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ACADEMIC DEGREES

Ph.D., Emory University, 2004, *Religion: Ethics and Society*
M.Div., Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 1995
B.A., Furman University, 1992, *Religion, Political Science*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Vanderbilt University Divinity School, 2003- present

E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Chair and Associate Professor of Ethics and Society, 2020-
Associate Professor of Ethics and Society, with tenure, 2011-
Faculty in Graduate Department of Religion
Affiliated Faculty, Community Research & Action, Women & Gender Studies
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, 2011-2019
Assistant Professor of Ethics and Society, 2003-2011
Faculty in Graduate Department of Religion
Affiliated Faculty, Community Research & Action, Women & Gender Studies

Emory University, 1999-2003

Lecturer, Department of Religion, Emory College, 2000-2003
Instructor, Candler School of Theology, 1999

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books, Single Author:

Interfaith Poverty: Classing the Interfaith Movement. Current Monograph in Progress.

- All You That Labor: Religion and Ethics in the Living Wage Movement. New York: New York University Press, 2011
Reviews: "The Relationship of Morals and Markets Today: A Review of Recent Scholarship on the Culture of Economic Life" *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 2016, 99 (2): 136-170; "Thick or Thin? Liberal Protestant Public Theology" *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 2014, (42): 335-356; *Journal for Society of Christian Ethics*, 2013, 33 (2); *Labor Studies Journal*, 2012, 37 (4); *Englewood Review of Books*, 2011, 4 (11).
- Social Selves and Political Reforms: Five Visions in Contemporary Christian Ethics. London: T&T Clark/Continuum International, 2007.
Reviews: *Anglican Theological Review*, Spring 2010, 92 (2): 431; *Theological Studies*, June 2009, 2): 512; *Interpretation*, April 2009, 63 (2): 205-206; *Religious Studies Review*, December 2008, 34(4): 283; *Theological Studies*, Summer 2008, 69 (3): 716-718; *Catholic Book Reviews.org*. (2008)

Refereed Journal Articles:

- "Formative Political Grief" *Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics*, 2021. (Forthcoming)

- “Remembering the Poor: Interfaith Collaboration, Neoliberalism, and an Anti-Imperial Gospel” *Journal of the Society for Christian Ethics*, 2017. 37.1: 25-44.
- “Elaborating Faith: Labor and Interfaith Resistance to Economic Inequality” *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 2017. 45.2: 251–273.
- “Working Women’s Poverty: Feminist and Religious Activists in the Living Wage Movement” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*. 2011. 27.1: 75–93.
- “Waging Religious Ethics: Living Wages and Framing Public Religious Ethics” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*. Spring/Summer 2009, v. 29 (1): 69-86.
- “Religion, Race, and Bridge Building in Economic Justice Coalitions” *Working USA: The Journal of Labor and Society*. March 2009, v.12 (1): 73-95.
- “Oh, Mary Don’t You Weep: Progressive Religion in the Living Wage Movement” *Political Theology*. July 2007, v.8 (3): 269-279.
- “A New Discipline? Beverly Harrison and ‘Malestream’ Christian Ethics” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*. Fall/Winter 2005, v.25 (2): 79-94.

Refereed Book Chapters:

- “Iftars, Prayer Rooms, and #DeleteUber: Postsecularity and the Promise/Perils of Muslim Labor Organizing” in *Religion, Protest, and Social Upheaval*, Fordham University Press (Forthcoming, 2022).
- “Economic Justice” in *The Oxford Handbook of Reinhold Niebuhr*. Eds. Robin Lovin and Joshua Mauldin, 2021: 467-484.

