

CURRICULUM VITA
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of South Florida, Assistant Professor of Religion and Health, Assistant Professor of Religion and Health, August 2024-present

Presidential Management Fellow, Department of Veterans Affairs, Management and Program Analyst, February 2023-June 2024

Chaplaincy Innovation Lab, Inaugural CIL Intern in Nonprofit Operations, November 2022-August 2023

Triage Consulting Group, Financial and Medical Records Analyst, August 2016-July 2018

EDUCATION

Boston University, School of Theology, PhD in Philosophy, Theology, and Ethics, 2023

Emory University, Laney Graduate School, M.A. Bioethics, 2016

Emory University, Candler School of Theology, M.T.S., 2016

Emory University, College of Arts and Sciences, B.A. in Religion, 2014

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles

2. Jacobs Plaisimond, Shaunesse', George Hodulik, Molly Brown. "Moving towards Justice: Reducing Encounters of Preeclampsia in Adolescent Maternal Health," *JHDRP*. 15.1 (September 2022): 35-46.

1. Gurwara, Sheena, Ahmad Azzawe, Shaunesse' Jacobs, Ajay Ravi, Mardjohan Hardjasudarma, Eduardo Gonzalez Toledo. "Comparing the Volume of Gliomas in the Brain in FLAIR and Post-contrast T1-weighted MRI Sequences." *The Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society: Official Organ of the Louisiana State Medical Society*. 162.5 (2009): 265-56.

Encyclopedia Entries

1. (Forthcoming) "Religion and Science: Evolutionary Engagement." *T&T Clark Encyclopedia*.

Academic Book Reviews

1. (Forthcoming) “Book Review: *Religion, Populism, and Modernity: Confronting White Christian Nationalism and Racism*,” *Journal of Interreligious Studies*.

Web-Based Publications

1. “Medical Paternalism, Patient Harm, and Vaccine Hesitancy,” *Medium* (April 2022), <https://medium.com/@mindandculture/medical-paternalism-patient-harm-and-vaccine-hesitancy-88732c443723>

Other Publications

7. “An Everyday Theology: My Personal Reflections.” *IFYC* (November 2020), <https://ifyc.org/article/everyday-theology-my-personal-reflections>

6. “Details Matter When Tackling the Public-Health Crisis of Maternal Mortality,” *IHSIP Student Voices* (August 2020), <http://www.bu.edu/ihsip/2020/09/21/details-matter-when-tackling-the-public-health-crisis-of-maternal-mortality/>

5. “Does My Neighbor Reeaally Matter?” *IFYC* (October 2020), <https://ifyc.org/article/does-my-neighbor-reeaally-matter>

4. “A Certain Woman.” *The Boston University Anna Howard Shaw Journal: Celebrating Women of the World*. 35.1 (Spring 2019): 7-8.

3. “My Mother’s Fear of Death.” *The Boston University Anna Howard Shaw Journal: Women’s Bodies, Health, and Rights*. 36.1 (Fall 2019): 8-9.

2. “What is Theology to a Black Seminarian?” *The Prophet* (17 November 2019), <https://buprophet.wordpress.com/2019/11/27/what-is-theology-to-a-black-seminarian/>

1. “The Ambiguity of ‘Neurotheology’ and its Developing Purpose,” *The Neuroethics Blog* (Fall 2015), <http://theneuroethicsblog.com/2015/06/the-ambiguity-of-neurotheology-and-its.html>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

11. “The Power of Accompaniment as Practiced by Haitian Health Workers in Times of Violence.” Paper Presentation at the Annual American Academy of Religion (AAR) Conference (San Diego, CA), 23 November 2024.

10. “Book Review: A Postcolonial Relationship: A Black Scholar’s Interpretation of Black-Asian Solidarity.” Paper presentation at the Annual American Academy of Religion (AAR) conference (San Antonio, TX), 20 November 2021.

9. "Confronting Poverty and Inequality as Scholars (and Students) of Religion." Panel presider at the Annual American Academy of Religion (AAR) conference (San Antonio, TX), 21 November 2021.
8. "Health and Liberation Theologies Symposium: Addressing the Roots of Social Violence." Moderator (Virtual), 10 April 2021.
7. "Graduate Study in Times of Crisis." Panel at the New England Maritime American Academy of Religion (NEMAAR) conference (Boston, MA), 9 April 2021.
6. "New Being, National Baptist Jesus, and Black Maternal Mortality." Paper Presentation at the Annual American Academy of Religion (AAR) conference (San Antonio, TX), 23 November 2021.
5. "Black Maternal Mortality as a Health and Humans Rights Issue." Paper Presentation at the Annual American Academy of Religion (AAR) conference (Boston, MA), 2 December 2020.
4. "Black Maternal Mortality and Human Rights." Paper Presentation at the Politics of Health Conference (Nashville, TN), 4 March 2020 (Conference Cancelled).
3. "The importance of religion and ethics in public health education and research." Paper Presentation at the Annual Conference of the New England & Canadian Maritimes (NEMAAR) region of the American Academy of Religion (AAR) (Boston, MA), 4 April 2020 (Conference Cancelled).
2. "Perspectives on Pregnancy, Birth, and Post-Partum Period: Developing a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Agenda." Research Agenda Presentation at the National Maternal Health PCOR Network (NMHPN) Virtual Symposium, 14 October 2020.
1. "An Ethnographic Study of the Function of Spirituality among Healthcare Staff and Spirituality's Effects on Patient Care in a Hospice Setting." Paper presentation at the Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference (Las Vegas, NV), 1 February 2016.

