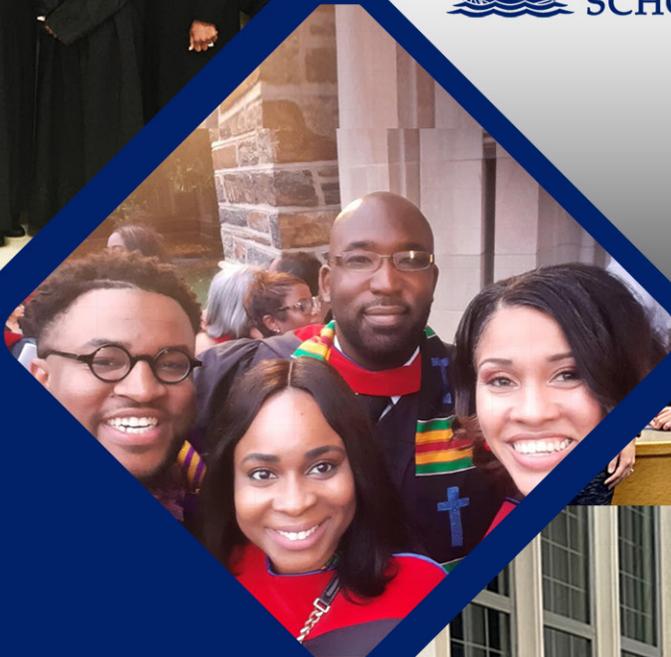




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# OBCS News

The Office of Black Church Studies at Duke Divinity School is a thoroughfare into the theological project of the School and the intellectual purpose of the University. Standing at the threshold of our Semi-Centennial or Golden Jubilee, we testify that "Through many dangers, toils, and snares/we have already come/'Twas grace that made [us] safe thus far/And grace will lead [us] home." Or perhaps, "We are not what we ought to be, but we are not what we used to be."

We join many others in emerging from the intense pressures of the pandemic(s). We rejoice that recent graduates in the OBCS@DDS family are deepening their impacts where they serve, joining new church and organizational staffs, and starting new ministries. Current students are serving in field education placements in the Triangle, in other states, and in other countries. Not all of us can say, "[We] don't feel no ways tired," but we do know that "We are hard-pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

While many in higher theological education vacate after the semester ends, your OBCS@DDS has hosted a consultation for Black Church Music Professors and Directors. Our multi-disciplinary research team is working toward a book on leadership lessons from the Black Church. We are facilitating an ecumenical and multi-ethnic travel seminar on global ecumenism to Germany. And we are solidifying plans for our regular and special programming during our 50th year of service to and through Duke Divinity School. We hope that the snapshots you see and soundbites you hear will inspire you to offer a prayer of thanksgiving and a commitment to partnership as we help form new generations of good and faithful leaders for the church, academy, and world.

## **Rev. David Emmanuel Goatley, PhD**

*Associate Dean for Academic and Vocational Formation*

*Ruth W. and A. Morris Williams, Jr. Research Professor of Theology and Christian Ministry*

*Director of the Office of Black Church Studies*

*Duke University Divinity School*

# FALL 2021

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The Office of Black Church Studies

**Virtual  
OPEN HOUSE**

**THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2021**

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM EST

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://duke.zoom.us/j/91575956707>



Friday, September 10, 2021  
6:30-9:00PM

More information to follow

*Welcome  
Gathering*



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**THE GARDNER C. TAYLOR**  
*Lecture Series*

Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III  
Senior Pastor, Friendship-West Baptist Church, Dallas, TX

**Tuesday, September 14th, 2021**

**SCHEDULE**

11:45 am-12:30 pm (ET) Chapel Service (Goodson Chapel)  
3:30 pm (ET) Lecture (Westbrook 0016, Duke Divinity School)

Join us virtually for Worship from Goodson Chapel via the Duke Divinity School YouTube Channel  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=an5nQCz37\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=an5nQCz37_E)




**“The Gardner Taylor & Martin L. King lectures** were highlights of the academic year—both left an impression upon the divinity school.”

