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Education

- June 2007 **Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Master of Divinity, Thesis: “Women’s Issues in a Global Context”
- June 1999 **Ohio University**, Athens, Ohio
Bachelor of Science
- 1993-1994 **Escola SESI – SP de Assis**, Assis, São Paulo, Brazil
Rotary Foreign Exchange Student

Academic and Professional Positions

- 2014 - 2019 *Director*, Metro-Urban Institute at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
2007 - Present *Founder and Executive Director*, The Live Foundation
1999 – 2006 *Global Lean Six Sigma Engineer*, Delphi Automotive Systems

Publications

- 2020 “Intercultural, Postcolonial, Experiential: A Case Study in Forming
Congregational Mission Leaders in Seminaries.” In *American Society of
Missiology Journal*, 1 April 2020.
- 2018 “Listening, Undergirding, and Cross-Sector Community Building.” In *Urban
Ministry Reconsidered: Contexts and Approaches*, eds. R. Drew Smith, Stephanie
Boddie, and Ronald E. Peters, Westminster John Knox Press, 2018.
- 2016 “Saving Samburu Girls.” With Ervin Dyer. Huffington Post, 28 Nov 2016.
- 2016 “Violence Against Women and Girls.” In *Strategies for Change: Building More
Peaceful Communities*, ed. Coalition Against Violence Working Group, Bynum
Publishing, 2016.

Courses Taught

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (Graduate Courses):

- Jan 2019 *Co-Instructor*, Intercultural Experiential Learning
Oct 2018 *Guest Lecturer*, Introduction to Urban Ministry
June 2018 *Guest Lecturer*, Doctor of Ministry in Missional Leadership Cohort: Economic, Social and Political Forces Shaping Place
May 2018 *Guest Lecturer*, Justice and Mission
April 2018 *Guest Lecturer*, Ministry, Culture and Contextual Analysis
Mar 2018 *Guest Lecturer*, Ministry, Culture and Contextual Analysis
Oct 2017 *Guest Lecturer*, Introduction to Urban Ministry

Bakke Graduate University (Graduate Course):

- Oct 2018 *Guest Lecturer*, Transformational Leadership (included doctoral students from 5 continents)

Waynesburg University (Undergraduate Course):

- June 2018 *Guest Lecturer*, Worship in the African American Tradition: An Historical Journey

Academic Lectures and Presentations

- June 2019 *Lecturer*, “Intercultural, Postcolonial, Experiential: A Case Study in Forming Congregational Mission Leaders in Seminaries,” American Society of Missiology Conference, Notre Dame, Indiana
April 2018 *Co-Presenter*, “Precious, Gorgeous, and Beloved of God: The Black Woman,” World Mission Initiative: Children of God Conference, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
June 2017 *Plenary Panelist*, “Samburu Kenyan and Black American Women: Defining Methods of Healing, Empowerment and Collaboration” in Religion, Race, and Contested Globalization, Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race, Howard University, Washington, DC
June 2017 *Plenary Lecturer*, “Interactive Theological Education Initiative,” International Research Consortium Conference, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Dec 2016 *Plenary Lecturer*, “Forging a Life of Determination, Faith and Persistence,”

Against All Odds Conference, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio

Aug 2016 *Plenary Panelist*, “Persistent Racial Problems: Political, Cultural and Religious Responses,” Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race, University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago

June 2016 *Plenary Lecturer*, “Changing Dynamics with Pastoralist Girl Children,” St. Paul’s University, Nairobi, Kenya

Community Lectures and Presentations

Mar 2019 *Presenter*, Baptist Ministers Conference of Pittsburgh and Vicinity

Mar 2019 *Keynote Speaker*, New Bethel Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Feb 2019 *Keynote Speaker*, Dochiki Wives Auxiliary Black History Month Breakfast, Hampton, Virginia

Feb 2019 *Keynote Speaker*, Community of Reconciliation Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Nov 2018 *Plenary Lecturer*, “Fight for Women’s Rights,” Sister to Sister Women’s Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

