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EDUCATION

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

2018-Present Associate Professor of Religion and Politics, John C. Danforth Center on Religion and
Politics, Washington University in Saint Louis

Director, American Culture Studies, 2020-2023
Director of Graduate Studies, American Culture Studies, 2018-2019
Faculty, Prison Education Program
Faculty Fellow, William Greenleaf Eliot Residential College, 2018-2022

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

Books:

Apostles of Justice: How J. Edgar Hoover and his F.B.I. Aided and Abetted the Religious Right
(Under Contract, Princeton University Press,).

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, an affiliated society of the American Historical Association (AHA).

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

Articles & Book Chapters:

“Evangelicalism and Politics,” *The American Historian*, No. 18, November 2018.

<https://tah.oah.org/november-2018/evangelicalism-and-politics/>

“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 2018 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, 2018.

“Religion and the American State,” in *Proceedings: Fifth Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture*, editors Philip Goff, Lauren Schmidt, and Nate Wynne. Indianapolis, Indiana: The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture; Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, 2017.

“American Religion and the Rise of Internal Security,” in *True Faith and Allegiance: Religion and the FBI*. Edited by Steven Weitzman and Sylvester Johnson. Berkeley, 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 Conference on Religion and American Culture* edited by Philip Goff and Rebecca Vasko. 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>

Public Scholarship

“Religious Influence in US Politics: The FBI as Case Study,” CSPAN BookTV, June 6, 2019
<https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4889475/user-clip-lerone-a-martin-phd>

“A Black Evangelist Who Opposed Dr. King: An Interview w/ Dr. Lerone A. Martin,” *The New York Times*, April 2, 2018,
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/02/us/black-evangelist-elder-michaux-opposed-dr-king.html>

“New Documents Reveal How the FBI Deployed a Televangelist to Discredit Martin Luther King, Jr.,” *Religion and Politics*, April 3, 2018.
<http://religionandpolitics.org/2018/04/03/new-documents-reveal-how-the-fbi-deployed-a-televangelist-to-discredit-martin-luther-king/>

“The FBI,” *The Immanent Frame*: A publication of the Social Science Research Council, March 13, 2018. <https://tif.ssrc.org/2018/03/13/the-fbi/>

Saint Louis Public Radio, “Religion scholars draw lessons for contemporary souls from King’s combination of faith, politics,” April 12, 2018.
<http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/religion-scholars-draw-lessons-contemporary-souls-king-s-combination-faith-politics#stream/0>

Saint Louis Public Radio, “1920s sermons set stage for televangelism and even reality TV shows,” February 19, 2015. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/1920s-sermons-set-stage-televangelism-and-even-reality-tv-shows#stream/0>

Left of Black, “Preaching on Wax,”
<http://theroot.waywire.com/video/Left-of-Black-With-Lerone-A-Mar>

Boston Globe, “When black preachers and the recording industry teamed up,” December 30, 2014.
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/ideas/2014/12/30/when-black-preachers-and-recording-industry-teamed/myFGg6qu9R4Gk7cdvO0FUI/story.html>

Baltimore Public Radio, “Midday on Religion,” December 4, 2014.
<http://wypr.org/post/midday-religion>

Journals Edited

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

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

“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

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2020-2023 | Grant, Principle Investigator, “Citizenship and Freedom: From Plato to Maya,” WUSTL Humanities College Prep Program. The Teagle Foundation, \$250,000. |
| 2020-2021 | Grant, Principle Investigator, “Academic Leadership as Pedagogy for Race and Inclusion.” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Peer Mentoring Cluster, \$7,500. |
| 2019-2021 | Research Grant, Co-Principle Investigator, “Harnessing Religious Values to Increase Public Virtue.” Templeton Religion Trust: Self, Virtue, and Public Life Initiative, \$187,176. |
| 2019 | Faculty Research Grant, Center for Humanities, Washington University in Saint Louis |
| 2018-2019 | Faculty Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) |
| 2016-2017 | Mellon Emerging Faculty Leaders Award/Nancy Weiss Malkiel Junior Scholar Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation |
| 2016-2017 | Faculty Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) |
| 2016-2017 | Book Grant, Louisville Institute for the Study of American Religion, |

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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

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

Teaching Awards

2019 WashU Dean of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Teaching Award

2018-2019 WashU Students in the College of Arts and Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award in Humanities.

COURSES TAUGHT

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

Speaker, Georgetown University Law Center, Center on Privacy & Technology Annual Color of Surveillance Conference: "Government Monitoring of American Religious Minorities," July 19, 2018.

Invited Presenter, Memphis, Official City Celebration of the Fiftieth Commemoration of the Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., "New Discoveries of the FBI's Surveillance of MLK," April 3, 2018

Invited Presenter, Princeton University, Religion and the American Normal Conference, "How the FBI Normalized Religion," February 9, 2018.

Invited Respondent, Yale University, Religious Studies Department, "The Religion of Business: In Honor of Sarah Hammond." December 8, 2017.

Invited Lecturer, Yale University, Center for the Study of Material and Visual Cultures of Religion (MAVCOR), June 7, 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 (ISM), April 6, 2017

Presenter, Yale University, Material and Visual Cultures of Religion (MAVCOR) 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 (OAH), Providence, RI, April 7-10, 2016. Paper: "Black Religious Leadership and Mass Media in the 20th 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

Guild Service

Member, AAR Hiring, Evaluation, and Promotion Task Force, 2019-2020

Member, Committee on Committees, Organization of American Historians, 2018-Present

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

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