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## Education

Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, TX Aug. 2013 – Aug. 2020  
Doctor of Philosophy  
Pastoral Theology: Transforming Persons, Communities, and Practices  
Dissertation: *Playing the Game: Unmarking “Beast” from the Bodies of Young Black Men (pass with distinction)*  
Committee: Drs. Barbara J. McClure (Chair), Nancy J. Ramsay, Gregory C. Ellison, II

Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Shawnee, KS Dec. 2012  
Master of Divinity: Homiletics/Social Ethics

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS May 2009  
BGS, University of Kansas, Spring 2009  
Applied Behavior Science: Youth Development and Juvenile Justice

## Professional Experience

### **Academic Service:**

**Co-Founder, Creative Director** Feb. 2023 - Present  
Black Sports Ministry Network

**Director of Anti-Racist Initiatives (inaugural)** July 2022 - Present  
United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

**Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Social Transformation** July 2019 – Present  
United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

**Chair, Pre-Conference Organizing Committee** June 2018 – Jan. 2022  
Society for Pastoral Theology

**Chair (inaugural), Black Theology Section** April 2018 – Feb. 2022  
Southwest Commission on Religious Studies  
American Academy of Religion (regional)

**Research Assistant** – Dr. Esther Mombo Jan. 2014 – May 2014  
International I Luce Scholar  
Brite Divinity School

**Teaching Assistant** – Dean Joretta Marshall, Ph.D. Aug. 2013 – Dec. 2013  
Brite Divinity School  
“The Ministry of Pastoral Care”

- Lecture/Discussion leadership topics:
  - o “Family, Marriage, and Divorce”
  - o “Addictions”

**Public / Ministerial:**

**President / Owner** Jan. 2020 – Present  
Green Ideas Consulting, LLC

**Resident Theologian / Director of Christian Education** Jan. 2015 – Dec. 2015  
Imani Church, Fort Worth, Texas

- Re-constructed theological commitments
  - o Renewed African cultural & social justice ethos
- Taught/led social justice oriented bible studies

**Resident Expert: Religion & Culture** Jan. 2015 – Aug. 2016  
ThaRealityIs Internet Radio Show

**Chaplain Intern** May 2013 – Dec. 2013  
Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Lawrence, KS

- Palliative Care / Rehab Units
- Monthly Ethics Committee Meetings

**Associate Pastor** Sep. 2009 – April 2013  
Ninth Street Missionary Baptist Church, Lawrence, KS

- Assistant to Senior Pastor
- Regular Preaching and Bible Study Leadership
- Founded and led Y.A.M. (young adult’s ministry)

**Kinship Specialist** Jan. 2011 – April 2013  
TFI Family Services, Inc., Topeka, KS

- Conducted searches for relatives of children in custody
- Inspected homes of prospective relative foster homes

## **Family Support Worker**

**Nov. 2009 – Jan. 2011**

TFI Family Services, Inc., Topeka, KS

- Coordinated all parent/relative visitation
- Monitored and documented all visitation
- Assisted in developing parental treatment plans

## **Scholarly Productivity**

### **Public Engagement**

#### **Creator and Moderator, Black Theology 101 & Sports: Reclaiming Resources for Black Athletes (Webinar launch event)**

Panelists: Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, Dr. Kala Flagg, and Sophia Young-Malcolm

#### **Guest, Speaking in Parables: A Podcast about the Teachings of Jesus**

“Parable of the Talents” (Matthew 25)

Ardmore Baptist Church, Winston Salem, NC

Episode 3, June 16, 2022

#### **Creator and Co-Host, The Soul of Transformation (podcast)**

A grant funded (FTE) podcast and curriculum on vocation, justice, and spirituality provided as a resource for college students discerning vocations in activism.

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

- Panelists: Rev. Dr. DeWayne Davis, Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs, Rev. Dr. Kelly Sherman Conroy, Jamil Stamschror-Lott, Rev. Dr. Molly T. Marshall

#### **Creator and Moderator, Disrupting White Supremacy (webinar series)**

##### **Episode 1: “Seeking Justice, Caring for Community: Preparing for the Days Ahead”**

A conversation prior to the Derek Chauvin trial for the murder of George Floyd that focused on preparing religious and community leaders to respond effectively to their communities’ needs with respect to the re-traumatization during, and the potential public response after the trial ended. March 2, 2021.

- Panelists: Rev. Traci Blackmon, Rev. Steven Belton

##### **Episode 2: “Reimagining Public Safety: Confronting the Problem of Policing”**

A conversation that highlighted the perspectives of three local leaders and policy experts on the cultural and structural problems with policing and what is necessary for ensuring public safety, particularly for targeted communities. June 22, 2021.

- Panelists: Rev. Dr. DeWayne Davis, Rev. Nekima Levy Armstrong, J.D., Jaylani Hussein

#### **Presenter / Facilitator, “Sacred Disruptions: Standing with Jesus on the Corner of 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago.”**

Minnesota Conference UCC, webinar series on racial awareness and justice

Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 15, 2020.

**Theological Consultant, MLK, Jr. Commission and March of San Antonio**  
San Antonio, Texas, January, 2016.

**Panelist, “Race to Equity: School to Prison Pipeline”**  
Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children  
Dallas, Texas, April 7, 2016.

