

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Boston University Graduate School  
Boston, MA 02215

Ph.D. **Social Ethics**; Minor, **Philosophy of Religion**  
Degree awarded 6/1/82

Recipient of Lowstutter Fellowship, 1978

Boston University  
1976-77, M.T.S. **Social Ethics**

Anderson College (Now Anderson University)  
Anderson, Indiana 46011  
1969-1974

B.A. **Criminal Justice**; Minor Concentration in **Business Administration**

COURSE INTERESTS: Ethical Prophecy, Theological Ethics/Social Ethics; Ethics of Reinhold Niebuhr; Theological Ethics of Martin Luther King, Jr., Nonviolence in the thought of Gandhi and King, Theological Ethics of Malcolm X, Personalism; Philosophy of Religion; Sociology of Religion; Christians and Violence; Religion and the Death Penalty; Church and Urban Poor; Social Problems; Liberation Theologies, e.g., Afrikan American, Womanist, Mujerista, Native American, and Latin American; Black Religio-Cultural Experience; Church and the Urban Poor, etc.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Indiana Professor of Christian Thought and  
Professor of Theological Social Ethics  
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Tenured, Promoted to Associate Professor January 1991  
Promoted to Professor July 1, 1998  
Promoted to Indiana Professor of Christian Thought, July 1, 2002

Emeritus, May 2014

Job Summary: Teach courses in ethical prophecy, sociology of religion, Christian ethics, theological social ethics, liberation theology, church and social systems, church and urban poor, personalism, etc. Serve as advisor and advocate for Afrikan American and other students of color.

Last Supervisor of note: Carolyn Higginbotham

1/88 to 5/90

Adjunct Professor of Ethics and Philosophy of Religion  
Martin University  
Indianapolis, Indiana

9/87 to 12/87

Lecturer in Christian Ethics  
Anderson School of Theology  
Anderson, Indiana 46011

7/84 to 12/90

Assistant Professor of Church and Society  
Christian Theological Seminary  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46208

6/84 to 6/88

Midwest Christian Training Center  
5602 East 38th Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46218

Program Manager

Supervisor: T. Garrott Benjamin, Jr.

Job Summary: Develop and coordinate day to day operations of leadership development program for Black clergy, laypersons, and pastor-professor program. Emphasis in the entire program was on the "how-to" in such areas as preaching/public speaking, stewardship, Christian education, social ministry, music ministry, church administration, evangelism, etc.

9/83 to 5/84

Christian Theological Seminary  
1000 West 42nd Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46208

Visiting Professor in Church and Society

Supervisor: Richard Dickinson, Dean

Job Summary: Teach courses in sociology of religion, ethics, social ethics, etc.

## PERSONAL DATA

U.S. Citizen

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Society for the Study of Black Religion

American Theological Association (Midwest)

Personalistic Discussion Group (Sub-group of Eastern Division of American Philosophical Association)

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

“A Critique of E.S. Brightman’s Conception of God, With Special Reference to Excess Evil.” (Ph.D. diss., Boston University, 1982.) Unpublished

*James H. Cone and Black Liberation Theology* (Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland Publishers, 1994)

*Personalism: A Critical Introduction* (St. Louis: Chalice Press 1999)

*Daring to Speak in God’s Name: Ethical Prophecy in Ministry* (Co-Authored with Mary Alice Mulligan) (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2002)

*God and Human Responsibility: David Walker and Ethical Prophecy* (Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2003)

*Standing in the Margin* (Co-Authored with Mary Alice Mulligan) (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2004)

*God and Human Dignity: The Personalism, Theology, and Ethics of Martin Luther King, Jr.* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2006)

*Holy Word and Holy Work: A Call to Prophetic Ministry* (Co-Authored with Mary Alice Mulligan) (Commissioned by The Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Office of Outreach and Witness, 2006)

*Martin Luther King, Jr. for Armchair Theologians* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009)

*The Domestication of Martin Luther King, Jr.: Clarence B. Jones, Right-Wing Conservatism, and the Manipulation of the King Legacy* (Co-Editor with Lewis V. Baldwin. Each editor contributed three chapters, along with one chapter each by 7 other King scholars). (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2013)

*Extremist for Love: Martin Luther King, Jr. as Man of Ideas and Nonviolent Social Action* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2014)

*A Child Shall Lead Them: Martin Luther King, Jr., Young People, and the Movement* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2014)

*Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Theology of Resistance* (Jefferson, NC: McFarland, December, 2014)

### **BOOK MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

*The Ethics of the Spook Who Sits by The Door* (Second draft completed)

*Afrikan Personalism: God, Person, and Community* (completed second draft of volume one [of two volumes])

*Sexism and the Afrikan American Community: Reflections of a Recovering Sexist* (Second draft completed)

*Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Ethics of Nonviolence: A Revisionist Perspective* (Five of seven chapters completed.)

*Making Good the Claim: Holiness and Visible Unity in the Church of God Reformation Movement* (Second draft of 375 page manuscript completed)

*The Ethical Prophetic Hall of Fame*

### **CHAPTERS IN BOOKS**

“Some African American Males’ Perspectives on Black Women” in *Black Men on Race, Gender, Sexuality: A Critical Reader* ed. Devon W. Carbado (New York University Press, 1999).

