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## EDUCATION

- 1999 Ph.D., Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN  
Major: American Christianity; Minor: African-American Religion  
Dissertation: "The Evolution of 'Colored' Methodism: The Christian  
Methodist Episcopal Church and the Civil Rights Movement, 1954-1968,"  
Lewis V. Baldwin, dissertation advisor  
M.Div., Duke University, Divinity School, Durham, NC
- 1980 B.A., Miles College, Birmingham, AL  
Major: Journalism; Minor: English,

## ACADEMIC HONORS

- 1980-82 Benjamin E. Mays Fellowship, Rockefeller Foundation

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2005- Present Associate Professor, the History of Global Christianity
- 1994-2005 Assistant Professor of Church History, Christian Theological Seminary  
Courses taught: American Christianity; African-American Church History;  
History of Christianity in Africa; History of Christianity in West Africa;  
History of Christianity in Central Africa; History of Christianity in  
Southern Africa; Church History: Reformation to Present; Pastoral  
Leadership from a Black Church Perspective; Black Religious Thought;  
Spirituality, Autobiography, and Ministry; African-American Women in  
Religion and Culture; HIV/AIDS Ministry
- 1992-93 Lecturer (full-time), Fisk University, Nashville TN  
Courses taught: Introduction of Religion; The Black Church; History of  
Religion in the U.S.; African-American Heritage; and Written  
Composition
- 1989-92 Instructor (adjunct), Fisk University  
Courses taught: African-American Heritage; African-American Religious  
Leaders; Black Religious Thought
- 1992 Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University  
Course: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Social Roles of Religion

- 1990-91 Surveyor, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Preservation for Black Religious Heritage Project, New York
- 1989-91 Research Assistant, Kelly Miller Smith Institute, Vanderbilt University, Civil Rights Oral History Project
- 1989 Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University  
Course: African-American Religious History

## PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

- 2003- Present Director of the Board of Christian Education, Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN
- 1998- Present Dean/Teacher, New Members Class, Phillips Temple Church, Indianapolis, IN
- 1993 Pastor, Wesley Chapel CME Church, Clarksville, TN
- 1990-92 Pastor, Second Grove CME Church, Whitehouse, TN
- 1988 Pastor, Williamson Chapel, CME Church, Nashville, TN
- 1983-88 Pastor, Young Missionary Temple CME Church, Raleigh, NC
- 1981-83 Pastor, Faucette Memorial CME Church, Durham, NC
- 1980-81 Associate Minister, Russell Memorial CME Church, Durham, NC
- 1977-80 Assistant Pastor, Thirgood CME Church, Birmingham, AL

## PUBLICATIONS

*An Ex-Colored Church: Social Activism and the CME Church, 1870-1970* (Mercer University Press, 2004).

“The Social Biography of an Ex-Colored Denomination.” *Encounter* 59 (Winter/Spring 1998): 41-56.

*Notable Black American Women* (1992) edited by Jessie Carney Smith: essays on Patricia C. Wolfe, Ionia Whipper, and Queen Mother Moore

## ACADEMIC COURSES/SERVICES

2006-2007

H-504 Church History to the Reformation  
H-610 History of Christianity in Africa  
X-815 Experimental Senior Seminar  
Preacher, Black History Service (CTS Chapel)  
HIV/AIDS Ministry in African American Churches (Community Forum)  
Research Leave (Spring)

2004-2005

H-542 American Christianity  
H-635 African American Church History  
H-602 History of Christianity in Africa  
Moderator: Community Forum on Worship  
Moderator: Community Forum on South Africa Tour

2001-2002

H-602 History of Christianity in West Africa  
H-635 African-American Church History  
H-504 Church History: Reformation to the Present  
H-704 History of Christianity in West Africa  
Study Tour to Ghana (June 2002)

2000-2001

M-605 Pastoral Leadership from a Black Church Perspective (with Brigitte Black)  
H-504 Church History: Reformation to the Present  
H-802 History of Christianity in Central Africa (with David Bundy and Mulumba Mukindi)  
Study Tour to Ghana (June 2000)  
History of Christianity (spring 2001), guest lecturer, Butler University, Indianapolis

Guided Research Project:

