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EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. | Emory University (Atlanta, Georgia)
Graduate Division of Religion, (Person, Community and Religious Life) | 2008-2016 |
| M.Div. | Emory University (Atlanta, Georgia)
<i>Religious Education Certification; Black Church Studies Certification</i> | 2008 |
| B.A. | Berea College (Berea, Kentucky)
<i>Cum laude</i> | 2005 |

PUBLICATIONS

Co-edited Book

White, David F. and Sarah Frances Farmer. *Youth Ministry: Reclaiming God's Joy for a Good Life*. Nashville, TN: Wesley's Foundry Books, Forthcoming.

Co-authored Books

Wimberly, Anne E. Streaty and Sarah Frances Farmer. *Raising Hope: Four Paths to Courageous Living for Black Youth*. Nashville, TN: Wesley's Foundry Books, 2017.

Refereed Journal Articles

Farmer, Sarah. "Criminality of Black youth in inner-city schools: 'moral panic', moral imagination, and moral formation." In *Race, Ethnicity and Education*, Vol. 13, No. 3, September 2010, 367–381.

Book Chapters

Farmer, Sarah. "Religious Education and Prison Ministry: Where Public Theology and Public Pedagogy Meet." In *From Lament to Advocacy: Black Religious Education and Public Ministry*, pgs. TBD. Wimberly, Anne E. Streaty, Nathaniel D. West, and Annie Lockhart-Gilroy, editors. Nashville, TN: Wesley's Foundry Books, Forthcoming.

Farmer, Sarah. "Responding to Black Youth Invisibility: The Black Church Nurturing the Artist Within." In *Religion, Culture and Spirituality in Africa and the African Diaspora*, 173-186. William Ackah, Jualynne Dodson and Drew Smith, editors. New York: Routledge, 2017.

Farmer, Sarah. "Criminality of Black Youth in Inner-City Schools: 'Moral Panic', Moral Imagination, and Moral Formation." In *Education and Incarceration*. Erica Meiners and Maisha Winn, editors. New York: Routledge, 2011.

Encyclopedia Entries

Poole, Sarah, and John Snarey. "Erikson's Stages of the Life Cycle." In *Encyclopedia of Child Behavior and Development*, edited by Sam Goldstein and Jack A. Naglieri. New York: Springer, 2011.

Poole, Sarah, and John Snarey. "Generativity Vs. Stagnation." In *Encyclopedia of Child Behavior and Development*, edited by Sam Goldstein and Jack A. Naglieri. New York: Springer, 2011.

Snarey, John, and Sarah Poole. "Erik H. Erikson." In *Encyclopedia of Child Behavior and Development*, edited by Sam Goldstein and Jack A. Naglieri. New York: Springer, 2011.

ACADEMIC AWARDS, HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 Lily Fieldtrip Travel Grant (to travel with students at Indiana Wesleyan University)
- 2019 Emerging Scholar Award (Indiana Wesleyan University)
- 2019 Lily Fieldtrip Travel Grant (to travel with students at Indiana Wesleyan University)
- 2018 Lily Fieldtrip Travel Grant (to travel with students at Indiana Wesleyan University)
- 2015 Piedmont TATTO Fellow
- 2014-2015 Fund for Theological Education Dissertation Fellow
- 2013-2014 Religious Practices and Practical Theology Fellow (Emory University)
- 2013-2014 Community Building and Social Change Fellow (Emory University)
- 2010-2011 Black Women and Ministerial Leadership Fellow (Interdenominational Theological Seminary)
- 2010-2011 Office of University-Community Partnerships grant recipient (Emory University)
- 2008-2013 Minority Diversity Fellowship (Emory University)
- 2008-2010 Fund for Theological Education Doctoral Fellow
- 2009 Ellen Bangson Scholarship in Christian Education (Berea College)
- 2008-2009 Hutchinson Scholarship (Berea College)
- 2008 Berta and James T. Laney Award in Contextual Education (Candler School of Theology)
- 2008 G. Ray Jordan Award (Candler School of Theology)
- 2005-2008 Robert Woodruff Scholarship (Candler School of Theology)
- 2007-2008 Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities
- 2007 Mortar Board Honor Society Alumni Sustaining Member
- 2005 Olive Ruth Russell Fellowship (Berea College)
- 2005 Ferguson-Weatherford Award in Religion (Berea College)
- 2005 Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship (NAACP)
- 2004 Labor Award for the Learning Center
- 2004 Carter G. Woodson Award
- 2004 DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Scholar
- 2004-2005 Mortar Board Honor Society
- 2003 Carlisle Keller MacDonald Scholar (Berea College)
- 2003-2005 Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society
- 2003 Vincint Qui Partir Honor Society
- 2003 Father Henry Parker Scholar
- 2002 Fleur de Lis Honor Society

