

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH  
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President and Professor of Church Leadership of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity  
 School, Rochester, NY since 2011

- Personal:** Born: December 16, 1948 in Chicago, Illinois  
 Married to Peggy N. McMickle June 7, 1975  
 One Son, Aaron James born in 1980 who is married to Pilar Ramos with  
 granddaughters named Aaliyah and Lola Ramos McMickle
- Education:** B.A. Aurora College, Illinois, 1970 (D.D. in 1991)  
 Master of Divinity, Union Theological Seminary NYC, 1973  
 Graduate Study, Columbia University, NYC, 1973-1975  
 Doctor of Ministry, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1983  
 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Case Western Reserve University, 1998  
*Dissertation: The Film Portrayal of the Black Preacher  
 Since 1925*
- Honorary Degrees:** Doctor of Divinity by Aurora College in Illinois in 1991  
 Doctor of Humane Letters by Payne Theological Seminary in  
 Wilberforce, OH, 2010
- Pastoral:** Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio  
 1987 to 2011  
 Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church of Montclair, NJ  
 1976-1986  
 Associate Pastor, Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York, NY, 1972-  
 1976 (Ordained at Abyssinian in 1973).
- Academic:** Professor of Homiletics, Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, OH  
 1996-2011 (Named Professor Emeritus)  
 Adjunct Professor of Transformational Leadership, Payne Theological  
 Seminary (AME), Wilberforce, OH, 2007-2011  
 Visiting Professor of Preaching at Yale University Divinity School,  
 Winter 2009  
 Visiting Instructor in History (African American Studies), Case Western  
 Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, 1993-1996  
 Visiting Instructor in Religion, Cleveland State University, Cleveland,  
 OH, 1990-1994

- Visiting Instructor in Preaching, New Brunswick Theological Seminary,  
New Brunswick, NJ, 1980-1986
- Visiting Instructor in Preaching, Princeton Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, NJ, 1983-1986
- Visiting Instructor in Old Testament Studies, New York Theological  
Seminary, New York, NY, 1980-1984
- Visiting Instructor in History, (African American Studies), Fordham  
University, Bronx, NY, 1980-1982.

Professional Memberships:

- Academy of Homiletics
- The Society for the Study of Black Religion  
A paper was delivered at the 2004 annual session in  
Louisville, KY on *The Film Portrayal of the Black Preacher*  
A paper was delivered at the 2015 annual session in Savannah, GA  
*Biblical reflections on the Palestinian/Israeli conflict*
- Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society in History, Case Western Reserve  
University, 1997
- Phi Alpha Honor Society in Social Work (honorary) Cleveland State  
University, 1994 and 2009

**BOOKS**

1. **From Pulpit to Politics: Reflections on the Separation of Church and State**, Williams Custom Printing, Euclid, OH, December 1998.
2. **Preaching to the Black Middle Class: Words of Comfort/Words of Challenge**, Judson Press: Valley Forge, PA, 2000.
3. **Living Water for Thirsty Souls: Unleashing the Power of Exegetical Preaching**, Judson Press: Valley Forge, PA, 2001.
4. **Encyclopedia of African American Christian Heritage**, Judson Press: Valley Forge, PA, 2002,
5. **Before We Say I Do: Seven Steps to a Healthy Marriage**, Judson Press, 2003
6. **Battling Prostate Cancer: From Why Me to What Next**, Judson Press, Valley Forge, PA, 2004
7. **Star Book for Preachers**, Judson Press: Valley Forge, PA, 2006
8. **Where Have All the Prophets Gone? The Decline of Prophetic Preaching in the American Church**, Pilgrim Press: Cleveland, OH, 2006
9. **A Time to Speak: How Black Pastors Can Respond to the HIV/AIDS Pandemic**, Pilgrim Press: Cleveland, OH, 2008
10. **Shaping the Claim of the Sermon**, Augsburg/Fortress Press, 2008
11. **Phat Facts for Kids: Profiles in Black, An Encyclopedia of African American History for Young Christians**, Judson Press: Valley Forge, PA, 2008  
*USA Book News 2009 Book of the Year in African American*