INVITED TALKS

7. "Minutes Matter: The Challenges of Time in the Patient Encounter." Guest Grand Rounds Lecture at the William, Jennings Bryan Dorn Veterans Affairs Medical Center (Columbia, SC), 9 July 2024.
6. "Black Birthing People's Personhood." Guest speaker at the Black Sports Ministry Network: Sacrament of Beholding Webinar (Boston, MA), 5 May 2024.
5. "Health, ethics, and maternal mortality." Guest Lecture in Feminist and Womanist Theologies at BUSTH (Boston, MA), 27 February 2023.

4. "Health ethics, law, and policy." Guest Lecture at UCSC (Santa Cruz, CA), 21 February 2023.
3. "NICDH Decoding Maternal Mortality Data Challenge." Guest Lecture at BU Research on Tap (Boston, MA), 30 November 2021.
2. "Collaborative Responses to Black Maternal Care." Grand Rounds Presenter at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (Boston, MA), 7 January 2021.
1. "Minutes Matter: Realities of the timed patient experience." Guest Lecture at Boston University Evergreen Seminar (Boston, MA), 17 July 2019.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

2. "BU Vitamin PhD Podcast Season 7: Teaching Skills," Co-Host, Boston, MA, 2021
<https://www.bu.edu/vitaminphd/episodes-2/season-7-teaching-skills/>
1. "PhDTips Podcast: #7 PhDTips with Shaunesse' Jacobs." Guest, 2020
<https://podcasts.google.com/feed/aHR0cHM6Ly9hbmNob3luZm0vcy8xNDEwNDkxMC9wb2RjYXN0L3Jzcw/episode/Y2U5MjkxZTQzMjIwOS00OTU5LWE1ZWItYTJhMTNiZDdhNDJh?hl=en&ved=2ahUKEwiO9ND7k-3uAhVPhuAKHbvrBvoQjrkEegQIBhAL&ep=6>

GRANTS

- Pride in the Pews Health Curriculum for Religious Queer Communities, 2023 (\$10,000)
- Boston University Simulation Modeling for Population Health Focused Research, 2021 (\$8,000)
- Harvard Rappaport Institute Public Policy, Executive Office of Elder Affairs, 2021 (\$7,000)
- Interfaith America Racial Equity, 2020-2021 (\$1,000)
- Boston University Institute for Health System Innovation and Policy, 2019 (\$4,800)

AWARDS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Lake Institute Network of Emerging Scholars (LINES), 2024
- Presidential Management Fellow, 2023-2024
- Cornell EdX Teaching and Learning in the Diverse Classroom Certification, 2022 Harvard Affiliate Boston University Center for Antiracist Research, 2020-2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of South Florida, Department of Religion
World Religions for Healthcare Professionals, Fall 2024

Boston University School of Theology

- Queer Theology and Religion, Boston University, Teaching Fellow, Fall 2022
- Feminist and Womanist Theologies, Boston University, Teaching Fellow, Fall 2021
- Introduction to New Testament, Boston University, Teaching Fellow, Spring 2021

African American Womanist Hermeneutics, Boston University, Teaching Fellow, Fall 2020
Sex and the New Testament, Boston University, Teaching Fellow, Summer 2020
Christianity Engaging Modernity, Boston University, Teaching Fellow, Spring 2019
Introduction to Christian Traditions, Fall 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Boston University School of Theology

Shame and Resilience, Boston University, Researcher, 2022-2023
Environmental and Health Inequities, Boston University, Researcher & Book Editor, Fall 2022
T&T Clark Encyclopedia of Christian Theology, Boston University, Editor, Spring 2022
National Maternal Health Research Network, Stakeholder and Researcher, 2020-2022
Women's Leadership, Boston University, Syllabus Constructor, 2019-2022
Health and Wage Equity, Center for Mind and Culture, Project Manager, 2019-2020
Vaccine Hesitancy, Center for Mind and Culture, Project Manager & Lead Writer, 2019-2020
Postcolonial Theology and Asian Identity, Boston University, Researcher & Editor, Spring 2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Wildhouse Publishing Editorial Advisory Board, 2021-present
American Society for Humanities and Bioethics, 2020-present
American Academy of Religion, 2019-present
Bill and Melinda Gates Scholars Alumni Network, 2014-present