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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Drew University	2011
M.Phil.	Drew University	2009
M.T.S.	Wesley Theological Seminary	2004
B.A.	Spring Arbor University	2000

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Between the World of Ta-Nehisi Coates and Christianity. ed. David Evans and Peter Dula. Eugene: Cascade, 2018.

Journal Articles

"A Principled Pedagogy for Religious Educators." *Religious Education* 112, no. 1 (2017): 7-18.

"To Rid the Italian Soul of One Dark Blot: Recognising Race in White Christian Religion." *Journal of Religious History* 39, no. 3 (2015): 370-385.

"Regenerating the Italian Race: The Italian Mission and the Americanization of Italian History." *Methodist History* 49, no. 3 (April 2011): 132-46.

Book Chapters

"Trading Manpower for the Power of Love," *Peaceful at Heart: Embracing Healthy Masculinity*. ed. Don Neufeld and Steve Thomas. Eugene, Oregon : Resource Publications, 2019.

"The American Nightmare and the Gospel of Plunder." in *Between the World of Ta-Nehisi Coates and Christianity* ed. David Evans and Peter Dula. Eugene: Cascade, November, 2018.

"The Racial Context of Christian Churches in the United States." *Tell the Truth, Shame the Devil* ed. James Ellis. Macon: Smith & Helwys, 2015.

Book Reviews

“Who Are You?: A review of *Searching for Zion: The Quest for Home in the African Diaspora*,” *The Revealer*. Apr 30, 2013. <http://therevealer.org/archives/17714>

“Book Review: The Accidental Slave Owner” *Methodist History*, *Methodist History*, 51:1 & 2 (October 2012 & January 2013): 173-75.

Other Articles

“Only the Right Questions Have Answers.” *Christianity Today*. August 28, 2020. <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/august-web-only/only-right-questions-have-answers.html>

“Let Them Listen: White Christians Need to Make an Investment in Learning about Racism.” *Bearings Online*. September 7, 2017 <https://collegevilleinstitute.org/bearings/let-them-listen/>

“Tearing Down Racism: Why Confederate History Should be Remembered but Never Revered.” *Bearings Online*. June 28, 2017 <http://collegevilleinstitute.org/bearings/tearing-down-racism/>

“Clap In or Clap Back? Solidarity as Spiritual Discipline for the New Civil Rights Movement.” *Bearings Online*. April 20, 2017 <http://collegevilleinstitute.org/bearings/clap-in-or-clap-back/>

“Precious Blackness and the Politics of Distraction.” *Bearings Online*. August 28, 2014, collegevilleinstitute.org/blog/precious-blackness-politics-distraction

“A Moratorium on Missions?” *The Mennonite (Online)*. May 31, 2013 http://themennonite.org/public_press_releases/A_moratorium_on_missions

Blogs

Get on Board: <http://room4many.blogspot.com/>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of History, Mission, Intercultural, & Interfaith Studies, Eastern Mennonite Seminary 2012-Present

Director of Cross Cultural Programs 2012-Present

Interim Director of Master of Arts in Religion Program, Eastern Mennonite Seminary 2013-14

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Drew University Theological School Lecturer in the History of Christianity 2011-12

Visiting Academic Appointments

Adjunct, Drew University Doctor of Ministry Program 2017

Adjunct, Wesley Theological Seminary 2013-Present

Adjunct, Princeton Theological School 2009

Adjunct, Warren County Community College 2006

Courses Taught

African American History

Race, Nation, and Religion in America

Racial Healing and the Blue Eyed Soul

Churches and Social Transformation: The Civil Rights Movement

Cross-Cultural Integration Seminar

Cross-Cultural Experience

Church History I: Antiquity to Early Modern Christianity

Church History II: Early Modern to 21st Century Christianity

United Methodist History

United Methodist Doctrine

Christian Tradition I

Christian Tradition II

Christianity through the Eyes of America's Outsiders

Missio Dei in Cultural Context

Course of Study: Theological Heritage: Reformation

Christian Religion, Global Capitalism, and the Climate Crisis

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

PANEL SPEAKER: "Spiritual Responses to Racial Justice." ARISE Campus Ministry. January 26, 2021

PANEL SPEAKER: "Real Talk." Rise Facebook Live. February 4, 2021

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: "Farming for Fellowship." Wingate University: Liceum. October 26, 2020.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: "Modeling Minorities." School for Leadership Training. Eastern Mennonite Seminary. January 16, 2019.

