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Education

- University of Edinburgh: Scotland, United Kingdom** July 2019
Ph.D., Major: Practical Theology, and Comparative Criminal Justice, (US/UK), Criminology, Ethics,
- Boston University: Boston, MA, United States**
S.T.M. (Master's in Sacred Theology). January 2006
Major: Philosophy, Religion/Theology, and Ethics (Religious and Social).
- Boston University/Boston, MA, United States**
M.Div. (Master of Divinity). June 2004
Major: Divinity, Church Administration, and Social Justice.
- Central University College. Accra, Ghana, Africa**
B.A. Bachelor of Arts in Religion, July 1997
Major: Religion, Administration, and Leadership Development.

Experience

- **McDonald Distinguished Fellow:** Center for The Study of Law and Religion: Emory
- **Associate:** The Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research: Scotland/United Kingdom
- **Adjunct Professor:** Bunker Hill Community College
- **Adjunct Professor:** Boston University Metropolitan College
- **Tutor:** University of Edinburgh School of Divinity
- **Tutor:** University of Edinburgh School of Law

Teaching Experience

- Bunker Hill Community College, Boston, MA** Present
- World Religions
 - Introduction to Philosophy
 - Applied Ethics

- Boston University Metropolitan College, Boston, MA** Present
- Principles of Criminal Justice:

Varsity Tutors

- Providing tutorial services for undergraduate and graduate students: March 2019 to Present

The University of Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom

The School of Divinity: September 2015 to 2018

- History of Christianity as a World Religion: B.
- Global Religions A: Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism.

- History of Christianity as a World Religion: A.
- Theological Ethics in Continental Perspective.

The School of Law:

- Introduction to Criminal Justice: Spring 2018
- Introduction to Criminology: Fall 2018

Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts:

September 2007 to 2011

- Teaching Assistant for Dr. Norm Faramelli. Course: The History of the Social Teachings of the Church.
- Teaching Assistant for Dr. Norm Faramelli. Course: Boston Personalism.
- Teaching Assistant for Dr. Elizabeth Stefanakis. Course: Pedagogical techniques for Urban Schools and students for whom English is a second language.
- Teaching Assistant for Dr. Dale Andrews: Course: Homiletics- the Integration of Ethics and Homiletics.

Research Experience

Methods

- Phenomenological research methods in the social sciences, theology, and society
- Criminology research methods
- Ethnography, Nvivo, SPSS Statistics, and Microsoft Office Proficient

Empirical Research:

- Topic: *Studies on Religion and Recidivism: Focus on Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan*. Context: 15 African American churches in Boston. Goal: Investigation of the implications of mass incarceration on the Black family structure.
- Topic: "Prison Chaplains on the Beat in U.S. and U.K. Prisons." Ethnographic research work with prison chaplains in the Scottish Prison Service (Scotland) and the United States (Alabama, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Jersey).

Research and Teaching Interests

Introduction to Criminal Justice
 Religion/World Religions
 Religion and Society
 Introduction to Philosophy (Religion, Social, and Enlightenment)
 Ethics (Applied, Social and Religious)
 Introduction to Criminology
 Social Theories and Sociology of Religion
 Criminal Justice: Race and Justice Policies
 Politics, Race, and Ethnicity
 Comparative Criminal Justice (US & UK)
 Theology (Including Systematic, Black, and British Black Theologies)
 Practical Theology
 African American and African Diaspora Religious Histories
 Black Social Movements and Intellectual History
 Research Methods

Publications

Books

Future:

- Walters-Sleyon, G., *The Black Diamonds Rush of the US, and the UK: From John Locke to Thomas Jefferson*: 2023

Past:

- Walters-Sleyon, G., *Prison Chaplains on the Beat in the US and the UK Prisons: Caring for Aging, Dying, and Dead Prisoners*. 2021
- Walters-Sleyon, G., *Nuggets From The Night: An Anthology of Poetic Expressions*: 2020
- Walters-Sleyon, G., *Locked Up and Locked Down: Multitude Lingers in Limbo-Revised Edition*, 2013

Articles/Research

- Walters-Sleyon, G., *Caring for Aging, Dying and Dead Prisoners: Canopy Forum-The Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University*. 2022
- Walters-Sleyon, G., *Through the Eyes of James Cone: COVID-19, Police Brutality, and the Black Church*. 2020
- Walters-Sleyon, G., *Why We Love the Hymns: An African Methodist Episcopal Perspective*, Sunday Magazine: The Lord's Day Alliance. 2019
- Walters-Sleyon, G., *Studies on Religion and Recidivism: Focus on Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan*. 2013

Book Reviews

Missions: Centrifugal or Centripetal in The Expository Times Volume 129 Number 1. A review of Gordon L. Snider, *The Use of Old Testament in a Wesleyan Theology of Mission* (Cambridge: James Clark and Co, 2016. pp. ix + 310. ISBN:978-0-227-17602-3). 2017

Rapporteur

May 2015

The Scottish Prison Service: Conference on: *From Vision to Reality-Transforming Scotland's Care of Women in Custody International Conference Report*.

