

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio

Doctor of Ministry, May, 1995

“Breath in Bones: A Preaching and Teaching Program that Enhances Structure and Strength in a Historic, Urban Congregation”

Union Theological Seminary, New York, New York

Master of Divinity, 1987

Thesis: “The Place of Preaching in the Theological Enterprise”

Denison University, Granville, Ohio

B. A. with Honors, 1984

Phi Beta Kappa

Religion and Black Studies

Honors Project: “The Place of Martin King in the Later Development of Black Christian Thought”

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Homiletics, Drew Theological Seminary

2004-Present

Courses Taught

The Church at Worship PASTH 505, 506 (Year Long Interdisciplinary Course)

The Church at Worship PASTH 506: Preaching
Advanced Preaching

Topics in Preaching: African-American Preaching and the Hampton Ministers
Conference (taught on site at Conference)

“Black Preaching”

“Suffering and Hope” Interdisciplinary course Taught with Art Pressley

Imaginative Biblical Preaching D.Min. Course 2005, 2007, 2009

Drew @ Ocean Grove: Bible Hour Teacher, 2006, 2007

“The Preaching Life: An Exploration into the History of Preaching in New York City.”

D.Min. Course, Fall, 2007, Summer, 2010

“Preaching from the Hebrew Scriptures” Interdisciplinary Course with Danna Fewell.

Spring, 2008, Fall 2010

“City Preaching”, Fall, 2013

Committees: Theological Faculty Representative to Drew 2017 Committee,
Chair, Homiletics Search Committee 2011

Chair, Dean’s Council,

Hebrew Bible Search Committee,

Doctor of Ministry

Supervised Ministry

Curriculum Committee

Member, Homiletics Search Committee, 2013

Senior Pastor, The Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn, New York.

1990-Present

- Active Membership, 2000
- Staff Leadership: Head of Staff, 25 fulltime employees
- Concord Federal Credit Union - \$10 million assets
- Concord Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (operating Budget \$11 million. \$26 million expansion of facility and program completed 2002)
- Concord Christfund (\$1 Million Endowment for Community uplift. Over \$1million in grants given to date)
- Concord Community Development Corporation
- Monthly National Television Broadcast: “America at Worship.” Faith and Values Network 2004-2006
- Pastoral Residency Program (Lilly Endowment Grant \$848,000)

Renewed at (798,000 in 2007)

- Capital Projects 1.7 Million
- New Property Acquisitions 1.5 million

Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Morristown, New Jersey 1989-1990

Denominational Affiliations: Progressive National Baptist Convention
American Baptist Churches

Ordination: Eastern Union Missionary Baptist Association, Ohio, 1983

TEACHING EXPERINEECE

- 1994 New York Theological Seminary
“The Life and Thought of Gardner C. Taylor”
- 1996-1999 New Brunswick Theological Seminary
“Oral Communication”
“Sermon Reading”
“Introduction to Preaching”
“Advanced Preaching”
“Black Preaching”
“The Church in the Urban Context” Doctor of Ministry Seminar
- 2000 Union Theological Seminary
“Baptist Polity”
- 2000-2003 United Theological Seminary
“Church Administration in the 21st Century” -Doctor of Ministry Principal Guide and Project Advisor (6 graduating students)
- 2011 Yale Divinity School
“Black Preaching”
- 2014 Introduction to Worship and Preaching
Union Theological Seminary
- 2015-2016 Visiting Professor of Worship and Preaching
Union Theological Seminary

PRESENTATIONS

- Featured Lecturer and Preacher, Chautauqua on the Lake, Summer 2016. “The Prodigals”
- “From Student to Successor” Charles E Booth Preaching Conference. Columbus, Ohio 2016
- Featured Preacher and Lecturer, The Preaching Academy. Rocky Mountain Conference of UMC, 2016
- “Of Race and Relationships” dialogue with George Mason, PhD. The Alliance of Baptists Annual Conference, Dallas Texas, 2015
- "The Art of Preaching in the 21st Century" Conference, Candler School of Theology, 2010
Sermon: "Beyond Emptiness to Openness"

The Dean's Lecture: "Some Lessons and Implications for Pastoral Preaching from the Study of Literature."

"The Pastor's Study" Yale Divinity School, 2010

Gardner C Taylor Lecturer, Duke Divinity School, 2010.