“W.E.B. DuBois and the Intersection of Race and Sex in the Twenty-First Century” in *Dubois and Race: Essays on the Centennial Publication of The Souls of Black Folk* ed. Chester J. Fontenot (Macon: Mercer University Press, 2001)

“Personalism, the Objective Moral Order, and Moral Law in the Work of Martin Luther King, Jr.,” in *The Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Boundaries of Law, Politics, and Religion* Lewis V. Baldwin (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2002)

“Borderline Ethics and Intra-Community Violence and Murder among Young Afrikan American Males,” in *Theology in Global Context* ed. Amos Yong and Peter Heltzel (New York and London: T&T Clark International, 2004)

“Graham, King, and the Beloved Community,” in *The Legacy of Billy Graham: Critical Reflections on America’s Greatest Evangelist* ed. Michael G. Long (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008)

### ARTICLES

“Trouble-Makers: A Moral Obligation.” *Shining Light Survey*. November, 1975.

“Fishbowl III.” *Koinonia*. Volume 37, Number 7, January 18, 1984.

“What Should We Be Willing To Die For?” (A Response). *Koinonia*. Volume 37, Number 9, February 15, 1984.

“Massey Leaves Anderson: The End of an Era.” *Shining Light Survey*. September/October, 1984.

“Yolanda King Addresses Youth at CTS.” *Koinonia*. April 16, 1986.

“This Do in Remembrance of Me.” *Shining Light Survey*. May/June, 1986.

“He’s Coming Back: Massey Returns to Anderson!” *Shining Light Survey*. November/December, 1989.

“Sexism in the Black Community and Church.” *The Journal of the Interdenominational Theological Center*. Spring, 1986.

“Who Teaches Black Theology?” *The Journal of Religious Thought*. Winter, 1987.

“The Role of the Church in Society.” *Encounter*. Winter, 1987.

“Response to Robert Neville’s Review of *The Boston Personalist Tradition*.” *The Personalist Forum*. Fall, 1989.

“A Review Article” on Theo Witvliet, *The Way of the Black Messiah*. *The Journal of the Interdenominational Theological Center*. Volume 15, Number. 1,2, Fall-Spring, 1987-88.

“Moral Laws in Borden P. Bowne’s *Principles of Ethics*.” *The Personalist Forum*. Volume VI, Number. 2, Fall 1990.

“Blessed are the Children.” *The Shining Light Survey*. Volume 57, Number 6, November/December, 1990.

- “The Black Church Then and Now.” *The Shining Light Survey*. January/February, 1991.
- “Black Theology.” *The Disciple Magazine*. Volume 129, Number 6, June, 1991.
- “Toward An ‘Educated’ Church.” *The Shining Light Survey*. Volume 58, Number 4, July/August 1991.
- “The Personalistic Theism of Edgar S. Brightman.” *Encounter*. Volume 53, Number 2, Spring 1992.
- “Francis John McConnell and Personalistic Social Ethics.” *Methodist History*. Volume XXXI, Number 2, January 1993.
- “Two Types of Prophets.” *The A.M.E. Zion Quarterly Review*. Volume CV, Number 1, January 1993.
- “Some Characteristics of Biblical Prophecy.” *The A.M.E. Zion Quarterly Review*. Volume CV, Number 2, April 1993.
- “Where’s The Theological Beef?” *The Shining Light Survey*, Volume 58, No. 6, November/December, 1991.
- “An African American Hero: A Moment in Black History.” *The Shining Light Survey*. January/February, 1992.
- “Two Elements in Francis J. McConnell’s Social Ethics.” *The Personalist Forum*. Volume 8, Number 2, Fall-Winter, 1992.
- “Research and the Black Church Conference: A Report.” *The Shining Light Survey*. Volume 59, Number 4, July/August 1992. (With Saderia Means)
- “Borden Parker Bowne’s Doctrine of God.” *Encounter*. Volume 53, Number 4. Autumn, 1992.
- “Prophets are Troublemakers.” *The Shining Light Survey*. October/November 1992.
- “What Prophecy Requires.” *The Shining Light Survey*. November/December 1992.
- “James H. Cone: Father of Contemporary Black Theology.” *The Asbury Theological Journal*. Volume 48, Number 2, Fall 1993. A different version of this article appeared in *The A.M.E. Church Review*, April-June 1993.
- “Some African American Males’ Perspectives on the Black Woman.” *The Western Journal of Black Studies*. Volume 16, Number 2 (Summer, 1992).
- “Reflections on Some Theologico-Ethical Norms for Prison Ministry.” *The Asbury Theological Journal*. Volume 47, Number 2, Fall 1992.

“Book Review Essay on Theodore Walker, Jr., *Empower the People*.” *Encounter*. Volume 54, Number 1, Winter 1992. (With Jimmy L. Kirby)

“Black Males in Prison: The Silence of the Church,” *Encounter*. Volume 54, Number 1, Winter, 1993.

“Borden Parker Bowne’s Contribution to Theistic Finitism.” *The Personalist Forum*. Volume 13, Number 2, Fall 1997.