**Joseph Robbins, ThD 2023**





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**A Mighty Cloud of Witnesses** **Student Preaching Month**

<p><b>Gilbert L. Barney, M.Div. 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Monument of Faith Church Dr. Bishop Clarence Laney, Jr. www.mof-church.org Live &amp; Virtual</p> <p>09/28</p>	<p><b>Craig Glover Hines, M.Div. 1<sup>st</sup></b> Peace Missionary Rev. Dr. D. Gregory Ceres www.peacemissionary.org Facebook</p> <p>09/28</p>
<p><b>D'Andrea Fanning, M.Div. 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Mark's AME Zion Rev. Julian Fridgen www.stmarkamez.org Facebook</p> <p>09/28</p>	<p><b>Treyvon Sinclair, M.Div. 3<sup>rd</sup></b> St. Joseph's AME Church Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine https://youtu.be/n83VDPsve1A Replay</p> <p>09/19</p>
<p><b>Quishun Jenkins, M.Div. 1<sup>st</sup></b> Antioch Baptist Church Dr. Michael D. Page www.antiochdurham.org Facebook &amp; Zoom</p> <p>09/26</p>	<p><b>Victoria Blount, M. Div. 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Russel Memorial CME Church Rev. Jerry L. Christian, Jr. www.russellmemorial.com Live &amp; Virtual</p> <p>09/19</p>

**September 2021**

"The first year of Duke Divinity School can be quite challenging, but the Office of Black Church Studies became my home, my place of comfort. They recognized and pushed me in my call and gifts. The OBCS will remain an integral part of my DDS journey." **Angelicia Simmons, MDiv 2024**

**THE VOICE OF SILENCE**

Domestic Violence Awareness and the Church Response  
Pastors & Faith Leaders Workshop

**Friday, October 29, 2021  
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EST**

Duke University Divinity School  
407 Chapel Drive | 0012 Westbrook  
Durham, NC 27708

This training workshop is designed for faith leaders to address sexual and domestic violence, as well as the church response with **Rev. Dr. Selina D. Carter**.

To participate in person or virtually, register online at [bit.ly/OBCSTIB](http://bit.ly/OBCSTIB)



**HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Supporting, strengthening and inspiring faith leaders through the power of hope.

**DEC. 9  
1 PM EST**

Running on Empty Webinar Series Part 3

**LEADING through GRIEF**

Helping faith leaders process their grief in the midst of ministry.

**Sept. 23  
7 PM EDT**

Running on Empty Webinar Series Part 2



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**WINNER SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL**

**BURDEN**

Garrett Hedlund, Forest Whitaker, Andrea Riseborough, Tom Wilkinson, Tess Harper, Usher

"DEEPLY MOVING"  
-SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

"INSPIRES HOPE"  
-VARIETY

A PREACHER, A KLANSMAN, AND A TRUE STORY OF REDEMPTION IN THE MODERN SOUTH

Duke Divinity Presents  
**THE WINDRIDER FORUM FEATURING BURDEN**

**DAY 1**  
**FREE PUBLIC SCREENING OF BURDEN AND CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR ANDREW HECKLER.**  
Thursday, November 4, 2021 7:00 PM EST  
Duke University Griffith Theater

**DAY 2**  
**BURDEN AND A THEOLOGY OF REPENTANCE AND RECONCILIATION ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH DIRECTOR ANDREW HECKLER**  
Friday, November 5, 2021 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM EST  
Duke Divinity (Westbrook - Room 0012)

### Burden film screening and conversation with the film's Director, Andrew Heckler.

Burden is a 2018 American drama film inspired by true events, written and directed by Andrew Heckler. The film stars Garrett Hedlund, Forest Whitaker, Andrea Riseborough, Tom Wilkinson, Tess Harper, and Usher. The film, which is rated R for mature content and language, premiered at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival and won the U.S. Dramatic Audience Award.

### Roundtable Discussion on Burden and theology of Repentance and Reconciliation, featuring Director Andrew Heckler and Jay Augustine.

Panelists reflected on questions, such as, what does Christian theology have to learn from and to offer a film like Burden? What is distinctive about how the film presents a story and engages the imagination of its audience? And what are both the possibilities & limitations of the way a film like Burden depicts sin, forgiveness, and individual and community transformation?



**VETERANS  
DAY**

Honoring All Who Served

**Ormond Center**  
**DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL**

**Pressing Our Way Through COVID-19**  
A 5 Part Speaker Series for the Black Church

Rev. Dr. David Gootley  
Rev. Dr. Herbert Davis  
Rev. Dr. Donne Coletrane Battle  
Rev. Dr. Luke Powery  
Rev. Dr. Patrick Duggan

**5 MONTHLY DISCUSSIONS AND INSIGHTS**

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

BUILDINGS & COMMUNITY  
ASSET STEWARDSHIP & SUSTAINABILITY  
LEADERSHIP  
RECALIBRATING WORSHIP

Oct 7-Feb. 3  
6:30PM - 8PM (EST)

All Sessions will be held on Zoom

for more info [ehowze@div.duke.edu](mailto:ehowze@div.duke.edu)

**REGISTER HERE!**

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# SANKOFA *Alumni Preaching Series*

