

Curriculum Vitae

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Born: New Orleans, Louisiana USA December 12, 1963

Clergy Professional Experience

- Herbert Thompson Professorial Chair of Church and Society; and Director of the Desmond Tutu Center, General Theological Seminary, 2015-
- Interim Dean, Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2014-2015
- Vicar, St. Titus Episcopal Church, Durham, North Carolina, 2013-2014
- Chaplain for United States Congressional Delegation Civil Rights Pilgrimage led by Congressman John Lewis, 2006-2013
- Interim Rector, Calvary Episcopal Church and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Tarboro North Carolina, 2012
- Rector, The Church of Our Saviour, San Gabriel, CA and Canon Theologian for the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles 2008-2011
- Provost and Canon Theologian, the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, 2007-2008
- Rector, St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC, 27610, 2001-2004
- Associate Priest, Church of the Holy Family Episcopal Church, Chapel Hill, NC, 2000-2001
- Assistant Priest, Christ the Mediator, Mitchell's Plain Township, Cape Town, South Africa, 1993-1994.

Academic Professional Experience

- President and CEO, PeaceBattle Institute, Raleigh, North Carolina, 2011-
- Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Vice President, and Associate Professor of Theology at Virginia Theological Seminary, 2005 to 2007.
- Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Black Church Studies, Duke University, The Divinity School, 1999-2004
- Assistant Professor of Spiritual and Moral Theology, the School of Theology at the University of the South, 1995-1999

Education and Ordination:

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| Transfer | 1982-1983 | University of Notre Dame |
| B.A. | 1986 | Duke University |
| M.Div. | 1989 | Princeton Theological Seminary |
| S.T.M. | 1991 | Yale University |
| Ph.D. | 1995 | Duke University |

Anglican Episcopal Priesthood and Spiritual Director

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| (Ordained by Archbishop Desmond Tutu) | 1993 | St. George's Cathedral, South Africa |
| Spiritual Direction Certification | 1994 | Shalem Institute |

Grants/Honors/Awards/Fellowships: Doctoral Fellowship and Scholar of The Fund for Theological Education. 1991-1992; Duke University Graduate Award. 1992; The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society Fellowship of the Episcopal Church. 1991,1993; Research Fellow at the University of Cape Town. 1997; Wabash Center Consultation on the Vocation of the Theological Teacher funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. 1997-1999; Wabash Center Workshop on Teaching and Learning funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. 1998-2000; Center for Teaching Award, The University of the South, "Documentary Study: Forgiveness Among the Garifuna Peoples of Belize"; "Practicing the Presence of Peace: Christian Spiritualities of Nonviolence", Center for Instructional Technology Incentive Grants, Duke University, 2000; Duke University International Conference Travel Award to 1999 Parliament of World Religions in Cape Town, South Africa; "A Spirituality of Nonviolence" Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University Course Development Grant 2001; "African Spirituality in an International Context" Grant for non-tenured regular ranked faculty, Office of the Vice Provost for International Affairs and Development, Duke University, 2001; Selected in an application process to attend the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, Seminar for Racial/Ethnic Faculty Members; Episcopal Church Peacemaking Grant to travel to Beirut, Jordan and Jerusalem, 2003, Louisville Institute Grant for writing Desmond Tutu Biography, 2005; Inaugural Desmond Tutu Peace Lecturer at the University of the Western Cape, South Africa 2007; General Theological Seminary Paddock Lectures 2008; The University of the South's DuBose Lectures 2009; The Episcopal General Convention's Speaker on Triennial Theme: Ubuntu, 2009; First American to receive Six Preacher distinction by Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, 2010; Creative Christian Leader Distinction, Greenbelt Festival, England, UK 2012.