“Authorship: The Personalism of George Holmes Howison and Borden Parker Bowne.” *The Personalist Forum*. Volume 13, Number 2, Fall 1997.

“The Personalism of John Wesley Edward Bowen.” *The Journal of Negro History*. Volume LXXXII, Number 2, Spring, 1997.

“Borden Parker Bowne: The First Thoroughgoing Personalist.” *Methodist History*. Volume 36, Number 1, October 1997.

“John Wesley Edward Bowen: First Afrikan American Personalist.” *Encounter*. Volume 56, Number 2, Summer, 1995.

“Personalism and Ecological Ethics.” *The A.M.E. Church Review*. Volume CX, Number 357, January-March 1995.

“Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Ethics of Dignity.” *Lexington Theological Quarterly*, Volume 30, Number 1, Spring 1995.

“Malcolm X Was A Racist: The Great Myth.” *The Western Journal of Black Studies*. Volume 20, Number 2, Summer 1996.

“Martin Luther King, Jr., Personalism, and Moral Laws.” *The Asbury Theological Journal*. Volume 52, Number 2, Fall 1997.

“Borden Parker Bowne and the Dignity of Being.” *The Personalist Forum*. Volume 13, Number 1, Spring 1997.

“Martin Luther King, Jr., Personalism, and Intracommunity Violence.” *Encounter*. Volume 58, Number 1, Winter 1997.

“King’s Beloved Community Ideal: Making the Connections.” *Journal of Religion*. Volume 77, Number 3, July 1997. (Review Article)

“Womanist Theology and Ethics.” *Encounter*. Volume 59, Numbers 1-2, Winter\Spring 1998.

“The Love, Justice, and Wrath of God.” *Encounter*. Volume 59, Number 3, Summer

1998.

“The Ethics of Satyagraha and Ahimsa: Gandhi’s Experiments in Love.” *Encounter*. Volume 59, Number 4, Autumn 1998.

“Enter Womanist Theology and Ethics.” *The Western Journal of Black Studies*. Volume 22, Number 1, 1998.

“Toward Womanist Theology and Ethics.” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*. Volume 15, Number 1, Spring 1999.

“Development of Womanist Theology: Some Chief Characteristics.” *The Asbury Theological Journal*. Volume 54, Number 1, Spring 1999.

“Afrikan American Contributions to Personalism.” *Encounter*. Volume 60, Number 2, Spring 1999.

“Conceptions of God in the thinking of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Edgar S. Brightman” *Encounter*. Volume 60, Number 3, Summer 1999. (With Jimmy L. Kirby)

“Personal-Communitarianism and the Beloved Community.” *Encounter*. Volume 61, Number 1, Winter 2000.

“Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Objective Moral Order: Some Ethical Implications.” *Encounter*. Volume 61, Number 2, Spring 2000.

“Personalism and Afrikan Traditional Thought.” *Encounter*. Volume 61, Number 3, Summer 2000.

“Ethical Prophecy and Ministry.” *Encounter*. Volume 62, Number 2, Spring 2001. (Faculty Lecture for Focus on Ministry, November 4, 1999)

“The Doctrine of Unearned Suffering.” *Encounter*. Volume 63, Numbers 1-2, Winter/Spring 2002.

“The Afrikan Legacy in Personalism.” *The Western Journal of Black Studies*. Volume 26, Number 2, Summer 2002.

“An Interfaith Study on Malcolm and Martin: A Review Article.” *Encounter*. Volume 63, Number 4, Autumn 2002.

“The Humanity of Martin Luther King, Jr.: Vigilance in Pursuing his Dream.” *Encounter*. Volume 64, Number 2, Spring 2003.

“Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Doctrine of Human Dignity.” *The Western Journal of Black Studies*. Volume 26, Number 4, Winter 2002.



“A Student’s Teacher.” *Bostonia*. Number 3. Fall 2002. 5-6.

“Musing on Two Approaches to the Study of Malcolm and Martin: A Review Article.” *The Asbury Theological Journal*. Volume 57, Number 2/Volume 58, Number 1, Fall 2002/Spring 2003.

“A Student Reflects on a Teacher’s Religious Autobiography: A Review Article.” *Encounter*. Volume 64, Number 3, Summer 2003, 281-296.

“Some Reflections on King, Personalism, and Sexism.” *Encounter*. Volume 65, Number 1, 2004. 9-38.

“Martin Luther King, the Church, and a Value-Fused Universe.” *Encounter*. Volume 66, Number 3, 2005. 199-220.

“The Definitive Biography of King?: A Review Essay.” *Encounter*. Volume 67, Number 3 Summer 2006, 297-315.

“Remembering Yolanda King.” *DisciplesWorld*. Volume 6, No. 6, July/August, 2007, 30-31.

“Racism, White Privilege, and a Seminary’s Pro-Reconciliation Initiative.” *Encounter*. Volume 68, Number 1 Winter 2007, 1-17

Review Essay on *African American Christian Ethics*, by Samuel K. Roberts. *Encounter*. Volume 68, Number 4 Fall 2007, 55-66.

“Martin Luther King, Jr., Youth, and the Beloved Community.” *Encounter*. Volume 70, Number 3, Summer 2009, 1-21.

