

# Faculty Curriculum Vitae

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## **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND/TRAINING**

**Master of Divinity**, May 1998 – Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, Graduated with Honors, GPA 3.74

- Honor's Program published thesis entitled "A Comparative Study of the Theological and Ecclesiological Views of Marcus Garvey and Albert B. Cleage, Jr."

**Bachelor of Science, Advertising**, May 1988 – University of Texas at Austin, GPA 3.3

- Editor of Black Student Newspaper, *The Griot*, 1986-1988
- Dean's List, spring 1984-spring 1988
- Heman Sweatt Leadership Award Winner, 1987

## **RELEVANT TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**University of Houston – Central Campus** **June 2004 – Present**  
*ADJUNCT PROFESSOR / LECTURER* for the courses *The Black Church in America* (AAS 4330), *Black Liberation Theology* (AAS 3394), and *Introduction to African American Studies* (AAS 2320) for which I design the curriculum, present lectures, lead discussions and class exercises and make grade assessments of student progress. Taught one semester of *African Thought & Philosophy* (AAS 3356).

**Pan African Orthodox Christian Church** **Summer 1998**  
*PAOCC SUMMER SEMINARY INSTRUCTOR*, Responsible for teaching two classes: *Ecology For Beginners and its Theological Implications* and *Jesus: A New Vision*.

**Candler School of Theology, Emory University** **Fall 1995**  
*TEACH-A-COURSE LECTURER*, Taught a six-week course entitled "Lessons from the Early Church" during the Fall of 1995.

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## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP/RESEARCH/CREATIVE ENDEAVORS

### *PRESENTATIONS*

"The African American Quad-Centennial (1619-2019)," Houston Association of Black Psychologists, January 2019

"The Mighty 259<sup>th</sup>: The Political History and Impact of Houston's Pleasantville Community," SHAPE Parenting Support Program, September 2018

"The Houston Rebellion of 1917: Camp Logan's Untold Story," SHAPE Parenting Support Program, July 2018

"Tips for Engaging Your Child in African/African American History," SHAPE Parenting Support Program, April 2018

"Wakanda as Art Imitating Life," Pre-screening of the film Black Panther and Panel Discussion, February 2018

"Kwanzaa vs the Alt-Wrong," Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration, Houston, TX, December 2017

"The Importance of Culturally Relevant Education," SHAPE Parenting Support Program, September 2017

"Making Connections Between Popular Culture and African/African American History," SHAPE Parenting Support Program, July 2017

"The Political Implications of Rev. Albert B. Cleage's 1967 Unveiling of the Black Madonna and Child Mural," Black Madonna 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Detroit, MI, April 2017

"The Benefits of Culturally Relevant Exposures," SHAPE Parenting Support Program, March 2017

"The Kwanzaa Challenge: Agency vs Abdication," Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration, Houston, TX, December 2016

"African/African American History Field Trips," SHAPE Parenting Support Program, September 2016

"The Importance of Culturally Relevant Education," SHAPE Parenting Support Program, July 2016

"Making Connections Between Popular Culture and African/African American History," SHAPE Parenting Support Program, February 2016

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“Ma’at and the Nguzo Saba,” Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration, Houston, TX, December 2015

“What Does Africa Have to Do with Third Ward,” SHAPE Parenting Support Program, October 2015

“African/African American History Field Trips,” SHAPE Parenting Support Program, August 2015

“The Political, Educational and Social Implications of Kwanzaa,” Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration, Houston, TX, December 2014

“Why Our Children Need Black History,” SHAPE Parenting Support Program, June 2014

“We Share a Sacred Trust: History Makers Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow,” YES Prep North Forest Black History Month Program, February 2014

“Kwanzaa and Pan Africanism,” Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration, Houston, TX, December 2013

“Kwanzaa and the Principles of Best Self Theology,” Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration, Houston, TX, December 2012

“Living the Principles of Collective Work and Responsibility,” Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration, Houston, TX, December 2011

“The New Normal: Understanding the Ramifications of the Global Economic Collapse of 2008,” Shrine Christian Center, Houston, TX, January 2011

“A New Heaven and a New Earth: Creating a Spiritual Empowerment Plan for Ongoing Growth,” Shrine Christian Center, Houston, TX, January 2011

“Developing the Eyes to See: Strategies for Personal Development,” Shrine Christian Center, Houston, TX, January 2011

“Faith: An Action Word,” Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration, Houston, TX, December 2010

“Living the Principles of Collective Work and Responsibility,” Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration, Houston, TX, December 2010

“The Intellectual and Emotional Benefits to Community Service,” Dr. Woodrow Smith Community Service Awards, Shrine Christian Center, Houston, TX, October 2010

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"Becoming Your Best Self: The Theological Underpinnings of a Healthy Marriage," Mending Threads Relationship Seminar, Women's Retreat Center of Houston, Inc. and the Institute of Psychological Services, Inc., Houston, TX, September 2010,

