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## Research Interests

public health and religion; religions and sexuality; religious practice in global contexts (particular emphasis in sub-Saharan Africa); qualitative research method; pastoral theology

## Education

Th. D., 2005

Emory University

*Major fields:* Counseling Psychology and Pastoral Theology

Dissertation, defended with honors: *Queer as This May Sound: Toward New Language and New Practices in Psychology, Theology, and Pastoral Care.*

M.Div., 1992

Duke University

B.A., 1989 *magna cum laude*

Furman University

*Majors:* music, religion

## Academic Employment

*Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, GA*

- Director of Social-Behavioral Sciences, Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance Network, 2018-
- Director, Interfaith Health Program, 2014-
- Associate Research Professor, Hubert Department of Global Health, 2013-
- Senior Advisor for Community Engagement, Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance Network, 2015-2018
- Assistant Research Professor, Hubert Department of Global Health, 2009-2013

*Emory University, Laney Graduate School, Atlanta, GA*

- Affiliate Faculty, Graduate Division of Religion, 2012-

*Emory University, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA*

- Visiting Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, 2006-2009

*Emory University, School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA*

- Clinical Faculty, Southeast AIDS Training and Education Center, 2006-2012

## Professional Employment

*Emory University, School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA*

- Program Manager, Minority AIDS Initiatives, Southeast AIDS Training and Education Center, 2002-2006
- Program Manager, Emory HIV Mental Health Provider Education and Evaluation Project, 1997-2002

*Grady Health System Infectious Disease Program, Atlanta, GA*

- Acting Director, Patient Education Services, 1997
- Health Educator, 1995-1997

*Emory Center for Pastoral Services, Atlanta, GA*

- Resident, Clinical Pastoral Education, 1994-1995

*Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, IL*

- Chaplain, HIV Clinical Team, 1992-1994

*Children's Memorial Medical Center, Chicago, IL*

- Chaplain, Pediatric Special Infectious Diseases Team, 1992-1994

## **Current Research Support**

### *PEPFAR/UNAIDS*

*Blevins (PI)*

*4/1/2016-5/31/2022*

#### *Joint Initiative to Strengthen Partnerships with Faith-Based Organizations*

This project creates a global partnership network to increase collaboration between the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the United Nations Joint Programme (UNAIDS), and various interfaith partners to address HIV/AIDS in global contexts. The Interfaith Health Program at Emory serves as the lead institution for the Academic Consortium of the initiative.

### *Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation*

*Whitney (PI)*

*12/1/2015-6/30/2023*

#### *Childhood Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance (CHAMPS) Network*

This project currently works in Mozambique, South Africa, Kenya, Bangladesh, Mali, Sierra Leone, and Ethiopia to determine definitive causes of childhood mortality so that effective public health interventions can be implemented to address those causes. I coordinate qualitative research in the social-behavioral sciences and community entry and engagement activities in collaboration with the country site offices. This includes efforts to understand cultural and religious beliefs related to death, burial, and autopsies.

### *Religion and Public Health Collaborative*

*Idler (PI)*

*Ongoing support*

#### *Laney Graduate School, Emory University*

The collaborative brings together Emory's academic units to support interdisciplinary scholarship into religion's influence on public health policy, health beliefs, and health services.

### *Blount Center for Health and Human Rights*

*Thurman (PI)*

*Ongoing support*

#### *Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University*

The Blount Center is endowed to address the societal factors that contribute to health disparities by developing scientifically sound, innovative applied research initiatives that can further understanding of the connections between health and social forces.

## Completed Research Support

*Woodruff Health Sciences Center*

*Blevins (Co-PI) 9/1/2019-12/31/2020*

*Synergy Grant*

This project is a seed grant to examine the influences of religion and spirituality on HIV prevention and support services for Black gay men in Atlanta. The project will describe the ways in which religion may offer support or may contribute to stigma for Black gay men. By identifying religious or spiritual practices or structures that are supportive, findings from the project can improve existing faith-based HIV programs and services.

*Woodruff Health Sciences Center*

*Blevins (PI) 6/1/2020-5/31-2021*

*Bidirectional Health Disparities Research Grant*

This pilot grant provides funding to support planning for submission for a two-year program grant (anticipated due date, May 2021) to launch the India-Atlanta Institute on Religion and Public Health. The institute would provide a framework for two teams of religious and public health leaders to learn about religion as a social determinant of public health and to develop community health action plans to address chronic diseases among the Indian immigrant community in Atlanta and the community-at-large in Bengaluru, India.

*5U38HM000454-03/Project#: 16007*

*Thurman (PI) 10/1/2011-9/30/2016*

*ASTHO/HHS/CDC*

*Faith-Based Community Partnerships: Reaching Vulnerable Populations*

This project provided oversight to eleven community-based networks across the United States that work with hard-to-reach and vulnerable populations to increase access to health services.

*4669-000—12-CR-07*

*Blevins (PI) 10/1/2012-9/30/2015*

*CDC/Cardno Emerging Markets—Interfaith Health Program Public Private Partnership*

This project provided funding to support capacity building and systems strengthening among faith-based organizations, civil society organizations, implementing partners of the United States government, and national governmental structures in PEPFAR priority countries, with an emphasis in sub-Saharan Africa.

*S3552-24/27*

*Thurman (PI) 10/1/2011-9/30/2012*

*ASPH/PEPFAR/CDC*

*National Center for Public Health and Faith Collaborations*

This project focused on the development and oversight of three initiatives for mobilizing the faith based sector in response to HIV prevention and community response. The initiatives included community assets mobilization in the informal settlements of Nairobi, Kenya; convening global networks of religious leaders; and programming activities in conjunction with the 2012 International AIDS Conference in collaboration with the Global AIDS Program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Schwartz (PI)

07/01/2011-06/30/2012

HRSA, HIV/AIDS Bureau

Served as clinical faculty teaching on the clinical management of mental illness and addiction in HIV primary care settings.