Dan Jassman

Papers Presented:

“Transgressions in Paradise: bell hooks’ Engaged Pedagogy and Seminary Education,  
“Faculty Colloquium on Teaching

1999-2000

H-635 African-American Church History  
History of Black Methodists  
M-605 Pastoral Leadership from a Black Church Perspective (with Brigitte Black)  
H-504 Church History: Reformation to the Present  
Study Tour to Ghana (summer 2000)

Guided Research Projects:

Henry Green, Rosa Harris, Monique Kendrick, Sheri Rohrer

1998-1999

Research Leave (Spring 1999): completion of dissertation  
H-504 Church History: Reformation to the Present  
M-605 Pastoral Leadership from a Black Church Perspective (with Oliver  
DeWayne Walker)

Represented CTS at Theological Consultation sponsored by the Board of Global  
Ministries in Lesotho (Southern Africa), 9-16 January 1998

1997-1998

H-503 Church History: Reformation to the Present  
H-802 History of Christianity in Africa (new course)  
M-605 Pastoral Leadership from a Black Church Perspective (with Oliver  
DeWayne Walker)  
Study Tour to Ghana (June 1997)

1996-97

H-503 Church History: Reformation to the Present  
H-635 African-American Church History  
H-802 History of Christianity in West Africa (new course)  
X-515 Spirituality, Autobiography, and Ministry (with Nelle Slater)  
M-605 Pastoral Leadership from a Black Church Perspective (with Oliver  
DeWayne Walker)  
Study Tour to Ghana (May 1997)

Guided Research Projects:

Preston Adams, "Male Rites of Passage: A Comparative Study of Traditional  
African and African-American Models"  
Billye Bridges, "The Early History of African-American Disciples in Indiana"  
Thla Awr Bawihrin, "Baptist Missions to Burma"

Papers Presented:

"The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Denomination," at the American Society of  
Church History Meeting, Nashville TN, 28 April, 1997

1995-1996

C-710 African-American Women in Religion and Culture  
X-515 Spirituality, Autobiography, and Ministry  
H-504 Church History Reformation to the Present  
Black Religious Thought  
M-605 Pastoral Leadership from a Black Church Perspective

Guided Research Projects:

Daniel Bradfield, Paul Burris, Judy Purvis, Roberta White

Lectures:

"Black Spirituality: Cultural and Theological Resources for Faith," 1995 Focus on  
Ministry Conference;  
"Lift Up Your Voice Like a Trumpet: The Prophetic Art of African-American  
Preaching," installation address at CTS, 7 September 1995;

1994-1995

Research Leave (Fall 1994)  
H-762 Emerging Issues in the Ecumenical Movement  
H-542 American Christianity

Lectures:

“Black ‘Bastards’ and other ‘BUMS’: The Rise of African-American Methodists,”  
class lecture, United Methodist History and Polity, David Bundy, instructor,  
CTS, Fall 1994

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

2006-2007

D.Min. Program (The Church and Public Life Track)  
Faculty Search Committee, Christian Education  
Faculty Review Committee  
Anti-Racism and Pro-Reconciliation Task Force  
Cross-Cultural and International Programs  
Black Student Caucus (advisor)  
DMin committee  
Timothy Knight  
Church History Field (chair, Fall 06)  
Academic Council (Fall 06)

2004-2005

Academic Council  
History Field (chair)  
Faculty Search Committee, Church History  
Attended AAR/SBL Meeting in San Antonio TX  
Curriculum Review Task Force  
Faculty Representative (President Wheeler’s Review)  
Faculty Review Committee (substitute)  
Cross-Cultural and International Programs  
Search Committee for Gospel Choir Director  
Black Student Caucus (adviser)  
DMin committee  
Preston Adams  
MTS Thesis committee  
Dwight Holland)

2003-2004

Worship Committee (chair)  
Cross Cultural Committee  
Black Student Caucus (advisor)  
Academic Council  
church History Field (chair)

2002-2003

Committee on Faculty  
Worship Committee

Committee on Counsel (chair)  
Cross-Cultural Committee  
Black Student Caucus (advisor)  
Hosted back to school event  
Urban Ministry Task Force