Book Chapters:

- “Hebrews 10: 11–14, (15–18), 19-2, Commentary 2” in *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship*. Westminster John Knox Press. (Forthcoming).
- “Revelation 1:4b-8, Commentary 2” in *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship*. Westminster John Knox Press. (Forthcoming).
- “I Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a and II Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15, Commentary 2” in *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship, Year C, Volume 3, Season After Pentecost*. (Eds. Joel B. Green, Thomas G. Long, Luke A Powery, and Cynthia Rigby), Westminster John Knox Press, 2019.
- “I Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a and Isaiah 65:1-9, Commentary 2” in *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship, Year C, Volume 3, Season After Pentecost*. (Eds. Joel B. Green, Thomas G. Long, Luke A Powery, and Cynthia Rigby), Westminster John Knox Press, 2019.
- “II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and I Kings 19:15-16, 19-21, Commentary 2” in *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship, Year C, Volume 3, Season After Pentecost*. (Eds. Joel B. Green, Thomas G. Long, Luke A Powery, and Cynthia Rigby), Westminster John Knox Press, 2019.
- “Wage Against the Machine: Wage Activism, Worker Justice, and Disruptive Jesus in the Age of Advanced Capitalism” in *Spirit and Capital in an Age of Inequality* (Eds. Robert P. Jones and Ted A. Smith). Routledge Press, 2018.

Book Reviews:

- “Political Polarization and the Ethical Necessity of Ethnography: A Review of Ruth Braunstein’s Prophets and Patriots” *Syndicate*. (2021) <https://syndicate.network/symposia/no-channel/prophets-and-patriots/>.
- “Review of Solidarity Ethics: Transformation in a Globalized World” by Rebecca Todd Peters. *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*. 71 (2) (2017), 242-243.
- “Broad Based Community Organizing and the Complex Redemption of Relational Power: A Review of Luke Bretherton’s Resurrecting Democracy” *Syndicate*. 3 (1) (2016): 93-98.
- “Review of After Empire: The Art and Ethos of Enduring Peace” by Sharon Welch. *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*. 5 (7) (2005).
- “Review of Sweet Dreams in America: Making Ethics and Spirituality Work” by Sharon Welch in *Ethics News and Views*, Emory University, 8 (2) (2002): 12.
- “Review of The Art of Moral Protest,” by James M. Jasper in *Sociology of Religion*, 60 (1) (1999): 96-97.

Other Journal Articles, Published Academic Interviews, etc.:

- “Identity Quests, Indebted Diversities, and Serving ‘The Church’: Living the Questions of Ministerial Formation” *CrossCurrents*. 6 (1) (2019): 74-79.
- “Come Walk with Us—the Journey is Long: An Interview with C. Melissa Snarr” by Brandy Daniels. *The Other Journal*. Spring 2012, Issue 21.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “Formative Political Grief” (Presidential Plenary Panel, The Society of Christian Ethics, January 2021)
- “Religion, Activism, and the Specter of Secularization” (Religion and Social Justice Movements in Transatlantic Perspective, Social Science Research Council and Columbia University’s Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, Columbia University, May 2019)
- “Iftars, Prayer Rooms, and #DeleteUber: Postsecularity and the Promises and Perils of Muslim Labor Organizing” (Religion, Protest, and Social Upheaval Conference, College of Holy Cross, November 2017)
- “Wage Against the Machine: Hopes and Temptations of Wage Activism in Advanced Capitalism,” (The New Story of Work: Politics, Spirituality, and Labor, Pacific School of Religion, April 2016)
- “Elaborating Faith: Labor and Interfaith Resistance to Economic Inequality,” (Religion and Labor Conference, Syracuse University, April 2015)
- “Interfaith Resistance to Unfettered Capitalism,” (Central paper for the Praxis panel for Religion and Power: New Directions in Social Ethics Conference, Princeton University, March 2015)
- “Affirming and Troubling Ethnographic Ethics as a Feminist Christian Ethicist” (Religion and Social Sciences Section, American Academy of Religion, November 2014)

