States of America. (May 19, 2023).
- Treadwell, A. M.**, Stand Together Fellowship, "Voting Rights and Regulation," Stand Together Fellowship, Maury Hills Church. (February 4, 2022).
- Treadwell, A. M.**, Henning, P. K., Hardaway, R. G., MTSU NAACP Lecture Series, "Why are Black Kids being Arrested for Being Kids?," MTSU NAACP, MTSU Student Union Building, Murfreesboro, TN, United States of America. (November 16, 2021).
- Treadwell, A. M.**, 2021 Honors Lecture Series: Rewriting the Constitution, "The Constitutional Right to Vote," MTSU Honors Lecture Series, MTSU Honors Hall, Murfreesboro, TN, United States of America. (November 15, 2021).
- Treadwell, A. M.**, MTSU NAACP Lecture Series, "Critical Race Theory: What is It," MTSU NAACP, MTSU Student Union Building, Murfreesboro, TN, United States of America. (November 2, 2021).
- Treadwell, A. M.**, Tennessee Annual Conference 2019, "Updates on the A.M.E. Digital-Database: Tennessee," 13th District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Nashville, TN, United States of America. (October 24, 2019).
- Treadwell, A. M.**, Kentucky Annual Conference, "Updates on the A.M.E. Digital-Database: Kentucky," 13th District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, KY, United States of America. (September 15, 2019).
- Treadwell, A. M.**, West Tennessee Annual Conference, "Updates on the A.M.E. Digital-Database: West Tennessee," 13th District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN, United States of America. (September 13, 2019).
- Treadwell, A. M.**, East TN Annual Conference, "Updates on the A.M.E. Digital-Database: East Tennessee," 13th District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, TN, United States of America. (September 8, 2019).

### Oral Presentation

- Treadwell, A. M.**, 13<sup>th</sup> District AME Church, "The Work of the Pulpit in Times of Crisis," African Methodist Episcopal Church, Greater Bethel AME, Nashville, TN. (February 6, 2026).
- Treadwell, A.M.**, AME Church Digital Archive Report, "Louisville Institute Scholarship Conference," Louisville, Kentucky, (January 22-24).
- Treadwell, A. M.**, AME Church South District Conference, "Incorporating Digital History ---Digital Evangelism," African Methodist Episcopal Church, Allen Chapel AME, Murfreesboro, TN. (February 25, 2023).
- Treadwell, A. M.**, NAACP State Convention, "Critical Race Theory in Tennessee," NAACP, The Preston Convention Center, Nashville, TN. (September 24, 2022).

## SCHOLARSHIP/RESEARCH/CREATIVE ACTIVITY

### Awards and Honors

**Rutherford County, Man of the Year.** (October 28, 2023).

**Student Contributing Success, Vice President for Student Affairs.** (May 12, 2023, December 2022, May 2020).

**Florida State University 35 under 35, Florida State University.** (October 2022).

**Murfreesboro 40 Under 40.** (October 2022).

### Teaching Innovation and Curriculum Development

Creation of New Course (MTSU). AAS 4600: Senior Seminar. May 1, 2021 - Present.

Creation of New Course (MTSU). HIST 2040: Survey of American History. December 10, 2021 - January 2023.

Creation of New Course (MTSU). HIST 2050: Survey African American History 2. December 10, 2021 - January 2023.

Creation of New Course (MTSU). Black Religion in America. August 1, 2020 - December 15, 2022.

### Directed Student Learning

**Directed Individual/Independent Study. (August 1, 2021 – Spring 2023).**

Advised: Alexis Matrone

**Directed Individual/Independent Study. (August 1, 2021 - Spring 2023).**

Advised: Tre'Anna Stewart

**Dissertation Committee Member. (August 21, 2019 - Fall 2024).**

Advised: John Lodi

**Master's Thesis Committee Member**, "The Preservation of a Historic Black Farm: Matt Gardner Homestead in Giles County, Tennessee. \*\*." (July 5, 2022).

Advised: Abigail Coomes

**Master's Thesis Committee Member**, "Preservation, Public History, and the Rural African American Church: Emery Methodist Church, Rutherford County, Tennessee, 1869 – Present." (April 18, 2022).

Advised: Alexis Matrone

**Directed Individual/Independent Study**, "HIST 7910: Readings in African-American Theological History." (August 2020).

Advised: John Lodi

**Master's Thesis Committee Member**, "'Let Justice Be Done': Institutional Slavery at the University of Alabama." (June 30, 2020).

