

Curriculum Vitae

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The Rev. Michael Jesse Battle, Ph.D. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Vice President, and Associate Professor of Theology at Virginia Theological Seminary, 2005 to present.

Professional Experience

- ◆ Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Black Church Studies, Duke University, The Divinity School, 1999-2004
- ◆ Rector, St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC, 27610, 2001-2004
- ◆ Associate Priest, Church of the Holy Family Episcopal Church, Chapel Hill, NC, 2000-2001
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Spiritual and Moral Theology, the School of Theology at the University of the South, 1995-1999
- ◆ Assistant Priest, Christ the Mediator, Mitchell's Plain Township, Cape Town, South Africa, 1993-1994.

Education and Ordination:

Transfer	1982-1983	University of Notre Dame
B.A.	1986	Duke University
M.Div.	1989	Princeton Theological Seminary
S.T.M.	1991	Yale University
Spiritual Direction Certification	1994	Shalem Institute
Ph.D.	1995	Duke University
Anglican Episcopal Priesthood (Ordained by Archbishop Desmond Tutu)	1993	St. George's Cathedral, South Africa

Grants/Honors/Awards/Fellowships: Doctoral Fellowship and Scholar of The Fund for Theological Education. 1991-1992; Duke University Graduate Award. 1992; The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society Fellowship of the Episcopal Church. 1991,1993; Research Fellow at the University of Cape Town. 1997; Wabash Center Consultation on the Vocation of the Theological Teacher funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. 1997-1999; Wabash Center Workshop on Teaching and Learning funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. 1998-2000; Center for Teaching Award, The University of the South, "Documentary Study: Forgiveness Among the Garifuna Peoples of Belize"; "Practicing the Presence of Peace: Christian Spiritualities of Nonviolence", Center for Instructional Technology Incentive Grants, Duke University, 2000; Duke University International Conference Travel Award to 1999 Parliament of World Religions in Cape Town, South Africa; "A Spirituality of Nonviolence" Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University Course Development Grant 2001; "African Spirituality in an International Context" Grant for non-tenured regular ranked faculty, Office of the Vice Provost for International Affairs and Development, Duke University, 2001; Selected in an application process to attend the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, Seminar for Racial/Ethnic Faculty Members; Episcopal Church Peacemaking Grant to travel to Beirut, Jordan and Jerusalem, 2003, Louisville Institute Grant for writing Desmond Tutu Biography, 2005

Grant Written, Achieved, and in Progress:

The Inculturation of Christian Spirituality, Trinity Grants New York, \$55,000 for St. Ambrose Episcopal Church.

Wabash Center Digital Resource Grant Application For CD-ROM, Practicing the Presence of Peace: Christian Spiritualities of Nonviolence, in progress

A Christian Spirituality of Nonviolence, Category of Research: Ministry and Practice of Communities of Faith, Henry Luce III Fellows in Theology, in progress

Teaching Experience: Teaching Assistant (Duke Divinity School) for "Christian Theology," 1995; Teaching Assistant, "Christian Theological Ethics," 1990-1992, 1994; Teaching Assistant for "Black Church Studies," 1991-1992, 1994; Research Assistant, Dept. of Religion, 1990-1992; Instructor of Composition for First Year Students, Duke University 1994; Sabbatical Replacement for Christian Ethics, The School of Theology at Sewanee, 1995-1996; Assistant Professor of Spiritual and Moral Theology, The School of Theology at Sewanee, 1996-1999, Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Black Church Studies, Duke University, 1999-; Member of American Academy of Religion Committee for Teaching and Learning, 1999-2001; Faculty for Teaching and Learning, Wabash Center funded by Lilly endowment, 2000-2003, Faculty at the University of Cape Town in summer of 2002, Faculty CREDO—clergy formation and wellness of the Episcopal Church, 1999-2006, Canterbury Scholars Program at Canterbury Cathedral, 2000-2003 (one of founding faculty members for this program).

