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## **EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, 2004

Master of Divinity, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, 1997

Bachelor of Arts, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA, December 1992

## **ORDINATION**

American Baptist Churches (U.S.A.), 2000

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL 2023-present

Professor of Religion, Drake University, Des Moines, IA, 2015-present

Associate Professor of Religion, Drake University, Des Moines, IA, 2009-2015

Assistant Professor of Religion, Drake University, Des Moines, IA, 2005-2009

Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Drake University, Des Moines, IA 2004-2005

Co-Editor, *Union Seminary Quarterly Review (USQR)*, New York, NY, 2001-2004

Teaching Assistant, Union Theological Seminary (UTS), New York, NY, 2001-2003

Director of Staff Planning, The 2002 Dietrich Bonhoeffer Lectures in Public Ethics, “Costly Grace: Race and Reparations, Theological and Ethical Readings of Communities,” UTS, New York, NY 2001-2002

Teaching Assistant, New York Theological Seminary, New York, NY 2001

Consultant Facilitator, Anti-Racism Educational Seminars (United Nations), New York, NY, 1998-2004

Associate Pastor, Madison Avenue Baptist Church, New York, NY, 1998-2001 (student-in-ministry 1996-98)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

*Antiracism as Daily Practice: Refuse Shame, Change White Communities and Help Create a Just World* (forthcoming, St. Martin's Press, July 2024).

*Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (revised prose, new preface and appendix by the author, and a foreword by the Rev. Traci Blackmon), (Wm. Eerdmans Press, 2020).

*Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America* (Abingdon Press, 2018).

*Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Press, 2014).

*Whiteness and Morality: Pursuing Racial Justice through Reparations and Sovereignty* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007).

*Disrupting White Supremacy from Within: White People on What We Need to Do*, edited by Jennifer Harvey, Karin A. Case, Robin Hawley Gorsline (Pilgrim Press, 2004).

## **Chapters**

- “For God So Loves the World,” *Kingdom Come: Reflections in Honor of Jonathan R. Wilson* edited by Jason Byassee, Jeremy Kidwell, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, Leah Wilson-Hartgrove (Cascade Books, 2022).
- “Raising Antiracist White Kids: What’s wrong with the Golden Rule, ‘Listen to your teacher,’ and ‘Follow the rules’ in *Playgrounds and Picket Signs: Raising Kids with a Commitment to Peace and Justice* (Fortress Press, 2020).
- “Shall We Awake?” in *Between the World of Ta-nehisi Coates and Christianity* edited by Peter Dula and David Evans (Wipf & Stock 2018).
- “‘White Work’ in the Journey of Racial Justice,” in *Trouble the Water: A Christian Resource for the Work of Racial Justice* edited by Michael-Ray Mathews et al, (Nurturing Faith, 2017).
- “Police Brutality: Understanding and Intervening,” in *Race in a Post-Obama America: The Church Responds* edited by David Maxwell (Westminster John Knox Press, 2016).
- “Complex, Persistent Constructions: The Significance of Race in the Study of Religion,” in *Just Religion* edited by Anthony Pinn (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016).
- “Disrupting the Normal: Queer Family Life as Sacred Work” in *Queer Christianities: Lived Religions in Transgressive Forms* edited by Mark Larrimore, Michael Pettinger and Kathy Talvacchia (NYU 2014).
- “Dangerous Goods: Seven Reasons Creation Care Movements Must Advocate Reparations” in *Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry: Conversations on Creation, Land Justice, and Life Together* edited by Steve Heinrichs (Herald Press, 2013).
- “Distorted Vision and Deadly Speech: Enabling Racial Violence through Paradox and Script” in *Pursuing Trayvon Martin: Historical Contexts and Contemporary Manifestations of Racial Dynamics* edited by George Yancy and Janine Jones (Lexington Books, 2012).
- “What Would Zacchaeus Do? The Case for DisIdentifying with Jesus” in *Christology and Whiteness: What Would Jesus Do?* edited by George Yancy (Routledge Press, 2012).
- “Crafting the Ground as We Go: ‘White’ Feminism and the College Classroom,” in *The Next Generation: Faith, Feminism and Scholarship*, edited by Melanie L. Harris and Kate Ott (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011).
- “So, Why This Fracas Over Marriage? And, What Might it Tell us About ‘America’ as a ‘Christian Nation?’” in *Investigating Christian Privilege and Religious Oppression in the United States*, edited by Warren J. Blumenfeld, Khyati Y. Joshi, Ellen Fairchild (Sense Publishers, 2008).

