

Christopher Robert Carter

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Religion

Claremont School of Theology, June 2015

Concentration: Ethics and Society

Qualifying exams: Philosophical & Theological Ethics; Theory and Method in the Study of Religion; Comparative Eco-Theology & Ethics; Africana Studies

Dissertation: *Eating Oppression: Faith, Food, and Liberation*

Advisor and committee: Grace Kao (chair), Monica Coleman, Philip Clayton

Master of Divinity

Claremont School of Theology, May 2010

Concentration: Christian Social Ethics and Methodist studies

Internship focus: leading multiethnic congregations

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, MI, May 2007

Concentration: Not-for-Profit business management

Minor: Religion

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2016 University of San Diego

Associate Professor, Department of Theology and Religious Studies

August 2016 - current

2015 University of San Diego

Diversity Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Theology and Religious Studies

August 2015 – July 2016

AWARDS

2022 **The Graves Award in Humanities**

Received a 10k research award from the Graves Award in Humanities from Pomona College. The awards are given every two years to younger scholars "who have demonstrated outstanding teaching in the actual humanities."

PUBLICATIONS

2023 **"Race, Animals, and a New Vision for the Beloved Community"**

Chapter within the edited volume *Animals and Religion*, Routledge Publishing Group

2021 ***The Spirit of Soul Food: Race, Faith, and Food Justice***

University of Illinois Press

2019 **Prophetic Labrador: Expanding (Black) Theology by Overcoming the Invisibility of Animal Life and Death**

Chapter within the edited volume *Feeling Animal Death: Being Host to Ghosts*, Rowan & Littlefield International Publishing Group.

2018 **"Blood in the Soil: The Racial, Racist, and Religious Dimensions of Environmentalism"**

Chapter within the edited volume *The Bloomsbury Handbook of Religion and Nature*, Bloomsbury Academic Press

2017 **How Does it Feel to be Problem: Affect Theory and White Domination**

Syndicate, online journal. <https://syndicate.network/symposia/philosophy/religious-affects/#christopher-carter>

2016 **The Future of Meat Without Animals**

Co-edited with Brianne Donaldson; Rowan & Littlefield International Publishing Group.

2014 **"The *imago Dei* as the Mind of Christ Jesus"**

Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science, peer reviewed, (vol. 49, no. 3, 752-760)

2014 **"Eating Food and Justice"**

Reflections Magazine, Yale University, (Fall 2014).

<http://reflections.yale.edu/article/risk-our-food-our-water-ourselves/eating-food-and-justice>

2013 **"Loving in Truth and Action"**

The Humane Steward, The Humane Society of the United States, September 2013.

<http://www.humanesociety.org/about/departments/faith/christopher-carter-food-faith-082313.html>

2013 “Hospitality: A Dynamic Tension”

The Living Pulpit online journal, peer reviewed, vol. 22, no.2

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022 Society of Christian Ethics

African & African American and Animal Ethics working group joint session

“Race, Faith, and Food Justice: A Book Symposium on Chris Carter's *The Spirit of Soul Food*” Panel Respondent. Co-Panelists, Traci West, Emilie Townes

2022 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting

Plenary Panel – Environmental Justice

“Environmental Justice in Times of Catastrophe” Panelist. Co-Panelists: Ryan Mann-Hamilton, Amanda Baugh, David Walsh

2022 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting

Religion and Ecology Group

“The Spirit of Soul Food: Race, Faith, and Food Justice: Book Roundtable” Panel Respondent. Co-Panelists: Derek Hicks, Rachel Brown, Chantal Forbes, Deborah Rogers, Norbert Wilson, Andrea McComb-Sanchez, Yuria Celidwen

2021 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting

Animals and Religion Group

“Religious Scholarship as a Means of Improving Farmed Animal Welfare” Panelist. Co-Panelists: David Clough, Margaret B. Adam, David Grumett, Grace Kao, Aaron Gross

2019 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting

Religion and Ecology Group

“James Cone’s ‘Whose Earth is it Anyway’ Reconsidered” Panel Respondent. Co-Panelists: TL Gray, Tyler Tully, Ryan Juskus

2018 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting

Animals and Religion Group

“Race, Gender, Animals & Theology: Trouble at the Intersection” Panel Respondent. Co-Panelists: Melanie Harris, Willie Jennings, Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Jeania Ree Moore

2018 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting

Wildcard Session: Theme: Incarnate Materialisms: Critically Engaging Non-Dualist Anthropologies in Theological Discourse.

“Being Black: Towards a Decolonial Theological Anthropology”

- 2018 Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the US**
Presentation entitled: “Blood in the Soil: The Racial, Racist, and Religious Dimensions of Environmentalism”
- 2017 Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting**
“Eating Oppression: Food Injustice and African American Christianity”
- 2015 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting**
Religion and Ecology Group
“Affect and Moral Emotions in Religion and Ecology” Panel Respondent
Co-Panelists: Sarah Fredericks, Courtney O’Dell-Chaib, Brandon Margan, Andrew Thompson, Luke Higgins
- 2015 Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education Annual Meeting**
“Racial Justice Through Engaged Compassion”
Co-presented session with Seth Schoen
- 2014 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting**
Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
“Ecowomanism 101: A Roundtable Discussing Vital Themes and Trajectories”
Co-Panelists: Melanie Harris and Elonda Clay
- 2013 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting**
Christian Systematic Theology Section
“Theology Beyond Humanity: A Conversation on David Clough’s *On Animals, Volume I: A Systematic Theology*”
Co-Panelists: Margaret Adam, David Fergusson, Stephen Webb, and David Clough
- 2013 Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education Annual Meeting**
“Contemplative Race Theory”
Co-presented session with Seth Schoen
- 2012 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting**
Animals and Religion Group
“Thinking Animals, Rethinking Race, Ethnicity, and Religion”
Co-panelists: Grace Y. Kao, Miguel De La Torre, Michelene E. Pesantubbee, and Rosemary Radford Ruether