“The Sociological Transformation of Religious Organizations.” A series of three articles published in three separate issues of *Encounter*:

Part One: “Basic Sociological Principles.” *Encounter*. Vol. 69, No. 3, Summer 2008, 57-78.

Part Two: “Charismatic Leader Stage.” *Encounter*. Vol. 69, No. 4, Fall 2008, 25-45.

Part Three: “Institutionalization and Adaptation Stages.” *Encounter*. Vol. 70, No. 1, Winter 2009, 15-36.

Review Essay on *Gandhi & Jesus: The Saving Power of Nonviolence*, by Terrence J. Rynne. *Encounter*, Vol. 69, No. 3, Summer 2008, 85-93.

Review Essay on *Gandhi Under Cross-Examination: A Critical Review*. *Encounter*. Vol. 70, No. 4, Fall 2009, 61-72.

Review Essay on *Becoming King: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Making of a National Leader*, by Troy Jackson. *Encounter*. Vol. 71, No. 1, Winter 2010, 89-102.

“Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Children.” *Encounter*. Vol. 71, No. 3, Summer 2010, 31-50.

“Responses to Dwayne Tunstall and Lewis V. Baldwin.” *The Pluralist*. Vol. 6, No. 1, Spring 2011, 30-45. (Tunstall and Baldwin read papers on aspects of my work at the meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Midwest Division, Personalistic Discussion Group) in Chicago in February 2010. Tunstall’s paper is entitled: “Prophetic Ethics: Rufus Burrow, Jr.’s Personalist Contribution to Religious Ethics,” and Baldwin’s is: “The Unfolding of the Moral Order...” I responded to both papers, and what appears in this issue of *The Pluralist* is a revised version of those responses.)

“Afrikan American Children: Enduring Values that Save.” *Encounter*, Vol. 72, No. 1, Spring 2011, 1-9.

“Loyalty and Pursuit of the Dream.” *Encounter*, Vol. 74, No. 1, Fall 2013, 3-28.

“The Beloved Community: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Josiah Royce.” *Encounter*, Vol. 73, No. 1, Fall 2012, 37-64.

Review Article on *What Would Martin Say?*, by Clarence B. Jones. *Encounter*, Vol. 73, No. 2, Winter/Spring 2013, 31-54.

“Reflections on Joseph Lelyveld’s *Great Soul: Mahatma Gandhi and his Struggle with India*.” *Encounter*, Vol. 72, No. 3, 2012,

“The Personalism of Martin Luther King, Jr.” *The Western Journal of Black Studies*. (Forthcoming)

“The King Type of Personalism.” *Encounter*, Vol. 73, No. 3, 1-30.

### NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

“Moving Toward an ‘Educated’ Church.” *The Indianapolis Recorder*. June 15, 1991.

“Black Pastors Need to Be as Smart as Their Congregations.” *The Indianapolis Recorder*. June 22, 1991.

“Black Women Have Always Been Leaders in the Church.” *The Indianapolis Recorder*. June 29, 1991.

“The Teachers of Our Children.” *The Indianapolis Recorder*. December 14, 1991.

“The Outrage of the Black Community.” *The Indianapolis Star*. May 5, 1992. (With Karen and Garth Baker-Fletcher, Natalie Wimberly, and Michael Jones)

“Can the ‘fuse of rage’ be Extinguished?” *The Indianapolis Recorder*. May 9, 1992.

(With Garth and Karen Baker-Fletcher, Michael Jones, and Natalie Wimberly)

“The Greedy Began to Loot.” *The Indianapolis Recorder*. May 23, 1992.

“From Prison Cells to Church Pews: A Special Report.” *The Indianapolis Recorder*. June 20, 1992. (With Saderia Means)

“Violence, Murder, and the Black Church.” (Commentary) *The Indianapolis Recorder*. August 9, 1997, pp. C-1, C-4.

### BOOK REVIEWS

James H. Cone. *For My People*. *Encounter*. Spring, 1985.

Kwesi Dickson. *Theology in Africa*. *Encounter*. Autumn, 1985.

Gwinyai Muzorewa. *The Origins and Development of African Theology*. *Encounter*, Winter, 1985.

Theo Witvliet. *A Place in the Sun: An Introduction to Liberation Theology in the Third World*. *Encounter*. Summer, 1987.

Henry Mitchell and Nicholas Cooper-Lewter. *Soul Theology*. *Encounter*. Summer, 1987.

J. DeOtis Roberts. *Black Theology in Dialogue*. *Encounter*. Fall, 1987.

Theo Witvliet. *The Way of the Black Messiah*. *The Journal of Religious Thought*. Summer, 1988.

Norman Pittenger. *Freed to Love*. *The Journal of Religious Thought*. Summer, 1988.

Guillermo Meléndez. *Seeds of Promise: The Prophetic Church in Central America*. *Encounter*. Volume 52, No. 3, Summer 1991.

Harold S. Kushner. *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. *Encounter*. Winter 1994.

Angelo P. Bertocci. *Teacher From Little Italy*. *Encounter*. Spring 1994.

