

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

#### **United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio**

Doctor of Ministry, 1995  
“Breath in Bones: A Preaching and Teaching Program that  
Enhances Structure and Strength in a Historic, Urban  
Congregation”

#### **Union Theological Seminary, New York, New York**

Master of Divinity, 1987  
Thesis: “The Place of Preaching in the Theological Enterprise”

#### **Denison University, Granville, Ohio**

B. A. with Honors, 1984  
Phi Beta Kappa  
Religion and Black Studies  
Honors Project: “The Place of Martin King in the Later  
Development of Black Christian Thought”

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Associate Professor of Preaching and Pastoral Formation, Drew Theological  
Seminary  
2004-Present**  
Courses Taught

## DMin Cohorts

Pastoral Identity and Prophetic Fire, 2021

Worship Preaching and Spirituality

“Preaching: Promise and Process” (Designed for New Curriculum), 2020, 2022

“Preaching and the Common Good” (Designed for New Curriculum), 2019, 2021

“A Charge I Have to Keep,” D. Min course with Leonard Sweet, Spring 2019

“The Prophethood of all Believers,” D.Min course with Leonard Sweet, Fall 2019

“The Bible and Its Interpreters” (Rooted Course), 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

“Discipleship of Context,” D.Min course with Leonard Sweet, Fall 2018

“Preaching Matters,” Spring 2017

“Orcas Island Advance,” with Leonard Sweet, 2016, 2021

“Advanced Preaching: A Matter of Life and Death,” Spring 2016

“The Unbounded Pastor-Preacher,” D.Min. course with Leonard Sweet, Spring 2016

“The Church at Worship PASTH 505, 506: Preaching” (Year Long Interdisciplinary Course), 2014-2018

“Advanced Preaching,” Spring 2014

“Topics in Preaching: African-American Preaching and the Hampton Ministers Conference” (taught on site at Conference)

“Black Preaching,” 2015, 2018, 2022

“Suffering and Hope” Interdisciplinary course taught with Art Pressley

“Pastoral Paradigms” D.Min course, Fall 2015

D.Min Project and Thesis Research and Writing, 2015, 2016, 2017

D.Min Thesis Completion, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020

“City Preaching”, Fall, 2013

“Preaching from the Hebrew Scriptures” Interdisciplinary Course with Danna Fewell, 2008, 2010

“The Preaching Life: An Exploration into the History of Preaching in New York City.” D.Min course, 2007, 2010, 2014, 2021

“Drew @ Ocean Grove: Bible Hour Teacher,” 2006, 2007

“Imaginative Biblical Preaching,” D.Min course, 2005, 2007, 2009

Committees: Theological Faculty Representative to Drew 2017 Committee,  
Chair, Homiletics Search Committee 2011  
Chair, Dean’s Council,  
Hebrew Bible Search Committee,  
Doctor of Ministry  
Supervised Ministry  
Curriculum Committee  
Member, Homiletics Search Committee, 2013

## **Leading Pastor, The Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn, New York.**

### **1990-Present**

- Active Membership, 1000

- Staff Leadership: Head of Staff, 25 fulltime employees
- Concord Federal Credit Union - \$10 million assets
- Concord Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (operating Budget \$11 million. \$26 million expansion of facility and program completed 2002)
- Concord Christfund (\$1 Million Endowment for Community uplift. Over \$1million in grants given to date)
- Concord Community Development Corporation
- Monthly National Television Broadcast: "America at Worship." Faith and Values Network 2004-2006
- Pastoral Residency Program (Lilly Endowment Grant \$848,000) Renewed at (798,000 in 2007)
- Capital Projects 1.7 Million
- New Property Acquisitions 1.5 million
- Sustaining Love Stewardship Campaign 2017- Present Goal: 2 Million

**Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Morristown, New Jersey 1989-1990**

Denominational Affiliations: Progressive National Baptist Convention  
American Baptist Churches

Ordination: Eastern Union Missionary Baptist Association, Ohio, 1983

**TEACHING EXPERINECE**

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| 1994      | New York Theological Seminary<br>"The Life and Thought of Gardner C. Taylor"   |
| 1996-1999 | New Brunswick Theological Seminary<br>"Oral Communication"<br>"Sermon Reading"<br>"Introduction to Preaching"<br>"Advanced Preaching"<br>"Black Preaching"<br>"The Church in the Urban Context" Doctor of Ministry Seminar |
| 2000      | Union Theological Seminary<br>"Baptist Polity"   |
| 2000-2003 | United Theological Seminary<br>"Church Administration in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century" -Doctor of Ministry<br>Principal Guide and Project Advisor (6 graduating students)  |
| 2011      | Yale Divinity School<br>"Black Preaching"  |
| 2014      | Introduction to Worship and Preaching<br>Union Theological Seminary  |