S3552-24/27

Thurman (PI)

10/1/2009-9/30/2010

ASPH/HHS/CDC

*National Center for Public Health and Faith Collaborations*

The major activity in this project was the development and oversight of a community-level HIV prevention initiative in the informal settlements of Nairobi, Kenya in collaboration with the Kenya Office of the President's Emergency Plan For AIDS Prevention (PEPFAR).

S3552-24/25

Thurman (PI)

10/1/2009-9/30/2010

ASPH/HHS/CDC

*National Center for Public Health and Faith Collaborations*

This project consisted of two distinct objectives: 1) building capacity for selected interdisciplinary teams of faith and health leaders to respond to the H1N1 epidemic, and 2) conducting pilot safe water initiatives in Kenya and Zambia in collaboration with the Church Health Associations in each country.

## Publications

### Book

Blevins, John. *Christianity's Influence on United States Global Health and Development Policy: To Transfer the Empire of the World*. New York: Routledge Press (Religion and International Development Series). 2018.

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

#### *Submitted for Review*

Blevins, John. "COVID-19 and the Politics of Life and Death." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. Under Consideration.

*Accepted for publication, forthcoming*

Degefa, Ketema, Adugna Tadesse, Caroline Ackley, Lola Madrid, Nega Assefa, Markus Breines, Maria Maixenchs, and **John Blevins**. "Using traditional healers to treat child malnutrition: A qualitative study of health-seeking behaviour in eastern Ethiopia," *BMC Global Health*. Forthcoming, spring 2022.

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- Mosley, Elizabeth, Subasri Narasimhan, John Blevins, Jessica Dozier, Johanna Pringle, Lasha Clarke, Cherisse Scott, Mary Kan, Kelli Stidham Hall, Whitney Rice. "Sexuality-based Stigma and Inclusion Among Southern Protestant Religious Leaders." *Sexuality Research and Policy* 2021. Published 9 November 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13178-021-00662-y>
- Islam, Saiful, Abdullah Al-Masud, Maria Maixenchs, Saquina Coassa, Rui Guilaze, Kounandji Diarra, Issa Fofana, Faruqe Hussain, **John Blevins**, et. al. "Rumor surveillance in support of minimally invasive tissue sampling for diagnosing cause of child death in low income countries: A qualitative study." *PLOS ONE*. Published 28 January 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0244552>
- Dozier, Jessica, Monique Hennick, Elizabeth Mosley, Subasri Marasimhan, Johanna Pringle, Lasha Clarke, **John Blevins**, Latishia James-Portis, et. al. "Abortion attitudes, religious and moral beliefs, and pastoral care among Protestant religious leaders in Georgia." *PLOSOne*. Published 17 July 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0235971>
- Blevins, John, Elizabeth O'Mara, Ahoua Kone, Maria Maixenchs, Khatia Munguambe, Robert Breiman, Pratima L. Raghunathan, Rui A. Guilaze, et. al. "Using Participatory Workshops to Assess Alignment or Tension in the Community for Child Mortality Surveillance Involving Minimally Invasive Tissue Sampling: Lessons from Five Sites Across the CHAMPS Network." *Clinical Infectious Disease* 69, supp. 4 (2019): S280-S290. <https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciz563>
- O'Mara Sage, Elizabeth, Khatia R. Munguambe, **John Blevins**, Rui Guilaze, Baindu Kosia, Maria Maixenchs, Quique Bassat, Inacio Mandomando, Reinhard Kaiser, Ahoua Kone, Amara Jambai, Robert F. Breiman, Pratima L. Raghunathan. "Investigating the Feasibility of Child Mortality Surveillance with Post-Mortem Tissue Sampling: Generating Constructs and Variables to Maximize Credibility in Qualitative Research." *Clinical Infectious Disease* 69, supp. 4 (2019): S291-S301. <https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciz564>
- Blevins, John. "Considerations in Developing a Course on Theology, Human Sexualities, and Gender Identities: Considerations from One Professor's Perspective." *NCC Review [India]* 132, no. 6 (July 2019): 358-362.
- Blevins, John, Mohamed Jalloh, and David Robinson. "Faith and Global Health Practice in Ebola and HIV Emergencies." *American Journal of Public Health* 109, no. 3 (2019): 379-384. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2018.304870>
- Idler, Ellen, Carol Hogue, **John Blevins**, and Mimi Kiser. "Religion: A Predictor of Adult Mortality Comparable to Other Social Determinants of Health." *PLOS One*. Published December 20, 2017.
- Blevins, John, Emily Lemon, Ahoua Kone, and Mimi Kiser. "The Percentage of HIV Prevention and Treatment Services in Kenya Provided by Faith-Based Providers." *Development in Practice* 27, no 5 (July 2017): 646-656.