Grant Written, Achieved, and in Progress:

- The Inculturation of Christian Spirituality, Trinity Grants New York
- Wabash Center Grant Christian Spiritualities of Nonviolence
- A Christian Spirituality of Nonviolence, Category of Research: Ministry and Practice of Communities of Faith, Duke University Documentary Award
- Louisville Institute Grant for African Theology
- A Spirituality of Diversity, Grant Proposal to the Lilly Endowment, Inc. (in progress)

Teaching Experience: Teaching Assistant (Duke Divinity School) for "Christian Theology," 1995; Teaching Assistant, "Christian Theological Ethics," 1990-1992, 1994; Teaching Assistant for "Black Church Studies," 1991-1992, 1994; Research Assistant, Dept. of Religion, 1990-1992; Instructor of Composition for First Year Students, Duke University 1994; Assistant Professor of Spiritual and Moral Theology, The School of Theology at Sewanee, 1995-1999, Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Black Church Studies, Duke University, 1999-2005; Member of American Academy of Religion Committee for Teaching and Learning, 1999-2001; Faculty for Teaching and Learning, Wabash Center funded by Lilly endowment, 2000-2003, Faculty at the University of Cape Town in summer of 2002, Faculty CREDO—clergy formation and wellness of the Episcopal Church, 1999-2012, Canterbury Scholars Program at Canterbury Cathedral, England 2000-2014 (one of founding faculty members for this program).

Church and Community Experience: Missionary in South African Township; Chaplain to the Episcopal House of Bishops; Member of Theology Committee of the Episcopal Church; Member of the Anglican/Roman Catholic Consultation; Faculty for CREDO, Wellness Conference of the Episcopal Church; Vice-Chair of M.K. Gandhi Institute; Board Member of the Tutu Peace Trust; Program Committee of Kanuga Conferences, Inc.; Board Member of the Episcopal Evangelical Education Society; Episcopal House of Bishops Planning Committee; Presiding Bishop's Response Team to Anglican Consultative Council for *To Set Our Hope on Christ: A Response to the Invitation of Windsor Report*; Board Member for Jim Wallis' Sojourners' Foundation, Board Member for Tutu Institute for Prayer and Pilgrimage; Council of Advice for the President of the House of Deputies; Chaplain to the Lambeth Conference.

University Courses Taught: Duke University Instructor of Writing Composition; Introduction to Ethics; Moral Theology; Church and Society; Ethics and Asceticism; Studies in Nonviolence; Christian Mysticism; Theology of Forgiveness; Spirituality for Ministry; Travel Seminar to Belize, Central America; Theology and Doctrine; Doctor of Ministry Course: Readings in Christian Spirituality (Reformation to Post-Modern); Introduction to Spirituality; African Christian Spirituality; Introduction to the Spiritual Life; Black Church Studies in America: Anglican and Roman Catholic Traditions; The Spirituality of Nonviolence; Spirituality and Nursing (Joint Program with Medical School); Spirituality and the Anglican Communion (A Course for Seminarians at Canterbury Cathedral, England); Anglican Theology; The Inculturation of Spiritual Direction; The Spirituality of Restorative Justice.

Virginia Theological Seminary Courses Taught: Jesus and Nonviolence; Practicing Reconciliation in a Violent World; The Black Church; Supervisor of a D.Min.Thesis; Supervisor of an Honors Thesis; and two Independent Studies Theses; Teaching Grace and Bearing Burdens; Prison Ministry Practicum.

Other Theses/Dissertations Advised/Read

Joseph Manickam, "Toward An Understanding Of The Race Concept In The Context Of The MCUSA: A Social, Theological And Missional Approach To The Study Of 'Race', 'Culture' And 'Ethnicity'," Ph.D. dissertation

Peter Carey, "An Ecclesiology of Communion," M.Div. Honors Thesis 2007

Jose Tate, "Religious Pluralism and Valuing Others," D.Min. Thesis 2007

Rebecca Polzer, "Spirituality, African American HIV + Mothers," Ph.D. Committee, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Nursing, 2005

Tiffany Burke, "The Church and Civil Rights," Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, (Advisor) 2003
Carletta Jemison's "A Spirituality of African American Women in the Church," Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, (Advisor) 2001

Johnny Hill, A Theology of Nonviolence, Th.M. Thesis (Reader) 2001

Randy Carter, A Theology of the Church, Th.M. Thesis (Reader) 2000

Professional Meetings and Memberships

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Committee on Teaching and Learning of the AAR