2015-2016 Visiting Professor of Worship and Preaching  
Union Theological Seminary

**PRESENTATIONS (COVID 19) via Zoom**

2021 Annual Gardner C. Taylor Preacher and Lecturer, Interdenominational Theological Center, "The Sermon is the Life: Interpreting Dr. Gardner C. Taylor in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

Presenter and Panelist, How Shall They Hear Conference 2021, "Balancing Social Justice and Evangelism in Ministry and Preaching"

"The Sermon as a Means of Creating Freedom Spaces"  
"Seminary Sundays Preaching Lab" with Bishop John Guns

"Beyond the Gatekeepers" with Bishop Yvette Flunder and Bishop Carlton Pearson

"What the Pandemic is Teaching Us"  
"Think about It" Rev. Roger C Williams.  
Greensboro Ministers Conference

"Pastoral Journey and Identity" on "Insight" with Rev. Larry Camp. Via Zoom 2020

Featured Lecturer and Preacher, Chautauqua on the Lake, Summer 2022, "On Wrestling with God" and "Mark 5 and 6 and the Intentionality of Holistic Health and Wellness" Summer 2016. "The Prodigals: A closer Look and the Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15"

"From Student to Successor" Charles E Booth Preaching Conference. Columbus, Ohio 2016

Featured Preacher and Lecturer, The Preaching Academy. Rocky Mountain Conference of UMC, 2016

"Of Race and Relationships" dialogue with George Mason, PhD. The Alliance of Baptists Annual Conference, Dallas Texas, 2015

"The Art of Preaching in the 21st Century" Conference, Candler School of Theology, 2010  
Sermon: "Beyond Emptiness to Openness"  
The Dean's Lecture: "Some Lessons and Implications for Pastoral Preaching from the Study of Literature."

"The Pastor's Study" Yale Divinity School, 2010

Gardner C Taylor Lecturer, Duke Divinity School, 2010.  
Sermon: "Soul Trouble"

Lecture: "Some Musings and Music from the Pastoral Life"

"Making of a Minister" Rogers-Cunningham-Bowman Ministerial Institute, Eastern Nazarene College" 2007.

"The Miseducation of the Black Church: Toward an Ethic of Community Responsibility for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" Winston Salem State University, 2007.

"Engaging the Local Faith Community in Global Politics: A Christian Perspective." The Council on Foreign Relations Interfaith Dialogue, 2007.

"Leadership: The Baptist's Contribution" Tipple Vosberg Lectures, Drew University, 2005.

"Redeeming the Times: An Urban Pastoral Perspective" Inaugural Howard Moody Lecture, Union Theological Seminary, New York, 2004.

"My Sermon and God's People" Cultivating the Art of Preaching. Kirkridge Retreat Center, 2003.

"Authorizing the Call as African American Baptist" The Fund for Theological Education, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2003

"The Lord's Prayer and the Call to Justice" Tikkun Society, 2002

"The Pastoral Function of Raising the Dead" The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, 2002

"Preaching as Incarnational Theology" Tipple Vosberg Lectures, Drew University, 2001.

"Living in an Age of Dis-Integration." King Day Lecture, Denison University, 1999.

"The Church's Response to Structural Unemployment in New York City" Dietrich Bonhoeffer Lectures, University of Griefswald, Griefswald, Germany. Published in German by The Bonhoeffer Society, 1999.

"The Christian Obligation to Justice" Manchester College, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1998.

"Where Have All the Prophets Gone?" New York Board of Rabbis, 1993.

## **LEADERSHIP**

**Board Member, National Grid Foundation, 2005-Present**  
**Vice Chair 2017-Present**

**Board Member, The Association of Theological Schools, 2014-Present**

**Board Member, American Baptist Home Mission Society, 2016-Present**

**Chair, Ordination Council, American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York  
2005-Present**

**Life Board Member, Denison University, (Active service 1993-2019)**

**Founding Member, The Black Church Collective, 2020- Present**

**Chair, Goals Commission, Progressive National Baptist Convention 1996-1998**

**Chair, Long Range Planning Committee 1998-2006**

- Created first Strategic Plan in Convention's history

**Board member, The Fund for Theological Education, 2001- 2009**

Chair, 2006-2009

**Advisory Board, Institute of Church Administration and Management 2000-2009**

**Advisory Board, Congress of Black Churches, 2009- 2015**

**Board Member, Union Theological Seminary, 1996-2002**

**Advisory Board, Black Philanthropy, 2001- 2013**

**Advisory Board, African American Pulpit, 2002-2005**

## **PARTICIPATION**

“Boundary Education for ministers and Theologians” Certificate. New Orleans, 2009.

