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Education

Boston University, Boston, MA Anticipated May 2018
Doctorate of Philosophy, Ethics and Society

Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT May 2013
M.A.R., Ethics

Colgate University, Hamilton, NY May 2011
B.A., Religion (graduated with Honors)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Feminist and Queer Theories; African American Social Theory; Queer Theology; Critical Race Theory; Sociology of Religion; Christian Social Ethics

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Womanist and Feminist Ethics; Liberation Theologies; Black Church Studies; Tap Dance as African-American Art and Expression

Honors and Awards

Souls A'fire Fellowship, Nashville, Tennessee, 2018
Graduate Scholarship, Boston University, 2013 (renewed annually)
Institute Fellowship, Human Rights Campaign Summer Institute at Vanderbilt Divinity School, 2013

Teaching Experience

Bucknell University, Department of Women's and Gender Studies Lecturer
(Responsible for planning sessions and lecturing)

Fall 2017 **WMST222: Queer Studies** for Dr. Thelathia "Nikki" Young

This course is designed to present academic, social, political, and cultural perspectives in the field of Queer Studies, with an emphasis on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, and questioning (LGBTIQQ) lives.

- Led class on Trans/Nationalism

Fall 2017 **WMST150.01&.02: Introduction to WGS** for Dr. Thelathia "Nikki" Young

This course is an opportunity to consider diverse feminisms and present academic, social, political, and cultural perspectives in the field, with an emphasis on women's lives but also with attention to men's history and transgender person's lives. .

- Led classes on (1) Gender, Surveillance, and Incarceration and (2) Transfeminism and Nonbinarism

Spring 2017 **WMST333: Black Feminisms** for Dr. Thelathia "Nikki" Young

This course introduces students to the theoretical contributions of black feminists working in a variety of disciplinary fields. It will largely focus on three areas: 1) the construction and contextualization of black feminisms, including the early work in women's movements; 2) overview of basic principles and practices of black feminisms; and 3) identification of major

issues addressed by and resisted through Black feminist scholarship and activism.

- Led classes on (1) Black Queerness and TransFeminisms and (2) Surveillance, Policing, and Race/Gender Violence

Boston University, Department of Religion

Teaching Fellow

(Responsible for teaching sections, grading papers, and giving lectures)

Spring 2016 RN106: Death & Immortality with Prof. Stephen Prothero

An introductory course that examines death as religious traditions have tempted to accept, defeat, deny, or transcend it.

- Organized and taught two sections, graded papers, met with students individually, created and led exam study sessions, occasionally led class

Fall 2015 TS811: Economics and Ethics with Prof. Nimi Wariboko

This course provides students with the basic awareness and understanding of economic ideas, issues, and practices as they intersect with faith and ethics in all spheres of life. Economics and ethics enables students to better comprehend the existing economic order of being in their societies and to help them craft theologically-informed modes of resistance to social injustice and obstacles to human flourishing.

- Lectured occasionally in class, graded papers, met with students individually

Fall 2015 TS845: Introduction to Christian Social Ethic with Prof. Nimi Wariboko

The course offers a historical overview of the development of Christian social ethics from biblical times to the twenty-first century in order to discern, appreciate and draw upon the historical process of relating Christian thought to contemporary moral concerns. the Hindu, Buddhist, Confucian and Taoist traditions.

- Lectured for two weeks (on Nineteenth century philosophical ethics and feminist and womanist ethics)

Spring 2015 RN250: Sociology of Religion with Prof. Nancy Ammerman

This course invites students to think like sociologists about religious groups and practices. The course pushes students to ask questions about religion in the news and the culture that surrounds us and in living religious communities in Boston.

- Lectured in class (on gender and society, power, and religious freedom), graded papers and reading responses, met with students individually, created and led exam study sessions, arranged site visits at several local religious sites

Fall 2014 RN103: Eastern Religions with Prof. David Eckel

Introductory course to the study of religion in Asia, focusing on the key ideas, personalities, and texts of the Hindu, Buddhist, Confucian and Taoist traditions.

- Organized and taught two sections, graded papers, met with students individually, created and led exam study sessions

Publications

(with Elyse Ambrose) “From James Booker to Big Freedia and Back Again: Black Queer Expression, Agency and Potentiality” (in press, *Queering the Deep South*, edited by Kamden Strunk)

Review of *Why We Dance: A Philosophy of Bodily Becoming* by Kimerer LaMothe (Published, Reading Religion) <http://readingreligion.org/books/why-we-dance>

“Art as Essential to an Ethic of Love Supreme” (Published, SCE Women’s Caucus Blog)

<https://womenscaucus.blog>

“The Darker Brother: Tap Dance, its Subversive Ethic and Lesson in Black Queer Potentiality” (under review, *Obsidian: Literature & Arts in the African Diaspora*)

Scholarly Presentations

“Fashioning the Subject: Black Queerness, Identity, and an Ethic of Honor”
American Academy of Religion, November 2017

“Scars and Chains: Responding to a Cultural Ethic of Abjection”
Society for Christian Ethics, January 2017

“Abandon Whiteness at All Costs: A Moral Imperative to Realize the Heights of Human Possibility through Queer Imagination”
American Academy of Religion, November 2016

“The Darker Brother: Tap Dance, its Subversive Ethic, and Black Queer Potentiality”
Black Arts Movement Conference, September 2016

“Dying’ to Live: Protest and the Radical Performativity of Black Queer Bodies”
with Dr. Thelathia “Nikki” Young
American Academy of Religion, November 2015

“The Death-Dealing Sister Called Community: Reframing the Trans-narrative”
New England and Maritimes Region of the American Academy of Religion, April 2015

“The Changing Face of Leadership”
Colgate University, April 2013

Professional Service

Steering Committee Member, Religion and Sexuality Program Unit
American Academy of Religion March 2017-Present

Content Development Working Group Member,
Center on African-American Religion, Sexual Politics, & Social Justice (CAARS)
Columbia University September 2016-Present

Professional Affiliations

American Academy of Religion January 2014-Present
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion November 2013-Present
Society of Christian Ethics January 2014-Present