

curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Charlottesville, VA

Educational Specialist Degree in Instructional Technology conferred in May 2009

Methodological concentration in interactive technology with a focus on digital history and scholarly technology.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, New York, N.Y.

Master of Philosophy conferred in 1994, Ph.D. in Religious History conferred in May 1999

Methodological concentration in Religious History; primary focus upon Religions of the Americas, with specializations in Native American Religions, African-American Religions, Cross Cultural Studies.

Dissertation: **“The Keetoowah Society and the Avocation of Religious Nationalism within the Cherokee Nation 1855-1867.”**

Published by Routledge Press as *Slavery in the Cherokee Nation: The Keetoowah Society and the Defining of a People 1855-1867*

This dissertation argues that radical changes within Cherokee society as a result of the civilization program of the federal government created social and political tensions that erupted into Civil War in the mid nineteenth century. At the core of this rupture was the abandonment of traditional Cherokee cultural and religious practices by an elite minority in order to pursue acculturation to Euro-American values including chattel slavery. A resistance movement entitled the Keetoowah Society formed within the Baptist churches and sought to preserve Cherokee traditional values of harmony, inclusiveness, cooperation, and collectivization. As the Baptist churches were historically composed of both Africans and Indians, the Keetoowah Society's commitment to the abolition of slavery led to a militant response to the Cherokee Nation's alliance with the Confederacy. As much as the Civil War was a defining moment in the identity of Cherokee Nation, the role of the Keetoowah Society in that struggle to define Cherokee identity is critical to understanding Cherokee history.

Dissertation Advisor(s): Dr. James M. Washington, Dr. Rosemary Skinner Keller.

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Delores Williams, Dr. Judith Weisenfeld, Dr. Michael Harris.

Comprehensive Examination Areas:

Paper: “Evangelism and Enslavement: Protestant and Catholic Missions to the Native American” – Union Theological Seminary

Exams: Religious Theory and Method – Columbia University

History of Western Religious Traditions – Columbia University

Eastern Religion – Columbia University

Reformation Christianity – Union Theological Seminary

Modern and American Church History – Union Theological Seminary

Southern Folk Religion and Popular Culture – Union Theological Seminary

Christianity and Reform in the Nineteenth Century – Union Theological Seminary

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, New York, NY

COLUMBIA TEACHERS COLLEGE, New York, NY

Master of Sacred Theology conferred in May 1990.

Master's Thesis: "Paradigms for Understanding of the Religious Experience"

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Thomas Driver, Dr. Douglas Sloan

Academic Concentration in Religion and Education

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, New York, NY

Master of Divinity conferred in May 1989.

Master's Thesis: "Lost Tribes in the New World: Native Americans and Colonial Millennialism"

Thesis Advisor: Dr. James Melvin Washington, Dr. George Landes

Academic Concentration in Religious History

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, Greenville, N.C.

Master of Education conferred in May 1980.

Master's Thesis: "Jean Jacques Rousseau's *Emile* as a theory and model for Counseling"

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Florence Weaver

Academic Concentration in Counselor Education

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, Greenville, N.C.

Bachelor of Arts conferred in May 1977.

Advisor: Dr. Larry Means

Academic Concentration in Organizational Psychology; Minor in Sociology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 1997- 2003 | Director of Publications, Human Rights Watch, New York, N.Y. |
| Summer 1997 | Consultant, National Council of Churches - Division of Urban Ministry, N.Y. N.Y. |
| 1995-1996 | Research Assistant - Womanist Project -Union Theological Seminary N.Y. N.Y. |
| 1986-1997 | Publications Officer, Amnesty International, New York, N.Y. |
| 1992-1996 | Editor, <i>Union Seminary Quarterly Review</i> , N.Y. N.Y. |
| 1989-90 | Research Assistant, Professor James M. Washington, New York, N.Y. |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2011 – Present | CIS Instructor, Forsyth Technical Community College, Winston Salem, N.C. |
| 2009 – Present | Teacher, Stokes Early College, Walnut Cove, N.C. |
| 2004 – 2009 | Teacher, Davidson Early College, Lexington, N.C. |
| 2003 – 2009 | Adjunct Professor, Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, OH |
| 2003 – 2004 | Teacher, Southeastern Alternative School, Calverton, VA |
| Fall 1996 | Teaching Assistant, "Modern and American Church History," Union Theological Seminary in New York, New York, N.Y. |
| Fall 1994 | Teaching Assistant, "Modern and American Church History," |
| Spring 1995 | Teaching Assistant, "Medieval and Reformation Church History," |
| Spring 1992 | Teaching Assistant, "The Quest for an American Public Theodicy," |
| 1982-86 | Teacher/Counselor, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, Charlotte N.C. |
| 1980-81 | ESAA Counselor, Marlboro County Schools, Teacher, Bennettsville, S.C. |
| 1977-80 | Teacher, Greenville City Schools, Greenville, N.C. |