## **Journal Articles**

- “A World on Fire and Whiteness at the Core,” *CrossCurrents* Special Edition: *Religion, Political Democracy, and Specters of Race*, ed. James Logan, 68, no. 1 (March 2018).
- “What Would Zacchaeus Do? Repair Sets Sinners Free,” *Wrongs to Right: How* (special issue of *Intotemak*) (2016): 101-103.
- “The Absence and Presence of Whiteness in the Face of the Black Manifesto,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 39, no. 1 (March 2011): 125-150.
- “Which Way to Justice: Reconciliation, Reparations and the Problem of Whiteness in US Protestantism,” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 31, no. 1 (Spring/Summer 2011).
- “The (Im)moral Origins of White U.S.-American Identity Native/African/English, Savage/Heathen/Christian,” in *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* 59, no. 1-2 (Spring 2005): 79-113.
- “Whites and Reparations: a call ‘to do our first works over,’” *The Witness* 85 (December 2002): 16-19.
- “The Movement for Reparations,” Compiled with Ethan Flad, *The Witness* 85 (December 2002): 25.

## **PUBLIC WRITING (select)**

- “The Kids I Coach are the Living Rejection of anti-LGBTQ Hate. They Shouldn’t Have to Be,” on *CNN.com* (June 29, 2022).
- “White Parents, It’s Time to Do the Work Honoring Black History,” with Melanie L. Harris on *CNN.com* (March 1, 2021).
- “The Kenosha Shooting: The Conversation White Parents Need to Have with their Kids after Kenosha,” on *Cnn.com* (August 31, 2020)

“How Changing One Word in Church Could Radically Transform America,” on *Cnn.com* (August 5, 2020)  
 “Parents Must Teach their Kids to Oppose Racism,” on *Cnn.com* (June 3, 2020)  
 “Viral ‘Beer Guy’ Carson King Isn’t a Martyr for Cancel Culture,” Gen Feature Story, *Medium.com* (September 19, 2019).  
 “For White Women Learning Calculus in a School Building on Fire,” Feature Story, *Medium.com* (October 20, 2018).  
 “Raising Kids to be Racially Sensitive – And Proactive,” *CNN.com* (August 9, 2018).  
 Featured Guest on “Talk of Iowa,” *Iowa Public Radio* (February 1, 2018).  
 “Parenting While White,” *Ecclesio.com: the current scene through a Gospel lens* (May 2, 2017).  
 “Are We Raising Racists?” *New York Times* (March 14, 2017).  
 “Faculty on the Front Lines in Post-Election Climate,” with Shontavia Johnson, *insidebigbered.com* (Dec 5, 2016).  
 “What Would Zaccheaus Do? Repair Sets Sinners Free,” *Mennonite Quarterly* (summer 2016).  
 “Black Lives Matter: What it Means to the Church,” *The Christian Century* (April 2016).  
 Huffington Post Contributor. See list of publications <[www.huffingtonpost.com/jennifer-harvey/](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jennifer-harvey/)>.  
 Feminist Studies in Religion Blog Author. See <[www.fsrinc.org/users/jennifer-harvey/](http://www.fsrinc.org/users/jennifer-harvey/)>.  
 “Responding to Racism” (a lesson for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders) in *The Thoughtful Christian* series (Christian Education curriculum) published by the Presbyterian Churches (U.S.A.) October 2013.  
 “Dear Parents of White Children,” reprinted in *Conspire Magazine* (a publication of the Simple Way Community, Philadelphia), October 2013.

### **MEDIA APPEARANCES (select)**

Guest Expert on *The Tamron Hall Show*, “Is There Racial Tension Between Woman?” (September 2020).  
*CNN Live Town Hall on Racism with Sesame Street* (June 2020)  
 Guest Expert on *Good Morning America* (June 2020)  
 Featured Guest on *All Things Considered: Weekend Edition with Michel Martin* (May 31, 2020)  
 Featured Guest on “Talk of Iowa,” *Iowa Public Radio* (June 2020).  
 Featured Guest on “It’s Been a Minute with Sam Sanders,” *National Public Radio* (August 12, 2018).

