CURRICULUM VITAE

DERRICK MCQUEEN

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***EDUCATION***

Union Theological Seminary

Ph.D. 2016

Practical Theology Consortium: Homiletics and New Testament

Union Theological Seminary

Dissertation: Preaching the Word to Reclaim Christian Identity: LGBT African Americans Who Are Black Church

M. Div. 2009

Worship and the Arts

Thesis: And Once They Came Together: A Comparative Analysis

Of Esau and Jacob and Minister Malcolm X and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Drew University

B.A. Theatre Arts 1987

Areas of Concentration: Acting, Directing, Writing

***WORK***

Transition Facilitation Consultant for Congregations, Communities, Organizations

Center for African American Religion Sexual Politics and Social Justice (CARSS) Assistant Director— 2013 to Present

St. James Presbyterian Church, Serving as Pastor – 2015 to Present

Interim Pastor from 2015 – 2020, Called and Installed to Present

Consultant, Vandersall Collective – 2016 to present

Consultant, Auburn Seminary Edward’s Fellow Fellowship – 2017 to 2023

Consultant, Collective Foundation – 2017 to present

Teaching fellow Union Theological Seminary – 2009 to 2015

Roundtable on Sexual Politics of Black Churches – 2009 to 2013

***AWARDS***

LGBTQ Advocacy Fellowship, Rockwood Leadership Institute, 2012-2013

Doctoral Fellowship, Union Theological Seminary 2009-2013

Minority Student Scholarship, Union Theological Seminary 2009-2010

Maxwell Fellowship of Auburn Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary 2009

Rhinesmith Preaching Prize, Union Theological Seminary 2008

Hudnut Award, Union Theological Seminary 2008

***TEACHING EXPERIENCE***

Visiting Professor, Columbia University – Fall 2018 to Present

Adjunct Professor, Union Theological Seminary, Spring 2020

Preaching, (CW 201 Preaching with a Biblical Voice)

Facilitating Professor, Union Theological Seminary Spring 2019

Worship

Visiting Professor, Columbia University, 2019 to present

Adjunct Professor, Fordham University – Spring 2018

New Testament

Guest Lecturer: Literature Humanities, Columbia University 2017

Adjunct Professor, Lancaster Theological Seminary – 2016 to 2017

Preaching and Worship Spring 2017

Preaching: Sound Theology, Sound Preaching: Preaching Substance

January 2017

Worship Fall 2016

Adjunct Professor, The New Seminary – 2015 to 2029

Homiletics, Reformed Theology, LGBT Community: Faith, Ministry, Race and Moving Beyond Inclusion

Teaching Fellow – Church History, Union Theological Seminary 2014, 2015

Teaching Fellow – Preaching and Worship, Union Theological Seminary

2011-2015

Teaching Assistant – New Testament, New York Theological Seminary 2013-2014

Teaching Fellow – New Testament, Union Theological Seminary, 2010-2012

Teaching Assistant – Integrated Field Based Education, New York NY

Co-developed syllabus and overall course structure, and co-lecturer.

Union Theological Seminary, 2009- 2011

Lenten Bible Study Series – Harlem Council of Presbyterian Churches, 2010-2020

Instructor – Reading the Bible with the Poor, Presbyterian Retreat Center, Montreat, NC 2010, Conducted workshops and taught pedagogy of reading the Bible and other texts strategically to combat poverty.

Lecturer - Common Ground On The Hill, Westminster, MD, 2008-2010

“Songs of the Civil Rights Movement and How to Make The Our Own”

Adjunct Professor – Introduction to Theatre.

Atlantic Cape Community College, Cape May Courthouse, NJ. 2004-2005

***PUBLICATIONS***

Contributor *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts*

“God/*ess,* I *am* Burning”: A Conversation between Nicolás Dumit Estévez and Rev. Derrick W. McQueen, *e-misférica*.

“Who Gets to Claim the American Civil Rights Movement Torch?”, *Presbyterians Today.*

*“From Gory to Glory: Disempowering Suffering as Mandate for Redemption”*,

Theology and Homiletics Work Group, Academy of Homiletics, 2013.

“Worship and the Arts”, *Union Now*

"Greco Roman Meals", *Henoch Journal*.

*Terrorism, Religion and Global Peace:  From Concepts to Practice*. Chapter Contributor, "An Unfamiliar Peace."

***PRESENTATIONS***

*“Multi-Faith Collaboration: Educational Ritual Antiracisim”* Songleader Bootcamp, with Naomi Less, Co-Founder, Associate Director, Ritual Leader of Lab/Shul.

*“Why Does the Heart Want to Sing?”* Music and Liturgy, Presbytery of NYC

*“Witness: Using the Revelation to John to Inspire Church Progress”*

Presbyterian Synod of the Northeast, Silver Bay, NY 2015.

