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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>B.A.</b> Anderson University, Religious Studies

# **PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH POSITIONS**

2022-Present	Martin Luther King, Jr., Centennial Chair
	Director, Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Stanford University
2018-2021	Associate Professor of Religion and Politics, John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, Washington University in Saint Louis
	Director, American Culture Studies, 2019-2023 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:

The Gospel of J. Edgar Hoover: How the FBI Aided and Abetted White Christian Nationalism. 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 Politcs," *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* 28, No. 1 (Winter 2018).
- "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*. Edited by Philip Goff, Lauren Schmidt, and Nate Wynne. Indianapolis, IN: 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, IN: 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.* Edited by Emmett G. Price, III. Plymouth, UK: Scarecrow Press, Inc., 2012.
- "Evangelicalism in African American Religion and Culture," in *Oxford African American Studies Center*. Edited by 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. <u>http://religionandpolitics.org/2018/04/03/new-documents-reveal-how-the-fbi-deployed-a-</u> <u>televangelist-to-discredit-martin-luther-king/</u>
- "The FBI," *The Immanent Frame*: A publication of the Social Science Research Council, March 13, 2018. <u>https://tif.ssrc.org/2018/03/13/the-fbi/</u>
- Saint Louis Public Radio, "Religion scholars draw lessons for contemporary souls from King's combination of faith, politics," April 12, 2018. <u>http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/religion-scholars-draw-lessons-contemporary-souls-king-s-</u> <u>combination-faith-politics#stream/0</u>
- Saint Louis Public Radio, "1920s sermons set stage for televangelism and even reality TV shows," February 19, 2015. <u>http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/1920s-sermons-set-stage-televangelism-and-even-reality-tv-shows#stream/0</u>
- 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. <u>https://www.bostonglobe.com/ideas/2014/12/30/when-black-preachers-and-recording-industry-teamed/myFGg6qu9R4Gk7cdvO0FUI/story.html</u>
- 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). <u>http://practicalmattersjournal.org/issue\_cover/3</u>

### **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. <u>http://www.southernspaces.org/2014/state-confession</u>
- "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* 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* 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*, 2014. <u>http://wabashcenter.typepad.com/antiracism\_pedagogy/2014/11/segregation-distorts-all-human-personality-yes-even-white-people.html.</u>

# AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

Humanities College Prep Program. The Teagle Foundation, \$250,000.2020-2021Grant, Principal Investigator, "Academic Leadership as Pedagogy for Race and	2021-2025	Research Grant, Co-Principal Investigator, "The Crossroads Project: Black Religious Histories, Communities, and Cultures." Henry Luce Foundation, \$1 million.
<ul> <li>Inclusion." Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Peer Mentoring Cluster, \$7,500.</li> <li>2019-2021 Research Grant, Co-Principal Investigator, "Harnessing Religious Values to Increase Public Virtue." Templeton Religion Trust: Self, Virtue, and Public Life Initiative, \$187,176.</li> <li>2019 Faculty Research Grant, Center for Humanities, Washington University in Saint Louis</li> <li>2018-2019 Faculty Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)</li> <li>2016-2017 Mellon Emerging Faculty Leaders Award/Nancy Weiss Malkiel Junior Scholar Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation</li> <li>2016-2017 Faculty Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)</li> <li>2016-2017 Book Grant, Louisville Institute for the Study of American Religion</li> </ul>	2020-2023	Grant, Principal Investigator, "Citizenship and Freedom: From Plato to Maya," WUSTL Humanities College Prep Program. The Teagle Foundation, \$250,000.
<ul> <li>Increase Public Virtue." Templeton Religion Trust: Self, Virtue, and Public Life Initiative, \$187,176.</li> <li>2019 Faculty Research Grant, Center for Humanities, Washington University in Saint Louis</li> <li>2018-2019 Faculty Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)</li> <li>2016-2017 Mellon Emerging Faculty Leaders Award/Nancy Weiss Malkiel Junior Scholar Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation</li> <li>2016-2017 Faculty Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)</li> <li>2016-2017 Book Grant, Louisville Institute for the Study of American Religion</li> </ul>	2020-2021	Grant, Principal Investigator, "Academic Leadership as Pedagogy for Race and Inclusion." Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Peer Mentoring Cluster, \$7,500.
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2014-2016 Young Scholars in American Religion Program, (Lilly Endowment Inc.)	2016-2017	Book Grant, Louisville Institute for the Study of American Religion
	2014-2016	Young Scholars in American Religion Program, (Lilly Endowment Inc.)

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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 20<sup>th</sup> Century."
- Invited Paper Presentation, Princeton University, Department of Religion, April 30, 2015.
- 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," New York City, New York, April 25, 2013.
- 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 Herbster 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*.
- 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, 2012-2013
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, NY, 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