

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology (1999). University of California, Santa Barbara.

Dissertation: *Name it and Claim It!: The Word of Faith Movement, the Faith Message, and the Social Construction of Doctrinal Meaning.* Dr. Wade Clark Roof, Committee Chair.

Research/Teaching Interests: Sociology of Religion (The Word of Faith Movement, The Black Church in America); Sociology of Culture (Gospel Music Industry, Representations of African Americans in Popular Culture, Audience Reception/Fanship); Race/Ethnic Relations in the US; Qualitative Methodologies.

M.A., Sociology (1996). University of California, Santa Barbara.

B.A., Sociology (1994) with "*Highest Honors*" and *Departmental Citation*. University of California, Davis.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

African American & African Studies Program. University of California, Davis.

Associate Professor (2005); Assistant Professor (2000-05).

Courses Taught:

Introduction to African American Culture & Society (AAS10).

Black Images in Popular Culture (AAS 50).

Ethnicity in the U.S. (AAS 100).

The Black Family (AAS 133)

Black Social and Political Thought (AAS145A).

Afro-Christianity and the Black Church in America (AAS165).

Department of Sociology. University of California, Davis.

Lecturer: *Introduction to Sociology (SOC 1)*, Winter 2000.

Social Interaction (SOC 126), Fall 1999.

Department of Religious Studies. University of California, Davis.

Lecturer: *Social Interpretation of Religion (RST 130)*, Spring 2000.

African American & African Studies Program. University of California, Davis.

Lecturer: *Black Images in Popular Culture (AAS 50)*, Spring 2000.

Ethnicity in the U.S. (AAS 100), Winter 2000, 1999, 1998.

Research Methods in the African American Community (AAS 101), Fall 1998.

Behavioral and Social Sciences Division. Sacramento City College. Sacramento, California.

Adjunct Instructor: *Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality in the United States (SOC 321)* Fall 2004.
Minorities in America (SOC 5), Fall (Semester) 1999; Spring 1998; Fall 1997.
The African American Experience (Soc. Sci. 40), Spring 1998.

Department of Sociology. University of California, Santa Barbara.

Lecturer: *Sociology of Culture (SOC 118C)*, Summer 1997.

Teaching Assistant (5 Quarters): *Introduction to Sociology (SOC 1)*, Winter 1995; Fall 1995.
Introduction to Social Psychology (SOC 2), Spring 1997, Winter 1996; Summer 1995.

PUBLICATIONS: MONOGRAPHS

Righteous Riches: The Word of Faith Movement in Contemporary African American Religion. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.

Seek First the Kingdom: Gospels of Prosperity in American Culture. New York University Press. (Under Contract; Expected release: 2009).

"Makes Me Wanna Stomp!" Black Gospel Music in Contemporary Popular Culture. New York University Press. (Under Contract).

PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES & CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

"African American Sacred Music: From Folk Spirituals to Urban Gospel" (chapter-length article), in *The Encyclopedia of African American Popular Culture*. Todd Boyd, Editor. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2008.

"Black Spiritual Churches," in *Encyclopedia of Religion, Communication, and Media*. Daniel Stout, editor. Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Publishing Group (Routledge), 2006.

"ERACE-ing the Color Line: Racial Reconciliation in the Christian Music Industry." *Journal of Media and Religion*. Vol 4: no. 1, 2005.

"Jim Jones and Black Worship Traditions," in *Peoples Temple and Black Religion in America*. Rebecca Moore, Anthony Pinn, Mary Sawyer, editors. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2004.

"African American Religions," in *The Encyclopedia of Contemporary American Religion*. Wade Clark Roof, editor. Vol. I. New York: Macmillan Library Reference/Prentice Hall, 2000.

"Southern Christian Leadership Conference," *The Encyclopedia of Contemporary American Religion*. Wade Clark Roof, editor. Vol. II. New York: Macmillan Library Reference/Prentice Hall, 2000.

"Word of Faith Movement," in *The Encyclopedia of Contemporary American Religion*. Wade Clark Roof, editor. Vol. II. New York: Macmillan Library Reference/Prentice Hall, 2000.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

"The Rise of the Prosperity Gospel in the Global South: An Exploratory Study and Initial Observation." The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings. Louisville, Kentucky, 2008.