Tuesdays at Goodson Chapel @ 11:45 am

FEB  
**1**

Rev. Dr. William Leroy Lee  
M.Div. '78  
Roanoke, VA



FEB  
**8**

Rev. Donna Banks  
M.Div. '06  
Durham, NC



FEB  
**15**

Rev. Lisa Yebuah  
M.Div. '04  
Raleigh, NC



FEB  
**22**

Bishop Seth O. Lartey  
MRE. '90  
Central Southern Africa



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In memory of Deron Keys, remembering him and thankful for the gifts and service to the Office of Black Church Studies

"Sankofa specifically, the opportunity for further learning with the lunch and learn sessions with the speakers. These opportunities allowed students to meet in a smaller group with the speaker to ask questions about theology, preaching, life experiences, etc. These things demonstrate OBCS's commitment to being a state-of-the-art resource that strengthens the faith community and positively contributes to Duke Divinity students' education."

**Grace McGee, M.Div. 2023**





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# STUDENT PREACHING SUNDAYS FEBRUARY 13 & 20, 2022

*How can they hear, unless we preach?*

<b>Feb. 13th</b> <b>Grace McGee</b> Duke Divinity School MDiv, 2022 St. Paul A.M.E. Church Rev. Dr. Michael A. Coates, Pastor Virtual Service Only via Facebook at 10:30 AM <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stpaulamechurchill">stpaulamechurchill.org</a>	<b>Feb. 13th</b> <b>Treyvon Sinclair</b> Duke Divinity School MDiv, 2022 Peace Missionary Baptist Church Rev. Dr. D. Gregory Cren, Pastor In Person / Virtual Service via Facebook at 11:00 AM <a href="https://www.facebook.com/peacemissionary.org">peacemissionary.org</a>	<b>Feb. 13th</b> <b>Victoria Blount</b> Duke Divinity School MDiv, 2023 First Baptist Raleigh Church Dr. Dumas Alexander Matthews, Jr., Pastor In Person / Virtual Service via YouTube at 11:00 AM <a href="https://www.facebook.com/fbrcaleigh.org">fbrcaleigh.org</a>
<b>Feb. 13th</b> <b>Quishun Jenkins</b> Duke Divinity School MDiv, 2024 Piney Grove East Missionary Baptist Church Pastor Matthew D. Brouse, III Virtual Service Only via Facebook / YouTube at 11:00 AM <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pineygroveeast.com">pineygroveeast.com</a>	<b>Feb. 13th</b> <b>Brittany Long</b> Duke Divinity School MDiv, 2022 St. Mark's A.M.E. Zion Church Rev. Jutta Fringsen, Pastor Virtual Service Only via Facebook at 10:00 AM <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stmarkamez.org">stmarkamez.org</a>	<b>Feb. 13th</b> <b>Tobias Pinckney</b> Duke Divinity School MDiv, 2023 Cary First Christian Church Rev. Ayca Brickhouse, Pastor In Person / Virtual Service via Facebook at 10:30 AM <a href="https://www.facebook.com/caryfirst.org">caryfirst.org</a>
<b>Feb. 20th</b> <b>Gilbert Barney</b> Duke Divinity School MDiv, 2022 Faith Presbyterian Church Rev. Antonio M. K. Lawrence, Pastor Virtual Service Only via Facebook at 11:00 AM <a href="https://www.facebook.com/faihpresbyterian.net">faihpresbyterian.net</a>	<b>Feb. 13th</b> <b>Angelica Sweat</b> Duke Divinity School THM, 2023 Antioch Baptist Church Dr. Michael D. Page, Pastor In Person / Virtual Service via Facebook at 9:00 AM <a href="https://www.facebook.com/antiochdum.org">antiochdum.org</a>	<b>Feb. 20th</b> <b>TJ Bryant</b> Duke Divinity School MDiv, 2023 Russel Memorial C.M.E. Church Pastor Jerry L. Christian, Jr. Virtual Service Only via Facebook at 10:00 AM <a href="https://www.facebook.com/russelmemorialcme.com">russelmemorialcme.com</a>
<b>Feb. 20th</b> <b>Toya Booth</b> Duke Divinity School OMS, 2023 St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine, Pastor In Person / Virtual Service at 8:00 AM <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stjamec.org">stjamec.org</a>	<b>Feb. 20th</b> <b>Jordan Braswell</b> Duke Divinity School MDiv, 2023 Millbrook United Methodist Church Rev. Christi Oys, Pastor In Person / Virtual Service via YouTube at 8:30 AM, 9:45 AM, & 11:00 AM <a href="https://www.facebook.com/millbrookum.org">millbrookum.org</a>	<b>Feb. 20th</b> <b>Stephanie Cassell</b> Duke Divinity School MDiv, 2023 White Rock Baptist Church Dr. Reginald Van Stephens, Pastor In Person / Virtual Service via YouTube at 9:15 AM <a href="https://www.facebook.com/whiterockbaptistchurch.org">whiterockbaptistchurch.org</a>

