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## **EDUCATION**

**Marquette University**, Milwaukee, WI August 2008

**Doctor of Philosophy** in Religious Studies (Historical Theology)

Dissertation: "What the Law Cannot Do: Samuel DeWitt Proctor's Theological Response to an American Crisis, 1945-1997"

Dr. Patrick W. Carey, Director; Marquette University (August, 2008).

**Marquette University**, Milwaukee, WI August 2007

**Master of Arts** in Theology (Historical Theology)

**Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University**, Richmond, VA

May 2001

**Master of Divinity**

**University of Memphis**, Memphis, TN August 1998

**Bachelor of Professional Studies**

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Martha J. Horne Visiting Professor of Church History, Virginia Theological Seminary**,  
Alexandria, VA, Fall 2020

**Associate Professor of Church History and American Baptist Liaison, The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University**, Richmond, VA, July 2017-August 2020

**Associate Professor of Historical Studies and American Baptist Liaison, The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University**, Richmond, VA, July 2013-June 2017

**Assistant Professor of Historical Studies and American Baptist Liaison, The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University**, Richmond, VA, August 2008-June 2013

**Instructor, Mount Mary College**, Milwaukee, WI, September 2007-May 2008

**Instructor, Central Baptist Theological Seminary**, Shawnee, Kansas—Milwaukee Site, September 2007-May 2008

**Instructor, Central Baptist Theological Seminary**, Kansas City, Kansas—Milwaukee Site, September 2005-May 2006

## **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Baptist History and Theology  
History of the Black Church  
The Social Gospel in America  
Black Theology and the Black Power Movement  
Theology in America

American Revivalism and Evangelicalism  
Religion and the Great Migration  
African American Religious Leadership  
Religion and the Civil Rights Movement  
History of African American Preaching

## **COURSES**

The Black Church in America  
African American Religious Leaders  
History of Christianity

History of Religion in the United States  
The Social Gospel in America  
Black Protestant Autobiography

## **BOOKS**

*Read the Text First: Black Baptist Leaders, Race Literature, and the Salvation of America, 1930-1970* (Under contract, Mercer University Press)

*Church On Purpose: Reinventing Discipleship, Community, and Justice*, co-edited book with Laura M. Cheifetz (Judson Press, 2015)

*The Imposing Preacher: Samuel DeWitt Proctor and Black Public Faith* (Fortress Press, 2013).

*I've Been Called: Now What?* (Judson Press, 2012)

## **ARTICLES/BOOK CHAPTERS**

“Black Baptists in North America,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Baptist Studies*, edited by Paul Fiddes, Elizabeth Flowers, Steve Harmon, and David Bebbington (under contract-Oxford University Press)

“Everybody is God’s Somebody: Samuel DeWitt Proctor and the Black Social Gospel,” in *In the Shadow of a Prophet: The Legacy of Walter Rauschenbusch*, edited by William H. Brackney and David P. Gushee (Mercer University Press, 2020)

“The Classroom and Pulpit of the Public Theologian: A Brief Survey of Black Faith Tradition(s),” in *T&T Clark Companion to African American Theology*, edited by Frederick Ware (T&T Clark, 2019)

“The March to Freedom,” *Christian History Magazine* (May 2018)

“Going to Church v. Being Church,” *Vantage Magazine* blog (*online*) (Columbia Theological Seminary, Fall 2017)

Foreword in *Sermons from the Black Pulpit, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition*, by Samuel DeWitt Proctor and William D. Watley (Judson Press, 2015)

“Recasting a Black Baptist Narrative.” *American Baptist Quarterly* (32, no. 2, Summer 2013), 149-170.

“United Church of Christ” in the *Encyclopedia of African American Religious Culture*, ABC-CLIO (September 2009), Anthony B. Pinn, editor.

“Journeys: For Adults,” Spring 2007, Judson Press (American Baptist Christian Education curriculum).

“The Right Person, Place, and Time: Samuel DeWitt Proctor on the Life and Ministry of Martin Luther King Jr.” *American Baptist Quarterly* 26, no. 3 (Fall 2006).

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

*Extremist for Love: Martin Luther King, Jr., Man of Ideas and Nonviolent Social Action*, by Rufus Burrow Jr. In *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, Volume 84, Issue 3, September 2015.

*Staging Faith: Religion and African American Theater from the Harlem Renaissance to World War II*, by Craig R. Prentiss. In *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, Volume 84, Issue 2, June 2015.

## **OPINION ESSAYS**

“In Modern Politics, A Test of Our Caricature,” *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, November 10, 2021.

