The 2020-2021 academic year was tough. We saw heart wrenching images of aggressive radicalized policing resulting in injuries and fatalities. We endured polarized and toxic politics that uncovered rabid and resilient racism. We struggled with a global pandemic yielding racially disproportionate experiences of disease, death, dislocation, debt, depression and more. These crosscurrents combined with other stressors required us to lean heavily on faith, family, and friends. Duke Divinity School students, staff and faculty were blessed to make it through by God’s grace. Some are “weary, worn, and sad,” but we have found in Jesus a resting place, and Jesus has made us glad.

Black folk know, not exclusively but particularly, that “the road is rough, the going gets tough, an the hills are hard to climb...” Consequently, the Office of Black Church Studies sought to message and model resourcefulness and resilience for students during this particular year. We are thankful for all who have shown support, and we rejoice in our students who have worked hard to take care of business.

Please receive this overview of highlights from the Office of Black Church Studies. These programs augment the scholarship of our faculty, the pastoral care of our staff members, and the mentoring of our entire team. These snapshots are indications of how we seek to enrich and enhance the academic and vocational formation of students from the Black Church for the Whole Church...and the world. Remember us in your prayers and invest in our work as we seek to nurture leaders for the church, the academy and the world.
JOIN US FOR A BLACK HISTORY MONTH MENTAL HEALTH CHAT...
MENTAL ILLNESS: THE NEW SIN?
A PANEL DISCUSSION ON WELLNESS, SPIRITUALITY, HEALING, AND COMPASSION
FEB 27TH @ 12:30PM

HOSTED BY
Dr. James A. Forbes
Visiting Professor, Duke Divinity School

6PM ROOM 0012 WESTBROOK
MARCH 5TH

DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL
0012 WESTBROOK BUILDING | DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

"Politics in the Beloved Community"
JANUARY 23, 2020 10AM TO 8:30 PM
THE WORLD HOUSE GATHERING
JOIN
Rev. Dr. JAMES A. FORBES, Jr. & Course Participants

MSNBC COMMENTATOR
Dr. Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.

Dr. Glaude is the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor and chair of African American Studies at Princeton University.

Author
Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul
Begin Again: James Baldwin’s America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own

Class Location: St. Joseph AME Church | 2721 Fayetteville Street | Durham, NC | 27707

SANKOFA Alumni Preaching Series
Every Tuesday in February 2021
11:35 AM during Chapel Service

Feb. 2nd
Rev. Dustin Pickett
M.Div. 2016

Feb. 9th
Rev. Camille Glover
M.Div. 2013

Feb. 16th
Rev. Raymonda Speller
M.Div. 2012

Feb. 23rd
Rev. Regina H. Moore
Th.M. 1997
Lott Carey 123rd Annual Session

Thinking Toward Thriving Videoconference

Zoom Meeting Information:
Meeting ID: 865-1819-2788
Phone: 1 301 715 8592
Passcode: 324223

Tuesday, August 11, 2020
2PM-4PM EST

Pastors’ Panel

Dr. David Emmanuel Guzy, Jr.
Durham, North Carolina

Dr. Brenda K. Dume
Cary, North Carolina

Dr. Hendrik Pieterse
Pretoria, South Africa

Dr. Phoebus A. Britton
Westfield, Massachusetts

Dr. Bismark J. McCray
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Join Duke Divinity School’s Director of the Office of Black Church Studies, Rev. Dr. David Emmanuel Guzy, and Divinity School Alumna Rev. Brenda K. Dume in conversation about Thinking Toward Thriving with an international panel of pastors.

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Student Preaching Month

Sept. 13th

Krystal Bracy
Monument of Faith Church
Durham, NC

Rev. David Emmanuel Guzy, Jr.
White Rock Baptist Church
Durham, NC

Treyvon Sinclair
Cary First Christian Church
Cary, NC

Rev. Samuel E. Jackson
St. Joseph AME Church
Durham, NC

Gilbert Barney
Russell Memorial CME Church
Durham, NC

Shaw Lipscomb
McMannen UMC
Durham, NC

Bria Michelle
St. Joseph AME Church
Durham, NC

Gale Johnson
Russell Memorial CME Church
Durham, NC

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"Confronting Racism Through Preaching: A Conversation"

Dr. David Emmanuel Guzy and Dr. Will Williamson will have a series of conversations on the challenge of confronting racism through the work of preaching.

How might pastors, particularly in predominately white congregations, speak honestly and faithfully, hopefully and redemptively, about the sins of white supremacy?

What are some of the pitfalls and possibilities, challenges and opportunities of allowing the gospel to speak to America’s racial past and present?

Duke Divinity Alumni will be brought into the conversation, and there will be opportunities for interaction with participants.

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Welcome Gathering

OCTOBER 9, 2020
7PM-8:30PM EST

via Zoom
https://duke.zoom.us/j/91440304447

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JOIN DUKE DIVINITY ADMISSIONS for a VISIT DAY in partnership with THE OFFICE OF BLACK CHURCH STUDIES

A time of exploring Duke Divinity School and scholarship from the Black Church.