PUBLICATIONS

- "Captive or Captivated: Rethinking Encounters in Early Colonial America" in *Native Americans: Putting Adoption, Captivity and Slavery in Context*, Hampshire, U.K: Palgrave Press, 2011
- Far More Terrible for Women: Personal Accounts of Women in Slavery (Real Voices, Real History)*, published by John F. Blair Publishers, Winston Salem, N.C., October, 2006.
- "Aframerindian Religion," in *The Encyclopedia of Women's Religion in America*, edited by Rosemary Keller and Rosemary Ruether, published by Indiana University Press, April, 2006.
- The Black Indian Slave Narratives*, published by John F. Blair Publishers, Winston Salem, N.C., June 2004.
- "The Spread of Freemasonry among the American Indians of the United States," *The Proceedings of the Ohio Lodge of Research*, March, 2004.
- "Aframerindian Religion," *Union Seminary Quarterly Review*, (Volume 57:3-4), 2003.
- Slavery in the Cherokee Nation: The Keetoowah Society and the Defining of a People 1855-1867* (Studies in African American History and Culture) Published by Routledge Press, June, 2003.
- "Beneath the Underdog: Race, Religion, and the Trail of Tears," *American Indian Quarterly*, Volume 25, No. 2 (Summer), University Nebraska Press.
- "Living Together In A Sacred Place: The Role of Silver Bluff, South Carolina, in Our Collective Religious Experience," *Electronic Magazine of Multicultural Education*, Fall 2001 Vol. 3, No. 2.
- Aframerindian Slave Narratives Web Project [<http://bellsouthpwp.net/g/o/goodoowah/afam/>], "Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1938," Related Resources, *American Memory*, The Library of Congress.
- "Red, White, and Black in the Old South," *Appalachian Quarterly*, Winter 1999.
- "'all my Slaves, whether Negroes, Indians, Mustees, Or Molattoes:' Towards a Thick Description of 'Slave Religion'," *American Religious Experience*, August 1999.
- "'I am Keetoowah's Son': Cherokee Nationalism and the Civil War," "HAKO: Incontro con le culture magico visionarie," Fall 1999.
- "'His brother, and not his slave' The Beloved Community in the Cherokee Nation," *Journal of African American History and Genealogy*, Fall 1999.
- Review of *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* (Volume 50:3-4), 1997.
- "The Keetoowah Society in Cherokee History," *Cherokee Messenger*, March 1997.
- "Apocalypse Now: The Realized Eschatology of the Christian Identity Movement," *Disinformation*, February 1997, E-space Exhibition – Razorfish Subnetwork, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA.
- Review of *Religious Melancholy and Protestant Experience in America* by Julius H. Rubin, *Journal of Religion and Health* 1996.
- "Apocalypse Now: The Realized Eschatology of the Christian Identity Movement." *Union Seminary Quarterly Review*, (Volume 49:1-2), 1995.
- Theology and the Practice of Responsibility: Essays on Dietrich Bonhoeffer*, Contributing Editor, trinity Press International, 1994.
- Review of *That Godless Court?: Supreme Court Decisions on Church-State Relationships* by Ronald B. Flowers, *Journal of Religion and Health* 1995.

PRESENTATIONS

- "Evangelism and Enslavement: The Relationship between the Missionary Enterprise and the Colonial One." *Adoption, Captivity and Slavery: Changing Meanings in Early Colonial America Conference*, British Museum, London, U.K., February 17-18, 2008.
- "'A Great Gathering of Wondering:' The Spiritual Intersections of Indigenous and African Persons in the Early Baptist Church," *The First and the Forced?: Indigenous and African American Intersections*, University of Kansas, November 10, 2006
- "The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and Its Mission to Indian and Negro Slaves," *Symposium: Black Indians: The Intersecting Histories and Cultures of Native Americans and African Americans*, American Society for Ethnohistory Annual Meeting, Williamsburg, VA, Nov. 3, 2006

"Voices from the Underside of History: Women in the Slave Narratives" *Africans in the Americas Conference*, State University of New York at Potsdam, Oct. 27-28, 2005.