Advised: Max Farley

**Doctoral Advisory Committee Member**, "Oral Defense." (June 26, 2020).

Advised: William Pruet

**UG Honors Thesis**, Member, "The Untold Stories of the Maney Family Slaves: A Case Study of Slavery in Murfreesboro." (September 9, 2018 - November 11, 2019).

Advised: Audrey Creel

### Contracts, Fellowships, Grants and Sponsored Research

**Treadwell, A.M.**, Non-instructional Assignment Grant, Granted by Middle Tennessee State University, December 19, 2024, Fall 2025 Semester Sabbatical.

**Treadwell, A.M.**, Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor, Granted by Middle Tennessee State University, August 2024.

**Treadwell, A. M.**, "A Study on Black Religious Emigration: The Digital Archive for the African Methodist Episcopal Church," Sponsored by Louisville Institute, Louisville, KY. \$30,000.

**Treadwell, A. M.**, "M-Squared Mentoring Program," Sponsored by University Studies Department, Middle Tennessee State University, \$500.00.

**Treadwell, A. M.** (Principal), "AME-Archives," Sponsored by African Methodist Episcopal Church, Private, \$5,000.00. (July 30, 2019 - Present).

## Media Appearances and Interviews

- "West, Shabazz to give Black History Month public talks on Feb. 24, 27 at MTSU," The Tennessee Tribune. (February 20, 2023).
- "MTSU professor urges MLK vigil attendees to 'put your mask on' to combat 'dust' of inequality [+VIDEO]," MTSU News. (January 18, 2023).
- "Wes Moore to be sworn in as MD. governor on Frederick Douglass's Bible," The Washington Post. (January 14, 2023).
- "Juvenile Oversight Committee," ABC News. (October 13, 2022).
- "Event to meet Murfreesboro City Council candidates set," Murfreesboro post. (June 10, 2022).
- "Bishop William Barber to Give Virtual Remarks as Part of Feb. 25 Discussion on Church Activism, Black Wellness at MTSU," Tennessee Tribune. (February 2022).
- "MTSU News," NEW TIME, LOCATION: Bishop Barber to give virtual remarks as part of Feb. 25 panel on church activism, Black wellness. (February 2022).
- "Murfreesboro NAACP presents special awards to the McPhees of MTSU," Daily News Journal. (February 2022).
- "MTSU MLK vigil reflects on legacy, call to 'moral and fair society'," MLK Vigil 2019. (January 24, 2019).
- "Here's how Middle Tennessee is honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. today," WTVF. (January 21, 2019).

## RELEVANT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2020-Current**    **A.M.E. Church Digital Archives – Nashville, Tennessee**  
Curator and Founder, Louisville Institute Grant Funded
- 2014-2015**    **The National Archives – Washington, D.C.**  
Handling and Processing Researcher, Digitization Department
- 2012-2013**    **Florida A&M University – Tallahassee, Florida**  
Graduate Research Assistant – History Department
- 2011-2013**    **Florida A&M University – Tallahassee, Florida**  
OPS Research Assistant – Florida A&M University Office of Assessment

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023-2025**    **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.**  
Chapter President
- 2022-Present**    **African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
Dean of the Board of Examiners & Chair of the Board of Institute
- 2022-Present**    **New Webb Grove AME Church – Murfreesboro, Tennessee**  
Senior Pastor – South District, 13<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District
- 2021-Present**    **NAACP – Murfreesboro, Tennessee**  
Legal Redress Committee Chair
- 2021-Present**    **Wee Care Day Care – Murfreesboro, Tennessee**  
Board of Directors Chair
- 2021-Present**    **The Christian Recorder – Nashville, Tennessee**  
Columnist
- 2020-Present**    **Key Memorial United Methodist Church – Murfreesboro, Tennessee**  
Senior Pastor – Stones River District
- 2019-Present**    **Methodist History Journal**  
Editorial Board
- 2019-Present**    **African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
Director and CEO of the A.M.E. Digital Archive
- 2016-2018**    **Stewart Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church – Perry, Florida**  
Senior Pastor – Tallahassee District, 11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District
- 2016-2018**    **Florida A&M University – Tallahassee, Florida**  
Instructor – Black Male College Explores Summer Program
- 2013-2015**    **Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church – Washington, D.C.**  
Assistant Pastor – 3<sup>rd</sup> District of the AME Church
- 2011-2013**    **Oak Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church – Chattahoochee, Florida**  
Senior Pastor – 11<sup>th</sup> District of the AME Church
- 2008-2010**    **Decatur Cooperate Ministries – Decatur, Georgia**  
Board of Directors – Student Director (Emory)

## SERVICE

### University Service

#### University

- Chair, Black History Month & Distinguished Lecture Fund. “Cornell West,” (February 24, 2022).
- Keynote Speaker, MTSU: Intercultural and Diversity Affairs. (January 12, 2023).
- At-large position, CLA Curriculum Committee. (August 1, 2021 - Present).
- Faculty Member, MLK Viigil Committee. (November 15, 2018 - Present).
- Black History Month: Faculty Member, Black History Month. (August 21, 2018 - Present).
- Chair, Black History Month & Distinguished Lecture Fund. “Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield and Bishop William Barber,” (February 24, 2021).
- Chair, Black History Month & Distinguished Lecture Fund. “Roland Martin,” (February 24, 2020).