- Blevins, John, Christoph Benn, and Sandra Thurman. "Reflections on HIV-Related Experiences of Two Global Funding Mechanisms Supporting Religious Health Providers." *Review of Faith and International Affairs* 14, no. 2 (2016): 110-117.
- Blevins, John. "Are Faith-Based Organizations Assets or Hindrances for Adolescents Living with HIV? They Are Both." *Brown Journal of World Affairs* 22, No. 2 (2016): 25-38.
- Blevins, John and Peter Irungu. "Different Ways of Doing Violence: Sexuality, Religion, and Public Health in the Lives of Same-Gender-Loving Men in Kenya." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 83, no. 4 (2015): 930-946.
- Jakes, Susan, Annie Hardison-Moody, Sarah K. Bowen, and **John Blevins**. "Engaging Community Change: The Critical Role of Values in Health Asset Mapping." *Community Development* 46, no 4 (2015): 392-406.
- Blevins, John. "When Sodomy Leads to Martyrdom: Sex, Religion, and Politics in Historical and Contemporary Contexts in Uganda and East Africa." *Theology and Sexuality* 17, no. 1 (2012): 51-74.
- Blevins, John. "Cultivating a Critical Attitude in Pastoral Theology: A Response to David Hogue." *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 20, no. 2 (2011): 56-68.
- Blevins, John and Beth Toler. "Something to Prove?: Pastoral Theology and Practice in the Context of Evidence-Based Outcomes." *Practical Matters*, Vol. 3 (Spring 2011).
- Gaydos, Laura, Alexandra Smith, Carol Hogue, and **John Blevins**. "An Emerging Field in Religion and Reproductive Health." *Journal of Religion and Health*. Online First: 22 January 2010.
- Blevins, John. "Hospitality is a Queer Thing." In *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 19, no. 1 (2009): 104-117.
- Blevins, John. "Changing (Dis)Course: Psychology and Theology in Light of Social Construction." *Sacred Spaces: The Journal of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors* 1, no. 1 (2009).
- Blevins, John. "Different Subjects: Postmodern Selves in Psychology and Religion." In *Pastoral Psychology* 57, no. 1 (2008): 25-44.
- Blevins, John. "Uncovering the Eros of God." *Journal of Theology and Sexuality* 13, no. 3 (2007): 289-300.
- Blevins, John. "Broadening the Family of God: Debating Same-Sex Marriage and Queer Families in America." *Journal of Theology and Sexuality* 12, no. 1 (2005): 63-80.

### **Book Chapters (Peer Reviewed)**

- Blevins, John. "The Social Gospel and the Modern Public Health Movement in America." In *Religion as a Social Determinant of Health*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.
- Blevins, John. "Foreword." In *Our Father: An Indian Christian Prays the Lord's Prayer*. Nairobi: African Books Collective, 2012.
- Blevins, John. "Kenya." In *World Health Systems*, 2nd edition. Chicago: Health Administrations Press, 2012.
- Blevins, John. "Zambia." In *World Health Systems*, 2nd edition. Chicago: Health Administrations Press, 2012.
- Blevins, John. "Becoming Undone and Becoming Human: Sexual and Religious Selves in the Thought of Michel Foucault and Judith Butler." In *Queer Religion*. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2011.
- Blevins, John, Mimi Kiser, Sandra Thurman, and Laura Beres. "Community Health Assets Mapping: A Mixed Methods Approach in Nairobi." In *Mapping, Cost, and Reach to the Poor of Faith-Inspired Health Care Providers in Sub Saharan Africa*. Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2012.

Blevins, John. "Tough Negotiations: Religion and Sex in Culture and Human Lives in the United States and Africa." In *When Religion and Health Align: Mobilising Religious Health Assets for Transformation*. Dorpspruit, SA: Cluster Publications, 2011.

Blevins, John. "Ex-Gay Ministries." In *Encyclopedia of Homosexuality and Religion*, edited by Jeffrey S. Siker. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing, 2006.

Blevins, John. "Exodus International." In *Encyclopedia of Homosexuality and Religion*, edited by Jeffrey S. Siker. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing, 2006.

### **Program Reports and Organizational Materials**

Phillips, Edward, Taylor W. Burton Edwards, Larry Goodpastor, Mim Kiser, **John Blevins**, et. al. *Resuming Care-Filed Worship and Sacramental Life During a Pandemic*. [Guidance for Christian faith communities to consider as they deliberate when to resume in-person gatherings during the COVID19 outbreak.]

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Blevins, John. "World AIDS Day Worship Resources." Geneva: World Council of Churches, 2016.

Blevins, John. *Building on Firm Foundations: Consultation on Strengthening Partnerships Between PEPFAR and Faith-Based Organizations in Support of Sustained Responses to HIV/AIDS*. Washington, DC: President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, US Department of State, 2015.

Berkowitz, Rachel, April Young, *John Blevins*, et. al. *Assets and Partnerships in Mukuru: A Report on Mukuru on the Move's Work 2008-2012*. Atlanta: The Interfaith Health Program, 2015.

Kiser, Mimi and **John Blevins**. *Public Health and Faith Community Partnerships: Model Practices to Increase Influenza Prevention Among Hard-To-Reach Populations*. Washington, DC: The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, 2014.

Blevins, John and Emily Griswold. *Essential Participants: The Scope of the Contributions of Faith-Based Health Systems to HIV Prevention, Treatment, and Support*. Atlanta: The Interfaith Health Program, 2013.

Blevins, John and Emmy Corey. *Valuing Every Human Life: How Faith-Based Organizations Can Support Key Populations with HIV Prevention*, Atlanta: The Interfaith Health Program, 2013.

Blevins, John, Stephanie Doan, and Sandra Thurman. *A Firm Foundation: The PEPFAR Consultation on the Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Sustaining Community and Country Leadership in the Response to HIV/AIDS*. Washington, DC: US Department of State, 2012.

### **Book Reviews**

Blevins, John. Review of *Christianity, LGBTQ Suicide, and the Souls of Queer Folk*, by Cody J. Sanders. In *Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling* (2021). Published online: 6 October 2021.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/15423050211051268>

Blevins, John. Review of *Theological Reflection: Methods*, by Elaine Graham, Heather Walton, and Frances Ward. In *International Journal of Practical Theology* 12, no. 2 (2008).

