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**EDUCATION**

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2011        **Ph.D.** Emory University, Religion in US History  
                                *Dissertation Director:* Professor Gary Laderman  
2005        **M.Div.** Princeton Theological Seminary  
2002        **B.A.**    Anderson University, Religious Studies

**PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH POSITIONS**

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2017-Present    Associate Professor of Religion and Politics, John C. Danforth Center on Religion and  
                                Politics, Washington University in Saint Louis  
  
2014- 2017      Assistant Professor of Religion and Politics, John C. Danforth Center on Religion and  
                                Politics, Washington University in Saint Louis  
  
2013-2014      Postdoctoral Research Associate, John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics,  
                                Washington University in Saint Louis  
  
2011-2013      Instructor, Eden Theological Seminary  
  
2008-2010      Research Fellow, Emory University, Office of University-Community Partnerships  
  
2008-2010      Faculty, Metro State Prison, Atlanta, GA  
  
2005-2006      Visiting Lecturer and Research Fellow, Program in African American Studies, Princeton  
                                University

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Books:**

*J. Edgar Hoover's Stained Glass Window: The F.B.I. & Christian America* (Princeton University Press, Under Contract).

*Preaching on Wax: The Phonograph and the Shaping of Modern African American Religion*, New York and London: New York University Press, November 2014.

*Awarded the 2015 Frank S. and Elizabeth D. Brewer Prize for outstanding scholarship in church history by a first-time author by the American Society of Church History*

*Awarded Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Historical Recorded Sound Research by the Association for Recorded Sound Collections*

**Journal Articles & Book Chapters:**

“Bureau Clergyman: How the FBI Colluded with an African American Televangelist to Destroy Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.” *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*, Winter Vol.28, No. 1

“Religion, Race, and Popular Culture,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Race in American History*. Edited by Paul Harvey and Kathryn Gin Lum, New York: Oxford University Press, Forthcoming.

“American Religion and the Rise of Internal Security,” in *True Faith and Allegiance: Religion and the FBI*. Edited by Steven Weitzman and Sylvester Johnson. Berkley, CA: University of California Press, 2017

“Trending: Developments in 21st Century African American Religion and Politics,” in *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Religion and Politics in the US*. Edited by Barbara A. McGraw. Chichester, West Sussex, UK; Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell Publishing, 2016

“Phonograph Religion,” in *Proceedings: Third Biennial Religion and American Culture Conference*, edited by Philip Goff and Rebecca Vasko. Sheraton Hotel Indianapolis, Indiana: The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, 2013.

“Binding the Straw Man: Hip Hop, African American Protestant Religion and the Dilemma of Dialogue,” in *The Black Church and Hip Hop Culture: Toward Bridging the Generational Divide*, ed. Emmett G., Price III (Plymouth, UK: Scarecrow Press, Inc., 2012).

“Evangelicalism in African American Religion and Culture,” in *Oxford African American Studies Center*, ed. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012).

Lerone A. Martin and Luke Whitmore, "Reflections on Intersections: An Introduction to the Ethnography and Theology Issue of *Practical Matters*." *Practical Matters* 3 (2010).

<http://practicalmattersjournal.org/issue/3/editorial-intro/reflections-on-intersections>

**Journals Edited**

Issue Co- Editor, Lerone A. Martin and Luke Whitmore, *Practical Matters* 3 (2010).

[http://practicalmattersjournal.org/issue\\_cover/3](http://practicalmattersjournal.org/issue_cover/3)

**Review Essays**

Carolyn Renée Dupont, *Mississippi Praying: Southern White Evangelicals and the Civil Rights Movement, 1945–1975*, New York: New York University Press, 2013 in *Southern Spaces*, October 8, 2014. <http://www.southernspaces.org/2014/state-confession>

“The Post War Spiritual Marketplace,” Jonathan P. Herzog, *The Spiritual-Industrial Complex: America's Religious Battle against Communism in the Early Cold War*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011 and Kathryn Lofton, *Oprah: The Gospel of an Icon*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2011 in *The Journal of American Studies*, Vol. 52 No.3, 2013.

Scott Billingsley, *It's a New Day: Race and Gender in the Modern Charismatic Movement*. Tuscaloosa, AL: University of Alabama Press, 2008 in *The Evangelical Studies Bulletin*, 69 Fall 2008, pgs. 1-6.