**Pastor-Theologian 2001-2002, Center of Theological Inquiry. Princeton, New Jersey**

Papers: “The Pastoral Function in Raising the Dead”

“Making Way for the Psalmist – Authority and Authorizing the Music Ministry”

“Jesus “BE” Black: An Ontological Query Concerning Post-Modern  
Christology”

**Leadership Network: “Exploring off the Map” 1990**

**Lecturer/Preacher**

- Candler School of Theology

- Yale Divinity School
- Duke Divinity School
- Shaw Divinity School
- Princeton Theological Seminary
- Union Theological Seminary, New York
- Harvard Divinity School
- New Brunswick Theological Seminary
- Christ Church, (Presbyterian) Pune, India
- Union Biblical Seminary, Pune, India
- Centennial Celebration of National Baptist Convention of South Africa
- Calvary Baptist Church, Republic of Panama
- Convention of the Bethel Churches, Nassau, Bahamas
- Wilshire Baptist Church, preacher on the occasion of George Mason's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Senior Pastor
- Pastoral Installation Preacher: Queens Baptist Church, Queens Village, New York; First Baptist Church, Lauderdale, Memphis, TN; Union Baptist Church, Montclair, New Jersey; Shiloh Baptist Church, Jamaica, New York; Pilgrim Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota; Covenant Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.; Friendship Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado

#### **Facilitator/Leader**

- Leadership Summit and Strategic Planning, PNBC  
2004 – Orlando, Florida  
2003 – Atlanta, Georgia  
2002 – Atlanta, Georgia  
2001 – Grand Bahamas
- Institute of Church Administration and Management  
“Emerging Leaders” ICAM  
“Biblical Principals for Leadership”
- Indianapolis Center for Congregations  
“Emerging Church Leaders”
- Ministers Conference of Newark and Vicinity  
“Preaching Enrichment Seminar”
- Congregational and Local Leadership Development  
(Seminars taught at Local churches)  
“For God So Loved the World... That God did not Send a Committee” Bethany United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, New York  
“Soul-Mates: Cultivating Ministry and Relationship: A Marriage Enrichment Seminar.” Metropolitan Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey  
“Church Officers and Spiritual Gifts” Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York  
“The Five Love Languages and Christian Service” Metropolitan Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey  
“21<sup>st</sup> Century Leadership for the Local Church” Ebenezer Baptist Church, New Brunswick, New Jersey

“I Call Your Friends: Moving Beyond Servant - Leadership in the Local Congregation”  
“Preaching through Conflict”

**Advisor, D.Min projects:**

Lutheran Seminary, United Theological Seminary, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Eastern Baptist Seminary, Ashland Theological Seminary  
Drew Seminary, Cohort Led: “Worship Spirituality and Preaching”  
United Theological Seminary Cohort Led: “Church Administration in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

**PUBLISHING AND FEATURED ARTICLES  
ONLINE:**

**Christian Century** [www.christiancentury.org](http://www.christiancentury.org)  
“First Person” “Black Men I’ve Mourned” July 6, 2022  
“Sidebar” “My Approach to Funeral Sermons,” July 6, 2022  
“Living By the Word” 17A July 28, 2020 (Romans 8:26-39)  
18A August 2, 2020 (Genesis 32:22-31)  
“Sunday’s Coming” “Songs With Dangerous Choruses (Psalm 105:1-11)  
“Freedom Spaces” (Matthew 14:13-21

**Feasting on the Word** [www.feastingontheword.net](http://www.feastingontheword.net)  
Westminster John Knox Press Lectionary for Preaching Year A The Pastoral Perspective  
Proper 13 Genesis 32:22-31  
Proper 13 Psalm 17:1-7,15  
Proper 14 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

**Feasting on the Gospels: John, Vol 1 (1-9)** [www.feastingonthegospels.com](http://www.feastingonthegospels.com)  
Westminster John Knox Press  
John 9:1-12  
John 9:13-17  
John 9:18-23

**The African American Lectionary** [www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org](http://www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org)  
Sunday, May 31, 2009 "Pentecost"  
Sunday, July 26, 2009 "Men's Day"

**The Future of Great Preaching** [www.thefuturegreatpreaching.com](http://www.thefuturegreatpreaching.com)  
Featured Sermon and Interview at Andover Newton Seminary, 2009