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"I was both nourished and deepened by the Good Friday Preaching opportunity. To have the chance to not only proclaim the Word of God, but to be preached to by my fellow siblings in Christ was both a gift and a privilege. I am grateful to the OBCS, Rev. Regina Graham, and all others who played a role in putting the event together." -Yazmin Spearman, M Div. 2023

# FAITH + FITNESS:

Spiritual leaders strengthening  
**BODY and SOUL.**



**MARCH 3, 1 PM EST**

## FAITH + FITNESS

Spiritual Leaders  
strengthening **BODY**  
and **SOUL**

Webinar Live  
Thursday March 3  
1:00 PM

	Katherine Smith Moderator
	Dr. Spears Panelist
	Dr. Allison Panelist



## DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL Black Pastoral Leadership School 2022 *Recalibrating Ministry*

Register Now!

May 10th	
May 17th	
May 24th	

Presentation and Discussion

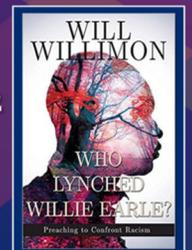
Tuesdays in May from 4 to 6 PM ET



OBCS Presents...  
A Conversation 75 years later with Dr. Will Willimon  
Who Lynched Willie Earle:  
Preaching to Confront Racism

Thursday,  
February 24, 2022  
at 1 PM

Location: AMCR  
(Alumni memorial  
Common Room)





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**PAULI MURRAY  
NANNIE HELEN  
BURROUGHS**  
*Lecture Series*

LECTURER  
**Sarah Azaransky, PhD**  
Assistant Professor of Social Ethics  
at Union Theological Seminary

**Lecture**  
Monday, March 14, 2022 · 3:30 pm  
LOCATION  
WESTBROOK 0016

FILM SCREENING OF  
**"My Name Is Pauli Murray"**  
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 · 7:00 pm  
LOCATION  
GRIFFITH THEATER




The Office of Black Church Studies  
INVITES YOU TO A SPECIAL SCREENING OF

My name is  
*Pauli Murray*

Tuesday, March 15, 2022  
7:00 pm  
Griffith Theater



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**Healing Through Art**

**Friday  
MARCH 25**  
10:30 am - 12pm

Location: York Room

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**MONICA DAYE**  
MS-BCP, CA  
Executive Director

"Using the arts as a therapeutic way to heal, Monica Daye shares the approach StandUp SpeakOut uses to support survivors of Gender-Based Violence."








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**2022  
REV. DR. MARTIN  
LUTHER KING JR.**  
*Lecture Series*

FEATURING  
**Dr. Lerone A. Martin**  
Director, Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
Research and Education Institute  
Associate Professor of Religious Studies  
Stanford University

**SAVE THE DATE**  
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022

11:45 AM - Chapel Service  
Goodson Chapel

3:30 PM Lecture  
Westbrook 014

"In the 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture Series, Dr. Martin opened our eyes to how the instruments of surveillance and sabotage have underwritten government attempts to discredit black people in positions of influence for generations. Grounded in research and conviction, narratives like the one Dr. Martin presented are critical for helping students, as well as faculty and staff, understand their identity in the world and work toward the vision of freedom and justice God intends for all of us."

- **Colin Yuchman, Th.D.**  
Senior Director of Digital Learning Formation



The Women's Center  
and  
The Office of Black Church Studies  
Present the Annual  
Jill Raitt Lecture

**CANDICE  
MARIE  
BENBOW**  
A CONVERSATION WITH  
DR. VALERIE COOPER

Friday  
March 18, 2022  
7pm EST  
Goodson Chapel  
Duke Divinity  
School

Author of: **RED LIP THEOLOGY**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

"This event was paradigm shifting for me! As a creative and aspiring writer and womanist theologian, I have been seeking tangible examples of what working in this space could look like. I'm grateful for OBCS presenting us with an unapologetically bold black woman writer who is making an impact in the theological space in unconventional ways. I was able to deeply identify with her and gain more clarity regarding the call on my own life."

~ **D'Andrea Fanning, M.Div. 2023**



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by the end of 2021



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by the end of 2021



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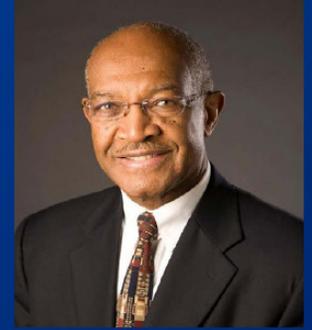
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**2021-2022**  
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**Dr. Luke Powery**

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**Thanks for your investment in leadership development through the  
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