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Jonathan L. Walton, *Watch This! The Ethics and Aesthetics of Black Televangelism*, New York: New York University Press, 2009 in *The Journal of Religion, Media, and Digital Culture*, Vol. 1, No.1, January 2012.

### Teaching Publications

“White Supremacy in the Classroom,” *Religious Studies News*, May 2017.

*Instructors Guide to Preaching on Wax*, New York University Press, 2014.  
[http://nyupress.org/teachguide/martin\\_preaching\\_guide.pdf](http://nyupress.org/teachguide/martin_preaching_guide.pdf)

“Segregation Distorts all Human Personality. Yes, Even White People: Using Primary Documents to Teach Race in the Classroom” *Wabash Center Blogs: Race Matters in the Classroom*  
[http://wabashcenter.typepad.com/antiracism\\_pedagogy/2014/11/segregation-distorts-all-human-personality-yes-even-white-people.html](http://wabashcenter.typepad.com/antiracism_pedagogy/2014/11/segregation-distorts-all-human-personality-yes-even-white-people.html).

### AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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2018-	National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship
2017-2018	Nancy Weiss Malkiel Junior Scholar Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation
2016-2017	Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)
2016-2017	Book Grant, Louisville Institute for the Study of American Religion,
2014-2016	Young Scholars in American Religion Program, (Lilly Endowment Inc.)
2014-2015	Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, (Lilly Endowment Inc.), Pre-Tenure Faculty Fellow
2011-2013	New Media Project, (Lilly Endowment Inc.), Research Fellow
2010-2011	Louisville Institute for the Study of American Religion, Dissertation Fellowship
2010-2011	Ford Foundation, Dissertation Fellowship, Honorable Mention
2010	Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, (Lilly Endowment Inc.), Graduate Student Fellow
2009-2010	The Fund for Theological Education, Dissertation Fellowship
2009-2010	Gustafson Faculty Seminar, Emory University
2009	Emory University Office of the Provost Community Builder Award
2008-2010	Emory University, Office of University-Community Partnerships, Research Fellow
2008-2009	Emory University, Graduate Division of Religion, Research Travel Grant

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2008-2009 The Fund for Theological Education, Research Travel Grant  
2008-2009 Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Emory University, Teacher Scholar  
2006-2008 The Fund for Theological Education, Doctoral Fellow  
2006-2011 Emory University, Doctoral Fellowship  
2005-2006 Princeton University Program in African American Studies, Program Fellow  
2002-2005 Princeton Theological Seminary, Scholar Grant  
2002-2003 The Fund for Theological Education, Divinity Fellowship  
1999-2000 Arthur Ashe Foundation, Scholar Award

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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Religion and the FBI  
Religion in the African American Experience  
Religion and Politics in the Modern Civil Rights Movement  
Martin and Malcolm  
American Religious History  
Jesus, Jazz, and Gin: Religion and Politics in the Long 1920's  
Communication and Change in American Religious History  
Introduction to the Study of Religion  
Revivalism in America

## **LECTURES and PRESENTATIONS**

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Invited Presenter, Princeton University, "How the FBI Normalized Religion," February 9, 2018.  
Invited Respondent, Yale University, "Evangelical Religion and Big Business," December 8, 2017.  
Invited Presenter, "Religion and the American State," 5th Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 1-4, 2017  
Invited Lecturer, Yale University, Institute of Sacred Music, April 6 and June 6, 2017  
Presenter, Yale University, Material and Visual Cultures of Religion Colloquium, April 5, 2017  
Presenter, The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Antonio, TX  
November 20, 2016 Paper: *Beyond COINTELPRO: How the FBI Disciplined Black Religion*  
Presenter, The Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Providence, RI, April 7-10,  
2016 Paper: "Black Religious Leadership and Mass Media in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century,"  
Invited Paper Presentation, Princeton University, Department of Religion, April 30, 2015

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Keynote Address, National Archives, National Personal Records Center, February 27, 2015

Keynote Address, Valparaiso University, Department of History, Valparaiso, Indiana January 22, 2015

Keynote Address, Indiana University, Department of Religion Graduate Student Conference,  
Bloomington, Indiana April 18-19, 2014

Presenter, "Third Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture," The Center for the Study of  
Religion and American Culture Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, Indiana June,  
2013

Presenter, Columbia University "Migrant Imaginaries: Religion and Migration in the African Diaspora,"  
April 25, 2013 New York City, New York

Invited Lecturer, Missouri History Museum, Saint Louis, Missouri: *Race and the Shaping of American  
Religion*, March 14, 2013

Invited Talk, African American Studies Department, Saint Louis University: *Selling to the Souls of  
Black Folk*, March 5, 2013

Keynote Address, American Baptist Historical Society, Mercer University, Atlanta, GA: *Atlanta and the  
Selling of Black Religion, 1925-1945*. September 21, 2012

Lecturer, Annual Herbst Lecture, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO: *Occupying Main Street:  
Religion, Wall Street, and the Rise of Chain Stores in America, 1920-1941*. April 12, 2012.