- “Advanced Capitalism and the Living Wage Movement: Resistance and Compliance in the Political Economy” (Ethics Section, American Academy of Religion, November 2013)
- “Religiously Anti/Union? Protestant Theological Ethics in Recent U.S. Labor Struggles” (Society of Christian Ethics, January 2013)
- “Social Ethics’ Need for the Social Sciences” (Panel organizer and presenter, “The Future of Christian Social Ethics,” Society of Christian Ethics, January 2011)
- “Challenging Electoral Hegemonies: The Ethical Potential of (Religiously Attuned) Community Organizing” (American Academy of Religion, Presidential Election Special Section, November 2008)
- “Waging Ethics: Living Wages and Framing Public Religious Ethics” (Society of Christian Ethics, January 2008)
- “Creative Ethical Engagement” (Pedagogy Interest Group, Society of Christian Ethics, January 2007)
- “Oh, Mary Don’t You Weep: Progressive Religion in the Living Wage Movement” (American Academy of Religion, Ethics Section, November 2005)
- “A New Discipline? Beverly Harrison and ‘Malestream’ Christian Ethics” (Society of Christian Ethics, January 2005)
- “Building Bridges over Rivers of Change: What do we do in an Introduction to Christian Ethics?” (Society of Christian Ethics, January 2000)
- “Building Bridges Over Rivers of Change: Strategies for Teaching Christian Ethics” (American Academy of Religion, Ethics Section, November 2000)

FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

Luce Foundation

- Principal Co-Consultant, “Religion and Social Justice Movements in the Transatlantic Perspective,” 2-Year Luce Foundation grant with the Social Science Research Council, in collaboration with Ruth Braunstein of University of Connecticut, Vincent Lloyd of Villanova University, and Rich Wood of the University of New Mexico, 2019-2021

Vanderbilt University

- Principal Investigator, “Enhancing Theological Education Through Digital Learning,” Vanderbilt Institute for Digital Learning, 2017-2018
- Jacque Voegli Fellow, Co-director of Warren Center Fellows Program on “Working for Equality and Justice: Theorizing from and with Lived Resistance to Economic Inequality and Injustice,” 2016-2017
- Fellow, Center for Ethics, “Global Feminisms Collaboration,” 2006-2009
- Fellow, Divinity School, “Expanding the School of the Prophets: Multicultural Education,” Wabash Grant, 2006-2007
- Member, Center for the Study of Religion and Culture, “Religion and Politics” Workgroup, 2006-2007
- Member, Center for the Study of Religion and Culture, “Osama Bin Laden” Reading Group, 2005-2006
- Co-Principal Investigator, Center for Study of Religion and Culture, Vanderbilt University, “Religion and Global Security,” Incubator Grant, 2005

- Fellow, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, “Strategic Actions: Women, Power, and Gender Norms,” 2004-2005

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning

- Funded Participant, Teaching and Learning Colloquy for Theological School Deans, 2015-16
- Grant recipient with Dr. Elizabeth Bounds, Dr. Barbara Patterson, and Dr. Tina Pippin, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion for American Academy of Religion pre-conference “Learning With/In Communities: A Workshop on Experiential Learning in Theology and Religion,” November 2000
- Grant recipient with Dr. Elizabeth Bounds, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion for “Taking the Pulse: A Survey of Seminary Christian Ethics Courses,” 1998-2000

Lilly Endowment, Inc.

- Principal Investigator along with Rev. Dr. Lillian Lammers, “Theological School Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Future Ministers” Initial and Renewal Grants, 2013, 2015, 2017

Association of Theological Schools

- Funded Participant, Educational Models: University Divinity Schools, February 2016
- Funded Participant, Women in Leadership Conference, March 2008

Cross-Currents

- Coolidge Fellow, Cross-Currents Research Seminar in Religion and Social Movements, New York, July 2012

Emory University

- Fellow, Faculty Ethics Seminar, “Neuroethics” May 2003
- Fellow, Faculty Ethics Seminar, “Teaching Ethics” May 2001
- Graduate Fellow, Center for Ethics, Emory University, 1999-2000

Furman University

- Furman Advantage University Teaching Fellow, Furman University, 1991-1992

Washington Center

- Washington Center Non-Profit Fellow, Washington, D.C., 1991

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES & EDITORIAL BOARDS

Society of Christian Ethics, Full Member, 2004-

Elected Board Member, 2020-2024

Finance and Long-Term Planning Committee, 2020-2024

Appointed Member, Nominations Committee, 2020

Appointed Member, SCE Labor Policy Committee, 2006-2008

Co-Chair, Pedagogy Group, 2001-2009

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Editorial Board, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 2018-

Referee, *Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics*, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, *Oxford University Press*, *Political Theology*, *Sociological Compass*, *Westminster John Knox Press*