Society for the Study of African Religions

Society for the Study of Black Religion

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality (Board of Directors)

Vice-Chair, The Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence

Peace Studies Association

American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Advisory Board

Program Committee Board, Kanuga Conferences Desmond

Tutu Peace Foundation Board Member

CREDO: Spiritual Director Faculty for Episcopal Church, USA

Anglican, Roman Catholic Commission

Episcopal Evangelical Education Society Board

Theology Committee of the House of Bishops, The Episcopal Church

Chaplain to the House of Bishops, The Episcopal Church

Spiritual Director for the Institute for Faith and Politics, Washington, D.C.

Spiritual Director for Congressman John Lewis' Civil Rights Pilgrimages

Chaplain to the Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops

Selected Life Experience:

Israel (Archaeology Dig with Duke University, 1985); Inner-City Ministries Chaplain (with Tony Campolo, Philadelphia, 1986-1987); Uganda & Kenya (with Larry Rassmussen in The Plowshares Institute, 1988); Youth Group Leader to Belize, Central America (where I met my wife Raquel, 1990); Participant and Worship Committee Member of the World Council of Churches Seventh Assembly in Canberra, Australia (1990), Steward of the World Council of Churches' Central Committees in Geneva (1992) and Johannesburg (1994) and Faculty Staff Member of the World Council of Churches Eighth Assembly in Harare, Zimbabwe, Africa; Research in residence with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, 1993-1994; Dolphin Research, Marine Land, Florida, 1996; Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Directors of The M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence (Mahatma Gandhi's grandson, Arun Gandhi, is Director); Member of the Episcopal and Methodist Ecumenical Commission, Member of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Consultation in the USA; Lilly Funded Fellow of Wabash Center (Teaching and Learning and Vocation Consultation); Wabash Center Fellow Faculty on Teaching and Learning, Member of American Academy of Religion Committee on Teaching and Learning; Chaplain to the House of Episcopal Bishops, Consulting Theologian to the House of Episcopal Bishops; Spiritual Faculty for CREDO, a Wellness initiative for Episcopal Clergy. Spiritual Director for United States Congressional Civil Rights Pilgrimages (Senators, House of Representatives and Staff), Faith and Politics Institute, 2006-2013.

Family:

- Married to Raquel Battle (Archbishop Desmond Tutu performing the ceremony, Olympic Village), Atlanta Georgia, July 18, 1996.
- Daughter, Sage Battle, born August 24, 1999.
- Daughter, Bliss Battle, born February 25, 2002. (Archbishop Desmond Tutu baptized both daughters, April 21, 2002)
- Son, Zion Battle, born April 8, 2005. (Archbishop Desmond Tutu baptized Zion, September 15, 2005)

Hobbies and interests:

Weight lifting, marathons, swimming, bicycling, basketball, chess, scrabble, good movies, music (classical, acoustical, contemporary, jazz), comic books, deep sea fishing and scuba diving

Books Written:

1. The Black Church in America: African American Christian Spirituality (Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 2006) *Book Endorsement by Cornel West*
2. Blessed Are the Peacemakers: A Christian Spirituality of Nonviolence (Macon: Mercer University Press, June, 2004) *Foreword by Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi*
3. The Church Enslaved: A Spirituality of Racial Reconciliation, *coauthored with Tony Campolo* (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press), 2005.
4. Practicing Reconciliation in a Violent World (Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 2005)
5. The Quest for Liberation and Reconciliation: Essays in Honor of Dr. J. Deotis Roberts, *Foreword by Archbishop Tutu* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2005)
6. Reconciliation: The Ubuntu Theology of Desmond Tutu, *Foreword by Archbishop Desmond Tutu* (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press), 1997.
7. Ubuntu: I in You and You in Me (New York: Seabury Books), 2009 *Foreword by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and selected to articulate the theme of the Episcopal Church for triennium terms of 2009-2015.*
8. White Knight, Black Battle: A Biography of Malcolm Boyd *Foreword by Archbishop Desmond Tutu* (New York: Seabury Books, 2011)
9. The Wisdom of Desmond Tutu, (Oxford: Lion Press), 1999; (Louisville: Westminster John Knox), 2000.

Forthcoming Books:

- Desmond Tutu: A Spiritual Biography (Louisville: Westminster John Knox) 2016
- Revelation: A Biblical Commentary, *Foreword by Archbishop Rowan Williams*, Belief Biblical Commentary Series (Louisville: Westminster John Knox) 2015-2016

Book Chapters Written:

- "The Ubuntu Theology of Desmond Tutu," in *Archbishop Tutu: Prophetic Witness in South Africa*, edited by Leonard Hulley et. al., (Cape Town: Human & Rousseau, 1996).

- "Teaching and Learning as Ceaseless Prayer," in The Scope of Our Art: The Vocation of the Theological Teacher, eds., L. Gregory Jones and Stephanie Paulsell, (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing Company), 2002.
- "African Male Spirituality," in Male Spirituality, (Minneapolis: Fortress Press), 2002
- "Sacred Political Space: An Anglican Ethos," in Searching for Sacred Space: Essays on Architecture and Liturgical Design in the Episcopal Church, ed., John Runkle, (New York: Church Publishing), 2002
- "The Christian Life," in Essentials of Christian Theology, (Westminster John Knox), 2003
- "Deeper into God," The Upper Room Disciplines (Nashville: Upper Room Books), 2003
- "Christian Spirituality and Liberation," Christian Spirituality (Blackwell), 2004
- "Reconciliation and Repentance in the Black Church," Christian Traditions of Repentance (Liturgical Press), 2004
- "Prayers," Race and Prayer: Collected Voices, Many Dreams eds., Malcolm Boyd and Chester Talton (Harrisburg: Morehouse Publishing), 2003
- "Liberation," in The Blackwell Companion to Christian Spirituality, (Oxford: Blackwell), 2005
- "Praying in Community: Becoming Our Truest Selves", I Have Called you Friends: Reflections on Reconciliation in honor of Frank T. Griswold, (Cambridge, MA: Cowley), 2006
- "Truth and Reconciliation: From Chile to South Africa" Reconciliation, Nations and Churches in Latin America, ed., Iain Maclean (Burlington, VT: Ashgate), 2006.
- "Penitence as Practiced in African/African American Christian Spirituality," in Repentance in Christian Theology, (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press), 2007
- "A Strange Route to Heaven," in Heaven, (New York: Church Publishing), 2007.
- "White Narnians and Black Anglicans: Movement toward a New Narnia," (Unpublished)
- "The Futures of Anglicanism: Race, Spirituality and Reconciliation," The Oxford Handbook of Anglican Studies, (Oxford University Press). 2009
- "Archbishop Desmond Tutu," Religious Leadership: A Reference Book, Los Angeles: Sage Publications, 2013

Forthcoming Book Chapters:

- "The Incarceration of Black Spirituality and the Disenfranchised," in Black Practical Theology, Baylor University Press, 2015

Jointly Written Book:

- To Set Our Hope on Christ: A Response to the Invitation of Windsor Report (New York: The Office of Communication, The Episcopal Church Center), 2005

Journal Articles Written:

- "Canberra Journal: "My experience of the 7th Assembly of the World Council of Churches," in Linkage, March, 1992.
- "*Ubuntu Ungamntu Ngabanye Abantu*: Tutu's Ethics and the New South Africa" in Linkage, June, 1993.
- "A Response to Dr. Okorocho's Address," Anglican Theological Review, Vol. LXXVII, No. 4. Fall, 1995.
- "Missiological Effects Toward Political Change in South Africa: One Case Study— Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Sewanee Theological Review, Vol. 40, No. 4, Michaelmas, 1997, pp.467-486.
- "The Problem of the Aethiop: Black Identity in the Desert Tradition," Vol. 42, No.4, 1999, Sewanee Theological Review, pp. 414-429.
- "A Theology of Community," Interpretation, April 2000, Vol. 54, No.2
- "Reading Simone Weil," Sewanee Theological Review, Vol. 44, No.1, Christmas, 2000, pp.113-118.
- "Natural Intention," Sermon to the Episcopal House of Bishops published in Anglican Theological Review, (Volume 83, Number 4), Fall, 2001.
- "Practical Idealism," Sermon to the Episcopal House of Bishops published in Anglican Theological Review, (Volume 83, Number 4), Fall, 2001.
- "Heavenly Minded," The Christian Century, October, 10, 2001, Vol. 118, No.27
- "Gasping for Air; Wild Fire," The Christian Century, October, 17, 2001, Vol. 118, No.28
- "Faith on Idle," The Christian Century, October, 24-31, 2001, Vol. 118, No.29
- "The Other Kingdom," The Christian Century, November 7, 2001, Vol. 118, No.30
- "The Siren Song of Violence," Witness Magazine, December 2002, Volume 85, No. 12
- "Do Life! Ubuntu" 2003 Playbook: Do Life! Ubuntu (2002 -2003 School Year Resources for Youth Ministry). National and International Resource of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Copyright 2002.
- "Creative Solidarity," Witness Magazine, May/June 2003, Volume 86, No. 5/6
- "Transforming Social Systems" Trinity Grants Annual Report, 2003
- "Sunday Sermon: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Heaven" Trinity News: The Magazine of Trinity Church in the City of New York (Vol. 50, No. 1), Spring 2003.
- "What the Church Can Learn from African Spirituality," The African American Pulpit, Volume 9, Number 1/ Winter 2005-2006)

Dictionary Articles Written:

- "The Spirituality of Desmond Tutu," "African Spirituality," "African American Spirituality" in The Upper Room Dictionary of Christian Spiritual Formation, January, (Nashville: Upper Room Press), 2002.
- "African American Christianity," Encyclopedia of Christianity, (New York: Continuum), 2003

- “Black Theology,” “South Africa,” “Black Christian-Jewish Relations,” “Nonviolence,”
- “Reconciliation,” *Dictionary of Jewish-Christian Relations*, (Cambridge University Press), 2003
- “Nonviolence,” *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology*, (Cambridge University Press), 2009

Book Reviews Written:

- *Theological Anthropology: A Dialectic Study of the African and Liberation Traditions*, by Hermon Browne, in *Liberian Studies Journal*, vol. XXII, No. 1, 1997.
- *Soul Survivors: An African American Spirituality*, by Carlyle Fielding Stewart, *Christian Spirituality Bulletin*, Spring, 1998.
- *Understanding Catholic Morality*, by Elizabeth Willems, *Virginia Theological Seminary Journal*, 1999.
- *Home and Exile*, by Chinua Achebe, *Anglican Theological Review* (Volume 83, Number 3), Spring, 2001
- *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*, by Harriet Jacobs, *Anglican Theological Review*, (Volume 83, Number 4), Fall, 2001.
- *Episcopalians & Race: Civil War to Civil Rights*, by Gardiner Shattuck, Jr., *Theology Today*, Volume 58, No. 2, July, 2001.
- *No Future Without Forgiveness*, by Desmond Tutu, *Anglican Theological Review*, (Volume 84, Number 1, Spring, 2002
- *Christian Social Witness*, by Harold Lewis, *Anglican Theological Review* (Volume 85, Number 1)
- *Power in the Pulpit: How America’s Most Effective Black Preachers Prepare their Sermons*, ed., Cleophus LaRue, *Anglican Theological Review*, (Vol. 85, No. 3).
- *Black Religion, Black Theology: The Collected Essays of J. Deotis Roberts*, edited by David Goatly (Volume 86: 2). 2004
- *Truth and Reconciliation: The Confessional Mode in South African Literature*, by Susan Vanzanten Gallagher, (Vol. 84, No. 2), April 2004.
- *The Word Made Plain: The Power and Promise of Preaching*, by James Henry Harris, *Anglican Theological Review*, (Volume 88, Number 1) 2005