PAPERS, PANELS, PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “*Restorative Hope: Pedagogy and Hope in Carceral Settings.*” The Faculty Scholarship Symposium. Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN – October 30.
- 2019 “Cultural Liturgies and Pedagogies.” Conference & Teaching Workshop. Panel on the Pedagogy of the Good Life. Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA – August 6.
- 2019 “Christ & Being Human: If Jesus Is the Answer... What’s the Question?” Conference & Teaching Workshop. Panel on the Pedagogy of the Good Life. Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA – August 6.
- 2019 “*Finding Joy Together: Relational Communities of Flourishing.*” Presentation with Dr. Nadja Reilly & Ms. Kate Hyde. Yale Youth Ministry Institute, New Haven, CT – March 6.
- 2018 “Being a Good Neighbor: The Difficult Road to Reconciliation.” Day of Courageous Conversations. Moderated Panel Presentation. Indiana Wesleyan University. Marion, IN – February 12.
- 2018 “Mentors of Joy.” Association of Youth Ministry Educators. St. Louis, MO—October 29.
- 2018 “Contexts and Questions.” The Future of Joy & the Good Life” Conference & Teaching Workshop. Panel on the Pedagogy of the Good Life. Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT – August 2.
- 2018 “Flourishing in Christ: Getting to the Heart of Youth Ministry.” *Theology in Dialogue: Christ to the Center* - Study Days for Theological and Social Renewal. University of Fribourg. Switzerland. - June 23.
- 2018 “The Future of Theology and its Impact on the Church.” *Theology in Dialogue: Christ To the Center* - Study Days for Theological and Social Renewal. Moderated Panel with Dr. Ralph Kunz, Conor McDonough, Dr. Silvianna Aspray, and Bishop Graham Tomlin. University of Fribourg. Switzerland. - June 22.
- 2018 “Why Rituals Work: The Science Behind Ritual Formation in the Lives of Youth.” *Jesus Rode a Dinosaur: Faithful Youth Ministry in a Scientific Age.* Science for Youth Ministry Conference. Colonial Church of Edina. Edina, MN. May 7.
- 2018 “Religious Practices and Practical Theology in the Prison.” Presentation with Jennifer McBride and Elizabeth Bounds. *Practical Matters Conference.* Emory University. Atlanta, GA. March 23.
- 2017 *Theologies of Flourishing and the Most Vulnerable.* Moderated Panel with Panelists Keri Day, Graham Ward, Matthew Croasmun, and Fernando F. Segovia. American Academy of Religion, Theological Reflections Group, Boston, MA, November 20.