American Academy of Religion, Member, 2000-

Appointed Member, Contingent Faculty Task Force, 2021-

Steering Committee, Religion and Social Sciences Section, 2014-2019

Association of Theological Schools

Chief Academic Officers Society, Steering Committee Member, 2016-2019

Reaccreditation Visiting Committee, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, 2018

Parliamentarian for ATS Biennial, 2014

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Reaccreditation Visiting Committee, Baylor University, 2018

COURSES TAUGHT

Vanderbilt Divinity School, 2003-

Modern Christian Political Thought
 Religion and Social Movements
 Traversing Our National Wound: US-Mexico Border Immersion Course (with Prof. Trudy Stringer)
 Religion and War in an Age of Terror (comparative Christian/Islamic ethics)
 Religion and Human Rights in Conflict (with Dr. Brooke Ackerly; comparative Islamic/Christian)
 M.Div. Senior Project (capstone course)
 Teaching for Ministry: Theological Education (PhD seminar)
 Ethics in Theological Perspective (foundation course)
 Feminist Theological Ethics
 Ethics & Society: Theories of Justice
 Early Christian Political Thought
 Contemporary Christian Ethics
 Directed Study: Whiteness in American Evangelicalism
 Directed Study: Methodologies in Social Gospel, Realist, and Liberationist Ethics
 Directed Study: Living Wage and Religion
 Directed Study: Feminist Sexual Ethics
 Global Perspectives Travel Seminar: Nicaragua (with Prof. Trudy Stringer)
 Professions and Society (Team-taught for Center for Moral Leadership)

Emory College, 2000-2003

Religion and Culture: Social Movements
 Ethics in Action: Introduction to Practical Ethical Engagement
 Servant Leadership Summer (Designed/taught Internship Program for Center for Ethics)
 Vocation, Leadership, & the Common Good (co-curricular year-long forum for Center for Ethics)

Candler School of Theology, 1999

Christian Political Thought

SELECT PUBLIC LECTURES:

“Strike While the Iron is Hot: Panel Presenter” (Vanderbilt Divinity School, November 2021)
 “Refugee Faith” (Fall Symposium, Christ Cathedral Episcopal Church, October 2017)
 “The Migrants’ God: Christianity, ‘Home,’ and Just Hospitality” (Belmont University Humanities Conference, September 2017)
 “Class and Interfaith Dialogue,” (National Staff Training for Religions for Peace, USA, June 2016)
 “Jesus was a Low-Wage Worker: Theological Ethics in the Living Wage Movement” (Furman University, April 2013)
 “Red, Blue, and Green: Ethics after a Billion Dollar Election” (Washington and Lee University, Nov. 2012)
 “Unions, Politics, and Inequality: Putting Christian Ethics to Work” (Howard Harrod Lecture, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, November 2012)
 “Mainline Protestantism & the Future of Theological Education” (Opening Plenary Panel Presentation, Chief Academic Officers Society Pre-Conference for Association of Theological Schools Biennial, July 2012)
 “Prospects for Muslim-Christian Dialogue in the U.S.: A Critique of Lee Camp’s *Who Is My Enemy? Questions American Christians Must Face About Islam*” (Christian Scholars Conference, Lipscomb University, June 2012)
 “Jesus was a Low-wage Worker’: Religious Activism for Living Wages,” (University of Evansville, March 2012)
 “God’s Economy,” (Four-week series, Glendale Baptist Church, March 2012)
 “Religion and the Living Wage Movement,” (Syracuse University, March 2012)
 “9/11 Ten Years Later and Loving Your Neighbor” (LaGrange College, September 2011)
 “Ritualizing for Worker Justice,” (Theological Symposium Presenter, Interfaith Worker Justice National Conference, July 2011)
 “Peacebuilding as Ministry” (Keynote, Schola Prophetarum, Vanderbilt Divinity School, February 2011)

