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EDUCATION

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

PUBLICATIONS**Books**

Damned Whiteness: How White Christian Allies Failed the Black Freedom Movement. University of North Carolina Press.
(FORTHCOMING Fall 2025)

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

**Journal Articles/
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.

"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.

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

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

Popular Articles

“Reversing the Gaze.” UM & Global. Wednesday, March 10, 2021 <http://www.umglobal.org/2021/03/david-evans-reversing-gaze.html> (Republished March 11, 2022 in United Methodist Insights <https://um-insight.net/topics/david-evans/>)

“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>

“Just Words” *Bearings Online*. December 21, 2017. <https://collegevilleinstitute.org/bearings/just-words/>

“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/> (2nd most read *Bearings* article in 2017 <https://stphilipstucson.org/just-faith>)

“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

Book Reviews

Back cover. *Been in the Struggle*. Regina Stoltzfus and Tobin Miller Shearer

“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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Academic Appointments

| | |
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| <i>Professor of History and Intercultural Studies, Eastern Mennonite University</i> | 2012-Present |
| <i>Program Director</i> | 2024 |
| <i>Director of Intercultural Cultural Programs</i> | 2012-Present |
| <i>Interim Director of Master of Arts in Religion Program, Eastern Mennonite Seminary</i> | 2013-14 |
| <i>Post-Doctoral Fellow, Drew University Theological School Lecturer in the History of Christianity</i> | 2011-12 |

Visiting Academic Appointments

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| <i>Adjunct, Drew University, Doctor of Ministry Program</i> | 2017 |
| <i>Adjunct, Wesley Theological Seminary, Course of Study</i> | 2013-Present |
| <i>Adjunct, Princeton Theological School</i> | 2009 |
| <i>Adjunct, Warren County Community College</i> | 2006 |

Courses Taught

African American Literature

Power, Systems, and Justice

African American History

African American Religion

Race, Nation, and Religion in America

Critical Questions in Antiracism Activism

Racial Healing and the Blue Eyed Soul

Churches and Social Transformation: The Civil Rights Movement

First-year Honors 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 Studies I

United Methodist Studies II

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

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: "Black Jesus & The Myth of the White Messiah." DePauw University. February 17, 2022

PANEL SPEAKER: "What Are You Willing to Lose?" DePauw University. January 17, 2022.

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

| | |
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| Colleague Review Committee, Chair | 2023-24 |
| PATH Colleague Review Committee | 2022-23 |
| Provost Search Committee (President Appointed) | 2022-23 |
| Writing Committee | 2022-23 |
| EMU Faculty Scholarship Committee (Chair 2021-22) | 2020-22 |
| Book Club Facilitator: Decolonial Futures | 2022 |
| PATH Dean Search Committee (Provost Appointed) | 2021-22 |
| Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions, Oversight Board Member | 2021-22 |
| EMS Admissions Committee | 2020-23 |
| Augsburger Lectureship Committee Co-Chair | 2019-23 |
| Book Club Facilitator: How to be an Antiracist | 2021 |
| Book Club Facilitator: After Whiteness | 2021 |
| Peer Reviewer: Journal of Religious History | 2020 |
| Wesleyan Conversation Cohort | 2020 |
| 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 (Provost Appointed) | 2015-16 |
| Faculty Senate Vice President | 2015-16 |
| Faculty Senate | 2014-16 |
| Intellectual Life Committee | 2014-16 |
| EMU Strategic Plan Task Force (President Appointed) | 2014-15 |

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| 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

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| Anti-racism workshop series, Towson University Fieldhockey, Towson, MD | 2020-21 |
| Basics of Anti-racism workshop series, Harrisonburg Choosing LLC, Harrisonburg, VA | 2020-21 |
| 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

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| <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

American Academy of Religion

Organization of American Historians

American Society of Church History

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
A Foundation for Theological Education