Plenary Speaker, "'Learning to Hear the Stories VI: Listening in the Borderlands,'" *Shifting Borders of Race and Identity*," University of Kansas, March 17-19, 2005

Break out Workshop leader, "Shifting Borders of Race and Identity," University of Kansas, March 17-19, 2005

Black Indian Slave Narratives, Interview with Patrick Mingos, Al Hope, WKHP Radio, Asheville, N.C., July 2004

Black Indian Slave Narratives, Interview with Patrick Mingos, Pete Davis, WDNC Radio, Chapel Hill, N.C., July 2004

Black Indian Slave Narratives, Interview with Patrick Mingos, Jane Foy, WINA Radio, Charlottesville, VA, July 2004

Black Indian Slave Narratives, Interview with Patrick Mingos, Ellen Pfirrmann, WNCW Radio, Spindale, N.C., July 2004

Black Indian Slave Narratives, Interview with Patrick Mingos, Steve Pardon, WDBJ TV, Roanoke, VA, July 2004

Black Indian Slave Narratives, Interview with Patrick Mingos, Seth Williamson, WVTF Radio, Roanoke, VA, July 2004

Black Indian Slave Narratives, Interview with Patrick Mingos, Janet Johnson, WKPT Radio, Kingsport, Tenn, July 2004

Black Indian Slave Narratives, Interview with Patrick Mingos, Joe Milner, WCYB TV, Bristol, VA, July 2004

Black Indian Slave Narratives, Interview with Patrick Mingos, Jeff Styles, WGOW Radio, Chattanooga, Tenn, July 2004

Black Indian Slave Narratives, Interview with Patrick Mingos, Joy Crump, WAGA TV, Atlanta, GA, July 2004

Black Indian Slave Narratives, Interview with Patrick Mingos, Bruce Ferrell, North Carolina News Network, Raleigh, N.C., July 2004

Black Indian Slave Narratives, Interview with Patrick Mingos, Martha Bishop, Down East Today, Kinston, N.C., July 2004

Black Indian Slave Narratives, Interview with Patrick Mingos, Erin Depoix, WCTI TV, New Bern, N.C., July, 2004

"The Spread of Freemasonry among the American Indians of the United States," Annual Meeting of the Ohio Lodge of Research, January, 2004, Columbus, Ohio.

"'No Negro blood runs through his veins...' American Indian Stories from the Slave Narratives." Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, November 2002, Baltimore, Maryland.

"Blacks and Indians in the United States," Interview with Patrick Mingos, *Earthwatch*, Robert Knight, WBAI – New York, N.Y., December 2001.

"Exploring the Future and Legacy of Black/Indian Relations," Roundtable Discussion, Wilma Mankiller, Moderator, National Congress of American Indians Annual Session, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 2000.

"Living Together in a Sacred Place: The Role of Silver Bluff, S.C. in Our Collective Religious Experience," *'Eating Out of the Same Pot: Relating Black and Native (Hi)stories A Cross-Cultural Symposium*, Dartmouth College, March 2000.

"'all my Slaves, whether Negroes, Indians, Mustees, Or Molattoes,' Towards a Thick Description of 'Slave Religion' " Afro-American Religions Section, Annual Meeting, American Academy Religion, Boston, MA, Nov. 1999.

"I am Keetoowah's Son:" Cherokee Nationalism and the Civil War, Native Religious Traditions Section, Annual Meeting, American Academy Religion, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 1995.

"The Keetoowah Society in Cherokee History, Robert T. Handy Seminar, Union Theological Seminary, February 1995.

"Beneath the Underdog: Race, Religion, and the Trail of Tears," North American Religions Section, Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL. November 1994.

"Apocalypse Now: The Realized Eschatology of the Christian Identity Movement, New Religious Movements Section, Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion, March 1994.

HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS

N.E.H. Dissertation Grant Nominee, Union Theological Seminary N.Y., 1994
Union Fellowship, Union Theological Seminary N.Y., 1992, 1994
Doctoral Fellowship, Union Theological Seminary N.Y., 1990-1993
Finalist - Teacher of the Year, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, 1985
Member, Abyssinian Baptist Church Progressive Men's Usher Board.
Member, 26th Regiment North Carolina Troops
Member, American Academy of Religion
Member, American Society for Ethnohistory
Member, Eastgate Lodge #692 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
Member, Southern Historical Association
Member, North Carolina Association of Educators

COMPETENCIES

Instructional Technology, Digital History, Technology Infusion, Religions of the Americas, Native American History, African American History, Missionary History in the United States, Religion and Colonialism, Medieval and Reformation History, Curriculum Development, Religion and Education, Liberation Theology, Christian Ethics

LANGUAGES AND DATES OF CERTIFICATION

French - Spring 90, Spanish - Spring 91
Other Language Qualifications or Skills Relevant to the Dissertation Project: Cherokee

REFERENCES:

Larry Allred, Principal, Davidson Early College, Lexington, N.C.
David Hackett, Professor, Department of Religion, University of Florida
Judith Weisenfeld, Associate Professor, Department of Religion, Vassar College.
Douglas Davidson - Professor, Sociology Department, Western Michigan University.
Willard R. Johnson, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
Richard L. Allen, Research & Policy Analyst, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.
Maria Pignataro Nielsen, Director of Human Resources, Human Rights Watch, New York, N.Y.
Curt Goering, Deputy Director, Amnesty International USA, New York, N.Y.