October 16, 2020 | 9:30AM - 3:30PM | Zoom
Pilgrimages of Striving and Thriving
Pastoral Self-Care

Wednesday, November 18, 2020
2 PM (EST) to 4 PM (EST)

Meeting ID: 9967094962

Dr. David Emmanuel Gootley
Dr. Jessica Young Brown

Ministry is good work and hard work. It always has been. It always will be. It has been incredibly challenging during 2020 and will more demanding in the coming months and years.

PREACHING in PROBLEMATIC TIMES

The Gardner C. Taylor Lecture Series

Tuesday, September 15, 2020
11:25am Chapel Service
7:00pm Lecture Presentation

DR. FRANK A. THOMAS
Featured Preacher and Panelist, 2018

NICHOLAS IRION
Panelist and Black Seminarian Union, President, M.Div. 21

NICOLE WILLIAMS
Minister, Podcaster: Social Equity for Black & Brown Girls, M.Div. 18

FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER:
https://duke.zoom.us/t/97823782856
**The Pauli Murray & Nannie Helen Burroughs Lecture Series**

**Monday**

**March 1, 2021**

**7 PM - 8:30 PM**

**Lecturer:**

Clarice J. Martin, Ph.D.
Jean Picker Professor of Philosophy and Religion
Colgate University

Join via Zoom
https://duke.zoom.us/j/99626366387

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**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LECTURE SERIES**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021**

**11:35 AM - 12:20 PM**

**CHAPEL WORSHIP SERVICE**

Chapel Service Link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71BRH3M8UJk&feature=emb_title

**7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

**LECTURE**

Webinar Link:
https://duke.zoom.us/j/9937034056

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**FAITH LEADERS RUNNING ON EMPTY**

How to prioritize your own physical and emotional health.

**MAY 20, 2021**

1:00 PM EDT

虚拟活动
注册此处

**MEET THE PANELISTS**

Sheila Battle
Published Author, Transformational Leader, Change Agent, Human Services Advocate

Rev. Donna Battle, PhD
Senior Pastor, St. John's Church, Educator, Consulting Faculty at Duke Divinity School

Rev. M. Jan Holton, PhD
Associate Professor of the Practice of Pastoral Theology and Care, PhD Degree Program, at Duke Divinity School

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**Celebration of Juneteenth Service of Prayer**

Friday, June 18, 2021
at 12:30pm

YouTube link: https://youtu.be/9Cv15xZig6U
SOCIAL MEDIA NUMBERS

Facebook:
Increase of 124.3% reach from October 1st to June 16th

Instagram:
Increase of 378.3% reach from October 1st to June 16th

Twitter:
Increase of 20.3K impressions from October 1st to June 16th

2020 & 2021 SEMESTER SNAPSHOTS
FACULTY & COURSES
2020 & 2021

Donna Battle Coltrane, Ph.D.
Prophetic Ministry: Shaping Communities of Justice

Valerie Cooper, Ph.D.
Religion, Race and Politics
Dreaming of a White Apocalypse: Religion, Race, and Popular Culture, and Eschatological Imagination

Quinton Dixie, Ph.D.
Black Church in America
Christianity in the City in America

James Forbes, Ph.D.
Preaching Jubilee Justice

David Emmanuel Goatley, Ph.D.
Director
Introduction to Christian Leadership (D.Min.)
Holy Rage, Holy Hope

Luke Powery, Ph.D.
Introduction to Christian Preaching
Deep River: Howard Thurman, Spirituality, and the Prophetic Life

Patrick Smith, Ph.D.
End of Life Care & Theological Ethics
The Ethical and Political Thoughts of Martin Luther King Jr. Health Care, Inequities and Theological Ethics

Norbert Wilson, Ph.D.
Parish 820 U.S. Policy
Charitable Foods
Parish 890 Food & Health (D.Min.)

Wylin Wilson, Ph.D.
Womanist Theological Ethics
Healthcare in a Theological Context Co-instructor Warren Kinghorn, Ph.D.
New Articles
Published by Faculty

Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley
"Ministering at the Margins in a Time of Pandemic: Insights from the Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace," The Ecumenical Review, 72 no. 4

"Forming Leaders to Flourish in Crises," Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision in Ministry, 41 (2021): 101-114

Dr. Luke Powery

"Brutalizing Black Bodies is an Assault on God," https://faithandleadership.com/luke-powerybrutalizingblack-bodies-assaultagainstgod, September 9, 2020

"The Growing Edge of Life and Ministry," Anchored in the Current: Discovering Howard Thurman as Educator, Activist, Guide and

Dr. Norbert Wilson


Dr. Wylin Wilson
In This Pandemic, Be a Compassionate Listener | by Duke University Opinion and Analysis | Duke University Voices | Medium

Caring From Afar: the frustration of Valentine’s Day in a Pandemic | by Duke University Opinion and

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