- 2017 “God Is in the Movement: Exploring God at Work in the Lives of Incarcerated Young Adults.” *Where is God At Work Among Young Adults* - Young Adult Symposium. Panel Presentation with Almeda Wright, Patrick Reyes, Richard Flory, and Daniel White-Hodges. Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. Evanston, IL. October 21.
- 2017 *Criminal Justice, Poverty, and Race*. Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty Conference. Moderated Panel with Panelists Paul Butler, Robin Steinberg, and James Forman, Jr. Virginia Military Institute. Lexington, VA. July 31.
- 2017 “Disrupting Hiddenness through Prison Pedagogy.” *Seeking the Kingdom, Tilling the Vineyard*. Society of Vineyard Scholars Eighth Annual Conference. Yale Divinity School. New Haven, CT. June 22.
- 2017 “All Liturgies Matter: Ministry to Youth in the Face of Violence.” *When Dancing Turns to Mourning: Worshipping in the Face of Violence*, ISM Congregations Project Conference. Yale Divinity School. New Haven, CT. June 15.
- 2017 “Nurturing Joy: Supporting the Emotional and Spiritual Lives of Adolescents,” *Why Youth Ministry: A Beacon of Light in the Midst of Suffering*. Course of Study, Yale Youth Ministry Institute, New Haven, CT, June 9.
- 2016 “From a Practical Theological Lens.” Case Study Symposium. Office of Supervised Ministries. Panel Presentation with Willie Jennings, Bruce Gordon, and Harold Attridge. Yale Divinity School. New Haven, CT, November 10.
- 2016 “Restorative Hope: Exploring Pedagogy through the Lens of Incarceration,” *Generating Hope: The Future of the Teaching Profession in a Globalized World*, Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, November 5.
- 2016 “Rituals of Reintegration: Practices of Flourishing with Adolescents along the Incarceration Continuum,” *Innovation and Mission in Youth Ministry*, Association of Youth Ministry Educators, Orlando, FL, October 29.
- 2016 “Trauma-Informed Expressive Arts: Using Art to Heal the Effects of Trauma,” *GotJoy?: Nurturing Joy and Flourishing in the Midst of Adversity* Course of Study, Yale Divinity School Youth Ministry Institute, New Haven, CT, June 10.
- 2016 “Youth on Lockdown: Ministry to Youth on the Pipeline to Prison,” *GotJoy?: Nurturing Joy and Flourishing in the Midst of Adversity* Course of Study, Yale Divinity School Youth Ministry Institute, New Haven, CT, June 9.
- 2016 “Burnout in the Gap: Youth Ministry in the Midst of Adversity,” *GotJoy?: Nurturing Joy and Flourishing in the Midst of Adversity* Course of Study, Co-presented with Angela Gorrell, Yale Divinity School Youth Ministry Institute, New Haven, CT, June 8.

- 2016 “Courageous Hope: Empowering Adolescent Joy Amidst the Challenges of Life,” Co-presented with Anne E. Streaty Wimberly, Youth Ministry Institute Lunch and Lecture Series, Yale Divinity School New Haven, CT, May 4.
- 2015 “Building Bridges of Hope: The Church's Role in Reaching Disconnected Black Youth,” Co-presented with Anne E. Streaty Wimberly, Religious Education Association, Atlanta, GA, November 6-8.
- 2015 “Practicing Hope: Using Art to Disrupt Cycles of Trauma,” Vienna, Austria Herzwirk Training Retreat, June 16-19.
- 2014 Transatlantic Roundtable on Race and Religion by selection, *Responding to Black Youth Invisibility: The Church Nurturing the Artist Within*, University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa, July 9-16.
- 2013 *Hidden from Existence, But I Will Not Hide: Toward a Pedagogy of Critical Visibility*, American Academy of Religion, Transformative Pedagogies Group, Baltimore, MD, November 22-25.
- 2013 *Art as a Religious Practice: Teaching Art in the Prison Context*, Religious Practices and Practical Theology Colloquy, Emory University, February 9.
- 2009 *Where Do We Go From Here? New Voices in the Black Religion/Black Church (Young Scholars Panel)*, Plenary Presentation, Fifth Annual Black Church Studies Summit: Emory University, January 22-24.
- 2008 Consultation on Youth in Religious Practice, Plenary Presentation, Emory University, January 9.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Indiana Wesleyan University

Teacher

Community Development Management
 Advanced Studies in Youth and Culture
 New Testament Survey
 Issues in Human Trafficking
 Race, Class, & Gender
 Transformative Development Principles
 Christ & Being Human
 Biblical Theology of Social Justice

Marion, IN
 Fall 2019 - Current

Yale Divinity School

Teacher

Mobilizing for Justice: Advocacy Ministry with Children and Youth
 Travel Seminar to Children's Defense Fund

