

Curriculum Vitae

Lahronda Welch Little, PhD, CHP

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Profile: An interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary scholar with expertise in soteriology through the lens of public health and religion. Core academic commitments in womanist and feminist discourse, Wesleyan theology, Africana religious studies, spirituality, interreligious and intercultural encounters. Methodological skills include qualitative and quantitative analysis, phenomenological inquiry, and autoethnography.

Core skills: Interdisciplinary study and instruction, Pastoral leadership, Workshop Development and Convener, Intercultural team building, Spiritual and Physical Health Coaching, Writing and speaking for public audiences, and executive leadership.

Education

Ph.D., Spiritual Care and Pastoral Theology, Emory University, Laney Graduate Division of Religion in Person, Community, and Religious Life, 2022

MDiv, Candler School of Theology – Emory University, 2018

Certificates in Women, Theology, and Ministry (WTM), Religion and Health

B.S., Integrative Studies in Religion and Health, Clayton State University, Morrow, GA 2015

Certifications

Certified Health Partner (CHP) through the Emory-Georgia Tech Predictive Health Institute

Dissertation Title: Stitching Fabrics with Fine Threads: Toward a Womanist Holistic Soteriology

Dissertation Committee: Emmanuel Y. Lartey (advisor), Teresa L. Fry Brown, Dianne M. Stewart, and Diana L. Hayes

Teaching Areas: Spirituality and Health, Womanist Discourse, Pastoral Theology, Practical Theology, Vocational Discernment

Academic Experience

August 2021 Director of Women in Theology and Ministry Certificate Program
Candler School of Theology - Emory University, Atlanta, GA

August 2021 Assistant Professor in the Practice of Spirituality and Health
Candler School of Theology - Emory University, Atlanta, GA

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- November 2020 - May 2021 Teaching Associate - Death and Dying - Undergraduate
Emory University. Instructor, Dr. Gary Laderman
- January 2021 - May 2021 Teaching Associate - Faith and Health - Public Health/Religion
Emory University. Instructor, Dr. Mimi Kiser
- March 2020 - May 2020 Teaching Associate of Spiritual Care in Contextual Education
Candler School of Theology - Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Directors, Dr. Letitia Campbell and Rev. Tom Elliott
- Aug. 2019 - Dec. 2019 Teaching Associate - Black Love - Undergraduate
Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Instructor - Dr. Dianne Stewart
- Jan. 2019 – Oct. 2019 Reference Graduate Assistant, Pitts Theological Library Candler
School of Theology - Emory University
- August 2018 - May 2019 Teaching Assistant, Candler School of Theology
Emory University, Atlanta, GA
- Intro. to Pastoral Care - Instructor,
Dr. Emmanuel Y. Lartey
 - Interreligious Spiritual Care - Instructor, Dr. Emmanuel Y. Lartey
 - Womanist Theology - Instructor, Dr. Diana L. Hayes
- Ministerial Experience**
- July 2022 - Lead Pastor
Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Conyers, GA
- July 2019 - June 2022 Pastor of Religious Practice and Health
Stone Mountain First UMC, Stone Mountain, GA
- June 2018 - June 2019 Assistant Pastor
Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, McDonough, GA
- June 2016 – June 2018 Youth Pastor
Bethel United Methodist Church, Stockbridge, GA
- August 2015 – May 2016 Ministry Intern– Community Ministries
First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA

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2013 – 2016 Women’s Ministry Steering Committee
Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA

Clinical Experience

June 2016 – June 2018 Clinical Pastoral Education and PRN Chaplain
Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, GA

Corporate Experience

July 2007 – June 2016 Laboratory Manager
Georgia Pacific, LLC., Atlanta, GA

November 1999 – 2007 Research and Development - Technical Service Chemist
Zep Manufacturing Company, Atlanta, GA

Book Publications

Little, Lahronda Welch. *A Womanist Holistic Soteriology: Stitching Fabrics with Fine Threads*.
Emerging Perspectives in Pastoral Theology and Care. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2023.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Little, Lahronda Welch. “Can America Be Saved? A Pastoral Response to Racism and Covid-19
and an Appeal for Dreams, Visions, and Imagination.” *Journal of Pastoral Theology*,
March 22, 2021, 1–14. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10649867.2021.1902109>.

Book Chapters

Little, Lahronda Welch. “Healing Dance and Communal Movement.” In *Making It Through,
Together: Ritual Collection for Life-After-Loss*, eds. Becca Bernstein and Billie Kanfer,
18-24. The Dinner Party, 2020.