“A Review Article” on Jon Sobrino. *Archbishop Romero: Memories and Reflections*. *The Journal of Religious Thought*. Volume 48, No. 2, Winter 1992.

Guillermo Meléndez. *Seeds of Promise: The Prophetic Church in Central America*. *The Journal of Religious Thought*. Volume 48, No. 2, Winter 1992. (This is a more detailed review than the one that appeared in *Encounter*. Summer 1991.)

Garth Baker-Fletcher. *Somebodyness: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Theory of Dignity*.

*Encounter*. Spring 1994.

Catherine (Hyacinth) Thrash as told to Marian K. Towne. *The Onliest One Alive*. *Encounter*. Volume 5, Number 1, Winter 1996.

Lewis V. Baldwin. *Toward the Beloved Community: Martin Luther King, Jr. and South Africa*. *The A.M.E. Church Review*. April-June 1996.

Mark L. Chapman. *Christianity on Trial: African American Religious Thought Before and After Black Power*. *Journal of Church and State*. Volume 40, Number 2, Spring 1998.

J. Philip Wogaman and Douglas M. Strong. *Readings in Christian Ethics: A Historical Sourcebook*. *Encounter*. Volume 61, Number 4, Autumn 2000.

E. Hammond Oglesby. *O Lord, Move this Mountain: Racism and Christian Ethics*. *Encounter*. Volume 61, Number 3, Summer 2000.

Rabbi Marc Schneier. *Shared Dreams: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Jewish Community*. *Encounter*. Volume 61, Number 4, Autumn 2000.

John J. Ansbro. *Martin Luther King, Jr.: Nonviolent Strategies and Tactics for Social Change*. *Encounter*. Volume 64, Number 1, Winter 2003, 95-97.

S. Jonathan Bass. *Blessed are the Peacemakers: Martin Luther King, Jr., Eight White Religious Leaders, and the 'Letter from Birmingham Jail.'* *Encounter*. Volume 64, Number 4, Autumn 2003, 401-405.

Michael G. Long. *Against Us, But For Us: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the State*. *Encounter*. Volume 65, Number 1, Winter 2004, 89-92.

Stewart Burns. *To the Mountaintop: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Sacred Mission to Save America, 1955-1968*. *Encounter*. Volume 65, Number 3, Summer 2004. 306-310.

Barbara Ransby. *Ella Baker and the Black Freedom Movement: A Radical Democratic Vision*. *Encounter*. Volume 66, Number 2, Spring 2005. 173-176.

Georgia Davis Powers. *I Shared the Dream: The Pride, Passion and Politics of the First Black Woman Senator from Kentucky*. *Encounter*. Volume 66, Number 2, Spring 2005. 176-180.

Max Jammer. *Einstein on Religion*. *Encounter*. Volume 66, Number 3, 2005. 278-282.

Demetrius K. Williams. *An End to This Strife: The Politics of Gender in African American Churches*. *Encounter*. Volume 67, Number 2, 2006. 219-23.

Michael G. Long. *Martin Luther King, Jr. on Creative Living*. *Encounter*. Volume 67, Number 1, Winter 2006, 101-04.

Peter Ling. *Martin Luther King, Jr. Encounter*. Volume 76, Number 1, Winter 2006. 105-108.

James Echols, ed. *I Have a Dream: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Future of Multicultural America. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Dream and Multiculturalism: A Review Essay. Encounter*. Volume 67, Number 2, 2006. 207-16.

J. DeOtis Roberts. *Bonhoeffer & King: Speaking Truth to Powers. Encounter*. Volume 67, Number 3, Summer 2006, 327-32.

J. DeOtis Roberts. *A Black Political Theology. Journal of Church and State*. Volume 48, Number 2 (Spring 2006), 457-58.

Lewis V. Baldwin and Amiri YaSin Al-Hadid. *Between Cross and Crescent: Christian and Muslim Perspectives on Malcolm and Martin. The Western Journal of Black Studies*. Volume 30, Number 4, Winter 2006, 35-36.

Stephen A. Cooper. *Augustine for Armchair Theologians. Encounter*. Vol. 69, No. 2, Spring 2008, 102-104.

Elisabeth Sifton. *The Serenity Prayer: Faith and Politics in Times of Peace and War. Encounter*. Volume 68, Number 4 Fall 2007, 67-70.

Clayborne Carson, Susan Carson, et al. *The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr.: Advocate of the Social Gospel*, Volume 6. *Encounter*. Volume 68, Number 4 Fall 2007, 70-72.

Clarence B. Jones. *What Would Martin Say? Encounter*. Vol. 70, No. 1 Winter 2009, 67-69.

Troy Jackson. *Becoming King: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Making of a National Leader. The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*. Spring 2008, 292-94.

Leslie A. Muray. *Liberal Protestantism and Science. Encounter*. Vol. 70, No. 4, Fall 2009, 73-77.

Joseph Lelyveld. *Great Soul: Mahatma Gandhi and His Struggle with India*. CTSBookBlog, <http://ctsbookblog.wordpress.com/>, June 1, 2011.