June 2018 *Plenary Panelist*, “State of the Black Church – International Perspective,” Baptist General Convention of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia

June 2018 *Keynote Speaker*, First Baptist Church of Newport News Church Anniversary, Newport News, Virginia

April 2018 *Presenter*, Greater Pittsburgh Community Leaders Prayer Breakfast, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

April 2018 *Plenary Lecturer*, East Liberty Presbyterian Women’s Retreat: Race and the Status of Women, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania (multiple lectures)

Mar 2018 *Keynote Speaker*, First Baptist Church of Newport News Pastoral Anniversary, Newport News, Virginia

Feb 2018 *Keynote Presenter*, “Race and Rest” Jubilee Professional Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

July 2017 *Keynote Speaker*, St. Paul Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

June 2017 *Keynote Speaker*, Deliverance Baptist Church, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania

June 2017 *Presenter*, Black Presbyterian Caucus, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

May 2017 *Presenter*, Unity Baptist Church, 35th Pastoral Anniversary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

May 2017 *Keynote Speaker*, House of Manna Faith Community, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

May 2017 *Lecturer*, East Liberty Presbyterian Church Retreat, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania

Feb 2017 *Lecturer*, “Little Known Amazing African History,” East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

- Feb 2017 *Presenter*, Jubilee Professional Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Feb 2017 *Lecturer*, “Harriet Tubman,” East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Nov 2016 *Lecturer*, “Racial Justice and Reconciliation,” St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania
Oct 2016 *Presenter*, Crucial Catch Day, Alma Illery Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Sept 2016 *Keynote Speaker*, Word Centered Fellowship, Farrell, Pennsylvania
June 2016 *Keynote Speaker*, Dandora Fellowship, Nairobi, Kenya
June 2016 *Lecturer*, Samburu Girl’s Foundation, Nyahururu, Kenya
July 2013 *Keynote Speaker*, Truth Evangelical Fountain, Lira, Uganda
July 2013 *Keynote Speaker*, Dandora Fellowship, Nairobi, Kenya
July 2013 *Lecturer*, Samburu Girl’s Foundation, Maralal, Kenya

Lectures and Conferences Convened

- June 2019 Co-Convener, A Conversation with Cornel West
Mar 2019 Convener, Oprah’s Book Club Author Anthony Ray Hinton Lecture and Panel Discussion on Mass Incarceration; Presentation by Equal Justice Initiative
Feb 2019 Co-Convener, Kelso Lecture & Race and Faith Community Conversation
Jan 2019 Co-Convener, A Conversation with Sabrina Fulton (Mother of the late Trayvon Martin)
Jan 2019 Co-Convener, Pittsburgh Racial Justice Summit
Oct 2018 Convener, Panel Discussion on Urban Ministry Reconsidered: Academic, Community, Business, and Faith Perspectives
Nov 2018 Co-Convener, Designing Your Life Conference
May 2018 Convener, Reimagining Faith and Community Collaboration in the 21st Century Conference
May 2018 Convener, Race, Religion and Urban Regeneration Presentation
Mar 2018 Co-Convener, Coalition Against Violence: Women & Girls Summit
Jan 2018 Co-Convener, Kelso Lecture & Race and Faith Community Conversation
Jan 2018 Co-Convener, Pittsburgh Racial Justice Summit
Nov 2017 - May 2019 Convener, Urban Leadership Series (monthly lecture)
Aug 2017 Co-Convener, Coalition Against Violence Conference
Feb 2017 Co-Convener, Waterbearer Lecture and Vernacular Performance
Feb 2017 Co-Convener, Unfinished Business from the Great Migration to Black Lives Matter
Jan 2017 Co-Convener, Kelso Lecture & Race and Faith Community Conversation

Jan 2017 *Co-Convener*, Pittsburgh Racial Justice Summit
Dec 2016 *Co-Convener*, Andy Crouch Lecture
Jan 2016 *Co-Convener*, Kelso Lecture & Race and Faith Community Conversation
Jan 2016 *Co-Convener*, Pittsburgh Racial Justice Summit
April 2015 *Convener*, Lived Theology Conference
Sept 2014 - May 2019 *Convener*, Justice League: Social Justice Series (monthly lecture)