Church and Community Experience: Assistant Priest in South African Township, 1993-1994; Assistant Priest, Church of the Holy Family, Chapel Hill, NC, 2000-2001; Rector, St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, 2001 to 2004); Chaplain to the Episcopal House of Bishops; Member of

Theology Committee of the Episcopal Church; Member of the Anglican/Roman Catholic Consultation; Faculty for CREDO, Wellness Conference of the Episcopal Church; Vice-Chair of M.K. Gandhi Institute; Board Member of the Tutu Peace Trust; Program Committee of Kanuga Conferences, Inc.; Board Member of the Episcopal Evangelical Education Society; Episcopal House of Bishops Planning Committee; Board Member for Jim Wallis' Sojourners' Foundation, Board Member for Tutu Institute for Prayer and Pilgrimage.

University Courses Taught

Instructor of Writing Composition; Introduction to Ethics; Moral Theology; Church and Society; Ethics and Asceticism; Studies in Nonviolence; Christian Mysticism; Theology of Forgiveness; Spirituality for Ministry; Travel Seminar to Belize, Central America; Theology and Doctrine; Doctor of Ministry Course: Readings in Christian Spirituality (Reformation to Post-Modern); Introduction to Spirituality; African Christian Spirituality; Introduction to the Spiritual Life; Black Church Studies in America: Anglican and Roman Catholic Traditions; The Spirituality of Nonviolence; Spirituality and Nursing (Joint Program with Medical School); Spirituality and the Anglican Communion (A Course for Seminarians at Canterbury Cathedral, England); The Inculturation of Spiritual Direction; The Spirituality of Restorative Justice.

Virginia Theological Seminary Courses Taught

Jesus and Nonviolence, Practicing Reconciliation in a Violent World, The Black Church, Supervisor of a D.Min.Thesis, Supervisor of an Honors Thesis, and two Independent Studies Theses.

Other Theses/Dissertations Advised/Read

Rebecca Polzer, "Spirituality, African American HIV + Mothers," Ph.D. Committee, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Nursing, in Progress

Tiffany Burke, "The Church and Civil Rights," Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, (Advisor) 2003

Carletta Jemison's "A Spirituality of African American Women in the Church," Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, (Advisor) 2001

Johnny Hill, A Theology of Nonviolence, Th.M. Thesis (Reader) 2001

Randy Carter, A Theology of the Church, Th.M. Thesis (Reader) 2000

Professional Meetings and Memberships

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Committee on Teaching and Learning of the AAR
Society for the Study of African Religions
Society for the Study of Black Religion
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
Vice-Chair, The Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence
Peace Studies Association
American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Advisory Board
Program Committee Board, Kanuga Conferences
Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation Board Member
CREDO: Spiritual Director Faculty for Episcopal Church, USA
Anglican, Roman Catholic Commission
Episcopal Evangelical Education Society Board
Theology Committee of the House of Bishops, The Episcopal Church
Chaplain to the House of Bishops, The Episcopal Church

Selected Life Experience:

Israel (Archaeology Dig with Duke University, 1985); Inner-City Ministries Chaplain (with Tony Campolo, Philadelphia, 1986-1987); Uganda & Kenya (with Larry Rassmussen in The Plowshares Institute, 1988); Youth Group Leader to Belize, Central America (where I met my wife Raquel, 1990); Participant and Worship Committee Member of the World Council of Churches Seventh Assembly in Canberra, Australia (1990), Steward of the World Council of Churches' Central Committees in Geneva (1992) and Johannesburg (1994) and Faculty Staff Member of the World Council of Churches Eighth Assembly in Harare, Zimbabwe, Africa; Research in residence with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, 1993-1994; Dolphin Research, Marine Land, Florida, 1996; Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Directors of The M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence (Mahatma Gandhi's grandson, Arun Gandhi, is Director); Member of the Episcopal and Methodist Ecumenical Commission, Member of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Consultation in the USA; Lilly Funded Fellow of Wabash Center (Teaching and Learning and Vocation Consultation); Wabash Center Fellow Faculty on Teaching and Learning, Member of American Academy of Religion Committee on Teaching and Learning; Chaplain to the House of Episcopal Bishops, Consulting Theologian to the House of Episcopal Bishops; Spiritual Faculty for CREDO, a Wellness initiative for Episcopal Clergy..