## SERVICE

- Facilitator, Black History Month & Distinguished Lecture Fund. (November 2020 - February 2021).
- Judge, History Day. (February 2020).
- Chair, Black History Month & Distinguished Lecture Fund. "Jackie Oliver: PBS Documentary" (October 1, 2019 - February 2020).
- Facilitator and Organizer for Distinguished Lecture, Phi Alpha Theta, History Department, Black History Month, Distinguished Lecture. (October 2019 - February 11, 2020).
- Keynote Speaker, MTSU: Intercultural and Diversity Affairs. (January 12, 2019).

## College

- Faculty Senate, History Department Representative. (April 2026 - Present).
- Assistant, Teagle Foundation, Cornerstone: Learning for Living. (October 30, 2020 - Present).
- Faculty Member, General Education. (August 2020 - Present).
- College of Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee (August 2019 – 2024)

## Department

- Committee Member, Museum Studies Tenured Search Committee. (March 2023 - May 2023).
- Faculty Advisor, NAACP Youth and College Division. (August 2021 - Present).
- CLA Representative, Work Group. (October 31, 2020 - Present).
- Liaison, Department Tenure and Promotion. (August 27, 2019 - Present).
- Committee Member, General Education. (August 21, 2019 - Present).
- Committee Member, FTT Search Committee. (March 2023 - May 2023).
- Committee Member, FTT Search Committee. (March 2022 - June 2022).
- Committee Member, FTT Search Committee. (November 2021 - December 2021).
- Faculty Advisor, Alpha Phi Alpha – Kappa Xi. (August 1, 2022 - Present).
- Faculty Advisor, NAACP: Youth and College Division. (August 1, 2021 - Present).
- Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta - Pi Sigma. (August 1, 2019 - August 2021).
- Committee Member, FTT Search Committee. (March 2021 - May 2021).
- Graduate Committee, Graduate Comprehensive Exam. (August 21, 2018 - May 5, 2019).

## Public Service

- Keynote Speaker, NAACP: Martin Luther King Breakfast Banquet, Murfreesboro, TN. (January 17, 2025).
- Head Organizer and Facilitator: City Town Hall for Mayor and Council Person Seats, Key Memorial United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN. (January 2022 - Present).
- Chair, Murfreesboro NAACP, Murfreesboro, TN. (September 2020 - Present).
- Organizer, Facilitating Distinguished Lecture: Jackie Oliver (Producer), Murfreesboro, TN. (October 1, 2019 - Present).
- Organizer for Black History Celebration: AME History, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Nashville, TN. (August 1, 2019 - Present).
- Chair, Murfreesboro NAACP, Murfreesboro, TN. (December 21, 2022).
- Organizer, Tennessee Historical Society, Murfreesboro, TN. (October 1, 2020 - November 20, 2021).
- Chair, Early Head Start Murfreesboro: Wee Day Care, Murfreesboro, TN. (December 2020 - May 1, 2021).
- Participant, Alpha Kappa Alpha - Colloquium, Murfreesboro, TN. (March 25, 2019).
- Guest Speaker, Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, Murfreesboro, TN. (February 21, 2019).
- Guest Speaker, Lee Chapel A.M.E. Church, Nashville, TN. (October 19, 2018).

## Professional Memberships

- American Academy of Religion, AAR, National, (2018 - Present).
- American Historical Association, AHA, National, (2017 - Present).
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (2020-Present)
- Florida Historical Society, FHS, State, (2017 - Present).
- The Southern Conference on African American Studies, Inc., SCAASI, Regional, (2017 - Present).
- The Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Inc., ASALH, International, (2015 - Present).
- African Methodist Episcopal Church, AME, International, (2011 - Present).

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**Relationship:** Vanderbilt Research Partner

#### CONTACT REFERENCE #2

Teresa Fry Brown, Ph.D.  
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(404) 727-4436 (Office)

**Relationship:** Emory Advisor, Post-Graduate Research Adviser

#### CONTACT REFERENCE #3

Paul R. Dotson  
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**Relationship:** Chief Editor Louisiana State University Press