"Man Up: The Importance of Mentorship in Combating the Black Male Prison Crisis," Blueridge United Methodist Men's Conference, Blueridge United Methodist Church, Houston, TX, July 2010

"Restoration as a Community Imperative," Upper MLK Revitalization Forum, Shrine Christian Center, Houston, TX, June 2010

"March On: Transforming from Victims to Victors," 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Freedom Weekend, John Warfield Center for African & African American Studies, University of Texas, Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, TX, May 2010

"Malcolm X and the Issue of Self Love," on Sunday Morning Live, Majic 102.1 FM (KMJQ), Houston, TX, May 2010

"Know Thyself," Klein Oak High School Black History Month Presentation, Spring, TX, February 2010

"U.S. Policy in Haiti from 1804-2010," State of Haiti-U.S. Relations Community Forum, St. John's Downtown, Houston, TX, February 2010

"An Issue of Faith: Moving with Power into the New Year," Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration, Houston, TX, December 2009

Houston Mayoral Debate Panelist, St. John's Downtown, Houston, TX, September, 2009

"Self-Determination as a Model for Community Advancement," Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration, Houston, TX, December 2008

"The Processes of Institutionalizing Unity/Umoja," Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration, Houston, TX, December 2007

"Modern Socio-Political Implications of the Resurrection," on "Fish, Grits and Politics," a monthly special edition of "Dialogue with Ada Edwards Radio Show," 97.9 FM The Box (KBXX), Houston, TX, April 16, 2006

"A Comparison of the Theologies of Marcus Garvey and Rev. Albert B. Cleage Jr.," National Council of Black Studies Annual Conference, Houston, TX, March 17, 2006

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“Weapons of Mass Distraction,” on Conversations with Maurice Hope Thompson, 90.9 FM (KTSU), Houston, TX, June 25, 2005

“Remembering King,” Rice University MLK Memorial, Houston, TX, January 17, 2005

A discussion on my book *Weapons of Mass Distraction*, on the “Dialogue with Ada Edwards Radio Show,” 97.9 FM The Box (KBXX), Houston, TX, October 31, 2004

“Spiritual Technologies of Rehabilitation,” Thy Kingdom Come Prison Ministry, Houston, TX, September 29, 2004

“Step for Fostering Cooperation Among Faith-based Institutions,” Thy Kingdom Come Community Agenda Workshop, Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, TX, September 11, 2004

“The Significance of 1000,” 1000<sup>th</sup> Soldiers Memorial, Mecom Fountain, Houston, TX, September 10, 2004

“Spiritual Technologies of Reconciliation,” Conversations in Black, University of Houston Student Center, Houston, TX, September 8, 2004

“The Theology of Marcus Garvey,” Celebration of Global Faith Perspectives, Atlanta, GA, August 15, 2004

“The Theological Foundation of the PAOCC,” Revival of Churches as Change Agents Conference, Shrine #10 Sanctuary, Houston, TX, July 25, 2004

“The Historic Involvement of Christian Youth in Community Service,” Young Adult Fellowship, Houston, TX, July 16, 2004

“Fighting Today’s Goliath: A Theological Dialogue with the Reality of War,” We Still Say No To War Peace Rally, City Hall Reflection Pool, Houston, TX, March 2004

“The History of the Civil Rights Movement Freedom Riders,” Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride Send-off Service, Houston, TX, September 2003

Presenter at the “District D Youth Political Awareness Conference,” Shrine of the Black Madonna Cultural Center & Bookstore, Houston, TX August 2003

Panel discussion participant on “The Effects of Internalized Oppression” hosted by Afrikans United for Sanity Now! at SHAPE Community Center, Houston, TX, April 2003

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"State of the Black Church: Relevant, Repressive, or Reborn," Black Month Program, University of Houston, February 23, 2003

"The Importance of the Fight for Affirmative Action," interview on the Dialogue with Ada Edwards Radio Show, 97.9 FM The Box, Houston, TX January 2003

"Career Opportunities in Community Service," Spelman University, Atlanta, GA, Fall 2001

"Bob Marley: Contributions Beyond Music," Malcolm X Park, Atlanta, GA, 1995-1999

"The Church's Role in Community," Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, Fall 1999

"The Historic Role of Youth in Movements for Social Change," (Atlanta University Center, Atlanta, GA, 1998

"Malcolm X and the Challenges Facing Today's Black Leadership," Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 1997

"An Ecologically Sensitive Christian Ethic," Emory University, Atlanta, GA, December 1997

"The Significance of Kwanzaa," Clemson University, Greenville, SC, 1996-1997

"The Theology of the PAOCC," Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA, 1996

"The Church's Role In Community Organizing," Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 1996

"The Untouchables of India," Shrine Cultural Center, Atlanta, GA 1995

"The Significance of African/African-American History," Several HISD middle schools and high schools, 1989-1994