2001-2002

Admissions Committee  
Worship, Arts, and Special Events Committee  
Church History Field (chair)  
Bookstore and Library Committee (chair)  
Student Life Committee  
Black Student Caucus (advisor)  
Hosted back to school event  
Task Force on Student Recruitment and Retention  
Task Force on Urban Ministry  
Task Force on Diversity  
Disciples House Youth Project Proposal (consultant)  
Faculty Marshall

2000-2001

Academic Council  
Church History Field (chair)  
Bookstore and Library Committee (chair)  
CTS Board of Trustees (faculty representative)  
Task Force on Student Recruitment and Retention  
Task Force on Urban Ministry  
Task Force on Diversity  
Black Student Caucus (advisor)  
Hosted back to school event  
MACE Thesis Committee  
    Felecia Roseburgh  
MTS Thesis Committee  
    William Smith  
D.Min. Exam Committee  
    Brigitte Black  
Faculty Marshall

1999-2000

Academic Council  
Church History Field (chair)  
Committee on Discipline  
Task Force on Student Recruitment and Retention  
Task Force on Urban Ministry  
Steering Committee for “Nurturing the Call” Project with CTS,  
Martin University and SCUPE  
Black Student Caucus (advisor)  
Hosted back to school event  
Affinity (faculty advisor)  
Faculty Representative to Trustee Board

Faculty Marshall  
D.Min Thesis Committee  
L. Wayne Smith

1999-2000

Academic Council  
Church History Filed (chair)  
Committee on Discipline  
Task Force on Student Recruitment and Retention  
Task Force on Urban Ministry  
Steering Committee for “Nurturing the Call” Project with CTS,  
Martin University and SCUPE  
Black Student Caucus (advisor)  
Hosted back to school event  
Affinity (faculty advisor)  
Faculty Representative to Trustee Board  
Faculty Marshall  
D.Min Thesis Committee  
L. Wayne Smith

1998-1999

Chapel Committee  
Petticrew Seminar Committee  
Committee on Counsel  
Black Student Counsel (advisor)  
Hosted back to school event

1996-97

Field Educational Committee (scribe)  
Community Forum Committee (chair)  
Long Range Planning: Racial Ethnic/Non-Christian Committee  
Black Student Caucus (advisor)  
Petticrew Seminar Committee  
Urban Task Force Planning Committee  
MTS Thesis Committees:  
Michael Sinclair, Elias Isaac, Van Kendall, Noel Werner

1995-1996

Field Education Committee  
Forum Committee  
Committee on Counsel  
Long Range Planning: Racial, Ethnic/Non-Christian Committee  
Black Student Caucus (advisor)  
MACE exam committee  
Natalie Obie-McClendon

1994-1995

Field Education Committee  
Forum Committee  
Black Student Caucus (advisor)

MAC Thesis Committee  
Jean Morehead  
D.Min. Thesis Committee  
Rodney Dennis

## **COMMUNITY/CHURCH SERVICE**

2006-2007

Participant, Breaking the Silence: Church Conversations about HIV/AIDS Conference, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA, March 22-23, 2007. Delivered Paper: "The Black Church as a Vehicle for Progress: Liberation, and Mobilization of the Black Community in Response to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic";

Commissioner, attended biennial meeting of the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches, Abilene, TX, March 15-17, 2007;

Speaker, Greater St. Mark Baptist Church Deacon and Minister's Training, Indianapolis, IN, March 12, 2007;

Participant, ATS consultation on "Enhancing Ethnic Diversity in Theological Education: Dismantling Institutional Racism and White Privilege." Pittsburg, PA, March 9-11, 2007;

Preacher, Sunday Morning Black History Service, McClendon Tabernacle CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, March 25, 2007;

Preacher, Sunday Morning Black History Celebration, Carter Temple CME Church, Chicago, IL, March 17, 2007;

Preacher, Christmas Worship, Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, Dec. 24, 2006;

Instructor, Global History of Christianity, five-session course taught at CTS for Jones Tabernacle AMEZ Church, Indianapolis, IN, November-December 2006;

Board Member, Attended biennial Council on Christian Unity Board Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, Nov. 17-18, 2006;