CONFERENCE RESPONDENT: "Whose Agriculture is it, Anyway?" Doing Religion and Ecology in the Bible Belt: How the Cross Pollination of Religion and Ecology in a Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, Rural Town in North Carolina is Bearing Much Fruit, American Academy of Religion. Denver, CO. November 25, 2018.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: "Power to the People: The Power of Black Coalition Building." Minority Ministries Council Conference. Goshen, IN. March 31, 2017.

INVITED LECTURE: "Rebirth of a White Nation." School for Leadership Training. Eastern Mennonite Seminary, January 17-18, 2017.

INVITED LECTURE: "Cultural Mapping." Campus Advisor Training. Eastern Mennonite University, August, 2017.

INVITED LECTURE: "Reflections on Searching for Zion" Eastern Mennonite University, January 26, 2016.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: "The Future of Christianity in America: Fresh Voices." January 13-15, 2015. Virginia Conference of the UMC, Convocation. Blackstone, VA.

INVITED LECTURE: "Crisis in White Leadership" Honors History, Eastern Mennonite University, November 11, 2015.

INVITED LECTURE: "Empathy and the White Mind." Trauma Healing Course, EMU Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, September 24, 2015.

INVITED LECTURE: "Finding Christ in a 'Colorblind Society.'" Ethics in the way of Jesus Course, Eastern Mennonite University, October 22, 2014.

SESSION CHAIR/COMMENTATOR: "An Individuals Impact: Ideas, Inventions, Identities" Eastern American Studies Association, Eastern Mennonite University March 23, 2013

INVITED LECTURE: "Christianity Through the Eyes of America's Outsiders", Seminary Saturday, Drew Theological School, Madison, NJ, December 3, 2011.

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INVITED LECTURE: "Conceived in Blood: The Spirit of American Methodist Nationalism." Civil War Exhibition, Methodist Center, Madison, NJ, September 22, 2011.

INVITED LECTURE: "Christianity in the Civil War and Reconstruction." Church History II Course, Drew University, March 29, 2011.

INVITED LECTURE: "To Redeem the Italian Race: The Evangelical Mission to Americanize Italian Immigrants in the Early 20th Century." West Virginia University, September 7, 2010.

CONFERENCE PAPER: "United by Race: White Social Christianity and the Americanization of Italians." A Foundation for Theological Education Christmas Conference, December, 2008.

INVITED LECTURE: "Race and John Brown." Race and American Christianity Course. Wesley Theological Seminary, 2005.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

EMS Admissions Committee	2020-21
Augsburger Lectureship Committee Co-Chair	2019-21
EMU Faculty Scholarship Committee	2020-21
EMU Creation Cares Committee	2017-19
EMS Admissions Committee	2017-19
EMS Search Committee	2017-18
EMU Creation Cares Committee	2016-17
EMS Admissions Committee	2016-17
EMS Seminary Cares Committee	2016-17
President's Cabinet Faculty Representative	2015-16
Strategic Planning Task Force	2015-16
Faculty Senate Vice President	2015-16

Faculty Senate	2014-16
Intellectual Life Committee	2014-16
EMU Strategic Plan Task Force	2014-15
Climate Action Plan Committee	2014-15
C. Henry Smith Oratorical Contest judge	2014-15
EMS Spiritual Formation Faculty Search Committee	2013-14
Martin Luther King Days Planning Committee	2013-14
EMS Admissions Committee	2013-14
EMS Academic Committee	2013-14
Master of Arts in Counseling 3-year faculty review committee	2013

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Co-Pastor, Boonton United Methodist Church, Greater New Jersey Annual Conference	2011-12
Graduate Fellow/Website Coordinator, Center on Religion, Culture & Conflict, Drew University	2008-10
Student Assistant, General Commission on Archives and History of the UMC	2008-9
Director of Youth Ministry, Long Valley Presbyterian Church	2007-8
Community Development Resource Coordinator, Mennonite Central Committee	2002-5

AWARDS

<i>The Shenandoah Valley Hit Community Collegiate Advisory Award</i>	2014
<i>Fund for Theological Education, Doctoral Fellow</i>	2010-11
<i>William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fellowship</i>	2010-11
<i>A Foundation for Theological Education, Wesley Fellow</i>	2006-10
<i>Fund for Theological Education, Horizons Fellow</i>	2006-8

MEMBERSHIPS

<i>American Academy of Religion</i>
<i>National Association for the Advancement of Colored People</i>