Studies

12. **The Audacity of Faith of Faith: Christian Leaders Reflect on the Election of Barack Obama**, editor and contributor, Judson Press, 2009
13. **The Deacon in Today's Black Baptist Church**, Judson Press, 2010
14. **Caring Pastors/Caring People: Equipping Your Church for Pastoral Care**, Judson Press, 2011
15. **Pulpit and Politics: The Separation of Church and State in the Black Church**, Judson Press, 2014
16. **Be My Witness: The Great Commission for Preachers**, Judson Press, 2016
17. **The Making of a Preacher**, Judson Press, due out in 2018.

The Academy of Homiletics

Delivered six papers before the Academy:

1. *The Black Preacher and Issues of Social Justice* in Oakland, California in 1997
2. *Who Do Men Say That I Am?: The Film Portrayal of the Black Preacher* in St. Louis, Missouri in 2001.
3. *Spiritual Formation in the Life of the Preacher* in Boston, MA, 2002.
4. *Where Have All the Prophets Gone?* In Memphis, TN, 2004
5. *Woe To Those That Are At Ease in Zion: Preaching on The black church response to HIV/AIDS*, West Palm Beach, FL, 2006
6. *In the Footsteps of Phoebe: Women as Deacons in the black Baptist church* in Washington, DC, 2009
7. *Keeping the Faith Differently* in San Diego, CA 2014
8. *The practice and importance of writing and publishing in the academic community*, Nashville, TN 2015

**Sermons and articles in print**

*Christ Incognito*, **So Send I You 2018 Lenten Devotional Booklet**, p. 47.  
*Who Will be a Witness for My Lord?*, **Let Justice Roll: Progressive Voices for Social Justice**, edited by Marvin McMickle for the Progressive National Baptist Convention, August 2017  
*The Birth of African American Denominations*, **This Far By Faith: Legacies of the Black Church**, Our Daily Bread, 2017, Following Day 14.  
*Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead*, **So Send I You Lenten Devotional** 2017

**Tomorrow MMBB**

*A Biblical Lesson for Christian Leaders*, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2017  
*Putting Money in its Proper Place*, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2017  
*What Do New Pastors and Young Pastors Need to Know?* 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2017

*Why Seminary Training is Important*, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2017

**The Christian Citizen**

*A Look at James Cone and Black Theology*, June 2018

*The Power and Purpose of Pentecost*, May 2018

*Which Faith Are We Defending? Fifty Years after Martin Luther King, Jr.*,  
April 2018

*With Liberty and Justice for All?* August 2017

*President Trump and the Perils of Another Post-Reconstruction Era*,  
January 2017

*Hope and Healing During the Worst of Times*, September 2016

*Say Something, Preacher*, September 2016,

*Where Have All the Prophets Gone*, Volume 3, 2007; reprinted in  
*EthicsDaily.com*, October 29, 2007

*Words of Wisdom from One Administration to the Next*, Volume 1, 2004.

**The National Baptist Voice**

*Rich Man/Poor Man*, , Winter 2007

*Under God Is A Good Place To Be*, Mid-Winter 2006

*The Reasons Why We Worship God*, Winter, 2005.

*A Litany on Hurricane Katrina*, Fall 2005

*Reflections on Psalm 91 and the Issue of Terrorism*, Summer 2005.

*Religion or Rebirth: Which One Do You Have?* Spring 2005.

*The Reasons Why We Worship God*, Winter, 2005

*The Valley of Dry Bones*, Sermon Seedlings Fall 2004.

*Reflections on the Lord's Prayer*, Sermon Seedlings Summer 2004.

*Preaching During Advent*, Fall 2003

*Acts 1: 6-8: Eight Sermon Seeds From One Text*, July/September 2003.