Preacher, Annual Harvest Celebration Service, Anglican Church of the Resurrection, Indianapolis, IN, Oct. 15, 2006;

Faculty Guest, Congregational Resource Center Board Member, Indianapolis, IN, September 21, 2006;

Instructor, six-session Interdenominational Theological Center Extension Course, Church History, taught at CTS, September-October, 2006;

2004-2005

Co-Leader, Mission Trip to Trinidad, with a delegation from the Disciples House for Youth and Indiana churches, July 3-10;

Teacher, Youth Bible Class, Phillips Temple CME Church Summer Camp, Indianapolis, IN, June 27-July 2;

Teacher, Minister's Class, Second Episcopal District Leadership Training School of the CME Church, Kentucky State University, Frankfort, KY, June 20-24;

Preacher, Sunday Morning Worship, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN, June 5, 2005;

Participant, Ordination service for Arlene Whitfield, Shelbyville, IN, May 22, 2005;

Participant, OKAY Board Meeting, Arlington High School, Indianapolis, IN, May 19, 2005;

Board Member, biennial Council on Christian Unity Board Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 21-22, 2005;  
Board Member, Disciples House for Youth Board Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, April 18, 2005;  
Participant, Disciples Academy Board Meeting, Light of the World Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN, February, 2005;  
Teacher, Character Education Class of Boys, O.D. Walker Academy, Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, January-February 2005;  
Preacher, Watch Night Service, Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, December 31, 2004;  
Participant, Becoming a Man Rites of Passage Training, Health and Hospital Corporation, Indianapolis, IN, December 22, 2004;  
Participant, Ordination service for Linda Trowbridge, Noblesville, IN, December 19, 2004;  
Participant, Installation service for President Michael Battle at ITC, Atlanta, GA, (proxy for President Ed Wheeler), October 14, 2004;  
Teacher, 40 Days of Purpose, Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, October-November, 2004;  
Teacher, Thursday Men's Bible Study class, Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, 2004-2005;

#### 2002-2003

Participant, Service of Ordination for Toni Colbert, Jacquelyn Powell, Tracy Ross, Michael Scaife, and Helen Jordan, at Shelton Auditorium (CTS), Light of the World Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN, 25 July 2002;  
Participant, Affirming a Future with Hope: HIV and Substance Abuse Prevention for African American Communities of Faith," two-day training event Sponsored by ITC-HELP, Atlanta, GA, 12-13 October 2002;  
Facilitator, Workshop for Class Leaders, Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, 19 October 2002;  
Lecturer, "James Baldwin," Pendleton Heights High School, Pendleton Heights, IN, 23 October 2002;  
Co-Teacher and Mentor, Young Lions Christian Rites of Passage, Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, 2002-2003;  
Facilitator, "Affirming a Future with Hope: HIV and Substance Abuse Prevention for African American Communities of Faith," six-week sessions for youth and adults at Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, November-December, 2002;  
Preacher, Annual Lay Day Service, Bethel AME Church, Freeport, NY, 19 January 2003;  
Speaker, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration, Bethel AME Church, Freeport, NY, 20 January 2003;  
Coordinator/Host, Affirming a Future with Hope: HIV and Substance Abuse Prevention for African American Communities of Faith, two-day workshop for 45 participants from across Indiana;  
Co-Presenter, Rites of Passage Workshop, Cincinnati-Dayton-Indianapolis District Conference Sunday School Convention, Indianapolis, IN, 22 February 2003  
Workshop Leader, "Boys to Men: Taking Responsibility," Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) Training Workshop, Benedict Inn, Beech Grove, IN, 14 June 2003;  
Speaker, "Building a Firm Foundation," Phillips Temple CMEC Christian Educators' Recognition Celebration, Indianapolis, IN, 30 June 2003

Speaker, Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns Luncheon, South Indiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 5 June 2003;  
Preacher, Men's Day service, Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, 8 June 2003;  
Preacher, morning worship service, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, 29 June 2003;  
Chair, Ministry Support Committee for Ed Cushingberry, Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, 2002-2003;  
Faculty representative, Board of Global Ministries Anti-Racism Training, Indianapolis, IN, 8-10 September 2002;

