

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Profile

I am a Pastoral Theology and Psychology scholar and a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. My research interests include relational psychoanalytic theory and self-state multiplicity in women of color and spiritual care and counseling strategies for persons suffering with mental illness and addiction.

Education

- May 2012 Th.D., Pastoral Care and Counseling, Emory University
Dissertation: *Recovering Our 'Selves,' Reclaiming Our Parts: Toward A New Pastoral Psychology of Multiplicity for African American Women*
- May 2007 M.Div., Candler School of Theology, Emory University
Thesis: *Practice Speaks to Pedagogy: How Womanistcare Practitioners Inform the Field of Pastoral Care*
- May 2004 B.A., Sociology, Concentration in Psychology, Emory University

Clinical Licenses

- District of Columbia Marriage and Family Therapist, License Number: LMFT000155
- Virginia Marriage and Family Therapist, License Number: 0717001283
- Georgia Marriage and Family Therapist, License Number: MFT001209
- Indiana Marriage and Family Therapist, License Number: 35001892A

Teaching Experience

- Spring 2014 **Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana**
Teach graduate level courses in pastoral care, counseling, and psychotherapy to Master of Mental Health Counseling students and Master of Marriage and Family Therapy students.
- Spring 2010 **Teaching Assistant, Crisis Care, Emory University, Atlanta Georgia**
Responsible for leading two class lectures, assisting with exam composition and grading, management of on-line materials, provided guidance to graduate students experiencing difficulty with concepts and research assignments, and co-leading class discussion.
- Spring 2010 **Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Pastoral Care, Columbia Theology Seminary, Decatur Georgia**

Responsible for leading two class lectures, facilitating counseling practicum groups, grading, lesson planning, conducting office hour for student tutorials, and co-leading class discussion.

- Fall 2009 **Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Pastoral Care, Emory University, Atlanta Georgia**
Presented lecture on salient definitions of, supporting theory for, and various approaches to crisis management and response.

Research Experience

- Summer 2009- **Research Assistant, Karen Scheib PhD, Emory University**
Spring 2010 Conducted literature reviews on recently published material on crisis intervention. Administered an on-line survey for gathering qualitative data on crisis intervention teaching practices from faculty in graduate school settings.
- Fall 2001- **Research Assistant, Irwin Waldman PhD, Emory University**
Spring 2002 Researched the social perception and classification of childhood Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder. Interviewed twin children with disruptive behavior disorders. Conducted mixed method research data analysis.

Publications and Manuscripts in Process

- June 2015 “Distinctiveness of Pastoral Counseling Interventions” Chapter in textbook *Understanding Pastoral Counseling*. Edited by Jill Snodgrass and Elizabeth Maynard. Springer Publishing
- Manuscript Submitted “Christian Couples and Families” Second author in book, *Issues in Couple and Family Psychology: Across Socioeconomics, Ethnicities, and Sexualities*. Edited by Shalonda Kelly. Praeger Publishing.
- Manuscript Submitted “A Laying on of Hands: Black Feminist Intimations of Healing Touch in Religious Practice,” chapter in *Studies in Body and Religion*. Lexington Publishing.
- Manuscript in Progress “Recovering Our ‘Selves,’ Reclaiming Our Parts: African American Women and Internal Justice Making” (publisher TBA)
- November 2011 *The African American Lectionary* Liturgical Unit, online at <http://www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org/PopupLectionaryReading.asp?LRID=236>

Professional Leadership and Selected Presentations/Media

- 2009 – present Co-Chair, Embodiment Study Group, Society for Pastoral Theology
- 2014 -- present Ethics Committee Member, Indiana division of Association of Marriage and Family Therapist
- Fall 2015 “The Journey Towards Inclusion” United Church of Christ Widening the Welcome Conference Key Note speaker. Hartford, CT.

- Summer 2015 Workshop Co-Leader, “Transformational Pedagogy: A classroom-based Research Study on Relating Across Difference,” Society of Pastoral Theology, Denver, CO
- Spring 2015 Guest Speaker on topic “Mental Health in the work-place” on on NPR member station, WFYI
- Spring 2015 Mental Health Facility and Church collaboration for Addressing Co-Occurring Disorders, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL
- Spring 2015 Expert Guest on Fox 59 speaking on characteristics of health relationships
Fall 2014 Attending to Our Own Journey: Self Care and Spiritual Renewal for Religious Leaders, Alumni Reunion, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN
- Fall 2014 Leadership Profile “5 Questions with Christina Davis” in the Indianapolis Star News paper
- Fall 2014 Expert Guest on Fox 59 speaking on how to notice symptoms of Depression
- Fall 2011 Paper Presentation, *I-Thou-We Shame of the Wayfaring Stranger: A Liberating Pastoral, Psychosocial Analysis of Shame*, American Association of Pastoral Counselors South East Regional Conference, Kanuga, NC
- Fall 2011 Workshop Facilitator, ‘*Singled Out*’: *Mental Illness in Families*, Family Enrichment Conference, Salem Bible Church, Atlanta, GA
- Summer 2011 Paper Presentation, *The Myth of Integration: Self-state Multiplicity and the Psychology of African American Women*. Society for Pastoral Theology Conference, Denver, CO
- Spring 2011 Clergy Panelist, State of the Church Conference, Atlanta, GA
- Winter 2010 Workshop Facilitator, *Understanding Your Leadership Style: A Systems Perspective*, Leadership Conference, Liberty Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA

Professional Experience

- Spring 2014 **Clinic Director, Christian Theological Seminary Counseling Center, Indianapolis, Indiana**
Supervise day to day operations of the CTS Counseling Center including staffing, budgets and promotion of the program. Supervise in practicum and residency programs and maintain a clinical practice.
- Winter 2011-
Present **Mental Health Therapist, Inova Health System, Falls Church, VA**
Prepare and conduct weekly lecture series for 35+ participants on substance abuse and related mental health subject matter. Administer direct clinical care including bio-psycho social assessments, individual therapy, group, therapy, family therapy, and crisis counseling. Departmental development, train new employees and interns.
- Summer 2009-
Fall 2011 **Associate Minister, Liberty Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA**
Provided pastoral care via liturgical leadership, bible study, homily, and pastoral visitation. Provided pastoral care trainings for clergy staff and parishioners.

- Summer 2011- **Clinical Supervisor, United Health and Behavioral Services, Atlanta, GA**
Winter 2011 Administered and directed the program of Assertive Community Treatment, a clinical team which provided needed treatment, rehabilitation, and support services to clients with severe and persistent mental illnesses and dual diagnosis; Supervised and evaluated the multidisciplinary team. Set goals and devise action plans, appraise performance of clinical team.
- Summer 2010- **Clinical Assessment Coordinator, The Bridges Center, Atlanta, GA**
Summer 2011 Supervised a staff of clinical assessors and a psychologist who provide biological, psychological, and sociological assessments for children and their families. Reviewed and managed all processes to ensure clinically and ethically sound practices. Assisted with challenging cases and refer clients to outside resources as needed. Provided therapeutic services to children and their families.
- Fall 2008- **Senior Counseling Resident, Counseling Center of Georgia, Decatur, GA**
Spring 2011 Provided person centered, psychotherapeutic services to a diverse population of adult and adolescent individuals, couples, and families. Performed clinical assessments, integrative therapy, and treatment planning.
- Fall 2007- **Chaplain Resident, Dallas Methodist Healthcare System, Dallas TX**
Fall 2008 Provided spiritual, mental, and emotional support to a diverse population of cardiac surgery, oncology, and palliative care patients and their families.
- Spring 2007 **Chaplain Resident, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta GA**
Completed one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education. Ministered to children and families of children with diabetes, Chrome's disease, and spinal disorders.
- Summer 2005, **Mentor, Youth Theological Initiative, Candler School of Theology**
Summer 2006 Served as a mentor to youth engaged in theological inquiry and learning via plenary sessions, theology courses, inter-faith dialog, service, and writing.
- Fall 2005- **Minister, Ben Hill United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA**
Spring 2006 Performed hospital visits, taught youth bible study, participated in the coordination of the Angel Tree Christmas ministry.
- Fall 2004- **Minister, The Emmaus House, Poverty Rights Office, Atlanta, GA**
Spring 2005 Assisted residents with obtaining state identification, social security cards, and birth certificates. Served as advocate and pastoral presence in the community.

International Study

- Summer 2007 **Ghana**
Studied African Traditional Religions, rituals of healing, women and Islam, spirituality and healthcare, chaplaincy, and African economics.
- Summer 2006 **Egypt**
Engaged in the examination of Egyptian history of human and regional conquest for the purpose of retrieving metanarratives of contributions of people of color.
- Summer 2005 **Costa Rica**
Studied via personal and cultural engagement the impact of capitalism on Costa Rican ecology, economy, and local community life.
- Summer 2002 **South Africa**

Studied acts of violence and institutionalized discrimination toward people of color during Apartheid and the journey toward reconciliation that followed.

Honors and Awards

Spring 2012 W.E.B. DuBois Noomo Award for Academic Excellence
Fall 2010 Who's Who Among Executives, Professionals, & Entrepreneurs
Spring 2010 North American Doctoral Fellowship, Fund for Theological Education
Fall 2009 Emory University Anderson Roe Scholarship
Fall 2004 Emory University Diversity Scholarship
Fall 2004 Nominated by the Emory Paladin Society for the 2004 Humanitarian Award
Fall 2004 Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology Honor Society
Fall 2004, Dean's List, Emory University
Fall 2002

Professional Affiliations

American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy
The American Academy of Religion
The American Association of Pastoral Counselors
The Society of Pastoral Theology
Ordained Clergy in Progressive National Baptist Church

Courses Developed and/or Taught

- Psychodynamic Family Therapy
- Social and Cultural Dimensions of Counseling
- Theological Perspectives of Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Care
- Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling
- Intercultural Dimensions of Pastoral Care and Counseling
- Pastoral Theology and Personality
- Pastoral Care, Addiction, and Mental Illness
- Trauma and Crisis Care
- Grief and Loss
- Counseling Couples, Families, and Children