- “Same-Sex Marriage: What’s at Stake for Christian Ethics?” (Panel presenter, Vanderbilt Law School, February 2011)
- “Religion, War, and Reconciliation” (Three-week Relevant Religion Series, Vanderbilt Divinity School and Trinity Presbyterian Church, March 2010)
- “Working for Perspective: Gender, Race, Theology & Labor” (Panel presentation, Economic Empowerment Coalition’s Labor Week, Vanderbilt Divinity School, September 2010)
- “Leaving the House of Fear” (Sermon, GABLE Service of Celebration, Vanderbilt Divinity School, April 2010)
- “Jihad for Love” (Panel participant, Vanderbilt University K.C. Potter Center for GLBTQI Life, March 2009)
- “Feminists and Womanists in Dialogue” (Presentation and discussion with Dr. Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt Divinity School, February 2009)
- “Religion and Labor” (Panel organizer and presenter, Southern and Mid-West Regional Union Women Leadership Academy, August 2009)
- “Teaching Challenging Topics” (Panel presentation, Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching, February 2009)
- “Social Ethics for Social Change” (Presentation, First Unitarian Universalist Church, December 2008)
- “Thinking Theologically about Ethics” (Presentation for Seminary Fellows, Fund for Theological Education’s Conference on Excellence in Ministry, June 2008)
- “Religion’s Role in Social Movements” (Keynote series, Interfaith Worker Justice National Seminary Summer Training, June 2008)
- “Comparative Perspectives on Religion and Politics in Turkey and the United States,” (Presentation, Association of Former Members of Congress, Annual Workgroup on Turkey and United States, May 2008)
- “Immigrants in Christian America” (Opening Keynote, Practicing Christian Ethics Lecture Series, Belmont University Convocation, October 2007)
- “Municipal Living Wage Ordinances” (Presentation, Central Labor Council Leadership Retreat, Nashville, October 2007)
- “Complex Coalitions: Religious and Feminist Activists in the Living Wage Movement” (Presentation, Women & Gender Studies and Robert Penn Warren Seminar Series, Vanderbilt University, October 2007)
- “Women’s Wages” (Keynote Address, Vanderbilt University Feminists Annual Dinner, April 2007)
- “Teaching Social Justice” (Panel Presentation, United Church of Christ Higher Education Board’s Annual Conference, September 2006)
- “Got Birth Control?” (Panel participant, Inter-Graduate School Access to Birth Control Forum, Vanderbilt Law School, January 2006)
- “Teaching Graduate Students” (Presentation, Vanderbilt Center for Teaching, November 2005)
- “Women Changing the World: Hope from Two Disciplines” (Presentation with Brooke Ackerly, Asst. Professor of Political Science, Community Forum Breakfast, Vanderbilt Divinity School, September 2005)
- Divinity Orientation Keynotes, e.g. “Living the Commitments at the School of the Prophets,” “Charitable Criticism as Model of Theo-Ethical Engagement,” and “The Theological Practice of Academic Integrity” (annually since 2005)
- “Corporate Civil Religion” (Panel Presentation on *Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room*. Belcourt Theater, Nashville, TN June 2005)
- “Theological Soundbites vs. Theological Wellsprings in the ’04 Election” (Presentation at Belmont United Methodist Church, November 2004)
- “God and the ’04 Election” (Keynote, Annual Educational Series, First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN, October 2004)
- “Faith Talk in the ’04 Election: Manipulation, Window-dressing or Empowerment” (Presentation, Special Community Forum Breakfast, Vanderbilt Divinity School and Belmont United Methodist Church, April 2004)
- “Good is in the Details” (Presentation, Community Forum Breakfast, Vanderbilt Divinity School, January 2004)