### **PROFESSIONAL PAPERS (select)**

Panelist, “Critical Whiteness Studies and Global Religion,” American Academy of Religion, January 2021.  
 Panel Respondent to *The Religion of White Supremacy* by Eric Week, American Academy of Religion, November 2018.  
 “Climate Debt, Race Debt, Climate Colonialism, Forging a Just Future,” (AAR), November 2014.  
 “Critical Whiteness Studies and Theology,” (invited panelist), (AAR), Wildcard Session, November 2013.  
 “Response to Hector Avalos,” The Comparative Project, Drake University, February 2013.  
 “Practices in Publishing and Pedagogy: Faith, Feminism and Scholarship,” AAR, Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Group, November 2012.  
 “Which Way to Justice? Reconciliation and Reparations in U.S. Protestantism” Society of Christian Ethics (SCE), January 2010  
 “Are All the Queers White & All the Blacks Heterosexual (Still)? Race & Sexual Orientation in Proposition 8” AAR, Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group, November 2009  
 Panelist, “Teaching American Slavery and the Holocaust” AAR, Religion, Holocaust and Genocide Group and Teaching Religion Section, Chicago, November 2008 (presented *in absentia*).  
 “What We Whites Must Do to Diversify the Society of Christian Ethics” (invited panelist), SCE, January 2008  
 “Color-Blind Racism and Massive Incoherence: A Response to Eduardo Bonilla-Silva’s *Racism Without Racists*” University of Notre Dame, Conference on White Privilege, March 2006

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING & TEACHING (select)**

Coming Together as Moravian and Lancaster Theological Seminaries, a two-day Anti-Racism retreat for Faculty, Staff and Boards of Trustees, co-led with Rev. Dr. Melanie L. Harris, (PA), February 2023.

Building an Antiracist Future: evening with an author at La Cañada Congregational Church (CA). February 2023.

Raising Antiracist White Kids: an event in support “We Read Banned Books” with Annie’s Foundation, Nevada Public Library (IA), February 2023.

Three-week sermon series, “Beyond the Worlds Agreements” at Downtown Disciples Church, Des Moines (IA), August 2022.

“Becoming the Ancestors\* We All Deserved: In A Time When Fundamentalisms All Fail,” November 2021 Harrod Lecture, Vanderbilt Divinity School (TN). (\*Layla F. Saad’s concept.)

Fall 2021-Summer 2022, Keynotes and Workshops, Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance keynote (alongside Isabel Wilkerson) (MI), National Anti-Racism Teach-in (alongside Alicia Garza, Nikole Hannah-Jones, Roxanne Gay, Laayla F. Saad) (MA), Lenten Preacher Lyndale UCC (MI).

Fall 2020-Summer 2021, Keynotes and Workshops, Menlo Park Public Library (CA); WDM, Clive and DSM Public Library (IA); Keynote U.N. Global Fest on Human Rights (Canada); White Privilege Conference (IA); Johnson & Johnson Live Event: Parenting and Race; World Christian Student Federation (CA); Many Rivers Montessori of Duluth (MN); Arizona School Board Association (AZ); Minnesota Adopt (MN); Greely Middle School Parenting U PTO (MN); U.S. Coast Guard Women’s Group (CA).

Fall 2019-Summer 2020, Keynotes and Workshops, University of Iowa School of Public Health (IA:); New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, *McClendon Scholar in Residence* (Washington, DC); Eviscerating Racism Conference at Montreat Retreat Center (NC); Westminster Presbyterian Church (MI); Episcopal Diocese of Ohio [Beloved Community Initiative] (OH); Fairmount Presbyterian Church (OH); Macalester Plymouth United Church of Christ (MN); ISU Alumni Association, Iowa City and Ames Public Libraries, Civil Rights Commission (IA); Presbytry of Giddings-Lovejoy (MI); Teacher Professional Development (DMPS), Lincoln High School (IA).

Fall 2018-Summer 2019, Keynotes and Workshops, Elmhurst Methodist Church (IL); Decatur Book Festival (GA); Princeton University gather to explore “White Supremacy and Christianity” (NJ); Covenant Presbyterian Church (NC); Resurrection Covenant Church (IL); Keene College (NH); Immanuel Presbyterian Church (WI); NextChurch (WA); Mid-Atlantic Educators, UCC (PA); Michigan State University (MI); White Responsibility Conference (MA).