#### 2001-2002

Participant, Polis Conference on Indianapolis Congregations, Indianapolis, IN, 18-19 June 2001;  
Teacher, Adult Vacation Bible Class, Phillips Temple CMEC, Indianapolis, IN, 9-13 July 2001;  
Teacher, "Christianity: The Second Thousand Years," five-week course sponsored by Mid-North Adventures in Learning, North United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN, 25 July to 22 August 2001;  
Preacher, Sunday morning worship service, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN, 28 August 2001;  
Speaker, William Raines High School Reunion Banquet, Jacksonville, FL, 13 September;  
Preacher, Sunday morning worship service, Central CME Church, Jacksonville, FL, 14 September 2001;  
Participant, Annual CME Church Convocation, Nashville, TN, 25-28 September 2001;  
Speaker, Martin Luther King Jr. Service, hosted by Mid-North Churches, Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, IN, 21 January 2002;  
Co-planner and Teacher, Boys to Men Ministry with 40-week class for mentors, Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, 7 February to present;  
Teacher, "Basic Training for Christian Discipleship," Bible Study series, Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN;  
Moderator, Panel on Cultures of Church Activism, Public Influences of African-American Churches Project Conference, Washington. DC, 20 April 2002;

#### 2000-2001

Participant, Conversation on African-American Congregations in Indianapolis, IN, Polis Center (IUPUI), Indianapolis, 7 July 2000;  
Preacher, Men's Day service, Laymen Chapel CME Church, South Bend, IN, 20 August 2000;  
Participant, Conference on the Crisis on Sudan, Church Federation of Indianapolis, Benedict Inn, Beach Grove, IN, 30 August to 1 September 2000;  
Planner/Presider, Memorial Service for Dr. Jahi McCurtis, Sweeney Chapel, CTS, 27 October 2000;  
Participant, Fund for Theological Education (FTE) Meeting of African-American Seminary Leaders, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 11 November 2000;  
Preacher, church anniversary service, Young Missionary Temple CME Church, Raleigh, NC, 12 November 2000;

Preacher, morning worship service, Imani Temple Community Church, Indianapolis, IN;  
Speaker, Inaugural Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation, Franklin College, Franklin, IN, 15 January 2001;  
Speaker, Cultural Awareness Program, Jones Tabernacle AMEZ Church, Indianapolis, IN, 10 February 2001;  
Preacher, CTS chapel service, Sweeney Chapel, CTS, 7 February 2001;  
Lecturer, "The Life and Legacy of James Baldwin," Pendleton Heights High School, Pendleton Heights, IN, 15 February 2001;  
Lecturer, "Methodist History," CME District Conference, Indianapolis, IN, 17 February 2001;  
Participant, 2001 Congress on Urban Ministry, Chicago, IL, 27-31 March 2001;  
Chair, SCOFE Ministry Support Committee for Toni Colbert, Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN;  
Lecture, "James Baldwin: Artist-Activist," Pendleton Heights High School, Pendleton Heights, IN, 12 February 2001;

#### 2001-2002

Participant, Polis Conference on Indianapolis Congregations, Indianapolis, IN, June, 18-19, 2001;  
Teacher, Adult Vacation Bible Class, Phillips Temple CMEC, Indianapolis, IN, July 9-13, 2001;  
Teacher, "Christianity: The Second Thousand Years," five-week course sponsored by Mid-North Adventures in Learning, North United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN, July 25 to August 22 2001;  
Preacher, Sunday Morning Worship, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN, August 28, 2001;  
Speaker, William Raines High School Reunion Banquet, Jacksonville, FL, September 13, 2001;  
Preacher, Sunday morning worship service, Central CME Church, Jacksonville, FL, September 14, 2001;  
Participant, Annual CME Church Convocation, Nashville, TN, September 25-28, 2001;  
Speaker, Martin Luther King Jr. Service, hosted by Mid-North Churches, Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, IN, January 21, 2002;  
Co-planner and Teacher, Boys to Men Ministry with 40-week class for mentors, Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, February 7, to present;  
Teacher, "Basic Training for Christian Discipleship," Bible Study series, Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN;  
Moderator, Panel on Cultures of Church Activism, Public Influences of African-American Churches Project Conference, Washington, DC, April 20, 2002;