*“Spirituality and the Black Queer Experience”*, Columbia University, Office

of University Chaplain, Common Meal Program, 2015 *“Local Church as*

*Significant Expression of Community for Americans”,*

Renewing, Reproaching and Re-Thinking Church in America, Chestnut Hill

United Church, 2014.

*“From Gory to Glory: Disempowering Suffering as Mandate for Redemption”*,

Theology and Homiletics Work Group, Academy of Homiletics, 2013.

*“And They Witnessed the Dazzling Emptiness”,* Got Sermon Advent Series,

Union Theological Seminary, 2012.

***RELATED EXPERIENCE***

The First Chair Commission on Ministry, Presbytery of New York City –

May 2018 to 2021.

Unity Project Faith Initiative, Initiative from the First Lady of NYC’s office

Organizing member

Chair General Cabinet, Presbytery of New York City, July 2016 – May 2017

Moderator, Presbytery of New York City, May 2015 – July 2016

Moderator Elect, Presbytery of New York City, May 2014 - 2015

Vice Moderator, Theological Issues, Institutions and Christian Education Committee, 221st General Assembly, Presbyterian Church USA, 2014

Delegate from the Presbytery of New York City to the 221st General Assembly, Presbyterian Church USA, 2014

Convener, *VERITAS LGBT Institute,* Union Theological Seminary, 2013-2014

Faculty Search Committee, New Testament, Union Theological Seminary, Ph. D. Student, 2010

Consultant, Liturgical Trainer for The Mission of the Office of Black Ministry, Archdiocese of New York, 2010-2012

Kairos (Poverty Initiative of UTS), Poverty Scholar,

Candidate for Ordination in the Presbyterian Church USA

Theological School Advisory Delegate from Auburn Seminary to the 220th General Assembly, Presbyterian Church USA, 2007

Fierce Co-Moderator, Student Caucus of Union Theological Seminary of Queer Persons of Color, 2007 – present

East Lynne Theater Company, Performer, tour a one-man show *“Paul Robeson: His life in Word and Song”* 2002 - present

***LANGUAGES***

English – native language

French – Read with high proficiency

German - Read with basic competence

Greek and Hebrew – Read with basic competence.

***MEMBERSHIPS***

Board Chair Auburn Seminary, Chair

Presbytery of New York City

Board Chair Pro Tem, Church of the Master Credit Union

Board Chair, InterConnected Justice

Board Vice-Chair, The Center at West Park

Programming Chair, Harlem Multicultural Festival

Former Board Chair LGBT Faith Leaders of African Descent

Former Board Member More Light Presbyterians

Member and former Board Member That All May Freely Serve

Member and former Board Member Presbyterian Welcome (now Parity)

Black Caucus, Union Theological Seminary

Fierce, Queer Caucus for People of Color, Union Theological Seminary (Chair 6 years)

Queer Caucus, Union Theological Seminary

American Academy of Religion

Academy of Homiletics

Society of Biblical Literature

***PREACHING***

Organizing Pastor, Partner for St. James at annual Harlem Ecumenical Thanksgiving Day Service with Historic Harlem Churches at Abyssinian Baptist Church: Abyssinian Baptist Church, Mount Calvar/St. Mark’s Methodist Church, and Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 2006-Present

Partnering Preacher for “Esperanza” Worshipping Community of

Jan Hus Presbyterian Church (Now Avenue Church) for Feeding Program and worship service, NYC,2019-2021

As Multifaith Partner and Ritual Leader with LabShul, An Experimental Jewish Community, 2019 to Present

***Guest Preaching***

First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, Connecticut

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City,

Stewardship Sunday, 2022

Metro Baptist Church, New York City, 2022

Different Events for the Presbytery of New York City 2015-2016

Yale Divinity School Chapel, 2014

Metropolitan Association of United Church of Christ, New York City, Martin

Luther King Breakfast, 2014

Christ Nativity Episcopal Church, Martin Luther King Sunday Sermon, 2014

Macedonia Baptist Church, Men’s Day Guest speaker, 2012-2013.

Briarcliff Congregational Church, Guest Preacher 2007-2015

Pulpit Supply for St. James Presbyterian Church, 2006-2015

Preacher for St. James at annual Harlem Ecumenical Thanksgiving Day Service

with Historic Harlem Churches at Abyssinian Baptist Church: Abyssinian

Baptist Church, St. Mark’s Methodist Church and Mt. Olivet Baptist Church,

2006-Present

*Note*: as well as several other churches from New Jersey to North Carolina.

Workshop Facilitator - The Spirituals, The Songs of the Civil Rights Era, Vocal Movement, and Vocal Group Improvisation, Reading the Bible with the Poor, Issues of Race Relations, Community building through song, Issues around LGBTQ+ and Sexuality.

Consultant with Vandersall Collective and privately as Church/Worship Community Transition Facilitator

References

Josef Sorett, Ph. D., Dean of Columbia College

Dean of Columbia College, Henry L. and Lucy G. Moses Professor and

Vice President for Undergraduate Education; and Professor of Religion and

African American and African Diaspora Studies at Columbia University

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