Fall 2017-Summer 2018, Keynotes and Workshops, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary; Westchester University; White Privilege Symposium (IA); Cornerstone Church (IA); Parent Quest (IA); Forma, Episcopal Formation Professionals Annual Meeting; Wisconsin Statewide General Conference of the UCC; The Riverside Church (NYC); Church of the Pilgrims (Wash DC); St. Andrews Seminary (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada).

Fall 2016-Summer 2017, Keynotes and Workshops, Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ; Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ Annual Gathering; Pacific Lutheran University (WA); Candler School of Theology at Emory University; Auburn Theological Seminary (NYC); Bucknell University; Church of the Pilgrims; Methodist Theological Seminary of Ohio, Greenfaith Event; Inclusive Dubuque (IA); Synod of Lakes and Prairies (Presbyterian (USA)) Annual Meeting (MN); Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Fall 2015-Summer 2016, Keynotes and Workshops in response to publication of *Dear White Christians*: First Presbyterian Church of Champagne, IL; Duke Divinity School / Race and Faith Annual Lecture; First Congregational Church of Tucson, AZ; Diocese of Maryland (Baltimore); Fayetteville Lutheran Church (AK); Phillips Theological Seminary (OK); Juniata College (PA); Alma College (MI); “Back to the Garden . . . Into the City” conference speaker (GA); Williams College (MA); Queens College (NC); Workshop Leader/Facilitator (collaborative project), Ghost Ranch Education and Retreat Center (NM).

Keynote Speaker, workshop planner/facilitator, Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ Annual Gathering, June 2015.

“Restorative Justice and the case of Henrietta Lacks: A Discussion with Rebecca Skloot,” panelist at Des Moines University, April 2015

“Open Minds Open Discussion: Every Voice Has Value,” panelist at Des Moines University, January 2015

“Dear White Christians . . . Now What?,” keynote address, Interfaith Alliance, December 2014

“Framing Ferguson: Religious Faith, Righteous Feminists and Holy Fire,” keynote speaker for the Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass annual lecture series, University of Rochester, October 2014

“Racial Justice and Reconciliation in the Churches,” two-part workshop for January Thaw!, a program of Des Moines Area Religious Council, January 2013

“The Other Side of the Coin: White Antiracist Thinking and Action,” a two-day retreat, First Unitarian Church of Des Moines, December 2012; September 2013

“Looking Back Before Walking Forward: From Reconciliation to Reparations,” Methodist Social Action Dinner (at the Annual Meeting in the Midwest), June 2012

“Lost in Translation: Re-Reading the Bible, Reclaiming Love,” Iowa Governor’s Conference on LGBT Youth, February 2012

“Just What *Do* we Do with the Bible in Public Life?,” speaker, Interfaith Alliance, Des Moines, June 2011

“King’s Vision, Your Voice: Creating Unlikely Alliances in a Broken World,” keynote address, Central College, Pella, January 2010

“Same-Sex Marriage, Race and Proposition 8,” speaker at Interweave Forum, First Unitarian Church of Des Moines, June 2009

“*For the Bible Tells Me So*,” panel respondent to film, Des Moines, May 2008

“*Just Faith: Race and Racism after the Civil Rights Movement*,” presentation at St. Theresa’s Catholic Church, Des Moines, November 2007

“Awake to Our Grief,” Lenten address to Des Moines Area Ecumenical Council at the Way of the Cross Good Friday Service, March 2007

“To Commemorate Hope, to Acknowledge Grief,” keynote address at Martin Luther King, Jr. Service of Celebration, Drake University, January 2007

“You’ve Got a Second Interview . . . So, Now What?” American Academy of Religion, November 2006

“Reconciliation without Reparations? The On-Going Work of Racial Justice-Making,” Urbandale UCC, three-part education series culminating in sermon, “Rushing to Justice,” October 2006

“Religion and ‘Homosexuality,’” Iowa Governor’s Conference on LGBT Youth, February 2006

Facilitator, “Can Cultural Understanding Facilitate Peace? Celebrating Palestinian and Israeli Cultures,” Iowa Council for International Understanding, January 2006

“The Moral Crisis of Being White and the Imperative of Reparations,” D.C. Presbytery of the Presbyterian Churches (USA) convocation on Reparations, Reconciliation, and Renewal: Taking the Dialogue to the Local Church,” November 2005

