

## JENNIFER S. LEATH

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### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

PHD (RELIGIOUS ETHICS & AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES) <i>Yale University</i>	(2010-2013) <i>New Haven, CT</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Women, Gender, &amp; Sexuality Studies Qualification</li><li>• Dissertation Titled: “<i>Make a Difference</i>”: <i>Afro-Diasporic Ethics of Childcare Work and Activism</i></li></ul>	
MASTERS OF ARTS & MASTERS OF PHILOSOPHY (RELIGIOUS ETHICS & AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES) <i>Yale University, With Distinction</i>	(2007-2010) <i>New Haven, CT</i>
MASTERS OF DIVINITY <i>Union Theological Seminary</i>	(2004-2007) <i>New York, NY</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thesis Titled: <i>The Labor of G-D: A Theo-Ethical Approach</i></li></ul>	
BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE, CONCENTRATIONS IN SOCIAL STUDIES AND AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES <i>Harvard University, Magna cum laude</i>	(1999-2003) <i>Cambridge, MA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thesis Titled: <i>And the Word became Flesh: The Discourse on Sexuality in the African Methodist Episcopal Church</i></li></ul>	
DIPLOMA <i>William Penn Charter School</i>	(1995-1999) <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAM ASSISTANT <i>The Gift of Black Theological Education &amp; Black Faith Traditions, Inc.</i>	(04.24-PRESENT) <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>
UNDERGRADUATE CHAIR OF BLACK STUDIES <i>Queen's University</i>	(07.24-PRESENT) <i>Kingston, ON</i>
PASTOR <i>Tanner-Price African Methodist Episcopal Church</i>	(08.23-PRESENT) <i>Windsor, ON</i>
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN BLACK RELIGIONS / QUEEN'S NATIONAL SCHOLAR <i>Queen's University</i>	(07.23-PRESENT) <i>Kingston, ON</i>
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN BLACK RELIGIONS / QUEEN'S NATIONAL SCHOLAR <i>Queen's University</i>	(09.21-06.23) <i>Kingston, ON</i>
MINISTERIAL STAFF <i>Grant AME Church</i>	(08.22-08.23) <i>Toronto, ON</i>
PASTOR <i>Campbell Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church</i>	(09.16-10.21) <i>Denver, CO</i>
DIRECTOR, MASTERS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & ETHICS <i>Iliff School of Theology</i>	(07.16-08.21) <i>Denver, CO</i>
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF RELIGION & SOCIAL JUSTICE <i>Iliff School of Theology</i>	(07.15-12.21) <i>Denver, CO</i>

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR RESEARCH <i>Center on African American Religion, Sexual Politics &amp; Social Justice, Columbia University</i>	(06.13-12.15) New York, NY
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE & VISITING LECTURER <i>Women's Studies in Religion Program, Harvard Divinity School</i>	(08.14-06.15) Cambridge, MA
PASTOR <i>Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church</i>	(05.14-08.15) White Plains, NY
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW & ADJUNCT FACULTY <i>Institute for Research in African-American Studies, Columbia University</i>	(06.13-08.14) New York, NY
PASTOR <i>Campbell African Methodist Episcopal Church</i>	(06.12-05.14) Media, PA
CONSULTANT / PROGRAM ASSOCIATE <i>Roundtable on the Sexual Politics of Black Churches, Columbia University</i>	(11.10-06.13) New York, NY
ASSISTANT PASTOR <i>First African Methodist Episcopal Church: Bethel</i>	(06.11-05.12) New York, NY
RESEARCH ASSISTANT <i>Hazel Carby, Yale University</i>	(08.08-03.10) New Haven, CT
ASSISTANT PASTOR <i>Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church</i>	(09.07-05.11) New Haven, CT
ORDAINED AN ITINERANT ELDER <i>St. Matthew's African Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia Annual Conference</i>	(05.07) Philadelphia, PA
ASSISTANT PASTOR <i>First African Methodist Episcopal Church: Bethel</i>	(09.05-09.07) New York, NY
ORDAINED AN ITINERANT DEACON <i>Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia Annual Conference</i>	(05.05) Harrisburg, PA
CAPACITY BUILDING VOLUNTEER <i>Kivulini Women's Rights Organization</i>	(07.03-06.04) Mwanza, Tanzania
RELIGIOUS OUTREACH INTERN <i>The Interfaith Alliance</i>	(07.01-09.01) Washington, D.C.
RESEARCH INTERVIEWER <i>University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work Program for the Study of Organized Religion and Social Work</i>	(06.00-09.00) Philadelphia, PA
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT <i>Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church</i>	(06.00-09.00) Philadelphia, PA

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## PUBLICATIONS (BOOK)

BLACK, QUARE, AND THEN TO WHERE: THEORIES OF JUSTICE & BLACK SEXUAL ETHICS. (Durham: Duke University Press, 2023).