"And That's the Gospel Truth! Black Gospel Music in American Inspirational Entertainment (Films)." The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings. Portland, Oregon, 2006.

“Gospels of Prosperity in American Culture.” The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings. Rochester, New York, 2005.

“Jim Jones and Black Worship Traditions.” The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings. Norfolk, Virginia, 2003.

“‘ERACE-ing’ The Color Line: The Practice Of Racial Reconciliation In The Christian Music Industry.” The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings. Salt Lake City, Utah, 2002.

“Audience Reception of the Faith Message in the Word of Faith Movement.” The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings. Columbus, Ohio, 2001.

“By the Renewing of Your Mind: The Role of 'Knowing' in the Word of Faith Movement.” The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings. Nashville, Tennessee, 1996.

“Greater Than the Former: Observations on the Construction of Community Within the Pentecostal Tradition.” The American Sociological Association Annual Meetings. Washington, D.C., 1995.

“Unto The Least of These: Observations of Public Interaction Between Status Unequals.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meetings. San Francisco, California, 1995.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Winner, "Outstanding African American Faculty," UC Davis African Continuum, Spring 2008.
- Recipient, Chancellor's Fellowship. University of California, Davis, 2007.
- Nominee, 2nd Annual ASUCD Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education. UC Davis, 2004.
- Recipient, 1st Annual ASUCD Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education. UC Davis, 2003.
- Office of Research Travel Grants. University of California, Davis, 2000-03.
- Faculty Development Grant. University of California, Davis, 200-04.
- Faculty Research Grant. University of California, Davis, 2002-03.
- Teaching Resources Center Mini-Grants. University of California, Davis, 2001-03.
- New Faculty Research Grant. University of California, Davis, 2000-01.
- Doctoral Scholars Fellowship (4 years). Graduate Division, UC Santa Barbara, 1994.

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American Sociological Association (ASA).
- American Academy of Religion (AAR).
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR).

UC DAVIS CAMPUS SERVICE

- Director, African American and African Studies Program, 2008-2011.
- Member, Board of Directors, Davis Humanities Institute, 2008-09.
- External Member, Search Committee, English department, 2008-09.
- Faculty Applications Reader/Evaluator: Davis Honors Challenge, Spring 2008.
- Keynote Speaker, First-year Scholars' Luncheon, Spring 2008.
- Keynote speaker, UC Davis African & African Graduation Celebration, Spring 2008.

- Faculty Participant/Majors Presenter, College of Letters & Science Commencement Ceremonies, Spring 2008.
- Member, Selection Committee: Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF), 2006-2007.
- Chair, Search Committee, African American & African Studies Program, 2007.
- Member, Dean's Advisory Council, Humanities, Arts & Cultural Studies Division. College of Letters & Science, 2007.
- Member, Religious Studies Program Committee, 2007-08.
- Member, African American & African Studies Program Committee, 2000-present.
- Faculty Director, Mentorships for Undergraduate Research in Agriculture, Letters & Sciences (MURALS) Program, 2000-present.
- Member, Graduate Group. Department of Sociology 2006-present.
- Member, American Studies Program Committee, 2002-2004; 2005-2007.
- Lead/Contact: Designated Emphasis in African American & African Studies (Approved by Academic Senate, 2006).
- Member, Affiliated Faculty: Designated Emphasis Program in Feminist Theory and Research. 2005-Present.
- Member, Affiliated Faculty: Cultural Studies Graduate Program, 2003-Present.
- Speaker: 17th Annual Undergraduate Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities Conference. Spring 2006, 2007.
- Speaker: UC Davis TRIO Scholars Student Retention Program. Spring 2006, 2007.
- Presenter: "The Implications of Prosperity Theology in Contemporary America." 2nd Annual UC Davis Alumni College (Cal Aggie Alumni Association). July 2005.
- Member, Selection Committee: Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships. Spring 2005, 2006, 2007.
- Keynote Speaker: "Reaffirming Ethnic Awareness and Creating Harmony" (REACH) Student Retreat. April 2005.
- Keynote Speaker: Undergraduate Research Information Day (Program for Transfer Students). April 2005.
- Chair's Representative, HARCS Chairs' and Directors' Meeting with Dean. 2004, 2006.
- Acting Director, African American & African Studies Program. Summer 2003, 2005; Spring & Summer 2006, 2007.
- Member, Search Committees (3) for African American & African Studies. 2002, 2003, and 2005.
- Member, Search Committees (2) for MURALS Program Coordinator / Student Affairs Officers. 2001, 2003.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Member, Board of Governors. National Council on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), 2006-07.
- Session Convener: Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Annual Meetings. Portland, Oregon, 2006.
- Manuscript Reviewer. *Nova Religio: the Journal of New Religious Movements*, 2006; 2008.
- Manuscript Reviewer. *Journal of Media and Religion*, 2006.
- Promotional endorsement writer for the book *TD Jakes: American Phenomenon*. New York University, 2005.
- Manuscript reviewer. New York University Press, 2004; 2006-08.
- Manuscript reviewer. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2003.
- Session Convener: Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Annual Meetings. Norfolk, Virginia, 2003.
- Session Convener: Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Annual Meetings. Salt Lake City, Utah, 2002.
- Session Convener: "Blackness in Global Contexts" Conference. UC Davis, 2002.