- “*Christian Ethics? Identity and Moral Formation*” (Presentation for Fund for Theological Education Ministry Fellows Weekend, Atlanta, GA, June 2003)
- “Renewing Moral Courage” (Presentation, A Time for Renewal: Moving from Problem-Based Approaches to a Culture of Ethics, Health Care Ethics Consortium of Georgia, Atlanta, GA, April 2003)
- “Religious Vocation and Generation Next” (Presentation, Staff Development Day, Fund for Theological Education, Atlanta, GA, November 2002)
- “Generation Next” and “Looking for Ella Baker” (Presentation, Staff Study Day, United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry, Nashville, TN, September 2002)
- “Virtue Ethics and Professional Formation” (Presentation, Nursing Ethics PhD Seminar, Emory University School of Nursing, Annually, April 2002-2003)
- “Profiles in Courage: Leadership for Transformation” (ODK Keynote Lecture, State College of West Georgia, March 2001)
- “The Ethics of Shaping a Campus” (Presentation, Institute for Higher Education, Nashville, TN June 2001)
- “Human Nature and the Good: The View of an Ethicist” (Presentation, Adult Leadership Retreat, Temple Beth Tikvah, March 2001)
- “The Ethics of Campaign Finance” (Presentation on Religion and Campaign 2000, First Baptist Church, Athens, GA, October 2000)
- “University Leadership Models: Emory University” (Presentation, Servant Leadership Conference, Columbus, GA, October 2000)
- “Religious Assets for Activism” (Presentation, Religion and Politics Series, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, March 2000)
- “Leadership Ethics in Action” (Presentation, Emerging Leaders Retreat, Emory College, Annually, September 2000-2002)
- “Moral Compass of Leadership” (Presentation for Leadership Retreat, Emory College, April 2000)
- “Sustaining Activism: Interdependence as a Core Value” (Presentation, Theoretical Underpinnings of Service, Community of Named Scholars, Emory University, Atlanta, May 1999)
- “Public Theologians: Faith and Action” (Presentation, Youth Theology Institute, Atlanta, July 1995)
- “Proselytization and Religious Pluralism” (Response to Dr. Charles Kimball, University Distinguished Lecture, Furman University, October 1991)

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, WORKGROUPS, & CONSULTATIONS

Social Science Research Council,

“Religion and Social Justice Movements in Transatlantic Perspective” Funded Symposium with Columbia University Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, June 2019

“The Immanent Frame at Ten Years” Funded Consultation, June 2018

“Religion and The Public Sphere: Religion, Community Organizing, and Social Movements,” Funded Consultation, June 2017

Hispanic Summer Program,

General Board Member, 2013-2019

Treasurer & Executive Board Member, October 2013-2015

Louisville Institute, Fellowship Panel Reviewer

National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship Panel Reviewer, twice

Lilly Endowment, Inc. and Candler School of Theology, “Theological Education Between the Times,” Funded Consultant, March 2015

Lilly Endowment, Inc. and Auburn Research Institute “Learning Pastoral Imagination,” Funded Consultant, January 2015

Meadville Lombard Theological School (development of social justice/field education curriculum), Consultant, January 2008

National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice

Religion and Labor Justice Reader (reviewer), 2007

Higher Expectations Week of Action (resource contributor), 2005

Curriculum consultation for seminary and college teaching, 2004-2005

Pulpit and Pew Initiative, Duke University, Consultation on churches and community engagement, September 2005

College Outreach Organizations' League (C.O.O.L.), Consultant on curriculum development for national undergraduate "Social Movement Summits," Highlander Institute, June 2003

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Vanderbilt University

Member, Fine Arts Gallery Director Search, 2021
 Co-chair, Faculty Development Committee, 2018-2019
 Selection Committee, Trans-institutional Programs Grants, 2019
 Member, Lifelong Learning/Continuing Education Committee, 2018-2019
 Member, Academic Pathways URM Post-Doctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, 2018-2019
 Member, Immersion Vanderbilt Committee, 2014-2015, 2017-2019
 Member, Classroom Policy Committee, 2017-
 Member, Faculty Affairs Committee, 2016-2019
 Member, Associate Deans Council, 2011-2019
 Member, Academic Integrity Committee, 2012-2019
 Editorial Board, Vanderbilt University Press, 2012-2015
 Member, Steering Committee on University Admissions Systems, 2012-2014
 Advisory Board Member, Center for Teaching, 2007-2010
 Advisory Board Member, Center for Ethics, 2006-2008