**Faith and Leadership** [www.faithandleadership.com](http://www.faithandleadership.com)  
“The Pastoral Challenge of a Brooklyn Church and COVID-19” 2020  
Interview: "A Defiant Community of Friends"

**TRADITIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship. (2020)  
Thomas Long, et al editors. (Connecting the Reading with the World)



“Exodus 20:1-17”  
“Numbers 21:4-9”  
“Jeremiah 31:31-34”

Abingdon Preaching Annual, 2020

“Third Sunday After Epiphany”  
“First Sunday After Pentecost”  
“Christ the King Sunday”

"Foreword" in The Church in a Time of Empire. David O. Woodyard. Circle Books, 2011

"Preaching the Lesson" Lectionary Homiletics, January 2011  
Second Sunday after the Epiphany, Psalm 40:1-11  
Third Sunday after the Epiphany, Isaiah 9:1-4

"God Alone Exalted." A Sermon derived from Isaiah 2:1-11 in Gardner C Taylor: Submissions to the Dean. J. Douglas Wiley and Ivan Hicks, editors. Chicago: UMI Press, 2009.

"Pastoral Perspective" in Feasting on the Word. Lectionary for Preaching: Year B. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009

“Psalm 4”  
“Psalm 22”  
“Psalm 23”

New Interpreter's Handbook on Preaching, Paul Scott Wilson, Editor. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2008.

“Preaching as Testimonial”  
“Preaching and Race, Gender and Class”

“To Calvary or Not to Calvary” Circuit Rider Magazine, September 2002

We Have This Ministry. Samuel DeWitt Proctor and Gardner Taylor with Gary V. Simpson. Valley Forge: Judson Press, 1996.

“Preaching by Punctuation” in The Courage to Hope: From Black Suffering to Human Redemption. Boston: Beacon Press, 1995.

“Rising to the Occasion” Preaching Today, 1996

“Jesus: The Model Pray-er” in No Other Help I Know: Sermons on Spirituality and Prayer. Valley Forge: Judson Press, 1996.

“Wear Your Own Armor”, Leadership Journal, 1995

“The Concord Baptist Christfund: Taking Stewardship to Another Level” Chicago Divinity School Press, 1994.

“Bridled Enthusiasm: When A Young Pastor Enters an Older Church” Leadership Journal, 1990

Christianity Today

“Big Shoes to Fill,” May 2004

“Climate Control,” January 1999

“The Back Page,” January 1994

“The Young Pastor in an Older Church,” April 1991

### **Accessible PODCASTS**

2010 Worship Service: Gary V. Simpson, Preaching “Soul Trouble”  
The Gardner C Taylor Lectures, Duke Divinity School

Gary Simpson – “A Defiant Community of Friends”  
Leadership Education at Duke Divinity

Gary Simpson – Dean’s Lecture  
Candler School of Theology

Trinity United Church of Christ - Empowering Voices  
#9 Pastor Gary V. Simpson, Senior Pastor  
The Concord Baptist Church of Christ

“Pastor Gary Simpson from Historic Brooklyn Church,” December 2019, Good God Project by Dr. George Mason and Faith Commons

“A Conversation with the Reverend Dr. Gary V. Simpson,” May, 2020, The Justifiable Noize Project

“Gary Simpson on the Craft of Preaching,” July 2020, Good God Project by Dr. George Mason and Faith Commons

“COVID-19 Vaccine and the Black Community,” Make It Plain with Mark Thompson (Podcast), 2021

### **Featured:**

“4 Million Dollars in Medical Debt Erased for Needy Families in NY & NJ,” .base Black Theology Project, May 2020.

“How Much Younger Should Your Next Pastor Be?” by Warren Bird, Leadership Network, 2015.

"The Church of Friends" featured article. Positive Community Magazine, 2010.

“100 Influential Ministers, Upscale Magazine” 1991

“Where to Hear a Good Sermon in New York” Time Out New York  
The National Chronicle of Philanthropy, Featured Articles, 1996, 2003.  
America’s Black Forum: “The Black Church and AIDS” 1992

**Awards:**

Teacher of the Year, Drew Theological School, 2022

Inductee, The Ohio Association of Colleges Hall of Excellence, 2015

**Digital Sermon Archive of The Concord Baptist Church of Christ**  
**SoundCloud.com**

August 2014 – Present (over 300 sermons)

**Youtube.com April 2022-Present**

**Composer, Copyrighted music**

“Lord Make Us One”

“Our God is a Healer”

“We Worship You”

“More than a Watchman”

“The Pastor’s Hymnal: Ten Songs of Encouragement and Hope for Pastors and People”