### UNPUBLISHED PAPERS

“The Problem of the 20th Century and the Mission of the Church” (1986)

“Black Church-Black Academy: A Theological Report” (1988)

“The Problem with Jewish-Christian Dialogue” (1988)

“The Unpopularity of Metaphysics: Implications for African-American Liberation Theology” (1989)

“Some Black Male Attitudes Toward Black Women: Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries” (1990)

“Some Reflections on the ‘Unpopularity’ of Personalism”  
(Paper discussed in Faculty Colloquium, November 8, 1992)

“Some Myths About Malcolm X.”  
(Broadway Library, Indianapolis, Indiana, February 26, 1993)

“An Unfinished Working Bibliography on Afrikan-American History, Culture and Religion” (With Lawrence A. Burnley. Presently unpublished, 1990)

### **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY PRESENTATIONS**

“Who Teaches Black Theology?”  
Black Theology Project (1986)

“God As Person”  
Personalistic Discussion Group--Boston (1990)

“Borden Parker Bowne and the Dignity of Being”  
Paper read at a one-week seminar, “The Personalism of Borden Parker Bowne,” August 7-12, 1996 at Western Carolina University.

Responses to Dwayne Tunstall, “There are Prophets, and There are *Ethical* Prophets: David Walker’s and Rufus Burrow, Jr.’s Personalist Contribution to Religious Ethics, and Lewis V. Baldwin, “The Unfolding of the Moral Order: Rufus Burrow, Jr., Personalism Idealism, and the Life and Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.; American Philosophical Association (Midwest Division), Chicago, February 20, 2010

### **PUBLIC, UNIVERSITY, SEMINARY LECTURES**

“The Mission of the Church in its Witness to the Issue of Race”  
Anderson University (1983)

“Some Roots of Prejudice and its Solution(s)”  
Hugh T.H. Miller Lectures, Christian Theological Seminary (1985) (Morning and Evening Lectures)

- “Racism and the Church”  
Indiana Area UMC Federation for Social Action (1985)
- “Justice and Reconciliation”  
Commission on Social Concerns of the Church of God  
(1985)
- “Prophecy and the Church”  
Anderson School of Theology (1987)
- “Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Question of Apartheid”  
United Theological Seminary (1987)
- “Martin Luther King, Jr. and White Liberals”  
Indiana Area Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Married Couples Group (1987)
- “There’s a New Day Coming”  
Race Relations Sunday at St. Thomas Aquinas  
Catholic Church (1987)
- “The Church and the Problem of Poverty: Some Solutions”  
Paper presented to Methodist Federation of Social  
Action of the Central Illinois UMC (1987)
- “A Theology Born in Protest”  
Anderson University (1988)
- “The Aids-Poor Among Us: Theologico-Ethical Assumptions”  
Bethel AME Church (Indianapolis, 1988)
- “My Struggle to be Free”  
Denver, Colorado (1989)
- “Race Persons: Doing Our First Works Over”  
Aenon Bible College (Indianapolis, 1989)
- “Antecedents of Moral Laws in Bowne's Ethics”  
Boston University (1990)
- “Personalism and Social Ministry”  
Indiana Area UMC--School of the Prophets (1990) (Four  
Lectures)
- “African American Youth”  
Christ Church Apostolic, Indianapolis, (February, 1990)

“The Cost of Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land”

Keynote Address, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration--Grissom Airforce Base (January 17, 1992)

“The Prophetic Church: Hope for the Folk”

“Lifting As We Climb”

University of Pennsylvania (February 10, 1992)

“A Theologico-Ethical Rationale for Prison Ministry”

Address delivered at ministerial training event at The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis (April 23, 1992)

“The Ethics of *The Spook Who Sat By the Door*.”

“The Ethics of *The Spook Who Sat By the Door*: What To Do”

(Two lectures delivered at Martin University, April 4, 1992)

“Martin Luther King, Jr. and Intra-community Black on Black Violence.” (Lecture presented at King Day Celebration at Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana, January 15, 1996)

“Martin Luther King, Jr., Personalism, and Moral Laws” (Lecture read at Oklahoma City University--Faith and Life Festival, February 28, 1996)

“Borden Parker Bowne and the Dignity of Being”

(Paper presented at a week long conference on “The Personalism of Borden Parker Bowne”--Western Carolina University, August 7-12, 1996)

“Biblical and Theological Foundations for Social Justice Ministries” (Midwest Summit, March 22-23, 1996; Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Indianapolis)

“The Humanity of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Quest for the Beloved Community” (Presented at King Day celebration in Richmond, Indiana, Wayne County Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, January 15, 2001.

“Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Social Gospel in Black and White;” “Liberation and Borderline Ethics;” Lectures delivered in a Christian Ethics course at Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, Kentucky, April 11, 2003.

“Afrikan American, Nation of Laws, Due Process, and the Death Penalty.” Lecture given at Indiana Information Center on the Abolition of Capital Punishment,” Indianapolis, Indiana, March 13, 2004.

“The Beloved Community: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Josiah Royce.” Response to papers by Dwayne Tunstall and Gary L. Herstein (both of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale). Joint Session Sponsored by the Society for the Philosophy of Creativity, the Personalist Discussion Group, and the Society for the Study of Process Philosophy. Program of The Central Division of the American Philosophical Association. Chicago, Illinois, April 29, 2005.



