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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Yale University / Political Science

M.A./M.Phil., Yale University / Political Science

M.Div., Yale University Divinity School Christian Ethics

B.S., Indiana University / Secondary Education; English

RECENT COURSES TAUGHT

Church and Society

Introduction to Urban Ministry

Urban Contextual and Public Theology

Black Churches and Contemporary Public Life

Congregational and Community Issues

Ministry, Culture, and Contextual Analysis

Urban Christianity in Global Perspective

Global African Christianity

Professor Smith describes the course "Ministry Context and Culture".

ACADEMIC BIO

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

CHURCH ASSOCIATIONS

Ordination: Independent Baptist

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES

AREAS OF SPECIALTY

Religion and public life
Sociology of urban religion
Christianity, race, and class
Churches and demographic change
Religion and social movements
Christianity and U.S. foreign policy

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Society for the Study of Black Religion
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS/DISTINCTIONS

2011-2012: Fellow and Visiting Professor, James Weldon Johnson Institute, Emory University
2010-2013: Research Fellow, Department of Philosophy and Systematic Theology, University of South Africa, Pretoria
2010: Virginia Foundation for the Humanities Fellow/Visiting Faculty, University of Virginia, Charlottesville
2009: Fulbright Senior Specialist, Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Kumba, Cameroon
2007: Faculty-in-Residence and Fellow in the SAGES Program, Case Western Reserve University
2005: Fulbright Professor, School of Theology, University of Pretoria, South Africa

SELECTED ACADEMIC GRANTS/AWARDS

2020: Principle Investigator, Grant to respond to metro-Pittsburgh digital gap and other community needs during COVID crisis, Luce Foundation (\$150,000)
2020: Co-principal investigator, Grant to examine "Gentrification, and Racial Violence: An Exploration of Theology's Participation in the Restructuring of Space"; Luce Foundation (\$400,000)
2018-2019: Co-investigator, Grant to assess reconciliation practices in South Sudan and Uganda, Nagel Institute; Calvin College/Templeton Foundation, (\$50,000)
2012: Grant for focus groups on urban ministry innovators; Louisville Institute
2011: Grant to conduct survey of churches and social responses to migrants and immigrants in Pretoria South Africa; Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
2006: Grant to study Civic Service in Lesotho; Center for Social Development, Washington University-St. Louis
2001: Grant to study Interactions Between Faith Communities and the Urban Poor; Annie E. Casey Foundation
2001: Grant for U.S. Study Tour for South African Youth Leaders and Youth Workers on Faith-Based Social Leadership Development; Ford Foundation
1998: Grant for Public Influences of African-American Churches Project; The Pew Charitable Trusts

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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[Academia.edu Profile](#)

[Website: Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race*](#)

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