Vanderbilt Divinity School & Graduate Division of Religion

Chair, Search Committee, Director of Field Education, 2021-2022
 Chair, Academic Programs and Assessment Committee, 2021-2022
 Member, Living the Commitments Task Force, 2021-2022
 Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor of Religion, Psychology and Culture and Latinx Studies, 2020-2021
 Standing Member as Associate Dean, 2011-2019
 Personnel and Policy Committee
 Academic Programs Committee
 Institutional Planning Committee
 Admissions Committee
 Numerous ad hoc & search committees
 Steering Committee Member, Public Theology and Racial Justice Collaborative, 2016-2019
 Co-Chair, Curriculum Transformation Committee, 2016-2017
 Chair, Self-Study Committee for Reaccreditation by Association of Theological Schools, 2013-2015
 Area Director, Religion: Ethics and Society, Graduate Division of Religion, 2006-2007, 2011-2012
 Member, Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee, 2006-2007, 2011-2012
 Faculty Mentor, Theology & Practice Ph.D. Colloquy, 2009-2010
 Advisory Board Member, Carpenter Program in Gender, Religion and Sexuality, 2007-2010
 Advisory Board Member, Cal Turner Center for Moral Leadership, 2006-2010
 Member, Academic Programs Committee, 2006-2009, Fall 2010
 Member, Wabash Grant for VDS Workgroup on Multicultural Education, 2007-2009
 Member, Search Committee, Historical Studies, 2006
 Member, Personnel and Policy Committee, 2003-2005
 Member, ATS Accreditation Committee: Institutional Priorities, 2003-2005
 Member, Search Committee, Carpenter Chair in Theology, 2003-2004
 Faculty Advisor: Economic Empowerment Coalition, 2007- 2012
 GABLE (Office of GLBT Concerns), 2005-2011
 Political Action Network, 2003-2008
 Living Income for Vanderbilt Employees [LIVE], 2005-2006

Environmental Concerns Committee, 2003-2005

Emory University

- Co-Chair, Ad Hoc Committee for an Ethics Minor, 2001-2003 (Approved spring 2003)
- Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, Kenneth Cole Fellows in Community Building and Social Change, 2001-2003
- Co-chair, Design Team, Bridging Academics, Service and Ethics (B.A.S.E.) Living-Learning Community, 2001-2003 (Funded by Emory College in 2002)
- Faculty Advisor, Emory Coalition for a Living Wage, 2002-2003
- Member, E-Serve Advisory Committee 2000-2001
- Member, President's Commission on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Concerns, 1998-1999
- Member, Graduate Division of Religion, Policy, and Curriculum Committee, 1996-1998

Candler School of Theology

- Member, Faculty Advisory Committee for the Youth Theological Initiative, 2000-2001
- Member, Search Committee, Youth Theological Initiative Director, 1998-1999
- Member, Search Committee, Christian Ethics 1994-1995
- President, Candler Baptist Community, 1994-1995

HONORS AND AWARDS

E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Chair, 2020-; Women's Herstory Award, Office of Women's Concerns, Vanderbilt Divinity School, 2010; Vanderbilt Divinity Student Government Association Faculty/Staff Community Service Award, 2007; Emory University Scholarship for Graduate Study, 1995-1999; Dean's Scholarship, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 1992-1995; Theta Phi, religion honor society, 1995-; Phi Beta Kappa, 1992-; Elizabeth Blackwell Award for Outstanding Female Scholar Athlete, Furman University, 1992; Outstanding Religion Major, Furman University, 1992; Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll, 1988-1992; Southern Conference Tennis Champions, 1989-1992; Washington Center Non-Profit Scholarship, 1991

SELECT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- East End United Methodist Church, Member
 - Worship Space Re-Building Committee (Post Tornado) 2021-
 - Administrative Council 2021-
 - Lay Delegate to Annual Conference 2022-
- Nashville Organized for Action and Hope (NOAH; Institution Based Community Organizing), 2015-2019
- Faith and Culture Center (Interreligious Dialogue Organization), 2015-2018
- Chair of Ordination Committee, Glendale Baptist Church, Nashville, TN; 2011-2016
- Board Co-Chair, Middle Tennessee Jobs with Justice/Interfaith Worker Justice, 2007-2009
- Atlanta Living Wage Campaign, Emory Liaison, 2001-2003
- Common Cause, co-founded Emory's College chapter, 1999-2002
- Forrest Hills Neighborhood, Board Member, 1996-1999
- Moreland Avenue Women's and Children's Shelter, Ministry Intern, 1992-1993
- Sojourners Community, Washington, D.C., volunteer Summer 1991