Little, Lahronda Welch. “Virtual Practices of Care: Rituals of Hope for Inner Peace and
Communal Wholeness During the Pandemic.” In *Postcolonial Images of Spiritual Care,
Vol. 2*, eds. Emmanuel Y. Lartey and Hellena Moon. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2022.

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Little, Lahronda Welch. "Will They Know My Name? A Tribute to Breonna Taylor." In *Postcolonial Images of Spiritual Care, Vol. 2*, eds. Emmanuel Y. Lartey and Hellena Moon. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2022.

Little, Kyle (son) and Lahronda Welch. "Creative Expressions: An Interview Between a Teenager and His Mom." In *Power of Our Stories Won't Stop: Intergenerational Truth-Telling as Civic Democratic Practice*, eds. Hellena Moon and Madeleine Moon-Chun. Eastwind Books of Berkeley, 2023.

Book Reviews

Little, Lahronda Welch. Mitzi J. Smith, *Womanist Sass and Talk Back: Social (In)justice, Intersectionality, and Biblical Interpretation*. Homiletic, [S.I.], v. 44, n. 2, dec. 2019. ISSN 2152-6923. Available at: <<http://www.homiletic.net/index.php/homiletic/article/view/4779>>. Date accessed: 17 dec. 2019. doi: <https://doi.org/10.15695/hmltc.v44i2.4779>.

Little, Lahronda Welch. "The Spiritual Lives of Young African Americans: By Almeda M. Wright, New York, Oxford University Press, 2017, 332 Pp., \$31.95 (Hardcover), ISBN: 978-0-19-066473-2." *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, June 4, 2020, 1-4. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10649867.2020.1767352>.

Public Media

Little, Lahronda Welch. "Real Life Relationships: The Joy and Heartbreak of Teaching My Black Teenage Son to Drive." *ajc*. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, December 24, 2021. <https://www.ajc.com/life/the-joy-and-heartbreak-of-teaching-my-black-teenage-son-to-drive/CSQ2XTSJS5AEZLKMJF26UFDU2Q/>.

Public/Social Engagement

Curator of Holistic Gathering <https://www.holisticgathering.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/holisticgathering>
IG @HolisticGathering

University Service

Student Member of Search Committee for a tenure-track position in Pastoral Care and Counseling with a focus on chaplaincy

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Professional Service

2022 UMC Black Clergy Women of the North Georgia Conference Secretary

2021 L'Arche, USA - Safeguarding Commission Committee Member

Academic Presentations

June 2023 Member of Society for Pastoral Theology Pre-Conference Organizing Team and Facilitator of Pre-conference for Scholars of Color

February 2023 Vocational Discernment Workshop conducted at Wesleyan College

April 2022 Association of Practical Theology Presenter

February 2022 Presenter for Compassionate Atlanta on "Sexuality, Healing, and the Black Church," focusing on stigma and HIV/AIDS

November 2021 Howard Thurman Lecturer at Morehouse College

November 2021 AAR presenter on the topic "Burning Incense to the Queen of Heaven: A Practical Theological Exploration of Womanist Spirituality and Resistance"

November 2021 Moderator of the Annual Women's Forum at Candler School of Theology on the topic "Spiritualities of Joy in the Midst of Persistent Pandemics"

March 2021 African Spirituality Presentation at Vanderbilt University

March 2021 Vocational Discernment Workshop at the University of Georgia

May 2019 Presenter on "Qualitative Research in the area of Ethnography in Legon, Ghana at Trinity Theological Seminary

May 2019 Speaker at the opening of Peep-ters Extension Institute: Behavioural & Addiction Rehabilitation Services Residential Program in Legon, Ghana

April 2018 Sophia Forum Presentation - The Sophia Forum is a Candler Coordinating Council-sponsored event at which Master's-level Candler students formally present academic work. "Holistic Soteriology: A Cosmological Exploration of Salvation as Health and Well-being

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Church Conference Presentations

June 2023 Spiritual Gifts Workshop for Providence Missionary Baptist Church

June 2018 Presentation of Spiritual Disciplines of the Examen and Fasting North Georgia
United Methodist Conference

Grants

2023 Forum for Theological Education

2023 Interfaith America's Religion and Health Curriculum Grant

2020-21 Forum for Theological Education Fellow

2020-21 General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) Angella P.
Current-Felder Women of Color Scholars

April 2019 Recipient of the 2019 Forum for Theological Educators Grant

Feb. 2019 Recipient of the Religious Practices and Practical Theology Grant-funded
by Candler School of Theology

April 2017 Recipient of Candler Advantage Grant, which allowed for continued research in
the interest of community building through missional work of the church