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 4th Bi-Annual Spirituality and Sustainability Lecture at West Chester University**
“Race, Spirituality, and Food Justice”

- 2023 Holmes Lecture at Memphis Theological Seminary**
“Environmental Justice in Times of Catastrophe”
- 2019 11th Annual Animals & the Kingdom of God Lecturer at Calvin College**
“Being Human Takes Practice: Toward A Decolonial Theological Anthropology”
<https://youtu.be/8ESDBzE0Mdw>
- 2019 The 39th Brown Symposium at Southwestern University**
“The Illusion of Accountability: Whiteness, Patriarchy, and the Anthropocene”
- 2018 Duke World Food Policy Center’s Food & Faith Convening**
I served as the lead design consultant and convener for this 2-day event which brought together 45 food justice advocates, farmers, academics, and funders to envision what the future of food and faith might look like.
- 2018 Facilitating Difficult Conversations about Race: A Compassion Based Approach**
This presentation was given at Yale Divinity School as a part of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture “Theology of Joy & the Good Life” project and was co-presented with Seth Schoen and Frank Rogers.
- 2018 Food Justice, Faith, and the Ecological Imagination**
Wake Forrest University, Divinity School
- 2018 Food Pyramid Scheme**
Ohio State University & Methodist Theological School in Ohio
- 2017 Eating Oppression: Food, Faith, and Liberation**
Florida International University – Environmental Humanities Working Group
- 2014 Contemplative Race Theory: Tools for the Conversation**
Claremont School of Theology – I co-facilitated two workshops where we taught the CST community our method of engaging in deep conversations about our social and cultural identities.

PROFESIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE

1st Annual Food and Faith Convening, Duke World Food Policy Center, November 2018

Facilitator and co-organizer of event

10th International Whitehead Conference, June 2015

Co-Organizer of the “Seizing an Alternative: The Future of Meat Without Animals” track

American Academy of Religion

Steering Committee, Religion and Ecology Group
(Chairperson from 2018-present)

2014 – present

Steering Committee, Animals and Religion Group	2012 – present
Member	2010 - present
Society of Christian Ethics	
Member	2010 - present
Association for the Contemplative Mind in Higher Education	
Member	2013 - present

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY - PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Black Student Resource Center; Black Men’s & Women’s Collective, Facilitator**
February 2018
 - 2017 United Front Multicultural Center; Diversity Banquet, Keynote Speaker**
May 2017
 - 2017 Humanities Center; Collaborative Research Proposal Review Committee**
May 2017
 - 2017 United Front Multicultural Center; Beyond the Classroom, Guest Speaker**
March 2017
 - 2017 Humanities Center; Humanities and The New Political Landscape, Panelist**
February 2017
 - 2017 All Faith Service; Keynote speaker, University of San Diego**
February 2017
 - 2016 University Ministry; Spirituality Served Guest Preacher, University of San Diego**
November 2016
 - 2016 Humanities Center: Political Ideals and Ideologies, Panelist**
October 2016
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SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY - COMMITTEE

- AY18-22 Diversity Post-Doc Search Committee, University of San Diego**
September 2018 – June 2022

- AY19-20 Chief Diversity Officer Search Committee, Chair, University of San Diego**
September 2019 – May 2020
- AY18-19 Center for Inclusion & Diversity Task Force, University of San Diego**
March 2019 – May 2019
- AY17-18 Faculty Search Committee, University of San Diego**
September 2017 – February 2018
- AY16-17 The Student Affairs Faculty Advisory Group**
- AY16-17 Faculty Search Committee, University of San Diego**
September 2016 - February 2017
- AY14-15 Campus Master Plan Task Force, Claremont School of Theology**
February 2014 – June 2015
I was responsible for drafting the Request for Qualifications and the Request for Proposal that was sent to the architectural firms during our master planning process.
- AY14-15 Strategic Plan Task Force, Claremont School of Theology**
December 2014 – June 2015
I was a member of a three person team that is responsible for drafting the Strategic Plan.
- AY12-13 Presidential Search Committee, Claremont School of Theology**
Sept 2012 – April 2013
- 2009-12 Institutional Integrated Planning Team, Claremont Lincoln University**
September 2009 - 2012
The task of the IIPT committee was to identify and plan institutional priorities related to Claremont School of Theology's incubation of Claremont Lincoln University.
- AY09-10 Faculty Search Committee, Ethics of Globalization, Claremont School of Theology**
Sept 2009 – March 2010

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- 2021 Westwood United Methodist Church (ongoing)**
Associate pastor

2017 Encompass (2017-2020)

Advisory Board Member. The mission of Encompass is “to increase effectiveness in the animal protection movement by fostering greater racial diversity, equity, and inclusion while empowering advocates of color.

2017 St. Paul’s Cathedral

February 2016. Presentation, “Black Theology and Why It Matters.”

2017 Hazon Jewish Food Conference

January 2017. Presentation, “Race, Anti-Semitism and Food”

2016 Farm Forward (ongoing)

Faith In Food Fellow & Board Member. The mission of Farm Forward is to “implement innovative strategies to promote conscientious food choices, reduce farmed animal suffering, and advance sustainable agriculture.