### **Edited Internet Media**

Blevins, John. "COVID-19, Religion, and the Importance of Effective Leadership." Religion and Global

Society Blog. London School of Economics, 6 April 2020. [online: <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/religionglobalsociety/2020/04/covid-19-religion-and-the-importance-of-effective-leadership/>]

- Tyson, Jeff. "Beyond 'human rights': Finding the right way to engage communities of faith—an Interview with John Blevins. DevEx. 14 July 2015. [online: <https://www.devex.com/news/beyond-human-rights-finding-the-right-language-to-engage-communities-of-faith-86530>]
- Blevins, John. "Protest Greets the Honoring of H. Eddie Fox at Emory's Candler School of Theology." Religion Dispatches, 12 December 2013. [online: <https://religiondispatches.org/protest-greets-the-honoring-of-rev-h-eddie-fox-at-emorys-candler-school-of-theology/>]
- Blevins, John. "Should We Accept the Apology of an Ex-Gay Ministry?" Religion Dispatches, 27 June 2013. [online: <https://religiondispatches.org/should-we-accept-the-apology-of-an-ex-gay-ministry/>]
- Blevins, John. "Speaking of Family: When Children of Queer Families Talk About Their Lives." Religion Dispatches, 27 January 2010. [online: <https://religiondispatches.org/speaking-of-family-when-children-of-queer-families-talk-about-their-lives/>]
- Panel participant, "The Roman Catholic Church: Controversies and the Future." Audio broadcast on *Global Journalist*, 29 October 2009.
- Blevins, John. "Religion, AIDS, and Africa, After Obama." Religion Dispatches, 23 September 2009. [online: <https://religiondispatches.org/religion-aids-africa-after-obama/>]
- Blevins, John. "We Were Powerless: Addiction, the Will, and the Evangelical Roots of the Twelve Steps." Religion Dispatches, 16 September 2009. [online: <https://religiondispatches.org/we-were-powerless-addiction-the-will-and-the-evangelical-roots-of-the-twelve-steps/>]
- Blevins, John. "Christianity and Condoms." Religion Dispatches, 14 June 2009. [online: <https://religiondispatches.org/christianity-and-condoms/>]

### Clinical Materials

- Blevins, John. "Cultural Competency with Sexual Minorities: A Guide for HIV Clinical Care." In *AIDS Education and Training Centers National Multicultural Center News* 2, no. 2 (2012): 4-5.
- Blevins, John and Dianne Weyer. "Substance Abuse Diagnostic Algorithm." In *Primary Care Management for the HIV Provider*. Newark, NJ: AIDS Education and Training Centers National Resource Center, 2005.

### Editorial Work

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| 2021       | <i>Journal of Religion and Health</i>                                    |
| 2021, 2019 | Editor, Special issue on religions and public health. <i>Religions</i> . |
| 2021, 2018 | <i>PLOS ONE</i>  |
| 2021       | Cambridge University Press   |
| 2020       | <i>American Journal of Public Health</i>                                 |
| 2020       | <i>Theology Today</i>  |
| 2019       | <i>American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene</i>                 |
| 2018       | <i>PLOS ONE</i>  |
| 2016       | <i>PLOS Medicine</i>   |
| 2016       | <i>Religions</i>   |
| 2015       | <i>Journal of Medical Humanities</i>                                     |



2015, 2014, 2009     *Journal of Theology and Sexuality*  
 2008                    *International Journal of Practical Theology*  
 2007                    *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*

### **Selected Conference Presentations and Public Lectures**

- “COVID-19 and the Politics of Life and Death.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Joint Session of the African Religions Unit, Bioethics Unit, Religion in Southeast Asia Unit, and Religions, Medicine, and Healing Unit. San Antonio, TX. 22 November 2021.
- Guest Lecture for Lecture Series “Cutting-Edge Research in Sexuality Studies” Topic: Religion and Sexuality.” Center for Sexual Health Promotion, Indiana University School of Public Health. [Online]: 10 November 2021.
- Guest Lecture, “Religion and Global Health Practice.” Boston University Department of Community Medicine, Department of Religious Studies. [Online] 16 October 2021.
- Panelist, “‘Nothing about us, without us.’ What can we learn from people-centered movements.” 2021 Learning Exchange, CHS Alliance. [Online] 28 September 2021.
- Interview, “Religion and Public Health,” *Religion and Life*, a television series of North Carolina Public Television. 26 February 2021.
- Plenary Lecture, “Public Health and the Social Gospel in Historical and Contemporary Contexts.” The Kinschi Faith and Justice Symposium. Houghton College. [Online] 11 February 2021.
- Guest Lecture, “Religion’s Influence on Global Health: Historical Perspectives.” Course on Religion, Spirituality, and Global Health. Department of Religious Studies, Valparaiso University. [Online] 9 February 2021.
- Panelist, “Decolonizing Global Health: Religious and Cultural Perspectives.” Lecture series of the Emory Global Health Institute. [Online] 19 January 2021.
- Panelist, Spirituality and Public Health. International Association of Spiritual Care webinar series on Spiritual Care and the Health Professions. [Online] 12 January 2021.
- Panelist, “Psychology, Religion and Politics: Responding to the Coronavirus Pandemic and Presidential Election of 2020.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. [Online] 30 November 2020.
- “Assessing the Ethical Complexities of Confidentiality During Approach and Follow-Up on Mortality Surveillance.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. [Online] 17 November 2020.
- “Pastoral Implications COVID-19 from Global Perspectives.” 2020 Annual Conference of the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE). [Online] 17 October 2020.
- Panelist, “How Can We Ethically Engage? Exploring the Challenges and Opportunities of Strategic Religious Engagement in Development and Humanitarian Assistance.” Evidence Summit on Strategic Religious Engagement, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Washington, DC. [Online] 5 October 2020.
- “‘Nothing About Us Without Us:’ The Challenges in Listening to Those Most Affected When Responding to HIV and to COVID.” Interfaith Conference on HIV. Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. Geneva. [Online] 22 September 2020.
- Panelist, “Dueling Pandemics: Faith, HIV, and COVID-19.” Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University. Washington, DC [Online]. 10 September 2020.
- Guest Lecturer, Monthly meeting of Students for Social Justice at Rollins. Presented on “Religion and