**Co-facilitator/Presenter, “A Father’s Promise.” Initiative for mentorship and advocacy for young black men.**  
Paul Quinn College, Dallas, TX, April 4, 2015  
<http://www.afatherspromise.com>

**Co-Host, “ThaRealityIs Live”**  
Absinthe Lounge, Dallas, TX, July 25, 2015

**Panelist, “Staying at the Table with Baptists: A Conversation on Baptist Engagement with LGBTQ Issues”**  
The Cathedral of Hope, Dallas, TX, December 10, 2014.

**Co-facilitator, “Effectively Responding to Domestic Violence: Resources for Clergy”**  
Safe Haven Shelter, Fort Worth, TX, September 10, 2013.

**Organizer and Presenter, “Faith and Organ Donation in the Black Church: Participating with the Creator in Giving Life”**  
St. Luke AME Church, Lawrence, KS, October 11, 2012.

**Organizer and Presenter, “What it Means to be \_\_\_\_ in America.”**  
Interfaith panel presentation and dialogue. University of Kansas, November 26, 2012.

**Founder and Project Originator, “KU Men of Merit”**  
Annually honors men who “redefine masculinity by challenging norms, taking action, and leading by example while making outstanding achievements and contributions to KU and/or the Lawrence community.” (Launched, Spring of 2009 - Current)

#### **Academic Presentations:**

**Presenter, “Embodied Brilliance beyond ‘Beast’-mode: Clarifying a Racialized Misreading of Black Athleticism,” forthcoming.**  
American Academy of Religion, Annual Study Conference  
San Antonio, Texas, 2023

**Presenter, “Playing the Game: Unmarking ‘Beast’ from the Bodies of Young Black Men”**

2021 Black Student Athlete Summit  
University of Texas (Austin), January 7, 2021

**Workshop presenter, “Unmarking the “Beast”: Challenging Scripts of Inhumanity in Young Black Men”**

Society for Pastoral Theology, Annual Study Conference  
Decatur, Georgia, June 15

**Panelist/Presenter, “Say No More: A Theological Response to Harmful Rhetoric, Past and Present”**

“Unmarking the Beast: Challenging Scripts of Inhumanity in Young Black Men”  
Southwest Commission on Religious Studies/AAR  
Irving, Texas, March 10, 2018

**Select Sermons:**

**Preacher, “Reorienting Ourselves to the Reality of Not Yet”**

(Internal) Launch of Anti-Racist Initiatives  
United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

**Preacher, “Welcome to the ‘Twin’ Cities”**

Installation of Rev. Christian Briones  
Mayflower Church, Minneapolis, MN, October 20, 2019

**Preacher, “Between Two Americas”**

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration  
Brite Chapel, Fort Worth, TX, January 19, 2016

**Preacher, “A Call to Mediate... the Need to Understand.”**

Academy of Preachers: Festival of Young Preachers, January 2011.

**Publications:**

Green II, Gary F. “A Call to Mediate... the Need to Understand.” In *Waking to the Holy: Sermons from the 2011 National Festival of Young Preachers*, edited by Lee Huckleberry, 54-58. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2011.

Green II, Gary F. “A Call to Mediate... the Need to Understand.” In *From Generation to Generation: A Commemorative Collection of African American Millennial Sermons from the Festivals of Young Preachers 2010-2015*, edited by Winterbourne L. Harrison-Jones, Chapter 34. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2015.

**Courses Taught:**

Contemporary Approaches to Black Theology: Comedy, Culture, and Conjure  
Social Analysis and Community Engagement  
Theology for Social Transformation  
Theologies of Liberation (D.Min.)  
Preaching and your Public Voice  
Black and Womanist Theologies  
Comedy, Culture, and Conjure  
Christian Ethics  
Faith Formation  
Unmarking the “Beast”: Care as Social Transformation

### **Intercultural Formation Experiences**

#### **Postcolonial Themes in Pastoral Care (Cuba study trip) Spring 2014**

Traveled to Cuba

- Studied racial politics of Santeria
- Studied politics and theologies of the Cuban Revolution
- Participated in student/faculty dialogues at Matanzas seminary

#### **Shaping Faithful Ministry (Immersion Experience) Feb. 2010 – March 2010**

Pilgrimage to Myanmar and Thailand

- Studied contextual theology in Burmese and Thai contexts
- Participated in intercultural and interreligious dialogue
- Studied politics of Buddhism and Burmese culture

#### **Professional Memberships:**

Society for Pastoral Theology

The American Academy of Religion

National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. – Ordained Clergy

#### **Research Interests:**

Public Pastoral Theologies

Care of Young African American Men

Critical Race and Gender Theories / Black Masculinities

Performance / Performativity / Theological Anthropology

Racial and Gender Politics in Competitive Sport

Cultural Criticism / Popular Culture

### **Grants / Fellowships / Honors**

Wabash Center Teaching Seminars (regional)	Oct. 2016 – March 2017
Wabash Teaching and Learning Colloquia (Brite)	Oct. 2016 – Feb. 2018
Brite Divinity School Tuition Scholarship Recipient	Aug. 2013 – 2017
CBTS (Central Seminary) - <i>create</i> Scholar (Tuition Schlp.)	Aug. 2009 – Dec. 2012
Univ. of Kansas Athletic Scholarship Recipient	Aug. 2004 – May 2009
Athletic Director's Honor Roll	Dec. 2006 – May 2009
"KU Men of Merit" Founding Honoree	May 2009