

LYNNE ST CLAIR DARDEN

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

PH.D., NEW TESTAMENT AND EARLY CHRISTIAN ORIGINS

(with a Certificate in Women's Studies)

May 2011

Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, USA

Advisor: Professor Stephen D. Moore

Dissertation: *"Some folks is born wid they feet on de sun and they kin seek out de inside meanin' of words": An African American Scripturalization of the Book of Revelation Signified Through the (Postcolonial) Middle Passage*

Committee: Stephen D. Moore, Melanie Johnson-deBaufre, Althea Miller
Spencer and Abraham Smith

Dissertation Research Interests : historical biblical criticism, African American hermeneutics, postcolonial biblical criticism, rhetorical criticism, collective cultural memory, Roman imperial culture, apocalypticism, Black liberation theology, African American religion, American Civil Religion, African American literary theory, myth and ritual theory

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY

October 2005

Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, USA

Comprehensive Examinations

1. History and Literature: New Testament Writings
2. History and Literature: Early Christian History
3. Hellenistic Religions
4. Interdisciplinary: The Intersections of African American biblical hermeneutics, postcolonial theory and feminist theory

Coursework:

Postmodern biblical criticisms, Gospel studies: Mark, Luke and John, Revelation, Book of Acts, early Christian history, biblical methodologies and hermeneutics, cultural and literary theories, especially the major theorists in postcolonial studies – Edward Said, Gayatri Spivak and Homi K Bhabha; women's studies, empire studies, Pierre Bourdieu, African American history, African American religious studies, epistemology, American church history, American history, Pauline studies and hybridity

Future Research Interests: Paul's rhetorical strategy to the Churches through the lens of hybridity and cultural memory; African American scripturalization of the Gospel of Luke

Languages

New Testament Greek - competent to teach
 Hellenistic Greek - capable of teaching
 Biblical Hebrew
 German
 French

MASTER OF DIVINITY***May 2001***

Union Theological Seminary, New York, New York USA
 Advisor: Professor Vincent L. Wimbush
 Thesis Title: *Stephen, Joseph and Martin Luther King, Jr.: An African American Reading of Acts 7:9-14*

BACHELOR OF ARTS, CONCENTRATION IN RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY***May 1997***

College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, New York, USA

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

FTE Dissertation Fellow	2007-2008
Priscilla Patten Benham Award	2007
Dissertation Fellowship Drew University	2007-2008
University Fellowship Drew University	2001-2003
Union Scholar Union Theological Seminary	1997-2000
Honors Graduate College of New Rochelle	1995-1997

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Contracted to adjunct at New Brunswick Theological Seminary: N.T. Courses

Spring 2012

Part Time Lecturer, Rutgers University, New Brunswick
Courses: Introduction to the New Testament
 Online course: Jesus of Nazareth

Present-2007

Adjunct Professor, College of New Rochelle **Summer 2011**
Course: Ways of Knowing

Adjunct Professor, SUNY, Rockland Community College **2007-2009**
Courses: Introduction to the Hebrew Bible
 American Religious History

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to the New Testament **Spring, 2005**
 Professor: Leticia Guardiola-Saenz

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to the New Testament **Spring, 2004**
 Professor: Stephen D. Moore

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Research Assistant to Stephen D. Moore **2002-2008**

Responsibilities include:

- Index and bibliography - *Postcolonial Biblical Criticism: Interdisciplinary Intersections* – edited by Stephen D. Moore and Fernando F Segovia (T&T Clark, 2005).
- Footnotes and bibliography - *Empire & Apocalypse: Postcolonialism and the New Testament* (Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2006)
- Compilation of comprehensive bibliography on postcolonial studies, postcolonial bible criticism and Roman imperialism
- Research and preparation of course material

Research Assistant to Traci C West **2005-2006**

Compiled research for *Disruptive Christian Ethics: When Racism and Women's Lives Matter* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2006)

ESOL Writing Assistant **2004-2009**

Proofread, edit and advise Master and Doctoral-level international students' papers for content, clarity and structure

Assistant to Theological Acquisition Librarian**2002-2009**

Assist theological librarian in acquiring theological materials for Drew University Library

Catalogued special bible collection

Spring 2005**Travel Seminar to Greece and Turkey****Summer 2007****STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

President, Graduate Student Association	1st term:	2004-2005
	2nd term (unprecedented):	2005-2006

Graduate Student Representative:

Drew University New Testament Search Committee	2004-2005
Drew University Diversity Committee	2004-2007
Drew University Policy and Planning Committee	2004-2005
Caspersen Graduate School Faculty Committee	2004-2005
Drew University Honorary Committee	2005-2006
Drew University Committee on Faculty	2005, 2006
Drew University President Inauguration Committee	2005
Drew University GDR Liaison Officer for GSA	2006
Drew University GDR Faculty Committee	2006

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

"Hanging Out with Rahab: An Examination of Musa Dube's Hermeneutical Approach Through a Postcolonial Theoretical Lens" to be published in a SBL Seminar Paper volume on African Biblical Hermeneutics edited by Andrew Mbuvi.

PRESENTATIONS

SBL Annual Meeting in Atlanta, November 2010

Presented a paper entitled "*Some folks is born wid they feet on de sun and they can seek out de inside meanin' of words: An African American Scripturalization of Revelation Signified Through the (Postcolonial) Middle Passage*." Paper will be published in a volume of essays on African American biblical interpretation edited by Thomas Slater

AAR/SBL Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, November 18, 2007

Presented a paper entitled, "Hanging Out with Rahab: An Examination of Musa Dube's Hermeneutics" in the *African Biblical Hermeneutics* section

Presented a paper entitled, "The Intersections between African American Biblical Hermeneutics and Postcolonial Theory a la Homi K Bhabha" in *Bible and Cultural Studies* section

Drew University Transdisciplinary Colloquim, with Gayatri Spivak, Guest Speaker

Co-presented a paper entitled, "(Post)Colonizing Theologies: Deconstructing the American Myth of Origins" at the student session

AAR/SBL Annual Meeting in Washington D.C., November 18, 2006

Presented a paper entitled, "The Strangeness of Home: African Women and Womanist Biblical Hermeneutics Through Homi K Bhabha's Middle Passage" in the joint session of *African Women and African American Biblical Hermeneutics*

AAR/SBL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, November 20, 2005

Presented a paper entitled, "To Everyone Who Conquers and Continues to Do My Works to the End I Will Give Authority Over the Nations to Rule Them with an Iron Rod": The Book of Revelation Through a Postcolonial Lens" in the section on *John's Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern*

AAR/SBL Regional Meeting in Baltimore, March 18, 2005

Presented "To Everyone Who Conquers and Continues to Do My Works to the End I Will Give Authority Over the Nations to Rule Them with an Iron Rod": The Book of Revelation Through a Postcolonial Lens"

Drew University Biblical Colloquium, February 2004

Presented a paper entitled, “Criss-Cross: The Intersections of African American Biblical Hermeneutics and Postcolonial Biblical Criticism”

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

Society of Biblical Literature

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

Literacy Instructor, St James AME Church, Newark, New Jersey	2004-2006
Youth pastor, Bethany UMC, Brooklyn, New York,	1998-2000
Assistant Counselor, Mothers Together, Inc	1997-1999.
Bible Instructor, National Baptist Congress for Christian Education Regional conference, Saratoga Springs, New York,	1994-1996
Bible Teacher, First Baptist Church, East Elmhurst	1992-1996
Credit Union Officer, First Baptist Church, East Elmhurst	1992-1995