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### ***education***

- 2011 – 2017      Doctor of Philosophy  
Liturgical Studies, Concentration in Homiletics  
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
Chicago, IL  
Dissertation Title: *Towards a Womanist Homiletical Theology for Subverting Rape Culture*  
Advisor: The Reverend Gennifer Brooks, Ph.D., D.Min.
- 2010              Master of Divinity  
Yale Divinity School  
New Haven, CT
- 2003              Bachelor of Arts (Religion and Mass Media Arts), *cum laude*  
Clark Atlanta University  
Atlanta, GA

### ***ordination***

- 2010              Elder  
Kingdom Council of Interdependent Christian Churches and Ministries  
San Antonio, TX

### ***employment history***

- March 2018 – Present      Dean of Sisters Chapel  
Director of the WISDOM (Women in Spiritual Discernment of Ministry) Center  
Professor, Interdisciplinary Big Question Colloquia  
Spelman College  
Atlanta, GA
- June 2011 – June 2017      Trinity United Church of Christ  
Chicago, IL  
  
June 2011 – November 2014: Associate Pastor to Young Adults  
November 2014 – June 2017: Liaison to Worship and Arts, Office of the Senior Pastor
- 2012 –2018                  Creator and Lead Curator, shepreaches
- 2009 –2010                  Seminarian Intern  
Mount Aery Baptist Church  
Bridgeport, CT

## synopsis of professional ministry experience

- 2022
  - Panelist, “Millennial Women in Ministry: How Are We Doing?” RISE Together Mentorship Network Annual Conference
  - Revivalist, Annual Women’s Revival, Abyssinian Baptist Church, Harlem, NY
  - Preacher, *Women of Excellence* Chapel Worship Service, Wiley College, Marshall, TX
  - IC3 Church Growth and Development Conference
    - Workshop Presenter, “Spiritual Wellness Strategies for Women in Ministry”
    - Closing Preacher
- 2021
  - Keynote, TheoEd Talks, The Foundry at Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA
  - Preacher, Festival of Homiletics
  - Preacher, Rankin Chapel, Howard University, Washington, DC
  - Preacher, Black Seminarians Day, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA
  - Launch of my specialty coffee company, Black Girl Black Coffee
  - Keynote, Annual Convocation, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
- 2020
  - Keynote, Evolving Faith Conference
  - Panelist, “Say Her Name: Justice for Black Women and Girls,” Greater Allen Cathedral and MSNBC
  - Preacher, “Sisters and the Savior” Good Friday, Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, TX
  - Panelist, “Is The GOP Waging War Against the Black Church in the Georgia Runoffs,” *Live with Joy Reid*
  - “Sister Deans” Instagram Live Series with Rev. Dr. Dominique Robinson, Dean of Chapel at Wiley College
  - Presenter, “Answering the Call: The First 5 Years,” Virtual Conversations with the nation’s newest Black senior pastors and chaplains about their first five years in pastoral ministry, Howard University School of Divinity
- 2019
  - Panelist and Host, “gODTalk: A Black Millennials and Faith Conversation,” National Museum of African-American History and Culture, Atlanta, GA
  - Wisdom Partner, Sophie’s Table Conference, WomanPreach, Incorporated, Atlanta, GA
- 2018
  - Resident Theologian, Forum for Theological Exploration Regional Discernment Retreat, Peachtree City, GA
  - Keynote Speaker, George A. Crawley Women in Ministry Convening, Hampton University Ministers Conference, Hampton, VA
  - Conversant, “Sexual Violence in Church and Society” Online Town Hall, The Black Church Center for Justice and Equality
  - Preacher, Criminal Justice Emphasis Sunday, Mount Ararat Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY
  - Webinar Presenter, “Preaching and Rape Culture,” Religious Institute
  - Presenter, “Sisterhood Saves” Idea Lab, Forum for Theological Education Christian Leadership Forum, Atlanta, GA

- 2017
  - Keynote, Annual Conference, The Reformation Project, Chicago, IL
  - Co-Curator and Co-Host, “Roll Down Like Waters: The Ministry of Social Justice,” Virtual Collaboration between shepreaches and The Millennial Womanism Project
- 2016
  - Keynote, *Why Christian?* Conference, Chicago, IL
  - Pastor/Preacher-In-Residence, Black Theology and Leadership Institute, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ
  - Preacher, Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference, Houston, TX
  - Preacher/Bible Study Leader, Christian Unity Gathering, National Council of Churches, Washington, DC
- 2015
  - Co-Organizer, National Millennial Faith Leader Gathering, Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference, New Orleans, LA
  - Opening Preacher, Women in Ministry Conference, Cynthia Hale Ministries, Atlanta, GA
  - Delegate, Intergenerational Black Lives Matter Delegation to Palestine, Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference
  - Closing Preacher, The Justice Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2014
  - Member, National Planning Committee, UCC African American Women in Ministry Conference
- 2013
  - 2013-2017 - Lead Curator, shepreaches Good Friday Worship Services, Nationwide
  - Preacher, Opening Worship, United Church of Christ General Synod, Long Beach, CA
  - Keynote Speaker, “For Such a Time As This: Reflections on Young Adult Ministry.” UCC Chicago Metropolitan and Fox Valley Associations Quarterly Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 2012
  - Closing Preacher, UCC African American Women in Ministry Conference, Whitakers, NC

#### *teaching experience*

- 2013 – 2014
  - Graduate Teaching Assistant to Dr. Gennifer Brooks, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- 2018 – Present
  - Curriculum Designer, Director, and Lead Instructor, WISDOM Center
- 2021 – Present
  - Course Designer and Professor, *Bigger: Black Women, Spiritual Lineage and Sacred Inheritance*, Spelman College

#### *awards, fellowships, and recognitions*

- 2019 William Sloane Coffin Alumni Award for Peace and Justice, Yale Divinity School
- 2018 Profiled in “This Female Black Preacher Wants to Dismantle Religious Patriarchy,” by Gina Ryder on *Vice.com*.
- 2017 One of “Ten Women of Faith Leading the Charge,” *Sojourners*

- 2016 Top Five Young Preachers in America, ROHO
- 2015
  - 12 New Faces of Black Leadership,” *TIME* Magazine
  - Profiled in “Easing the Difficult Path to the Pulpit for African-American Women” by Samuel Freedman in *The New York Times*
  - Recognized for “quickly becoming one of her generation’s most powerful female faith leaders” on the annual Power 100 list, *Ebony* Magazine
- 2013 – 2014 Beatitudes Society Entrepreneurial Ministry Fellowship
- 2011 – 2013 Fund for Theological Education Doctoral Fellowship
- 2010 Walcott Prize for Clear and Effective Public and Pulpit Speaking, Yale Divinity School
- 2008 Beatitudes Society Fellowship, First Congregational Church of Berkeley, CA

## ***publications***

### *Articles*

- “From Vulnerability to Power,” in *Reflections*. Yale Divinity School. “Spirit and Politics: Finding Our Way,” Fall 2016.
- “Good Worship” in *Liturgy 29 (2): 1–5, 2014 Copyright © The Liturgical Conference*.

### *Book*

- *Curating A World: Sermonic Words from a Young Woman Who Preaches*. Self-published. MMGI Books, 2016.

### *Chapters*

- “You don’t want to leave too, do you?” in *What Would Jesus Ask: Christian Faith Leaders Reflect on His Questions of Faith*, Elizabeth Dias, ed., Time Inc. Books, 2015.
- Sermon: “Restoring the Dance of our Daughters,” in *These Sisters Can Say It: Volume 2*, Martha Simmons, ed. MMGI Books, 2014.
- Sermon: “I’m in A New Place” in *Those Sisters Can Preach*, Vashti M. McKenzie, ed. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2013.
- Sermon: “Live Strong: When You Are Weak,” on the African American Online Lectionary.

### *Blog*

- *The bloom*, Summer Substack Newsletter, 2021 – Present

### *Podcasts*

“Esau.” Limited Series, 2017  
 “Modern Faith.” 2019 - 2020

## ***academic presentations***

- 2021
  - Panelist, *A Womanist Theology of Worship* Roundtable, American Academy of Religion, African Diaspora Religions Unit
- 2020
  - Panelist, Sisters of the Rock Panel, Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference

- Lecturer, Beacon Forum, Clinton College
- Panelist, “Gathering in the Moment: Mobilizing the Digital Black Church’s Prophetic Witness,” University of Arizona College of Humanities, Center for Digital Humanities
- 2017
  - Panelist, “The State of the Garden: Womanism in the Post-Obama Era,” The University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL
- 2016
  - Panelist/Presenter, “Black Religions and Religious Thought,” Black Religion, Spirituality and Culture Conference, Harvard Divinity School
  - Presenter, “Racial and Cultural Consciousness,” Black Lives Matter Symposium, Xavier University
  - Presenter, “Black Sacred Rhetoric and Ritual,” African-American Theology and the Arts Symposium, Duke Divinity School
- 2013
  - Presenter, “The Dancing Word,” Academy of Homiletics: Worship and Preaching Group,
  - Guest Instructor, Bible, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS Course at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

#### *professional affiliations*

- Martin Luther King International Chapel Collegium of Scholars, Initiated 2020
- Society for the Study of Black Religion, Initiated 2018
- American Academy of Religion

#### *community and public service*

- Black Church PAC, Southern Region Co-Convener, 2020
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, East Point-College Park Alumnae Chapter
- National Board, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, 2018 - 2021
- Clergy Advocacy Board, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, 2014 - 2020