Professional Service Activities

2019 Anthropology Department Graduate Student Website Committee,
University of Pittsburgh
2019 Racial Audit Committee, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
2018 - 2019 *Co-Chair*, Community Engagement Committee, Pittsburgh Theological
Seminary
2018 - 2019 Community Racial Equity Committee, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
2018 – 2019 Library Art Curation Committee, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
2017 – 2018 Community Engagement Task Force, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
2018 *Chair*, Fellows and Community Engagement Coordinator Search
Committee, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
2018 Director of Vocation and Placement Search Committee, Pittsburgh
Theological Seminary
2018 Admissions Counselor Search Committee, Pittsburgh Theological
Seminary
2017 *Co-Facilitator*, Campus-Wide Race Conversation / Book Discussion,
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
2017 – 2019 Property Committee, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
2016 – 2019 *Advisor*, Generation Now Network, Samuel DeWitt Proctor
Conference, University Chapters
2015 – 2016 Strategic Planning Committee, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
2014 – 2017 *Chair*, Metro-Urban Institute Community Engagement Committee,
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Board and Advisory Council Service

2018 - Present *Advisory Council Member*, World Mission Initiative
2018 - Present *Member*, African American Genealogical Society
2018 – Present *Member*, Mayor Bill Peduto’s Committee for Racial Equity in Pittsburgh
2018 – Present *Advisory Council Member*, Weaving Women Network
2018 – Present *Advisory Council Member*, The Pittsburgh Spot

2017 - Present	<i>Advisory Committee Member and Pennsylvania Delegate, U.S. Global Leadership Coalition</i>
2016 – Present	<i>US Board Vice-President, Samburu Girls Foundation (Kenya)</i>
2015 – 2019	<i>Advisory Council Member, Larimer Consensus Group</i>
2018 - 2019	<i>Executive Advisory Council Member, The Forbes Funds</i>
2017 – 2019	<i>Member, African American Chamber of Commerce for Western Pennsylvania</i>
2008 - 2019	<i>Executive Board Director, Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation</i>
2018	<i>Steering Committee, Greater Pittsburgh Community Leaders Prayer Breakfast</i>
2013 - 2014	<i>Board Member, World Mission Initiative</i>
2007 - 2018	<i>Board Vice-President, Emmanuel Christian Academy (Cameroon)</i>
2007 - 2010	<i>Board Member, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary</i>

Invited Professional Meetings

2019	Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference Delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, New York, New York
2018	Global Leadership Summit, Washington, DC
2017	Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference Delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, New York, New York
2017	Bishop Zubik Ecumenical Faith Leader Gathering, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2016	Facing Race / Heinz Endowments, Dallas, Texas
2016	Bishop Zubik Ecumenical Faith Leader Gathering, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2014	Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Race Summit, Chicago, Illinois

Research

2018	East End Faith Community Study (funded internally by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary)
2016	One Northside Initiative Buhl Foundation (\$15,000)

Honors and Awards

2018	<i>Winner, Circle of Courage Award (Education Category)</i>
2006	<i>Winner, Valentour World Travel Fellow (Kenya, India, Singapore, Indonesia)</i>
2005	<i>Finalist, Athena Award (Engineering and International Community Service)</i>

International Travel: Teaching, Lectures, Professional Visits

Africa: Ghana, Kenya*, Nigeria, Uganda*, Rwanda
Asia: India, Indonesia, Japan, Singapore
Europe: Belgium, England*, Netherlands
North America: Bahamas*, Canada, Cuba, Mexico*, (Puerto Rico), Jamaica*
South America: Argentina, Brazil*, Honduras, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay
(* - Numerous visits)

Language Proficiency

Portuguese Intermediate reading, basic speaking and writing ability
Spanish Intermediate reading, basic speaking and writing ability
Luo Basic reading, speaking and writing ability
Kiswahili Basic reading, speaking and writing ability