“Chain Emails and Press Statements Will Not Solve Our Crises,” *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, June 7, 2020.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS**

“Reimagining Religious Freedom,” Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty Luncheon, Atlanta, GA, June 2023

Panelist “A Conversation on Christian Nationalism,” Center for Baptist Heritage & Studies, Richmond, VA, May 2023

Baptists, Race, and Reconciliation: Addressing Our Social Amnesia,” Baptists, Race, and Reconciliation, Baylor University, Waco, TX, March 2022

“Whither ‘The Black Church’? Wyatt Tee Walker, Black Theological Imagination, and the Politics of Legacy,” Wyatt Tee Walker and the Politics of Black Religion Symposium, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA, February 2020

Panel Moderator, “From Manuscript to Publication: Editors’ Advice on Publishing,” American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 2020

- “Response to Jonathan Chism’s *Saints in the Struggle*,” American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 2020
- “Imagining a Baptist Social Witness for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Roger Williams Fellowship Dinner, Virginia Beach, Virginia, June 2019
- “‘Whither the Black Church?’ Old Ties and New Directions for Histories of Black Christianity,” American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 2019
- “Response to Gary Dorrien’s *Breaking White Supremacy: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Black Social Gospel*,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 2018
- “Stir Up the Gift!” Leadership Workshop, Riverview Baptist Church, Richmond, VA, April 2018
- “Everybody is God’s Somebody: Samuel DeWitt Proctor and the Black Social Gospel,” *Legacy of Walter Rauschenbusch Conference*, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, April 2018
- “Storyline: An Unfinished Story!” Lectures at the Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains, Fort Morgan, CO, September 2017
- “Reflecting the Light of the Cross in the Community,” Baptist General Convention of Virginia Annual Session, Roanoke, VA, June 2017
- “Reimagining Evangelism: Community and Justice,” Columbia Theological Seminary, Thompson Scholars Program, Decatur, GA, May 2017
- “Church on Purpose: Reinventing Discipleship, Community, and Justice,” Baptist General Convention of Virginia Annual Session, Chesapeake, VA, June 2016
- “The Call in the Midst of a Crisis,” Space for Grace, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, Los Angeles, CA, November 2015
- “Ministry in the Age of Apathy,” Young Pastors Conference, Virginia Council of Churches, Richmond, VA, September 2015
- “Samuel DeWitt Proctor and Black Public Faith,” Social Justice Institute, Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA, August 2015
- “I’ve Been Called: Now What?” Regional Executive Ministers Council, American Baptist Churches USA Mission Summit, Overland Park, KS, June 2015
- “Be My Witness,” with Dr. Marvin McMickle, Church Development and Leadership Academy, Hampton University Ministers Conference, Hampton, VA, June 2015

- “Reading Freedom in History: The Oration Tradition and Legacy of Virginia Union University,” Virginia Baptist Historical Society and Center for Baptist Heritage and Studies Annual Meeting, Richmond, VA, May 2015
- “The Imposing Preacher: On the Life of Samuel DeWitt Proctor,” The Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Norfolk, VA, February 2015
- “Reinventing Church: A Season to Change,” The John Malcus Ellison-Miles Jerome Jones Alumni Convocation, Virginia Union University, Proctor School of Theology, Richmond, VA, November 2014
- “I’ve Been Called: Now What?” American Baptist Churches Great Rivers Region Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, October 2014
- “Calling All Church Workers,” American Baptist Churches of the South Area 2 Annual Meeting, Richmond, VA, October 2014
- Panel Moderator: “Witness: Two Hundred Years at the Abyssinian Baptist Church of Harlem, New York,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Memphis, TN, September 2014
- “On Community,” Keynote Address and Workshop, Pastor’s Conference and Orientation to American Baptist Life, Orlando, FL, January 2014
- “Developing Life Literacies: Black Church Leadership and Congregational Change,” Princeton Theological Seminary in cooperation with the First Mount Zion Baptist Church, Dumfries, VA, July 2013
- “Emancipating History: The Richmond Theological Institute and the Black Oration,” Paper presented at the Catholic Archdiocese of Richmond, Richmond, VA, February 2013
- “Recasting a Black Baptist Narrative: Saving Souls and a Nation,” Paper presented at the Baptist Studies Conference, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, TX, October 2012
- Panel Moderator, “Publishing,” Black Cultures and the Study of Religion Panel, Southeastern Commission on the Study of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, March 2012
- “Baptist History and Identity: A Conversation with Young Leaders,” Panelist at the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society, Richmond, VA, May 2012
- “Samuel DeWitt Proctor’s Vision: Education and Preaching for Genuine Community.” Paper presented at the Baptist History and Heritage Society Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, May 2011
- “Rethinking the Black Baptist Narrative.” Lecture for the Drs. E. D. and Clara McCreary Lecture Series, Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA, April 2011

“Heroes, Events, and Beliefs: Developing the Memory Bank of the Black Baptist Tradition.”  
Paper presented at the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, May 2010

“Populists and Professors: Black Preaching and Its Media.” Paper presented at the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Meeting, Greensboro, NC, March 2009

Panelist, “Why Baptist History Matters,” American Baptist Historical Society, Mercer University, September 2008

“Everybody is God’s Somebody: The Public Ministries of Samuel D. Proctor and Martin Luther King Jr.” Lecture for the American Baptist Historical Society, Mercer University, September 2007