“You May Have to Stand Alone”: Address to South Indiana Conference UMC, Indiana University, June 10, 2005.

“Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Call to Establish the Beloved Community.” Inaugural Lecture for Martin Luther King, Jr. Week Celebrations at Messiah College, Grantham, Pennsylvania, January 17, 2006.

“Prophetic Voice and the Call.” Lecture given at Eastern Star Baptist Church, Ministers in Training Program, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 23, 2006.

“Christians and Violence: A Response to Dr. Wilma Ann Bailey’s Lecture.” Presented to the Board of Trustee meeting at CTS, November 3, 2006.

“Loyalty in Pursuing the Dream.” Lecture given at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL., on the occasion of King Day Celebration, January 17, 2007.

“Martin Luther King, Jr., Youth, and the Beloved Community,” on the occasion of King Day Celebration at Wabash College, January 2008.

“It’s Over When You Say it’s Over.” Commencement Address at Pontiac Central High School, Pontiac, Michigan, June 5, 2008.

“Ethical Prophecy and the Church,” Lecture given at Ministers in Training Program at Eastern Star Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 2009.

“Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Children,” on the occasion of King Day Ceremonies at the University of Northern Iowa, January 18, 2010.

“What Might Martin Say about Terrorism and War,” World Affairs Council of the Quad Cities & World Community Institute, Visiting Fellow Lecture Series, Bettendorf, Iowa, October 26, 2010.

“The Personalism of Martin Luther King, Jr.” Lecture given in Professor Michael Blackwell’s course on Martin Luther King, Jr. at the University of Northern Iowa, October 11, 2011.

“Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth as Ethical Prophet,” Speech given at Indiana University School of Law—Indianapolis, at the invitation of the Black Law Student Association (invited by 3<sup>rd</sup> year law student, Maurice R. Scott), February 14, 2012.

“Personalism and Martin Luther King, Jr.” Lecture given at The M.A. Philosophy Program, Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio, April 27, 2012.

“How I Remember T. J. Liggett,” speech at T. J. Liggett Memorial Service at Christian Theological Seminary, May 4, 2012.

“The Civil Rights Century: Milestones in Black History Program Series; Martin Luther King, Jr. and his Nobel Prize: The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.” National Archives at Kansas City. Skype presenter with Taylor Branch (December 10, 2014)

“Contributions of Children and Young People.” Indianapolis Christian Leadership Conference. January 19, 2014.

“Contributions of Children and Young People” (Different version than the above). Anderson University. January 20, 2014.

“A Child Shall Lead Them.” Hancock County Public Library. Greenfield, Indiana. January 22, 2014.

### **WORKSHOPS/CONSULTATIONS**

“The Church and Urban Problems”

Mount Zion Baptist Church (Indianapolis, 1985)

“Theological Education and Black Disciples”

Two day Consultation with Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) (1986) (With Professor Ken Henry of the Interdenominational Theological Center)

“Missions for Rural Africa”

Paper presented to and discussed with Rev. Frank Alexander of New Oasis Baptist Church, who was interested in seeking funding for such a program (Indianapolis, 1986)

“Bridge-Builders: A Preferential Option for the Children”

Paper read and discussed before parents, students, teachers, administrators of the Denver Public School System (1989)

“Theological Rationale for Social Ministry”

Paper read and discussed at Faith United Christian Church (Indianapolis, 1989)

“Why I Am a Race Person”

Paper presented in faculty colloquium at Christian Theological Seminary (1989)

“Toward the Year 2000: Proposed Transitions in the Theology of James H. Cone”

Paper presented in faculty colloquium at Christian Theological Seminary (1990)

“Christian Ethics and Society”

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Indiana (February, 1990)

“Black Theology: Making it Plain”

Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) (1990)

“How to Read and Study the Bible: An African-American Liberation Perspective”  
Three day workshop on Christian Education at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
(Indianapolis, 1990)

“Urban Church, Urban Poor”  
Leader-Guide of Discussion at First Baptist Church, Indianapolis (October 14,  
1990)

“Black Church and Urban Ministry”  
Three day workshop on urban poor and the role(s) of the Church--Martin  
University (October 16-19, 1990)

“Whom Do We Bail Out? Whom Do We Forget?”  
Panel Moderator at Indiana Conference on Social Concerns 1990 Legislative  
Forum, November 19, 1990.

“Study of Racial War in Indiana.”  
Lecture on “Prejudice and its Various Forms,” at Faith United Christian  
Church/University Park Christian Church, May 4, 1991.

“A Proper Christian Ethics for African-Americans”  
Three Day Workshop/Lectures at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Second Annual  
T.T. Newmann Christian Education Institute, May 14-16, 1991.

“Colonialism and the Church.”  
Paper presented at First Presbyterian Church, Columbus,  
Indiana, October 12, 1992, for Quincentennial Series.