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## PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS)

“CANADA AND PURE LAND, A NEW FIELD AND BUDDHA-LAND: WOMANISTS AND BUDDHISTS READING TOGETHER” In *Buddhist-Christian Studies*. 32, no. 1 (2012): 57–65.

“REVISING JEZEBEL POLITICS: TOWARD A NEW BLACK SEXUAL ETHIC” In *Black Intersectionalities – A Critique for the 21st Century*. (FORECAAST Series; Liverpool University Press, 2014).

“HOW SHOULD I PRAY? QUEER YOUTH MINISTRY IN BLACK CHURCH TRADITIONS” In *For Such a Time as This: Young Adults on the Future of the Church*. (Valley Forge: Judson Press, 2014).

“(OUT OF): PLACES, PLEASE! DEMYSTIFYING THE ANTI-CONTRACEPTION AND ANTI-ABORTION IN AFRO-DIASPORIC COMMUNITY” In *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*. 30, no. 1 (2014): 156-165.

“IS QUEER THE NEW BLACK?” In *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*. 43, no. 3 & 4 (2015).  
<http://bulletin.hds.harvard.edu/articles/summerautumn2015/queer-new-black>.

“‘BY THE GLORY OF G\*D’: FROM CHARLESTON TO ORLANDO” In *The A.M.E. Church Review*. Volume CXXXII, No. 4, October-December 2016, 87-100.

“GET OUT: SOUL TRANS-FORMATIONS IN TRUMPIRE.” In *Mission and Context*, edited by Jione Havea. New York: Fortress Academic, 2020.

“WATERWAYS - PATHS OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL” In *Gonna Trouble the Water: Ecojustice, Water, and Environmental Racism* (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2021).

“ON THE MOVE: BLACK PEOPLE AND THE ENVIROPOLITICS OF PLACE SHIFTING CLIMATE, SHIFTING PEOPLE” In *Displacement Climes: Shifting Climates – Shifting People* (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2022).

“THE STRANGE LIFE OF INTERSECTIONALITY” In a special issue on intersectionality, a roundtable discussion in the *Journal of Moral Theology* (Emmitsburg: Mount St. Mary’s University, 2023).

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## OTHER EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

MEMBER (CO-MODERATOR)	(2023-PRESENT)
<i>Joint Consultative Group between the World Council of Churches and Pentecostal Churches</i>	<i>Geneva, CH</i>

BOARD MEMBER	(2023-PRESENT)
<i>The Society of Christian Ethics</i>	<i>St. Cloud, MN</i>

STEERING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR	(2022-PRESENT)
<i>Black Theology Group, The American Academy of Religion</i>	<i>Atlanta, GA</i>

MEMBER	(2022-PRESENT)
<i>Central Committee of the World Council of Churches</i>	<i>Geneva, CH</i>

MEMBER	(2013-PRESENT)
<i>Society for the Study of Black Religion</i>	<i>Chicago, IL</i>

MEMBER	(2008-PRESENT)
<i>The Society of Christian Ethics</i>	<i>St. Cloud, MN</i>

MEMBER	(2007-PRESENT)
<i>The American Academy of Religion</i>	<i>Atlanta, GA</i>

ORDAINED ITINERANT ELDER  
*African Methodist Episcopal Church, First District*

(2007-PRESENT)  
*Philadelphia, PA*

LICENSED TO PREACH  
*Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church*

(1999)  
*Philadelphia, PA*

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## **CERTIFICATIONS & CONTINUED EDUCATION**

CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE (2021)  
*AME Cohort of Gift of Black Theological Education and the Black Church Collaborative*  
*Payne Theological Seminary Virtual through Wilberforce, OH*

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## **AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS**

TANNER-PRICE AME CHURCH GRANTEE  
\$20000 CAD  
*Ontario Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant*

(2023-2024)  
*Ontario, Canada*

INDUCTEE  
Martin Luther King Jr. Collegium of Scholars  
*Morehouse College*

(2023)  
*Atlanta, GA*

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## **TECHNICAL AND COMPUTER SKILLS**

MICROSOFT WORD, POWERPOINT, EXCEL; QUICKBOOKS; QUICKEN; PARADOX; ENDNOTE; ZOTERO; PREZI

KISWAHILI LITERATE AND CONVERSATIONALLY COMPETENT

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