Social Justice." 3 September 2020.

Opening Plenary Speaker, Institute on Faith and Human Sexuality, National Council of Churches of India, 27 August 2020.

"Religion and Public Health in the Context of COVID19." Global Health Lecture Series. Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. [Online] April 2020.

Panelist, "The Role of Faith-Based Organizations for an AIDS-Free Africa." International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA). Kigali, Rwanda. December 2019.

"Consequences Intended and Unintended: Re-Thinking the Effects of the Newfound Appreciation for Religion in International Development." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Diego, CA. November 2019.

Panelist, "Public Health Trek." Furman University/Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University.

Co-Presenter, "Religion and Public Health: An Emory Distinctive." Global Health Lecture Series. Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. October 2019. Atlanta, GA. November 2019.

Panelist, "Uplifting a Culture of Liberation from Sexuality Stigma in Southern Faith Communities." Sister Song Conference. Atlanta, GA. October 2019.

Panelist, "Destination: Public Health." Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. Atlanta, GA. October 2019.

"Georgia on the Front Lines of the Abortion Debate." Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. Atlanta, GA. October 2019.

Panelist, "UNAIDS/PEPFAR Faith Communities Breakfast: United Nations General Assembly Satellite Meetings." New York. September 2019.

Respondent, "Panel Discussion on Mission, Health, and Healing." A session at the conference United Methodist Global Missions: Celebrating Two Hundred Years of Missions. Atlanta, GA. April 2019.

"Spirituality." A lecture given at the conference HIV and Aging: From Mitochondria to the Metropolis. Emory Center for AIDS Research. Atlanta, GA. April 2019.

"Religion and Global Health: International Contexts." Panel at the conference Finding Common Ground: Partnerships in Religion and Public Health—A Conference Held to Mark the Publication of the Special Section of *The American Journal of Public Health* on Faith-Based Organizations and Public Health Practice. Atlanta, GA. April 2019.

Lead Speaker and facilitator, Religion and Public Health Lecture Series "Religion, Public Health, and the CHAMPS Project: Is Life or Death the Priority?" Atlanta, GA. March 2019.

"Using Participatory Workshops to Assess Community Alignment or Tension for Child Mortality Surveillance Involving Minimally Invasive Tissue Sampling." Poster Session. Annual Meeting of the American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. New Orleans, LA. October 2018.

"Book Lecture on the Launch of *Christianity's Role in United States Global Health and Development: To Transfer the Empire of the World.*" Atlanta, GA. October 2018

"Understanding the Role of Faith in the HIV Response: Opening Plenary Address." Faith Building Bridges: The Interfaith Pre-Conference to the International AIDS Conference. Amsterdam, The Netherlands. July 2018.

"Masculinities, Power, and Violence from a Practical Theological Perspective." Winter/Summer School of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians and the Africa Centre for Biblical Equality. Limuru, Kenya. July 2018.

"The Essential Role of Community Engagement in the CHAMPS Network." Annual Network Meeting of

the Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance Network/Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Maputo, Mozambique. November 2017.

“Impact of Religion on Stigma and Access to Services for Key Populations in Kenya.” Poster Session. Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Atlanta, GA. November 2017.

“Faith-based Health Systems: Analyzing the Proportion of HIV Services Rendered by Faith-based Providers in Kenya.” Poster Session. Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Atlanta, GA. November 2017.

“A Faith-based Model for Comprehensive Adolescent Sexual Health Program for Children Living with HIV in Kenya.” Poster Session. Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Atlanta, GA. November 2017.

Panelist, “Health for all: Faith health providers and the SDG challenge of health for all. What more is needed to learn from experience and advance exemplary partnerships.” AHIMSA Forum: Global Health, Social Entrepreneurship, and Faith-Inspired Communities. Geneva. June 2017.

“What Really Matters?” L.D. Johnson Lecture Series. Furman University, Greenville, SC. November 2016.

Panelist, Global Health Matters: The Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance Network: The First Year. U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). August 2016.

Panelist, “Careers in Global Mental Health.” Anthropology In/Of Global Mental Health. Emory University, Atlanta, GA. April 2016.

Respondent, “Social Determinants of Global Mental Illness.” Anthropology In/Of Global Mental Health. Emory University, Atlanta, GA. April 2016.

“Religion and Social Justice.” Humphrey Fellows Conference on Social Justice. Emory University/U.S. State Department, Atlanta, GA. March 2016.

Panelist, “Contentious Ethical Issues in Global Public Health.” Religion and Public Health Lecture Series. Emory University, Atlanta, GA. February 2016.

“Community Entry and Engagement: Assumptions, Approaches, and Principles.” Symposium on Minimally Invasive Tissue Sampling and Cause of Death Attribution. IS Global/Barcelona Institute for Public Health, Barcelona, Spain. January 2016.

“Methods for Pastoral Theological Reflection.” Clinical Pastoral Education Large Group Didactic. Care and Counseling Center of Georgia, Atlanta, GA. January 2016.

“‘I’ll Be Prepared to Be a Man’: The Effects of a Faith-Based Program on Perceptions of Masculinity among Adolescent Kamba Males in Kenya.” African Religion Group and Men, Masculinities, and Religion Group. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA. November 2015.

Panelist, “Ebola, Africa, and Beyond: An Epidemic in Religious and Public Health Perspectives.” African Religions Group and African Association for the Study of Religion. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA. November 2015.

Panelist, “Challenges in Reaching At-Risk Populations.” *Sexual and Reproductive Health Through a Social Justice Lens*. Emory University, Atlanta, GA. November 2015.

“Negations and Affirmations (of a Theological Variety).” Guest Lecture at Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL. November 2015.

Panelist, “Religion and Sustainable Development Roundtable.” Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC. July 2015.

“Overview of the Evidence.” *Religion and Sustainable Development*. The World Bank, Washington, DC.

July 2015.

- Panelist, "What Do Christianity, Islam, and Judaism Say About Eating, Exercise, and Smoking?" Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA. May 2015.
- Panelist, "Borders, Boundaries, and Blessings: LGBTQ Lives Around the Globe." Annual Conference of the Alliance of Baptists, Atlanta, GA. April 2015.
- "What If We Examine This From the Other Side?" Lecture as part of forum on Ebola: Religion as Obstacle and Asset. Institute for Developing Nations, Laney Graduate School, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. March 2015.
- Seminar Coordinator, "Christian Responses to Sexual Violence." Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, Oxford, England. November 2014.
- "Tracing the Influences of Religions on Health Across Global Contexts." Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA. November 2014.
- "Religion in the Public Health Curriculum: A Model for Global Health Education." Academic Public Health Caucus. Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, New Orleans, LA. November 2014.
- Panelist, "The Politics of Compassion: Religion and Human Rights in Global Health and Development—A Conversation with Amanullah De Soudy." Emory University. October 2015.
- Poster Presentation: *Inter-organizational network analysis of assets in an informal settlement in Nairobi, Kenya: Implications for partnership in HIV prevention.* International AIDS Conference, Melbourne, Australia. July 2014.
- Panelist, "Syria, The Human Toll: Prospects for Reconciliation and Redevelopment." The Carter Center, Atlanta, GA. May 2014.
- "Of Myths and the Mystic." Keynote Presentation at the Conference to Congregational Care for LGBT People. Duke University Divinity School, Durham, NC. November 2013.
- "Different Ways of Doing Violence: Sexuality, Religion, and Public Health in the Lives of Same Gender-Loving Men in Kenya." African Religions/Gay Issues in Religion/Lesbian-Feminist Issues in Religion Co-Sponsored Session. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA. November 2013.
- "Where to Draw the Line: Crossing the Boundaries of Religion and Public Health." Religions, Medicine, and Healing Group. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA. November 2013.
- "Prisons of the Soul: Pastoral Theology and Queer Theory." Invited Keynote Lecturer, Atlanta Theological Association Doctor of Theology Colloquium, Atlanta, GA. May 2013.
- Panelist in roundtable discussion with Helene Gayle on The Role of Faith in International Development Work (part of the Religion and Public Health Ethics Series). Atlanta, GA. February 2013.
- "In Bed with Religion: Reconciling Sex Work and Faith." Invited panelist for Open University Forum of the Sex Workers Education and Advocacy Task Force, Cape Town, SA. December 2012
- "Negotiating Differences: Why Theology is Important for Interdisciplinary Field Placements in Global Contexts." Association of Practical Theology Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL. November 2012.
- Session Respondent, Religion and International Development Group, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL. November 2012.
- "Young people, faith, and sexuality in the context of HIV." Interfaith Pre-Conference to the International

AIDS Conference, Washington, DC. July 2012.

Experiences of community asset mapping for participatory research engagement in

HIV and AIDS response. Poster session. International AIDS Conference, Washington, DC. July 2012.

“Global Health and Religion: Politics, Policies, and Programs in the Context of HIV.” Keynote address for Personal and Global Health: My Role. Our Challenges. Georgia College Global Citizenship Symposium, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, GA. February 2012.

Panelist, “The Bible and the Bedroom.” Furman University, Greenville, SC. February 2012.

“Mukuru on the Move: A Parallel Mapping Methodology Employed in Mukuru kwa Njenga.”

Dissemination Meeting of the Partnership for an HIV Free Generation, Nairobi, Kenya. May 2011.

“Religion’s role in adolescent sexuality: A cross-site analysis of attitudes and behaviors in North Carolina, Atlanta, and Johannesburg, South Africa.” Faculty Research Seminar, Hubert Department of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. February 2011.

“Mapping and Assessing Community Initiatives: Mixed Method Approaches in a Kenyan Township.” The World Bank, Washington, DC. December 2010.

“Community Assets Mapping: Building Capacity, Developing Networks, and Aligning Assets in Communities.” White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Washington, DC. November 2010.

“Community Assets Mapping: Building Capacity, Developing Networks, and Aligning Assets in Communities.” Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Washington, DC. November 2010.

“Making the Invisible Visible: Community Health Assets Mapping and Community Level HIV Prevention in Nairobi, Kenya.” Lecture given at the conference Community, Participation, Development: Toward Improved Practice. Atlanta, GA. October 2010.

“Pastoral Counseling with LGBT Clients: The Problems with Old Paradigms and Imagining New Ones.” Care and Counseling Center of Georgia, Atlanta, GA. August 2010.