“Spirituality and Prophecy of Oscar Romero”  
Paper read and discussed at Witherspoon Presbyterian Church  
Indianapolis, Indiana (May 22, 1993)

“What is Black Theology? Who is it For?”  
Christian Theological Seminary  
Indianapolis, Indiana (November 10, 1993)

“The Development of Self-Esteem in Afrikan American Youth”  
Edna Martin Christian Center  
Indianapolis, Indiana (February 10, 1994)

“Engaging the Powers”  
Calvary United Methodist Church  
Brownsburg, Indiana (March 13, 1994)

“Trends in Liberation Theology”

Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana  
(March 11, 1995)

“Capital Punishment”

Interfaith Forum on Capital Punishment, Sponsored by The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis and Indiana University School of Law (May 7, 1995)

“A Biblico-Theologico-Ethical Rationale for Christian Social Responsibility”

Midwest Summit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at Light of the World Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana (March 22-23, 1996)

“Black on Black Violence and the Ethics of the Spook Who Sits by the Door”

Led Four Adult Sunday School Discussions at Faith United Christian Church (Indianapolis), October 1995

“Intra-community Violence and the Role of the Church”

Focus on Ministry, November 1996 (CTS)

“Hard Living Persons: Ministry in Urban Battle Zones”

Continuing Education and Ministry Development for North Indiana Conference Board of Ordained Ministry; at St. Joseph Conference Center, Tipton, Indiana, April 20-21, 1998

“Theological Social Ethics and the Church”

Church Academy at New Covenant Christian Church (DOC)  
Denver, Colorado, November 17-18, 2000

“The Mission of the Church in an Urban Context”

The 2001 Holland Lectures, April 22-23, Crown Point UMC, Oklahoma City, OK, with Mary Alice Mulligan

“Uncovering Unity and Diversity in God’s World”

St. Peter UCC, Carmel, Indiana, October 16, 17, 23, 24, 2004, with Mary Alice Mulligan

“Abraham J. Heschel: *The Prophets*”

Eastern Star Church, MIT Program, August 27, 2011, Indianapolis

“Abraham J. Heschel and his Theology of Prophecy”

Eastern Star Church, MIT Program, August 27, 2011, Indianapolis

## CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP

Research and the Black Church

Interdenominational Theological Center (1988 to Present; meets annually in Atlanta). Served as Group Facilitator, Scribe (May 1991).

## **EDITORIAL BOARDS**

The Western Journal of Black Studies

## **BIBLE STUDIES**

Immanuel Presbyterian Church (Indianapolis, 1985-1988), at the request of Rev. Gloria Tate, Pastor.

Northwood Christian Church  
Indianapolis, Indiana (November 1st and 8th, 1992)

## **PREACHING**

The number of preaching engagements at local churches is too numerous to list. I try intentionally to limit myself to not more than half a dozen sermons per year, thereby turning down many invitations to preach. My position continues to be that my research, writing, and lecturing must take priority over preaching, since I do not consider myself to be a preacher as such. Most invitations extended to me have come from Presbyterian, Progressive Baptist, and United Methodist Churches.

Good Friday Service, Ministerial Alliance of Connersville, Indiana, March 29, 1991,  
First United Methodist Church.

Revival Service at Downey Avenue Christian Church (Indianapolis). Sermon: "The Voice of the Voiceless." June 23, 1991.

Forty Second Anniversary of Immanuel Presbyterian Church U.S.A. (Indianapolis).  
"What Does the Lord Require of Us?" October 22, 2000.

As of 2002 I no longer accept invitations to preach, preferring to leave that to those who consider themselves to be preachers.

## **ORDINATION SERMONS/PROPHETIC CHARGES**

Donald Tharp, Jr.  
Elyse Williamson  
Reginald Holmes  
L. Susan May  
Cathryn Teer  
Larry Burnley  
Jeffrey Bates  
Mike Naylor

Tyrone Eugene Fisher  
 Hector Mendez  
 Lawrence Lindley  
 Peggy J. Nowling  
 Debra Peoples-White  
 Preston Adams  
 Billye Pinkston Bridges  
 Linda Sue Hewitt  
 Michelle Brown  
 Michele Fairfax  
 Beth Muehlhausen  
 Gale Stutz  
 Jennifer Little  
 Michael N. Srbljan  
 Tyler Thompson (January 10, 2010)  
 Diana Thompson (July 31, 2011)  
 R. Edward Powell (September 11, 2011)  
 Mackcine Jordan (November 25, 2012)

### **MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

*Indianapolis Star* (June, 1986) (August 3, 1992)

*Indianapolis Recorder* (May, 1991)

WILL AM.FM.TV (on campus of University of Illinois at Urbana) (June 14, 2007, Discussion and audience call-ins on my book, *God and Human Dignity: The Personalism, Theology, and Ethics of Martin Luther King, Jr.*—50 minutes. Invited by Martha G. Diehl, Associate Producer, Focus 580.

First guest of WJK (Westminster John Knox) podcast radio show with Dan Braden and Jana Riess, February 23, 2009. 35-minute interview/discussion on my soon to be published book in the Westminster John Knox Armchair Theologians Series: Martin Luther King, Jr. for Armchair Theologians (May 2009), and discussion on the history of race relations in the United States.

### **TALK SHOW APPEARANCES**

“The Midwest Christian Training Center”  
*Living for the City* (three appearances)

“Black Liberation Theology”

*Black Talk*