Conference Presentations

- "The Dilemma of the Black Man" at "Recognition and Reckoning: Empowering Men of Color Through Equity and Cultural Wealth." Hosted by Bunker Hill Community College Center for Equity and Cultural Wealth 2022 Institute. May 2022.
- "Promote Justice: Race, Criminology, and Restorative Justice." Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries' "Values over Violence Institute." Boston/MA June 2019
- "Prison Chaplains on the Beat: Caring for Aging, Dying and Dead Prisoners in U.S. and U.K. Prisons." The British Society of Criminology Conference: Birmingham City University, Birmingham/U.K. 2018
- "Mass Incarceration and Death in U.S. and U.K. Prisons: A Theological Situation." The Society for the Study of Christian Ethics 2018 Conference: St. John's College, Durham/ U.K. Sept. 2018.

- "Prison Chaplaincy in the Era of Mass Incarceration." The Correctional Ministries and Chaplains Association Summit: Wheaton College, Illinois, U.S.A. June 2018.
- "Race, Mass Incarceration, and Theology in U.K. Prisons: A Theological Dialogue on Punishment and Imprisonment." The Society for the Study of Theology Conference: University of Nottingham, Nottingham/U.K. April 2018
- "Race and the School-to-Prison Pipeline in the United States." Centre for Education and Racial Equality International Conf.: Morey House School of Education: Univ. of Edinburgh: 2015

Panelist

- "Law, Religion, and Coronavirus in the United States: A Six-Month Assessment" (Organized by: Co-organized by: International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University Law School, Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University Law School, Notre Dame Program on Church, State & Society, Notre Dame Law School, Center for Law and Religion, St. John's University School of Law, Eleanor H. McCullen Center for Law, Religion and Public Policy, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law). 2020
- Center for the Study of Law and Religion: Emory University 2019
- National Cathedral Conference on Reentry: Washington DC. 2013.
- *2013 Reform Conference: The Drug Policy Alliance: Denver/Colorado.* 2013
- *State of Black Boston-Criminal Justice Panel-* Urban League Conference, Boston. 2011
- Harvard University, School of Divinity-*Restorative Justice and Faith* Conference, Boston. 2011

Campus Presentations

- "Race, Terrorism, and Theology." Special Church History Lecture to Commemorate Black History Month, School of Divinity, Univ. of Edinburgh. October 2017
- "A DuBoisian Perspective in Socio-Ethnographic Research in Practical Theology." Theology and Ethics Seminar, School of Divinity, Univ. of Edinburgh. November 2017
- "Race, Racism, and Theology: From the Enlightenment to the Contemporary- the 1620s-2016: A Synopsis." History of Christianity Research Seminar, the School of Divinity, Univ. of Edinburgh. 2018

Fellowships and Awards

- *McDonald Distinguished Fellow:* Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University 2019
- Teaching Certificate: Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy of the United Kingdom. 2018
- *Understanding Prison Life: New Research Frontiers* 2016
- Selected a researcher for *Understanding Prison Life: New Research Frontiers* at Cambridge Institute of Criminology, Cambridge University.
- *VITAE: Realizing the Potential of Researchers:* 2016

Completing the Edinburgh Local GRAD school course through the Institute for Academic Development (IAD) and VITAE: realizing the potential of researchers: University of Edinburgh.

Skills & Interests

- **Technical:** Microsoft Word. PowerPoint. Excel. Windows/Mac. NVivo. Outlook. Trained in Online and Remote learning capabilities. Event planning and promotion. Communication/People Skills. Management/Leadership Skills. Organizational Skills.
- **Language:** Fluent in English. Introductory reading in Latin and French
- **Social Media:** Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.,

Professional Affiliations

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| • American Society of Criminology | 2019-Present |
| • American Academy of Religion | 2018-Present |
| • British Society of Criminology | 2018-Present |
| • Society for the Study of Theology | 2017-Present |
| • Society for the Study of Christian Ethics | 2017-Present |
| • Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research | 2015-Present |
| • National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) | 2010-Present |
| • American Association of Blacks in Higher Education | 2019-Pre |