

Eric A. Thomas

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Drew University, Madison, NJ, 2022; New Testament & Early Christian Origins.
- Certificate: Women's and Gender Studies
Certificate: Africana Religious Studies
- Dissertation Title: "Queer of Color Biblical Criticism: Race, Sexuality, and the New Testament." Stephen D. Moore, chair.
- Certificate Princeton University/Transitional Ministry Education Consortium
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Interim Pastor training Part I, 2016; Part II, 2018.
- M. Div./M.A.C.M. Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), Atlanta, GA, 2013.
- M.B.A. Binghamton University, 2003.
- B.A. State University of NY at Albany, 1991.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church

Assistant Professor of Bible July 2023-present

- Introduction to the Interpretation of the New Testament
- Introduction to the Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible
- Gospel of Mark (elective)

Visiting Professor of New Testament and Queer Studies 2022-2023

- Introduction to the New Testament Spring 2023
- Queer John: Intersectional Explorations of the Fourth Gospel Fall 2022

The New School

Adjunct Instructor

- Queering and Decolonizing Theology Spring 2018-2024
- Origins and Spiritual Practices of the Black Lives Matter Movement Fall 2020-2022

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Hartford Seminary

Adjunct Instructor

- There's Something About Mary Spring 2021

Union Theological Seminary

Teaching Fellow Introduction to the New Testament Spring 2017
Aliou Niang, professor

Drew University Theological School

Instructor Exegetical Skills 2 Spring 2016

Teaching Assistant Introduction to Preaching Fall 2016
Gary V. Simpson, professor

Teaching Assistant Biblical Literature 1 Fall 2015
(Introduction to the Old Testament)
Kenneth Ngwa, professor

Teaching Assistant Biblical Literature 2 Spring 2015
(Introduction to the New Testament)
Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, professor

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

“We Are Not Ashamed?: A Black Queer Excursus on Romans 1” in *True to Our Native Land: An African American New Testament Commentary*, Second Edition, ed. Brian Blount, et al. Fortress Press, 2024.

“Power to Become Children of God: Remembering In-the-Life with a Johannine (Dis)Position” in *Dr. Ibrahim Abdurrahman Farajajé: A Legacy of Afrocentric, Decolonial, In-the-Life Theology and Bisexual Intersexional Philosophical Thought and Practice*, ed. H. “Herukhuti” Sharif Williams, Routledge, 2024.

“Grace, Truth, and Danger: Toward an Africana Trans*figuration of John 1:14 (co-authored with Minenhle Khumalo)” in *Trans Biblical: Variations on Interpretation and Embodiment*, ed. Joseph Marchal, Melissa Harl Sellew, and Katy Valentine, Semeia: SBL Press, 2024.

“The Futures Outside: Apocalyptic Epilogue (Rev 22:8-21) as Africana Queer Utopian Prologue” in *Sexual Disorientations: Queer Temporalities, Affects, Theologies*, ed. Joseph A. Marchal, Kent L. Brintnall, and Stephen D. Moore, Fordham University Press, 2017.

AWARDS/HONORS

Louisville Institute Post-doctoral Fellow 2022-2024

Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE) Dissertation Fellow 2019-2020

Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE) Doctoral Fellow 2016-2017

Graduate Student Paper Prize – Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion/ (SECSOR), New Testament section March 2013

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Lecture “Toward a Queer of Color Biblical Criticism.” 2023 Carpenter Lecture – Institute of Gender, Sexuality, and Social Justice. Brite Divinity School, May 2023.

Lecture “More than a Princess Dress: The Joseph Cycle in Genesis and Transgender Performance.” Philadelphia Cathedral of the Episcopal Church, March 2023.

Presenter “Sal, Luz, y Azúcar: Africana Queer Christopoetics of Matthew 5 in Afrocubanidad.” Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation (Virtual lecture) – Pacific School of Religion, October 2022.

Invited Panelist “Reading Resurrection with the ‘Etceteras’ of Mark’s Gospel: A Response to Gale Yee’s 2019 Presidential Address.” Minoritized Biblical Interpretation Unit. Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion – Boston, MA 2020 (Virtual meeting).

Invited Panelist “In the Wake of his Call: James Cone, Queerness and a Trans* Theology of Black Liberation.” Black Theology & Black Power/Retrospect and Prospect – Honoring the Legacy of James Hal Cone – Northwestern University – Evanston, IL 2019.

Invited Panelist “On the PULSE of Mo(u)rning: Reading Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Between Orlando and Charleston” (African American Biblical Hermeneutics). Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature – San Diego, CA 2017.

Invited Panelist “Watch Your Teeth: Reading Galatians 5:13-6:10 with Baldwin and Lorde.” Queering Paul’s Letters session (LGBTQI Hermeneutics). Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature – San Antonio, TX 2016.

Invited Panelist “Honoring the Work of Randall C. Bailey” (African American Biblical Hermeneutics/LGBTI-Queer Hermeneutics joint session). Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature – Atlanta, GA, 2016.

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Board Member Center & Library for the Bible and Social Justice 2024-present

Co-Chair Minoritized Biblical Interpretation Unit, 2023-present

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	Society for Biblical Literature (SBL)	
Member	LGBTQ Task Force, Society for Biblical Literature (SBL)	2019-present
Steering Committee Member	Minoritized Biblical Interpretation Unit, Society for Biblical Literature (SBL)	2018-present

SERVICE TO THE SEMINARY

Advisor	Masters Thesis Project “La Siembra: Latina, Afro-Caribbean, and Indigenous Wisdom for the Ministry of the Church”	2024
Advisor	D. Min. Project “The Cultivation of Vulnerability as the First Step Towards a Community Marked by Ubuntu”	2024
Committee Member	Admissions Committee of the General Seminary	

PASTORAL APPOINTMENT

Solo Pastor	Siloam Presbyterian Church (Brooklyn, NY)	June 2017 – present
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SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

Co-Moderator	General Assembly Committee on Representation Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), February 2017 – present.
Chair	Presbytery of New York City Personnel Committee/ Transitional Leader Search Committee, 2021 – present.
Liberation Bible Study Leader	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Week of Action for Black Lives Matter; Office of Racial Equity & Women’s Intercultural Ministries – 2020.
Delegation Minister (Cuba)	Synod of the Northeast (Presbyterian Church U.S.A.) week with Iglesia Presbiteriana-Reformada en Cuba (IPRC) commemorating 130 years of Presbyterianism in Cuba – 2020. Pastors for Peace: World Day of Prayer 2016; <i>Jornada contra la Homofobia y la Transfobia</i> , 2015.