Family:

◆ Married to Raquel Battle (Archbishop Desmond Tutu performing the ceremony, Olympic Village), Atlanta Georgia, July 18, 1996.

◆ Daughter, Sage Battle, born August 24, 1999.

◆ Daughter, Bliss Battle, born February 25, 2002.

(Archbishop Desmond Tutu baptized both daughters, April 21, 2002)

◆ Son, Zion Battle, born April 8, 2005.

(Archbishop Desmond Tutu baptized Zion, September 15, 2005)

Hobbies and interests:

Weight lifting, marathons, swimming, bicycling, basketball, chess, scrabble, good movies, music (classical, acoustical, contemporary, jazz), comic books, deep sea fishing and scuba diving

Books:

The Black Church in America: African American Christian Spirituality *Book Endorsement by Cornel West* (Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 2006)

Blessed Are the Peacemakers: A Christian Spirituality of Nonviolence (Macon: Mercer University Press, June, 2004) *Foreword by Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi*

The Church Enslaved: A Spirituality of Racial Reconciliation, *coauthored with Tony Campolo* (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press), 2005.

The Quest for Liberation and Reconciliation: Essays in Honor of Dr. J. Deotis Roberts, *Foreword by Archbishop Tutu* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2005)

Practicing Reconciliation in a Violent World (Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 2005)

Reconciliation: The Ubuntu Theology of Desmond Tutu, *Foreword by Archbishop Desmond Tutu* (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press), 1997.

The Wisdom of Desmond Tutu, (Oxford: Lion Press), 1999; (Louisville: Westminster John Knox), 2000.

Forthcoming Books:

Heaven on Earth (Cambridge, MA: Cowley), 2007

Desmond Tutu: South African Confessor (Louisville: Westminster John Knox), 2008/2009

Book Chapters

"The Ubuntu Theology of Desmond Tutu," in Archbishop Tutu: Prophetic Witness in South Africa, edited by Leonard Hulley et. al., (Cape Town: Human & Rousseau, 1996).

"Teaching and Learning as Ceaseless Prayer," in The Scope of Our Art: The Vocation of the Theological Teacher, eds., L. Gregory Jones and Stephanie Paulsell, (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing Company), 2002.

"African Male Spirituality," in Male Spirituality, (Minneapolis: Fortress Press), 2002

"Sacred Political Space: An Anglican Ethos," in Searching for Sacred Space: Essays on Architecture and Liturgical Design in the Episcopal Church, ed., John Runkle, (New York: Church Publishing), 2002

"The Christian Life," in Essentials of Christian Theology, (Westminster John Knox). 2003

"Deeper into God," The Upper Room Disciplines (Nashville: Upper Room Books), 2003

"Christian Spirituality and Liberation," Christian Spirituality (Blackwell), 2004

"Reconciliation and Repentance in the Black Church," Christian Traditions of Repentance (Liturgical Press), 2004

"Prayers," Race and Prayer: Collected Voices, Many Dreams eds., Malcolm Boyd and Chester Talton (Harrisburg: Morehouse Publishing), 2003

"Liberation," in The Blackwell Companion to Christian Spirituality, (Oxford: Blackwell), 2005

"Praying in Community: Becoming Our Truest Selves", I Have Called you Friends: Reflections on Reconciliation in honor of Frank T. Griswold, (Cambridge, MA: Cowley), 2006

"Truth and Reconciliation: From Chile to South Africa" Reconciliation, Nations and Churches in Latin America, ed., Iain Maclean (Burlington, VT: Ashgate), 2006.

"Penitence as Practiced in African/African American Christian Spirituality," in Repentance in Christian Theology, (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press), 2007

Journal Articles:

"Canberra Journal: "My experience of the 7th Assembly of the World Council of Churches," in Linkage, March, 1992.

"*Ubuntu Ungamntu Ngabanye Abantu: Tutu's Ethics and the New South Africa*" in Linkage, June, 1993.

"A Response to Dr. Okorocho's Address," Anglican Theological Review, Vol. LXXVII, No. 4. Fall, 1995.