“Seeking to Build the ‘Kin-dom’ of God: Challenge of Racial Injustice in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Des Moines, October 2005

## **CONSULTING**

Auburn Theological Seminary, “Reading Black, Latinx, and White Communities of Faith and Moral Courage for the Great Turning” (Spring 2021)  
Sesame Street Workshop, Racial Justice Initiative Advisory Team, “Coming Together” (fall 2020-present)  
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion (summer 2020-present)  
Anti-Racism Symposium (seven-month co-leadership w/Rev. Dr. Melanie Harris, 15 scholar cohort)  
Seven-part webinar series, “Anti-Racist Teaching,” w/Dr. Nancy Lynne Westfield & Melanie Harris.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS (select)**

2019 Sabbatical Researcher Award, Louisville Institute (book project “Unholy Silences”)  
2019 Philanthropy Bug Award, Drake University  
2018 Centennial Scholar, College of Arts and Sciences, Drake University  
2018 Diversity Champion Award, Des Moines University (medical school)  
2017 Stalnaker Lecturer, College of Arts and Sciences, Drake University  
Baum Chair of Ethics and the Professions, 2016-2019  
Arts and Sciences Distinguished Engagement Award, 2015  
Humanities Center Research Scholar Award, 2014-2017  
Honors Program Teacher of the Year, 2013-2014  
Wabash Center for Teaching & Learning in Theology & Religion, Mid-Career Colloquy, 2013-2014  
Drake University, Faculty Development Grant, Spring 2010, Spring 2013  
Drake University Madelyn M. Levitt, Mentor of the Year Award, 2009  
Wabash Center for Teaching & Learning in Theology & Religion, Research Fellowship, 2008  
Wabash Center for Teaching & Learning in Theology & Religion, Teaching Workshop Participant, 2007-2008  
Center for the Humanities Faculty Research Grant, Fall 2005, Spring 2007, Spring 2008, Fall-Spring 2012-13  
Drake University Research Grant, Summer 2005  
Charles Augustus Briggs Award, Union Theological Seminary, May 2004  
Fellowship Recipient of the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund, 2001-2002  
Jessie Lloyd O’Connor Scholar for the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund, 2000-2001  
American Baptist Educational Ministries Doctoral Study Grant, 2000-2001  
Anne and John Bennett Fellowship for Promise in Ministries of Social Justice, May 1997

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Board Member, Society of Christian Ethics (elected), 2013-2017  
Program Reviewer, Religion and Sexuality Group, American Academy of Religion (AAR), Fall 2013  
Mentor, AAR Pilot Mentoring Program, 2013-14  
Task Force on the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession, AAR (appointed), 2007-2011  
Society of Christian Ethics, 2003-present  
American Academy of Religion, 2000-present  
Women’s Caucus Co-Convener, American Academy of Religion, 2000-2003

## **SERVICE**

Chair, Arts and Sciences Council and Cabinet, Drake University, 2016-2017  
Director, Center for the Humanities, Drake University, 2015-present  
Faculty Director, Crew Scholars Program, Drake University, 2014-present  
Promotion and Tenure Committee, Drake University, 2013-2014

Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2009-2012.  
Center for the Humanities Board, Drake University College of Arts and Sciences, Fall 2009-Spring 2012  
Drake Religion Coalition, Faculty Advisor, 2009-2011.  
*Religious Studies Review*, Sub-area Book Review Editor, Religious Ethic section, 2007-2011  
Book Note Author: Traci West, *Disruptive Christian Ethics*, Irene Oh, *The Rights of God*, Mary E. Hobgood, *Dismantling Privilege*  
Drake University Faculty Senate, 2007-2009  
Faculty Council, Drake University College of Arts and Sciences, 2007-2009  
Law, Politics, and Society Council, 2007-present  
Dean Search Committee, Drake University College of Arts and Sciences (appointed), 2007-2008  
Diversity Committee, Drake University College of Arts and Sciences, 2005-2008 (Chair, 2006-2008)  
Committee to Develop Critical Thinking Rubric, summer 2006, 2007  
Women's Studies Steering Committee, 2005-2006  
Rainbow Union, Drake University (students' organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning students), Faculty Advisor, 2004-2008