

**Society for the Study of Black Religion
Annual Conference**

“The Academic Industrial Complex (AIC): Critical Continuities and Constructive Change”

Wednesday, April 3rd – Saturday, April 5th, 2025

**Embassy Suites
300 Tallapoosa St,
Montgomery, AL 36104**

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

6:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting
Conference Board Room

Thursday, April 3, 2025

11:30 AM Registration Opens
Hallway in front of Embassy Ballroom

12:00 PM Lunch
Salon D, E, F

1:00 PM Opening Session
Salon D, E, F
Presiding Officer, Dr. Raymond Carr,
President, Society for the Study of Black Religion

1:15 PM

Opening Plenary

“At the Gate I know”

Learotha Williams, Jr.

Professor of African American and Public History, Tennessee State University

2:45 PM Break

3:00 PM

“My Soul Looks Back”: The Academic Industrial Complex and Critical Continuities

Dr. Andrea White, Moderator

Panelists:

Rev. Dr. Lee H. Butler, Iliff School of Theology

Dr. Marla F. Frederick, Harvard Divinity School

Rev. Dr. Maisha I. Handy, McCormick Theological Seminary

Dr. Corey D. B. Walker, Wake Forest University School of Divinity

Discussion

4:30 PM

**The Dean’s Reception: Sponsored by Dean Marla F. Frederick, Harvard Divinity School
Embassy Suites (Salon D)**

6:00 PM Executive Committee Huddle
Conference Board Room

6:30 PM

How Are We Going To Get There?: Turning in Constructive Directions

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miles-Tribble,
Professor, Ministerial Leadership and Practical Theology
Berkeley School of Theology

8:00 PM DINNER ON YOUR OWN

FRIDAY, April 4, 2025

8:00 AM Breakfast
(Atrium)

10:00 AM

TOUR—THE LEGACY MUSEUM

400 N. Court St.
Montgomery, AL 36104
(If necessary Uber departs at 9:45AM—0.4 Mile Walk)

12:30 PM Lunch
Salon D, E, F

1:45 PM

Dr. Christophe D. Ringer and Rev. Dr. Nikia S. Robert
“From the Academic Industrial Complex to Building Educational Sanctuaries”
Salon D, E, F

3:00 PM

Where Do We Go From Here?: The AIC and Constructive Change

Dr. Monica A. Coleman, Moderator

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BUSINESS MEETING

Induction of New Members

Memorial: Celebration of Life

Recognition of Achievements, Retirements, and Promotions

Reports

Discussion

6:00 PM

Fund for Theological Education Reception

Update on “Student Nominations”: Salon D, E, F

7:00 PM

SOCIETY DINNER

Special Guest Performance

Salon D, E, F

SATURDAY, April 5, 2025

8:00 AM Breakfast
(Atrium)

8:30 AM Recognition of New Scholarship in Black Religion
President Raymond Carr

9:00 AM

STATE OF BLACK RELIGION ADDRESS

“Watering the Roots of ‘All’ Our Traditions”

William David Hart
Margaret W. Harmon Chair and Professor of Religious Studies
Macalester College

10:15 AM Closing Discussion