Participant, African American Religion and Health Roundtable, Department of African American Studies,  
Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO. February 16, 2012

Convocation Lecturer: Gregory Lecture, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, PA: *Religion,  
Media, and Mission in Early Twentieth Century America*. February 2, 2012.

Moderator, The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Francisco, CA  
November 19-23, 2011. Panel: Religion, Race, and the Military.

Presenter, Chancellor's Fellows Symposium, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.  
Paper: *The Phonograph in American Life*. November 3, 2011.

Presenter, The Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association (ASA), Baltimore, MD. October  
20-23, 2011. Paper: *The Phonograph and the Re-imagination of Black Protestantism*.

Presenter, The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), Atlanta, GA October 30,  
2010-November 1, 2010. Paper: *Selling to Southern Souls: Religious Broadcasting in the New  
South*.

Presenter, The Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History  
(ASALH), Raleigh, NC September 29, 2010-October 3, 2010. Paper: *Black Newspapers and the  
Economics of Black Protestantism*.

Presenter, Society for the Study of Black Religion (SSBR), Atlanta, GA March 18-21, 2010  
Paper: *Historical Roots of Black Religious Broadcasting*.

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Participant, Religion and Politics: A Special Panel with President Jimmy Carter, Emory University, February 17, 2010.

Presenter, Southeastern Conference on the Study of Religion, March 5, 2009. Paper: “*Everyday World Changers: Creflo Dollar and the Religious Practices of Televangelism*”

Presenter, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 18, 2007  
Paper: “*It is Wonderful Out West: Father Divine, Race, and the Peace Mission Movement in California.*”

Guest Lecturer, Princeton University, Program in African American Studies: *Religion, Hip Hop, and Black Popular Culture*, Studies in Black Popular Culture, Spring 2006

## **SERVICE**

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### **Guild Service**

Member, Executive Council, American Society of Church History, 2018-2020

Co-Chair, African American Religious History Group, The American Academy of Religion, 2016-2020

Chair, Teaching and Learning Committee, The American Academy of Religion, 2014-2017

Committee Member, Teaching and Learning Committee, The American Academy of Religion, 2012-2013

African American Religious History Group Steering Committee, The American Academy of Religion, 2012-2015

The Forum for Theological Exploration Faculty Representative & Mentor-Scholar, 2015-2016

### **Institutional Service**

University Management Team Faculty Speaker, October 10, 2017

Prison Education Project Faculty Advisory Board, 2017-Present

Danforth House Faculty Associate, 2017-2018

Washington University Diversity Commission Faculty/Pipeline Diversity Working Group, 2017-2018

Danforth Center on Religion and Politics Junior Faculty Search Committee, 2016-2017

University Convocation Speaker, 2016

Danforth Center on Religion and Politics Curriculum Committee, 2016-2017

Danforth Center on Religion and Politics Senior Faculty Search Committee, 2015-2016

University Black Family Welcome Faculty Speaker, 2015

Danforth Center Postdoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, 2014-Present

Rhodes Scholar Nomination Committee, 2014-2016

Mellon Mays Selection Committee, 2014-2017

MLK Day Speaker, 2014

### **Public Service**

Research Fellow, The New Media Project, Indianapolis, IN 2010-2013

Faculty, Metro State Prison for Women, Atlanta, GA 2008-2010

Research Consultant, Masters in Professional Studies Program, Sing Sing State Prison, Ossining, New York, 2005-2006

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Member, American Academy of Religion  
Member, American Society of Church History  
Member, Association for the Study of African American Life and History  
Member, Organization of American Historians

## **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

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Saint Louis Public Radio  
Baltimore Public Radio  
NBC Evening News, Saint Louis Affiliate, KSDK  
Interfaith Radio  
Interview, *Boston Globe*  
Interview, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*  
Interview, *Toledo Blade*  
Opinion pieces (*CNN* and *Religion Dispatches*)  
Research on Religion