#### 1999-2000

Preacher, Marion County Fair, sponsored by Mid-North Church Council, Indianapolis, IN, August 22, 1999;  
Preacher, Men's Day Service, Trinity CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, September 26, 1999;  
Workshop Leader, Phillips Temple Relationships Conference, Radisson Hotel, Indianapolis, IN, August, 27-28, 1999;

Presenter, Page Turners Book Club, African Sambusa Hut, Indianapolis, IN, September 26, 1999;  
Lecturer, "James Baldwin," Pendleton Heights High School, Pendleton Heights, IN, October 12, 1999;  
Speaker, Cultural Awareness Day, Jones Tabernacle AME Zion Church, Indianapolis, IN, February 12, 2000;  
Speaker, Pan-Methodist Worship Service, Seymour IN, February, 26, 2000;  
Preacher, Service of Officers' Installation, Coppin Chapel AME Church, Indianapolis, IN, February 17, 2000;  
Speaker, "Voice of God through the Prophets," Lent Series, Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, IN, March 15 2000;

#### 1998-1999

Preacher, morning worship service, Light of the World Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN, February 15, 1998;  
Lecturer, "James Baldwin," Pendleton High School, Pendleton Heights, IN, May 1, 1998;  
Attended Quadrennial General Conference of the CME Church, Birmingham, AL, June 25 to July 5, 1998;  
Preacher, church anniversary service, Zion Hope Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN, July 19, 1998;

#### 1996-97

Planning Committee, Butler University Seminar for Christianity in Contemporary Africa, Indianapolis, IN;  
Boys to Men Program, Guion Middle School (Indianapolis), co-founder and mentor;  
Polis Center (IUPUI), Faith and Community Project, consultant/interviewer;  
Preacher for young adult service at Ohio-Central Indiana Annual Conference, CMEC, Dayton, OH, July 22 1996;  
Preacher, Church Anniversary at Jones Tabernacle AMEZ Church, Indianapolis, IN, September 13, 1996;  
Preacher, Church Anniversary Service, Faith United Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN, November 15, 1996;  
Keynote Speaker, "Harvest Banquet" at Breeding Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, November 22, 1996;  
Presenter/Co-Planner for Kwanza Celebration, Staff Association CTS, December 13, 1996;  
Preacher for World Missions Day at Thirgood CME Church, Birmingham, AL, December 29, 1996;  
Preacher, Fathers' Day Service, Thirgood CME Church, Birmingham, AL, June 15, 1997;  
Co-presenter (with Michael Wilson), "African-American Art and Religion," Elderhostel class at CTS, July, 8-12, 1997;  
Faculty Participant, "Give Me that New Time Religion," musical production sponsored by the Polis Center and the American Cabaret Theatre, Indianapolis, IN;  
Planner/Participant, Howard Thurman Memorial Service, Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN, November 21, 1997;

1995-1996

- Preacher, "91<sup>st</sup> church anniversary service, Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, September 7, 1995;
- Presenter (with Sharon Sommerville, OTR), "Ministry with Alzheimer Patients," Interdenominational Theological Center Extension Program, Indianapolis, IN;
- Speaker, "The African Presence in the Bible," Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, February 25, 1996;
- Preacher, Sunday morning worship, Trinity CME Church, Indianapolis, IN, February 25, 1996;
- Respondent, Worship, Music, and Popular Culture Conference, First Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN, April 19-20, 1996;
- Participant, CME Church Convocation, Birmingham, AL, October 2-6, 1996;
- Participant, Million Black Men March, Washington, DC;

1994-1995

- Preacher, church anniversary service, Capers Memorial CME Church, Nashville, TN, February 27, 1994;
- Preacher, Young Adult Sunday, Southside CME Church, Birmingham, AL, May 22, 1994;
- Preacher, morning worship service, Williamson Chapel CME Church, Nashville, TN, July, 10, 1994;
- Speaker, "The Melody of Freedom: Improvisations of a Theme," Emancipation Day Proclamation address, Miles College, Birmingham, AL, January 1, 1995;
- Speaker, "The Prayers of Black Folk," Heaven on Earth Conference, Light of the World Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN, April 29, 1995;