"MLK: Drum Major for Justice," The University of Texas at Austin, 1987

### *ARTICLES*

"Tucson Tragedy Prompts Local Concerns," *Defender*, January 18, 2011

"MLK: Radical or Reformer," *Defender*, January 18, 2011

"D.Z. Cofield: New NAACP Houston Leader," *Defender*, January 11, 2011

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- "Is Christmas A Pagan Holiday," *Defender*, December 22, 2010
- "Art Project Brings Hope to the Homeless," *Defender*, December 14, 2010
- "Blacks and Suicide: The Truth of the Matter," *Defender*, November 22, 2010
- "David Jefferson: Communicating Success and Jobs," *Defender*, October 28, 2010
- "The State of Black Houston Now," *Defender*, October 28, 2010
- "The Thurgood Marshall School of Law," *Defender*, October 4, 2010
- "Yolanda Adams: Points of Power," *Defender*, September 27, 2010
- "Urban Gardening: A Growing Movement," *Defender*, August 23, 2010
- "Reconstruction and the Tea Party Movement," *Defender*, June 21, 2010
- "Revitalization to Upper MLK Corridor," *Defender*, June 7, 2010
- "Texas Textbook Massacre Part II," *Defender*, May 19, 2010
- "Texas Textbook Massacre," *Defender*, May 3, 2010
- "Haiti: Past, Present, Future," *Defender*, March 17, 2010
- "Dr. Edith Irby Jones Lives Black History," *Defender*, February 19, 2010
- "Leadership for Tomorrow: the MLT Program," *Defender*, January 20, 2010
- "The Unknown King," *Defender*, January 18, 2010
- "Thinking Globally, Acting Locally: Dr. Bruce Austin," *Who's Who in Black Houston 2010*, January 2010
- "Out of This World Research: Dr. Olufisayo Jejelowo," *Who's Who in Black Houston 2010*, January 2010
- "No Slowing Down: Dr. Thomas Freeman," *Who's Who in Black Houston 2010*, January 2010
- "HCC Impact: Chancellor Helps Prepare Black Students," *Defender*, August 28, 2009

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"Homes for Heroes: Getting Veterans off the Streets," *Defender*, July 1, 2009

"Charles Bolden: Colleagues Reflect on New NASA Chief," *Defender*, June 3, 2009

"Pastor Suzette Caldwell Shows Prayer Changes Lives," *Defender*, March 24, 2009

"The Religious Significance of Obama and King," *Defender*, January 23, 2009

"Attorney Barron Wallace: Using His Powers for Good," *Who's Who in Black Houston 2009*, January 2009

"Colorblind: Implications of a Bi-Racial Reality," *Defender*, November 21, 2008

"Dr. Natalie Carroll: Seeking to Heal an Entire Health Care System," *Who's Who in Black Houston 2008*, January 2008

"Making History Today," *UMIJA*, Summer 2003

"School Colors Don't Deter or Determine Mis-education," *The Griot*, the University of Texas at Austin, 1989

"The African Origins of Jesus," *The Griot*, the University of Texas at Austin, Fall 1989

"The Current Movements of Control of African Communities Worldwide," *The Griot*, the University of Texas at Austin, Fall 1989

"History Must Become Our Story As Well," *The Griot*, the University of Texas at Austin, Fall 1988

"A Few Words of Advice for Incoming Students," *The Griot*, the University of Texas at Austin, Fall 1987

"Black is Beautiful," *The Griot*, the University of Texas at Austin, February – March 1987

### *PUBLICATIONS*

*Stand Your Ground*, Kindle Direct, June 2020

*Annual 0-1*, Kindle Direct, June 2020



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“Politics is Sacred: The Activism of Albert B. Cleage Jr.” (Chapter 6) of *Albert Cleage Jr. and the Black Madonna and Child*, Palgrave Macmillan (2016) by Dr. Jawanza Clark

*The 100<sup>th</sup> Monkey: Three Tales of Spiritual Revolution*, Kendall Hunt Publishing, Dubuque, IA, January 2013

*Princes Shall Come Out of Egypt: A Comparative Study of the Theological and Ecclesiological Views of Marcus Garvey and Albert B. Cleage Jr.*, Kendall Hunt Publishing, Dubuque, IA, August 2012

*Who's Who in Black Houston*, 2008, 2009 & 2010, contributing writer

*The Frederick Douglass Encyclopedia*, “Harper’s Ferry,” Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, December 2009

*Journal of Black Studies*, volume 39, number 2, “Princes Shall Come Out of Egypt: A Theological Comparison of Marcus Garvey and Albert B. Cleage Jr.,” November 2008

*Weapons of Mass Distraction: And Other Sermons for a New World Order*, September 2004; authored and edited this theological discourse on the great social issues of our generation

*Beulah Land: Fulfilling Our Founder’s Vision*, 2000; edited the publication and wrote most of the articles

*A Comparative Study of the Theological and Ecclesiological Views of Marcus Garvey and Albert B. Cleage, Jr.*, 1997; conceived, researched, authored and edited honor’s program thesis for Master’s of Divinity from Emory University’s Candler School of Theology