New Haven, CT

2018

Co-Teacher

Joy as a Spiritual Path to the Caregiving Vocation (Mary Clark Moschella) 2017

Emory University

Atlanta, Georgia

Candler School of Theology

Adjunct Faculty

Effective Approaches to Criminal Justice 2016

Creativity and Pedagogy 2015

Religious Education as Formation and Transformation 2009

Teaching Associate

Religious Education as Formation and Transformation (Jane Knight) 2009

Teaching Assistant

Religious Education as Formation and Transformation (Carol Lakey Hess) 2008

Moral Psychology: Reasoning, Development, and Education (John Snarey) 2008

Emory College of Arts and Sciences

Co-teacher

Community Building and Social Change (Jess Groholz) 2014

Lyrics on Lockdown, The Moral Responsibility of Education,
Not Incarceration (Keisha Green) 2010

Teaching Assistant

Community Building and Social Change (Michael Rich) 2013

African Religious Cultures in the Americas and the Caribbean (Dianne Stewart)2010

Morehouse College

Atlanta, Georgia

Co-teacher

Introduction to Religion (Alexis Wells) 2014

Arrendale State Prison, Certificate in Theological Studies Program

Alto, Georgia

Teacher

Perspectives on Hope: In Theory, Adversity, and Practice 2015

Exploring Spirituality and Identity through the Arts 2012

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Yale Divinity School, Yale Center for Faith and Culture

New Haven, CT

Associate Research Scholar

2016-Present

Interdenominational Theological Center, Youth Hope-Builders Academy

Atlanta, Georgia

Ethnographer for Building Bridges of Hope

2014-Present

Howard University Divinity School

Washington, DC

Research Associate for Equipping the Saints Research Project

2012 - 2015

Emory University, Candler School of Theology

Atlanta, Georgia

Interviewer for Youth Theological Initiative

2010

Administer of Wisdom of Youth Research Project
Research Proxy for Director of Religious Education
Research Proxy for Director of Black Church Studies

2007-2008
2007- 2008
2006-2007

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Yale Divinity School, Yale Center for Faith and Culture

Adolescent Faith and Flourishing Program

New Haven, CT
2016-Present

Emory University, Candler School of Theology

Acting Director of the Religious Education Program

Atlanta, Georgia
2015-2016

Certificate of Theological Studies Program at Arrendale State Prison

Co-Director

Prison Studies Coordinator

2015
August 2014-2016

Berea College

Senior Consultant/Workshop and Presentation Coordinator

Berea, Kentucky
2002-2004

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Yale Divinity School, Yale Center for Faith and Culture

Adolescent Faith and Flourishing Program

New Haven, CT
2016-Present

Interdenominational Theological Center

Program Associate for Youth Hope Builders Academy

Youth Hope Builders Academy Exploratory Leader

Youth Hope Builders Academy Covenant Mentor

Atlanta, Georgia
2007-2016

2009- 2010

2006-2008

Peace in the Streets

Co-Director/ Co-Founder of Youth Arts and Peace Camp

Chester, Pennsylvania
2005- 2009

Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation

Community Organizer/Camp Counselor

Dorchester, Mass.
2004

Chester Eastside Ministries

English Teacher/Peer Counselor

Chester, Pennsylvania
2002-2003

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Executive Leadership Team Member

Real Community Covenant Church

Marion, Indiana
2019-Present

Christian Tabernacle Baptist Church (American Baptist Church)

College and Young Adult Coordinator, Volunteer

Hamden, Connecticut
2017-2018

Destiny Metropolitan Worship Church (Non-denominational)

RethINC/Transitions Young Adult Ministry

Ministry Team Lead

Ministry Internship Student

Atlanta, Georgia

2007- 2011

2006-2007

Spelman College

Sisters Chapel

Contextual Education Student

Atlanta, Georgia
2006- 2007

Berea College

Campus Christian Center

Student Chaplain and Residential Assistant

Berea, Kentucky

2004-2005

MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS:

Member of American Academy of Religion
Member of the Religious Education Association
Member of The Association of Practical Theology
Member of Association of Youth Ministry Educators (Board Member)
Member of the International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry