

# LISA L. THOMPSON

## EDUCATION

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PhD, MA     Vanderbilt University, Religion (Homiletics & Liturgics)  
MDiv         Fuller Theological Seminary  
BA             University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Psychology and Communication  
                   Studies

## TEACHING

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### FACULTY POSITIONS

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Associate Professor of Black Homiletics & Liturgics, Vanderbilt Divinity School and Graduate Department of Religion, *Nashville, Tennessee*     2019 -

*Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York, New York, New York*     2016-2019

*Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*     2013- 2016

*Lilly Faculty Fellow in Theological Education, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois*     2012-2013

### SELECT COURSES

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Womanist Proclamation Theology and the Arts     |     Proclamation and Black Experiences  
                   | Bodies Power and the Pulpit     |     Preaching the Headlines     |  
                   | Voice Imagination and Sacred Utterances     |  
Fundamentals of Preaching     |     Homiletic Theory and Methods     |     Homiletic Pedagogy

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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Vanderbilt University, *Cornelius Vanderbilt Chancellor Faculty Fellow of Black Homiletics and Liturgics*     2019-2022

Louisville Institute, *Minority Scholars Book Grant*     2018

Wabash Center, *Summer Grant for Teaching and Research*     2015

Wabash Center, *Early Career Faculty Development Grant and Program*     2013-2015

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Wabash Center For Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Advisory Committee, 2019 —

Association of Practical Theology, Nominations Committee, 2018 —

Academy of Homiletics, President of the Black Caucus of the Academy of Homiletics, 2015 - 2017

Ordination, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc, 2008 —

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## RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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### ACADEMIC

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#### IN-PRINT

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*Ingenuity: Preaching as the Outsider.* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2018).

*Preaching the Headlines.* (contracted Minneapolis: Fortress, Spring 2020).

"Unauthorized: Prophetic and Pastoral Utterances on the Ground," in *Preaching Prophetic Care.* Phillis-Isabella Sheppard, Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm, & Ronald J. Allen, eds. (Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2018).

"In Search of Our Mothers' Healings: Holistic Wellbeing, Black Women, and Preaching." *Homiletic.* vol.41 no. 1, 2016.

"'Now that's Preaching!': Disruptive and Generative Preaching Practices." *Practical Matters Journal.* vol. 2 no. 8, 2015.

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#### LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

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"Mining Life for Preaching." *Lecture,* Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, 2018

"Holy Interruptions: Black Lives, Faith, and Mediation Proclamations." *Lecture, Black Public Theology and Race in America Symposium,* Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, 2018

*The Bartlett Lecture Series* at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Rochester, New York, 2017

"Black Life and Proclamations of Healing." *Lecture,* Society for the Study of Black Religion, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2017

"Preaching Taboos: Sex, Money, and Politics." *Panelist,* Academy of Homiletics, San Antonio, Texas, 2016

"Theological Imagination and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Proclamation." *Lecture,* Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC, 2015

"Reading Spaces, Museums, & Artifacts for Understanding Bodies." *Leadership & Presentation*, Wabash Summer Meeting for Pre-Tenure Theological School Faculty, Crawfordsville, Indiana, 2015

"Multi-Sensory Teaching Strategies." *Leadership & Presentation*, Wabash Pre-Tenure Theological School Faculty Winter Meeting, Corpus Christi, Texas, 2015

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## PUBLIC THEOLOGY AND RELIGION

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### IN-PRINT

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"Let These Bones Live." *Journal for Preachers* Vol. 42 no. 3, Easter 2019

"Preaching as an Outsider : An Excerpt." *Circuit Rider Magazine*, Nov/Dec/Jan 2018-2019 Issue, Nov 01, 2018

"2 Kings 5: 1-15 A Commentary." *Working Preaching*, Narrative Lectionary, Nov 04, 2018

"1 Kings 17: 8-16 A Commentary." *Working Preaching*, Revised Common Lectionary, Nov 11, 2018

"Preaching and Teaching about Gun Violence." Interview, *Duke Faith and Leadership Magazine*, April 2017

"Yes God!" Sermon, *This Is What A Preacher Looks Like*, Smyth & Helwys Publishing, 2010

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### LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, AND SERMONS

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"Homiletical Improvisation." *Presentation, A Fresh Word: Semi-Annual Peer Coaching and Sermon Preparation Series*, Union Theological Seminary, 2016, 2017, 2018

"Good News from the Fringes." *Sermon*, Princeton University Chapel, 2018

"Mundane Miracles." *Sermon*, Reaching Higher Ground: Black Church Studies Revival, San Francisco Theological Seminary, 2018

"Preaching and Public Health." *Presentation*, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture Center for the Study of African American Religious Life at Hampton University Minister's Conference, Hampton, Virginia, 2018

"The Burden of Proof." *Sermon*, Duke University Chapel, Durham, North Carolina, 2017

"Preaching at the Borders of Texts and Life." *Lecture*, Festival of Homiletics, San Antonio, Texas, 2017

"Sacred Imaginings and Contemporary Context.," *Workshop Series*, Engle Institute for Preaching at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, 2016

"I Can't Breathe." *Sermon*, Festival of Homiletics, San Antonio, Texas, 2016

"Holy Disturbances." *Sermon*, Academy of Homiletics, San Antonio, Texas, 2016

"Creating Liturgy." *Presentation*, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2014

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## ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### PROGRAMMING SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION

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*Programming Liaison*, The African American Lectionary Project and  
Kelly Miller Smith Institute on Black Church Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School,  
Nashville, Tennessee 2009-2011

*Vocational Mentor*, The Kern Center at Azusa Pacific University,  
Azusa, California 2007-2008

*Residential Team and Program Coordinator*, Fuller Theological Seminary,  
2005-2007 Pasadena, California

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### RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP

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*Assistant Campus Pastor*, Azusa Pacific University,  
Azusa, California 2007-2008

*Associate Minister*, South Los Angeles Baptist Church,  
Los Angeles, California 2006-2008

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### NON-PROFIT AND SOCIAL WORK

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*Case Manager*, Summit House of Charlotte an Alternative to  
Corrections for Women, Charlotte, North Carolina 2003-2005

*Case Manager*, Alexander Youth Network  
Charlotte, North Carolina 2004- 2005