“Cultivating a Critical Attitude in Pastoral Theology: A Response to David Hogue.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Pastoral Theology, Chicago, IL. June 2010.

“More Than Points on a Map: GIS and Health Assets Mapping in the Informal Settlements of Nairobi.” Faculty Research Seminar, Hubert Department of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. April 2010.

Invited Faculty Presenter, Faculty Response Forum IX: Mind, Body, Humanities, Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Atlanta, GA. January 2010.

“What to Do When You’re Tired of the Same Old Story: Narrative Therapy and HIV Clinical Care.” Lecture given at the Faculty Development Conference of the Mountain Plains AIDS Education and Training Center and the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center, Denver, CO. August 2009.

“Mixed Messages: Religious Perspectives on Human Sexuality and Their Impact on Beliefs and Practices.” Paper given at the conference When Religion and Health Align: Mobilizing Religious Health Assets for Transformation, Cape Town, SA. July 2009.

“The Function(s) of Religion in Adolescent Sexual Health and Practice.” Religion and Health Research Symposium, Emory University. Atlanta, GA, April 2009.

“Beyond Disciplinary Boundaries: Standing in the Crossroads of Religion and Health.” Lecture given at

the Spiritual Care Collaborative 2009 Summit-- Health and Hope: The Hard Reality of Living Intentionally in a Village of Care, Orlando, FL, 30 January. February 2009.

"Pastoral Care with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender People" and "What's Wrong With Ex-Gay Ministries?" Lecture given at the Our Family Matters Conference, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Nashville. October 2008.

Invited Participant, Better Words Workshop: Deepening Appreciation for Cross-Disciplinary Research in Religion and Health. University of Witwatersrand and The University of Cape Town, Johannesburg and Cape Town, South Africa. October 2008.

"Beyond the Magic Bullet: Behavioral Interventions for Addressing Infectious Diseases." Lecture given at the conference Holistic Health: The Challenges of Health Security in the 21st Century, sponsored by the Zambian Ministry of Health, Livingstone, Zambia. July 2008.

"Listening to Africa: Reimagining Pastoral Theology and Care in the Age of HIV/AIDS." Paper given at the Annual Study Meeting of the Society for Pastoral Theology, Los Angeles, CA. June 2008.

"Pastoral Theology and the AIDS Pandemic." Paper given at the Emory Faculty Seminars in Religion and Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. March 2008.

"When Exchanging Bodies Fluidly Gets Risky: HIV, Religion, and Public Health." Lecture given at Maps and Mazes: Critical Inquiry at the Intersections of Religion and Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. November 2007.

"Different Subjects: Postmodern Selves in Psychology and Religion." Paper, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Person, Culture, and Religion Section, San Diego, CA. November 2007.

"Resisting Theological Violence: The Pastoral Challenges of the HIV Pandemic." Lecture Caring in a Violent World, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA. October 2007.

"Behavior Change in Clinical Practice: The Role of Nurses." Invited lecturer at the Nursing School, Livingstone Hospital, Livingstone, Zambia. June 2007.

"New Medications to Fight HIV Progression." Clinical lecture presented in medical grand rounds, Livingstone Hospital, Livingstone, Zambia. June 2007.

"Different Silences: Christian Theology, the AIDS Pandemic and the (In)Ability to Speak." Paper, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Systematic Theology Section, Washington, DC. November 2006.

"Meeting People Where They Are: Faith Communities Working with Drug Users." Lecture, Bridging Faith and Health: The Role of the Church, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. October 2004.

"Moving Beyond Death: How Long-Term Survivors of HIV/AIDS Are Challenging Pastoral Theology and Practice." Lecture, Bridging Faith and Health: The Role of the Church, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. October 2004.

"Why a Cross on a Flag is a Bad Idea: The Ongoing Debate Over the Georgia State Flag." Paper, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Religion and the Social Sciences Section, Atlanta, GA. November 2003.

"Cultural Diversity or Domestication?" Paper, given at the Annual Study Conference for the Society for Pastoral Theology, Denver, CO. June 2002.

"Oedipus Wrecks: Psychology and Theology in Ex-Gay Ministries." Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO. November 2001.

"Beyond the Magic Bullet: Behavioral Interventions for Addressing Infectious Diseases." Lecture given at the Society for Public Health Education, the American Public Health Association, Atlanta.

October 2001.

### **Courses Developed and/or Taught**

Religion and Public Health in Context: HIV

Religion and Public Health in Context: Sexual and Reproductive Health

Cultures of Health

Religion, Public Health, and Development

Assessing Religion's Role in Public Health and Development Initiatives in Kenya

University Course: Viral Cultures: HIV/AIDS in Interdisciplinary Contexts

Christian Theology in Postmodern Perspectives

Research Method

Pastoral Theology/Theological Method

Theology and Personality

Spiritual Reflection and Pastoral Care

Contextual Education

Introduction to Pastoral Care

### **Academic Activities Within the University**

Between Books: Faculty Discussion Group on Upcoming Writing Projects

Faculty, Studies in Sexualities Program, 2017-

Faculty Fellow, Global Health Institute, 2014-

Advisory Committee, Institute for Developing Nations, 2012-

Faculty, Course in Religion, Public Health, and Development (course jointly developed and administered between Emory and Saint Paul's University, Limuru, Kenya)

Co-Convenor, University Course, 2012.

Core Faculty, University Course, 2011.

Faculty Mentor, Global Health Institute Field Team: Religion's Role in Public Health in Kenya, 2011-2018.

Faculty Lecturer, "Religion and Social Justice" in Humphrey Fellowship Program, 2011-2016.

Recipient, Faculty Seed Grant, Institute for Developing Nations, 2010, 2011.

Member, Faculty Seminar in Religion and Public Health, 2007-2012.

Presenter, Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, 2010.

Executive Committee, Religion and Public Health Collaborative, 2009-

Recipient, Faculty Seed Grant, Office of University-Community Partnerships, 2008, 2009.

Recipient, Carr Faculty Development Award, Candler School of Theology, 2008.

### **Work with Other Academic Institutions**

Guest Lecturer, Houghton College, Houghton, NY, USA

Guest Lecturer, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN, USA

Guest Lecturer, Boston University, Boston, USA

Guest Lecturer, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, USA

Tenure Reviewer, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa

Outside reader, PhD dissertation, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa

Tenure Reviewer, Saint Paul's University, Limuru, Kenya

Affiliate Lecturer, Saint Paul's University, Limuru, Kenya

### **Clinical and Policy Facilitation**

US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Expert Consultant on *Faith Matters! An HIV Prevention Curriculum for Religious Leaders*. 2017.

US Department of State, Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator. Invited expert on religion and homosexuality in light of the passage of the Anti-Homosexuality Law in Uganda, 2014.

Emory University School of Medicine. Clinical consultant on HIV, mental health and substance abuse, 2006-2012.

Duke University School of Medicine. Clinical consultant on HIV, mental health, and substance abuse, 2010.

Atlanta Ryan White Title I/Part A Projects. Facilitator on Early Identification of HIV Status, 2010-2012.

Atlanta Ryan White Title I/Part A Projects. Clinical Consultation Group on Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and HIV, 2004-2008.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Consultation on Revised Recommendations for HIV Screening of Adults, Adolescents, and Pregnant Women in Health Care Settings, Experts Panel Meeting Facilitator, 2005.

### **Pastoral Care and Counseling Clinical Education**

Evanston Family Therapy Center, Evanston, IL. Intensive coursework in narrative therapy, 2004, 2006.

Certified Trainer in Clinical Ethics, HOPE Program, American Psychological Association, 1999-2006.

GA Association for Pastoral Care/Care and Counseling Center of GA, Atlanta, GA. Advanced Practicum, 2001-2004; Basic Practicum, 1999-2001.

Emory Center for Pastoral Services, Atlanta, GA. Clinical Pastoral Education, Advanced Standing, 4 units, 1994-1995.

University of Chicago/Hyde Park Cluster, Chicago, IL. Clinical Pastoral Education, Basic Unit, 1993.

### **Ministerial and Pastoral Experience**

St. Luke's Training and Counseling Center, Atlanta, GA. *Pastoral Counselor*, 2005-2009

St. Luke's Training and Counseling Center, Atlanta, GA. *Faculty, Clinical Pastoral Education Program*, 2003-2014.

Council of Churches of Zambia, Lusaka, Zambia. *Invited speaker*, 2005-2008.

AIDS Pastoral Care Network, Chicago, IL. *Chaplain*, 1992-1994.

Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, IL. *HIV chaplain*, 1992-1994

Children's Memorial Medical Center, Chicago, IL. *Chaplain for Special Infectious Diseases*, 1992-1994.

Holy Covenant United Methodist Church, Chicago, IL. *Ministerial Associate*, 1992-1994.

American Baptist Churches of the USA. *Licensed Minister*. Licensure conferred 1992 by Binkley Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, NC.

### **Professional Memberships**

Steering Committee, Consultation on Religion and Development, The American Academy of Religion, 2012-

American Public Health Association, 2010-



American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, 2019-  
Society for Pastoral Theology, 2000-2015  
American Academy of Religion, 2000-

### **Professional and Community Affiliations and Committees**

Executive Board, Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities, 2015-  
Advisory Board, Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, World Council of Churches, 2018-  
International Religious Health Assets Program, 2009-  
Community Advisory Board, GA HIV Early Intervention Services Program, 2007-2012.  
Member, Kenyan National Steering Committee, Partnership for an HIV Free Generation, 2009-2011.  
Board member (Chair, 2003-2007), Atlanta Harm Reduction Center, 2002-2007.

### **Service Within and Across the University**

Faculty Advisor, Queer/Trans Collaborative, Rollins School of Public Health, 2015-  
Faculty Advisor, Sacred Worth (LGBT Student Group at Candler School of Theology), 2006-2009, 2013.  
Faculty Advisory Committee, Public Health Ethics Club, 2012-  
Committee on Community and Diversity, Rollins School of Public Health, 2012-  
Executive Committee, Religion and Public Health Collaborative, 2008-  
Member, 100 Community Builders, 2010-2011.  
Co-Chair, President's Commission on Sexuality, Gender Diversity, and Queer Equality, 2009-2010.  
Member, President's Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns, 2008-2009.

### **Honors and Awards**

Outstanding Alumni Award. Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Life and Gay and  
Lesbian Alumni, Emory University, 2014.  
Faculty Person of the Year, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 2008-2009.  
Award for Excellence in Teaching, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 2008-2009.  
Distinguished Service Scholarship, Duke University Divinity School, 1989-1992.  
Phi Beta Kappa, Gamma chapter of South Carolina at Furman University, 1989.  
American Bible Society Award for Excellence in Religious Study, Furman University, 1989.  
Baggott Award for Excellence in Religious Studies, Furman University, 1989.  
*Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities*, 1989.  
Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership honor society, 1989.  
Pi Kappa Lambda, national music honor society, 1989.  
Brooks and Teagle Scholarships, Furman University, 1985-1989.  
James B. Duke Scholar, Furman University, 1985-1989.