

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, African American Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric, ABD

Christian Theological Seminary
Indianapolis, IN

Doctor of Ministry, Preaching and Leadership in the African American Church, 2003

United Theological Seminary
Dayton, OH

Dissertation: *The Liberating Marriage: The Liberating Relationship of the Sermons and Songs in the African American Church*

Examination Committee: Dr. Jeremiah Wright Dr. Nadine Burton, Dr. Derrick Hughes
Dr. Terry Thomas, Ricky Woods (Chair)
Dr. Frank Thomas, Homiletics Advisor, Dr. Ozzie Smith, Sr., Music Advisor

Master of Divinity Equivalent, 2002

United Theological Seminary
Dayton, OH

Master of Arts in Religion/Urban Ministries, 2001

Cum Laude

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
Deerfield, IL

Bachelor of Theology, 1998

Christian Bible College
Rocky Mount, NC

HONORS AND AWARDS

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Urban Campus Preaching Award 2001

Martin Luther King Board of Preachers Morehouse College Atlanta, GA 2012

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Christian Theological Seminary

- Adjunct Professor, Introduction to Preaching 03/19
- PhD Student Teaching Mentor for the Mixed Method Preaching Conference 2022
- One of two Co-Authors of the Compelling Preaching Grant with Frank A. Thomas

McCormick Theological Seminary

- Adjunct Professor Preaching as Celebration, 01/13-present
- Teaching Assistant to Dr. Frank Thomas, Preaching as Celebration, 01/05-01/12

Memphis Theological Seminary

- Adjunct Professor in Preaching and Worship Department, 05/06-12/20
 - Preaching and Worship
 - Intro to Preaching
 - Preaching and
- Adjunct Professor in African American Studies Department, 01/12-12/20
 - Eyes on the Prize: The Civil Right Movement and Black Christian Political Thought
 - The Politics of Jesus
 - African American Christian Thought
- Adjunct Professor D. Min. Preaching for Social Change 2018
- Adjunct Lecturer on Preaching as Celebration to the Korean D. Min Cohort, 2016
- Adjunct Professor D. Min. Congregation as Worship Community 2010

United Theological Seminary

- Adjunct Professor Master's Degree Intensive Preaching as Celebration 2017
- Adjunct Professor Master's Degree Intensive Intro to Black Preaching 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

November 2020-present

Senior Pastor

Recruited to provide leadership and relevance to the 115-year-old congregation during the crisis of grief and transition during the COVID-19 pandemic. Implemented change within the first 18-24 months that has led to: a \$250,000 technology and systems upgrade, visionary staffing, increased membership, \$300,000 in debt reduction, the overcoming of \$115,000 operation budget deficit and the current rewriting of the church's mission, which will include a liberation theology that embraces and welcomes the full humanity of others.

The Place of the Outpouring

January 2004- November 2020

Senior Pastor

Led the congregation to 1500-plus membership increase in six years; provided leadership for added infrastructure in the administrative life of the church including computer network, full-time staff and phone system; arbitrated the settling of a lawsuit; pastored the congregation to healing; led the establishment of a congregation constitution and by-laws; led the reconciliation of the congregation with its founding pastor who now is a member and the church from which it split.

The African American Pulpit/Hope for Life International

December 2005 – June 2009

Co Executive Editor

Responsibilities include quarterly collecting, editing, and nurturing the scholarship and practical skills of African American preachers through the publication of articles and sermons for subscribers; to be scribes for an essentially oral tradition. Co-wrote editorially speaking in over 20 issues and solely edited one of the journals most successful issues, *Those Preaching Women*.

Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church

June 2002 – January 2004

Pastor of Men and Outreach

Grew the men's Bible study from 12 to a weekly average attendance of 65; instituted men's prayer breakfasts that brought speakers to help development male spirituality; assisted senior pastor, Frank A. Thomas as preaching assistant; served as occasional praise and worship leader. In addition, implemented an outreach to the community and shared worship with those at the Nehemiah Housing project of Third Street.

New Faith Baptist Church

November 1997 – May 2002

Minister of Music/Associate Minister

Served under the leadership of Frank A. Thomas; six months after taking the job, served as liaison and stop-gap leader in the brief absence of a senior leader. I preached, directed the choir, led praise and worship, performed weddings and funerals. It was basic training for what the Lord had in store for me.

Mission of Faith Baptist Church

February 1991–November 1998

Minister of Music/Associate Minister

Mentored in pastoral and music ministry leadership under my mentor and father, Rev. Eugene Gibson, Sr.; led the music ministry's growth from 25 to over 100 and from 2 choirs to 5 different groups: including Men's Chorus, Youth Choir, Gospel Jazz Abednego Ensemble, etc.

PUBLICATIONS

"Courage Under Fire: Guarding the Romantic Flame from Life's Fiery Issues"
MMGI Publishing Chicago, IL 2013

Article *"To Be or Not to Be in Seminary: That is the Question"*
The African American Pulpit, Hope for Life International, Winter 2001-2002

Article *Hymns vs. Praise and Worship in the Twenty First Century Black Church"*
The African American Pulpit, Trends in the Black Church Edition. Hope For Life International
Spring 2007

Sermon *"Neighbor, Go Get Your Harp: The Eulogy of Pastor Eugene Gibson, Sr."*
The African American Pulpit, Eulogy II Edition. Hope For Life International Spring 2005

Sermon *"The Point of No Return"*
The African American Pulpit. Hope For Life International, Fall 2004

Sermon *"Residue"*
The African American Pulpit. Hope For Life International Winter 2005-2006

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Preaching for the Gram: A Homiletical Method for Social Media," by J. Allen Johnson
PhD Student Teacher Mentor for J. Allen Johnson
Mixed Method Preaching Conference Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis IN 2022

"Facilitating the Atmosphere of Real" Guest Facilitator
Columbus Pastors and Vicinity Annual Conference 2022

"Sound the Trumpet in Zion," Preston Taylor Lecturer,

Disciple of Christ Black Ministers Retreat, Christian Church Disciples of Christ Jackson, MS 2016.

“The Liberating Marriage: The Historic Relationship Between the Sermon and Songs of the Black Church” Propel Conference Full Gospel Baptist Church New Orleans, LA 2015

“Blow the Trumpet in Zion” Homiletics Lecturer, Pastor’s and Ministries Conference, Full Gospel Baptist Fellowship, Orlando, FL 2014