Sermon: "Soul Trouble"

Lecture: "Some Musings and Music from the Pastoral Life"

"Making of a Minister" Rogers-Cunningham-Bowman Ministerial Institute, Eastern Nazarene College" 2007.

"The Miseducation of the Black Church: Toward an Ethic of Community Responsibility for the 21st Century" Winston Salem State University, 2007.

"Engaging the Local Faith Community in Global Politics: A Christian Perspective." The Council on Foreign Relations Interfaith Dialogue, 2007.

"Leadership: The Baptist's Contribution" Tipple Vosberg Lectures, Drew University, 2005.

"Redeeming the Times: An Urban Pastoral Perspective" Inaugural Howard Moody Lecture, Union Theological Seminary, New York, 2004.

"My Sermon and God's People" Cultivating the Art of Preaching. Kirkridge Retreat Center, 2003.

"Authorizing the Call as African American Baptist" The Fund for Theological Education, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2003

"The Lord's Prayer and the Call to Justice" Tikkun Society, 2002

"The Pastoral Function of Raising the Dead" The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, 2002

"Preaching as Incarnational Theology" Tipple Vosberg Lectures, Drew University, 2001.

"Living in an Age of Dis-Integration." King Day Lecture, Denison University, 1999.

"The Church's Response to Structural Unemployment in New York City" Dietrich Bonhoeffer Lectures, University of Griefswald, Griefswald, Germany. Published in German by The Bonhoeffer Society, 1999.

"The Christian Obligation to Justice" Manchester College, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1998.

“Where Have All the Prophets Gone?” New York Board of Rabbis, 1993.

LEADERSHIP

Chair, Goals Commission, Progressive National Baptist Convention 1996-1998

Chair, Long Range Planning Committee 1998-2006

- Created first Strategic Plan in Convention’s history

Board Member, Denison University, 1993-Present

Student Affairs

Enrollment

Academic Affairs (Vice chair)

Presidential Search committee

Board member, The Fund for Theological Education, 2001- 2009

Chair of the Board, 2003 – 2009

Presidential Search Committee

Advisory Board, Institute of Church Administration and Management 2000-2009

Advisory Board, Congress of Black Churches, 2009- Present

Board Member, Union Theological Seminary, 1996-2002

Educational Policy Committee

Presidential Search Committee

Advisory Board, Black Philanthropy, 2001- Present

Advisory Board, African American Pulpit, 2002-2005

**Chair, Ordination Council, American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York
2005-Present**

Board Member, National Grid Foundation

Vice Chair 2017-

PARTICIPATION

“Boundary Education for ministers and Theologians” Certificate. New Orleans, 2009.

Pastor-Theologian 2001-2002, Center of Theological Inquiry. Princeton, New Jersey

Papers: “The Pastoral Function in Raising the Dead”

“Making Way for the Psalmist – Authority and Authorizing the Music Ministry”

“Jesus “BE” Black: An Ontological Query Concerning Post-Modern

Christology”

Leadership Network: “Exploring off the Map” 1990

Lecturer/Preacher

- Candler School of Theology
- Yale Divinity School
- Duke Divinity School
- Shaw Divinity School
- Princeton Theological Seminary
- Union Theological Seminary, New York
- Harvard Divinity School
- New Brunswick Theological Seminary
- Christ Church,(Presbyterian) Pune, India
- Union Biblical Seminary, Pune, India
- Centennial Celebration of National Baptist Convention of South Africa
- Calvary Baptist Church, Republic of Panama
- Convention of the Bethel Churches, Nassau, Bahamas
- Pastoral Installation Preacher: Queens Baptist Church, Queens Village, New York; First Baptist Church, Lauderdale, Memphis, TN; Union Baptist Church, Montclair, New Jersey; Shiloh Baptist Church, Jamaica, New York; Pilgrim Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota; Covenant Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.; Friendship Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Facilitator/Leader

- Leadership Summit and Strategic Planning, PNBC
2004 – Orlando, Florida
2003 – Atlanta, Georgia
2002 – Atlanta, Georgia
2001 – Grand Bahamas
- Institute of Church Administration and Management
“Emerging Leaders” ICAM
“Biblical Principals for Leadership”
 - Indianapolis Center for Congregations“Emerging Church Leaders”
 - Ministers Conference of Newark and Vicinity“Preaching Enrichment Seminar”
 - Congregational and Local Leadership Development
(Seminars taught at Local churches)“For God So Loved the World... That God did not Send a Committee” Bethany United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, New York
“Soul-Mates: Cultivating Ministry and Relationship: A Marriage Enrichment Seminar.”
Metropolitan Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey

”Church Officers and Spiritual Gifts” Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York

“The Five Love Languages and Christian Service” Metropolitan Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey

“21st Century Leadership for the Local Church” Ebenezer Baptist Church, New Brunswick, New Jersey

“I Call Your Friends: Moving Beyond Servant - Leadership in the Local Congregation”
“Preaching through Conflict”

Advisor, D.Min projects:

Lutheran Seminary, United Theological Seminary, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Eastern Baptist Seminary, Ashland Theological Seminary

Drew Seminary, Cohort Led: “Worship Spirituality and Preaching”

United Theological Seminary Cohort Led: “Church Administration in the 21st Century”

PUBLISHING AND FEATURED ARTICLES

ONLINE:

Feasting on the Word

www.feastingontheword.net

Westminster John Knox Press Lectionary for Preaching Year A The Pastoral Perspective

Proper 13 Genesis 32:22-31

Proper 13 Psalm 17:1-7,15

Proper 14 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

The African American Lectionary

www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org

Sunday, May 31, 2009 "Pentecost"

Sunday, July 26, 2009 "Men's Day"

The Future of Great Preaching

www.thefutureofgreatpreaching.com

Featured Sermon and Interview at Andover Newton Seminary, 2009

Faith and Leadership

www.faithandleadership.com

Interview: "A Defiant Community of Friends"

TRADITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

"Foreword" in The Church in a Time of Empire. David O. Woodyard. Circle Books, 2011

"Preaching the Lesson" Lectionary Homiletics, January 2011

Second Sunday after the Epiphany, Psalm 40:1-11

Third Sunday after the Epiphany, Isaiah 9:1-4

"God Alone Exalted." A Sermon derived from Isaiah 2:1-11 in Gardner C Taylor:

Submissions to the Dean. J. Douglas Wiley and Ivan Hicks, editors. Chicago: UMI Press, 2009.

"Pastoral Perspective" in Feasting on the Word. Lectionary for Preaching: Year B. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009

"Psalm 4"

"Psalm 22"

"Psalm 23"

New Interpreter's Handbook on Preaching, Paul Scott Wilson, Editor. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2008.

"Preaching as Testimonial"

"Preaching and Race, Gender and Class"

"To Calvary or Not to Calvary" Circuit Rider Magazine , September 2002

We Have This Ministry. Samuel DeWitt Proctor and Gardner Taylor with Gary V. Simpson, Valley Forge: Judson Press, 1996.

"Preaching by Punctuation" in The Courage to Hope: From Black Suffering to Human Redemption. Boston: Beacon Press, 1995.

"Rising to the Occasion" Preaching Today, 1996

"Jesus: the Model Prayer" in No Other Help I Know: Sermons on Spirituality and Prayer. Valley Forge: Judson Press, 1996.

"Wear Your Own Armor", Leadership Journal, 1995

"The Concord Baptist Christfund: Taking Stewardship to Another Level" Chicago Divinity School Press, 1994.

"Bridled Enthusiasm: When A Young Pastor Enters an Older Church" Leadership Journal, 1990

Accessible PODCASTS

2010 Worship Service: Gary V. Simpson, Preaching "Soul Trouble"
The Gardner C Taylor Lectures, Duke Divinity School

Gary Simpson – "A Defiant Community of Friends"
Leadership Education at Duke Divinity

Gary Simpson – Dean's Lecture
Candler School of Theology

Trinity United Church of Christ - Empowering Voices
#9 Pastor Gary V. Simpson, Senior Pastor
The Concord Baptist Church of Christ

Featured:

"The Church of Friends" featured article. Positive Community Magazine, 2010.

"100 Influential Ministers, Upscale Magazine" 1991

"Where to Hear a Good Sermon in New York" Time Out New York

The National Chronicle of Philanthropy, Featured Articles, 1996
2003

.America's Black Forum: "The Black Church and AIDS" 1992

Awards:

Inductee, The Ohio Association of Colleges Hall of Excellence, 2015

Composer, Copyrighted music

"Lord Make Us One"

"Our God is a Healer"

"We Worship You"

"More than a Watchman"

"The Pastor's Hymnal: Ten Songs of Encouragement and Hope for Pastors and People"