"Missiological Effects Toward Political Change in South Africa: One Case Study—Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Sewanee Theological Review, Vol. 40, No. 4, Michaelmas, 1997, pp.467-486.

"The Problem of the Aethiop: Black Identity in the Desert Tradition," Vol. 42, No.4, 1999, Sewanee Theological Review, pp. 414-429.

"A Theology of Community," Interpretation, April 2000, Vol. 54, No.2

"Reading Simone Weil," Sewanee Theological Review, Vol. 44, No.1, Christmas, 2000, pp.113-118.

"Natural Intention," Sermon to the Episcopal House of Bishops published in Anglican Theological Review, (Volume 83, Number 4), Fall, 2001.

"Practical Idealism," Sermon to the Episcopal House of Bishops published in Anglican Theological Review, (Volume 83, Number 4), Fall, 2001.

"Heavenly Minded," The Christian Century, October, 10, 2001, Vol. 118, No.27

"Gasping for Air; Wild Fire," The Christian Century, October, 17, 2001, Vol. 118, No.28

"Faith on Idle," The Christian Century, October, 24-31, 2001, Vol. 118, No.29

"The Other Kingdom," The Christian Century, November 7, 2001, Vol. 118, No.30

"The Siren Song of Violence," Witness Magazine, December 2002, Volume 85, No. 12

"Do Life! Ubuntu" 2003 Playbook: Do Life! Ubuntu (2002 -2003 School Year Resources for Youth Ministry). National and International Resource of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Copyright 2002.

"Creative Solidarity," Witness Magazine, May/June 2003, Volume 86, No. 5/6

"Transforming Social Systems" Trinity Grants Annual Report, 2003

"Sunday Sermon: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Heaven" Trinity News: The Magazine of Trinity Church in the City of New York (Vol. 50, No. 1), Spring 2003.

"What the Church Can Learn from African Spirituality," The African American Pulpit, Volume 9, Number 1/ Winter 2005-2006)

Dictionary Articles:

"The Spirituality of Desmond Tutu," "African Spirituality," "African American Spirituality" in The Upper Room Dictionary of Christian Spiritual Formation, January, (Nashville: Upper Room Press), 2002.

"African American Christianity," Encyclopedia of Christianity, (New York: Continuum), 2003

"Black Theology," "South Africa," "Black Christian-Jewish Relations," "Nonviolence," "Reconciliation," Dictionary of Jewish-Christian Relations, (Cambridge University Press), 2003

Book Reviews:

Theological Anthropology: A Dialectic Study of the African and Liberation Traditions, by Hermon Browne, in Liberian Studies Journal, vol. XXII, No. 1, 1997.

Soul Survivors: An African American Spirituality, by Carlyle Fielding Stewart, Christian Spirituality Bulletin, Spring, 1998.

Understanding Catholic Morality, by Elizabeth Willems, Virginia Theological Seminary Journal, 1999.

Home and Exile, by Chinua Achebe, Anglican Theological Review (Volume 83, Number 3), Spring, 2001

Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl, by Harriet Jacobs, Anglican Theological Review, (Volume 83, Number 4), Fall, 2001.

Episcopalians & Race: Civil War to Civil Rights, by Gardiner Shattuck, Jr., Theology Today, Volume 58, No. 2, July, 2001.

No Future Without Forgiveness, by Desmond Tutu, Anglican Theological Review, (Volume 84, Number 1, Spring, 2002

Christian Social Witness, by Harold Lewis, Anglican Theological Review (Volume 85, Number 1)

Power in the Pulpit: How America's Most Effective Black Preachers Prepare their Sermons, ed., Cleophus LaRue, Anglican Theological Review, (Vol. 85, No. 3).

Black Religion, Black Theology: The Collected Essays of J. Deotis Roberts, edited by David Goately (Volume 86: 2). 2004

Truth and Reconciliation: The Confessional Mode in South African Literature, by Susan Vanzanten Gallagher, (Vol. 84, No. 2), April 2004.

The Word Made Plain: The Power and Promise of Preaching, by James Henry Harris, Anglican Theological Review, (Volume 88, Number 1) 2005