- Session Convener: Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Annual Meetings. Columbus, Ohio, 2001.

INVITED TALKS & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- African American & African Studies Freshman Seminars, 2004-2008.
- Panelist, "Politics and the Pulpit, A Panel Discussion on the Intersection of Politics, Religion and the Black Church," the Guild Theater, Sacramento, Fall 2008.
- Speaker, Pre-performance Lecture: "Spirit of Uganda," Mondavi Center, Winter 2008.
- Guest Lecturer: "The importance or Black History" State of California Department of education, February 2008.
- Moderator, Post-Performance Q&A: "Soweto Gospel Choir," Mondavi Center, Winter 2007.
- Keynote Speaker: Los Rios College Legislative Dinner, Sacramento. March, 2006.
- Keynote Speaker: Black History Month Program. Cosumnes River College, Sacramento. February, 2005.
- Guest Speaker: Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Gamma Epsilon Boulé) Spring Event: "An Evening at the University." Buehler Alumni and Visitor Center. June, 2005.
- Panelist, "Beyond Belief:" The Peoples Temple Dialogues. Berkeley Reperatory Theater, Berkeley. May, 2005.
- "Righteous Riches" Public Lectures. Center of Praise Ministries International. Sacramento. April 23-24, 2005.
- Founder and Mentor: Center of Praise Ministries Young Adult, College, and Career Network. Sacramento. 2002-present.
- Keynote Speaker: Commencement Exercises. Sacramento City College. May, 2000.
- Mentor/Motivational Speaker: CalWorks ("Welfare-to-Work") Student Support Group. Sacramento City College. 2000.
- Faculty Speaker: African & African-American Student Leadership Retreat. UC Davis, 1999.

MEDIA CITATIONS & APPEARANCES

- Spokesman: California Community College Initiative Campaign Video. July 2007.
- Quoted in: "Singing the Praises of God and Prosperity" Leslie Fulbright, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, September 23, 2006.
- Quoted in: "Does God Want You to Be Rich?" David Van Biema, *Time Magazine*, September 18, 2006.
- Quoted in: "Building and Empire to Empower." Annette John-Hall, Staff Writer, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, August 22, 2005 (p. A01).
- Quoted in: "Abundant Blessings: Calvary Christian Center's Pastor Thinks Big." Jennifer Garza, *The Sacramento Bee*, Saturday, March 26, 2005 (Page E3).
- Television interview: "Selling God." Ryan Yamamoto, KCRA News. Sacramento, California. Aired: March 2004.
- Radio Interview: Special – "Do, Lord, Remember Me: People's Temple and Jonestown - 25 Years Later." Roberta Kilkenny, WBAI, New York City. Aired: Nov. 18, 2003 (8-11 pm).
- Quoted in: "Power Of Prayer Pictorial Showcases How African Americans Have Relied On Faith To Stay Strong." Fahiza Alim, Staff Writer, *Sacramento Bee*, November 29, 2003 (Page E1).
- Quoted in: "Small Church, Big Impact: Rev. Tyrone Hicks Practices The Social Justice He Preaches." Jennifer Garza, *Sacramento Bee*, January 25, 2003 (Page E1).