“The Use of Scripture in the Social Justice Thought of Francis J. Grimké.”  
Paper presented at the Upper Midwest Regional American Academy of Religion Meeting, Saint Paul, MN, April 2004

### **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

Pastoral Internship Grant, Writer and Administrator (Providence Baptist Church, Ashland, VA), Forum for Theological Exploration, 2017-2018

Wabash Workshop Summer Fellowship, 2016

Wabash Workshop for Pre-Tenure Scholars of African Descent, 2015-2016

Co-writer and Administrator, Virginia and Gordon Palmer Jr. Trust Grant, 2013-2015

First Book Minority Scholar Grant, Louisville Institute, 2011-2012

Lynn E. May, Jr., Study Grant, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, 2010

FTE Dissertation Fellowship, The Fund for Theological Education, 2006-2007

Leslie G. & Cecile C. Matthews Scholarship, Marquette University, 2001-2002

National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., Home Mission Board Summer Intern Fellowship, 2001

Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University Academic Scholarship, 1999-2000

Dean’s List, University of Memphis, 1996

### **ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

**Board of Managers, Center for Baptist Heritage and Studies**, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA, January 2017-present

**Director of the Center for Lifelong Learning and Leadership**, Virginia Union University, The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Richmond, VA July 2015-July 2017

**Associate Administrator for Graduate Theological Programs**, Virginia Union University, The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Richmond, VA, September 2013- July 2015

**Interim Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program, Virginia Union University, The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Richmond, VA, September 2012-August 2013**

**Emerging Theologians Task Force, American Baptist Churches USA, June 2009-June 2015**

**Board of Managers, American Baptist Historical Society, Atlanta, GA, November 2009-2014 (Chair of the Research and Publications Committee, 2012-2014)**

**American Baptist Churches USA Liaison, The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Richmond, VA August 2008-present**

**Staff Associate Minister, American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, March 2002–July 2008**

**Site Director, Virginia Union University National Centers Continuing Education Program, Milwaukee, WI, September 2003 – September 2004**

### **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Consultant, Louisville Institute, November 2021-present**

**African American Religious Studies Working Group, Convened by Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University, Summer 2020**

**Faculty Mentor, Forum for Theological Educators, The Forum for Theological Exploration, online cohort, March 2020-November 2021**

**Editorial Review Board, *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, February 2020 (four-year term)**

**Conference Faculty, Forum for Theological Educators, The Forum for Theological Exploration, San Diego, CA, November 2019**

**Conference Faculty, Forum for Theological Educators, The Forum for Theological Exploration, Denver, CO, November 2018**

**Doctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, The Forum for Theological Exploration, September 2017-2023**

**Membership Committee, The American Society of Church History, May 2017-January 2021**

**Steering Committee, Afro-American Religious History Group, The American Academy of Religion, January 2013-December 2018**

**Conference Faculty, “Leaders in the Academy” Doctoral Fellows Conference, The Fund for Theological Education, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, June 2012**

**Faculty Mentor, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Pre-Conference Workshop, “Nurturing the Next Generation of Scholars,”** The Fund for Theological Education, Louisville, KY, March 2011

**Faculty Mentor, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting Workshop “Nurturing the Next Generation of Scholars,”** The Fund for Theological Education, Atlanta, GA, November 2010

**Co-Chair, Steering Committee, Black Cultures and the Study of Religion Section, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, March 2009-March 2012**

### **UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES**

**University Council, (Promotion and Tenure and Mission Integration Committees),** Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA, October 2017-January 2019

**Academic Affairs Committee, Proctor School of Theology,** Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA, September 2017-August 2020

**Faculty Development Committee, Proctor School of Theology,** Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA, September 2017-August 2020

**Search Committee, Dean of the Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University,** Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA, June 2016-February 2017

**Reaffirmation Committee on Governance, Proctor School of Theology,** Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA, January 2015-October 2018

**Planning Committee, Virginia Union University 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,** Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA, January 2011-2015

**Doctor of Ministry Committee, Proctor School of Theology,** Virginia Union University, January 2009-July 2018

**Library Committee, Proctor School of Theology,** Virginia Union University, January 2009-May 2013

### **COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION AND DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**

**Comprehensive Examination Committee and Dissertation Committee Member,** Leslie Bowling-Dyer, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, (Dissertation, TBD)

**Comprehensive Examination Committee and Dissertation Committee Member,** Theodore Lewis, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA, 2011, (Dissertation May 2018)

**Comprehensive Examination Committee Member,** Erica Kierulf, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA, 2011

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Academy of Religion  
Adam L. Bond

American Society of Church History

**CHURCH CREDENTIALS AND EXPERIENCE**

**Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church**, Richmond, VA, March 2020-June 2023

**Pastor, Providence Baptist Church**, Ashland, VA, March 2015-September 2018

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**, Madison, WI, June 2001, Ordination to the Christian Ministry;  
August 1994, License to Exercise Gifts in Ministry (American Baptist Churches USA)