*Romans 10: 9-17: Eight Sermon Seeds From One Text*, April/June 2003

**The African American Pulpit**

*Having the Faith to Endure*, Fall 2009

*Prophetic Preaching in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: It is not just about the words*,  
Fall 2008

*Bishop Daniel Alexander Payne*, Spring 2006

*Spirituals: An African American Musical Genre*, Spring 2005.

*Where Have All the Prophets Gone?* Summer 2005

*Barbara Harris: First Female Suffragan Bishop of the Episcopal Church*,  
Winter 2004-2005.

*Lott Carey*, Summer, 2004

*Father James Augustine Healy*", Summer, 2003.

*Nannie Helen Burroughs*, Spring 2003.

*"The Prophet Amos as a Model for Preaching on Issues of Social  
Justice"*, Spring 2001.

*"The Black Preacher and Issues of Justice"*, Winter 1998.

*"How Much of Your Life Does God Control?"*, 1999.

*“Conversations on Calvary: Father Forgive Them”*, Spring 1999.  
*“The Story of Mary and Martha*, Summer 1998

### **The African American Lectionary Commentaries**

*Father’s Day*, June 2013  
*Ash Wednesday*, March 9, 2011  
*Men’s Day*, August 7, 2011  
*Justice Emphasis Sunday*, October 11, 2009  
*Christmas*, December 25-26, 2010  
*Ash Wednesday*, February 6, 2008  
*Pastor’s Anniversary*, June 8, 2008

### **The Living Pulpit**

*Examining Relationships: Lectionary Readings for November*,  
 October – December 2006.  
*Promise and Foretaste: Reflections on the Lectionary Readings for April*  
 2005 *on the Resurrection*, April-June 2005.  
*War: What Is It Good For?* October-December 2005.  
*Promise and Foretaste: Reflections on the Lectionary Readings for April*  
 2005 *on the Resurrection*, April-June 2005.  
*The Rise of Pentecostalism in Black America*, April/June 2004.  
*Tolerance: An Elusive Goal That is Worth Pursuing*,  
*“Mary: The Bible’s Most Remarkable Story of Motherhood*  
 October-December 2001.  
*“Preaching that Challenges Our Understanding of the Church”*,  
 October/December 2000.  
*“Preaching on Themes in the Creation Story”*,  
 April-June 2000.  
*“The Family: Many Forms and Many Functions”*, August/September  
*“Peace: An Elusive Possession”* October-December 1998, pp. 38-39.  
*“No Room in the Inn: Reflections on Advent”*, October – December 1997  
*Examining Relationships: Lectionary Readings for November*,  
 October – December 2006.

### **Preaching**

*The Power and Purpose of Pentecost*, May/June 2012.  
*The Rewards of Regularity*, July/August 2011  
*An Advent Sermon*, November/December 2010  
*Preaching the advent themes*, September/October 2010  
*After All I’ve Been Through I Still Have Joy*, November/December 2009  
*The Promise of Peace on Earth*, Nov/Dec 2008  
*When an Insurance Policy Is Not Enough*, July/August 2008  
*Directions for Disciples*, January/February 2008  
*There Is No Greater Love*, May/June 2007

*A Gift the World Cannot Give*, November/December 2005  
*What Is Your Life?* January/February 2007  
*Living Single in a "Marriage Culture"*, September-October 2006  
*What is the Strength of Your Life*, July/August 2006  
*Here Comes the Sun*, March/April 2006

*The Greatest Gift Ever Given*, November/December 2004  
*Teach Us How to Pray*, September/October 2004  
*Take Time to be Holy*, May/June 2004.  
*From Doubt to Declaration*, March/April 2004  
*"The Path That Leads to Contentment"*, September/October  
 2002  
*"Preaching for Life Application,"* January-February 2002.  
*Reflections on a Revival*, September 2004  
*"The Lord is Come! The Song of Simeon"*, November-December 1998.  
*"The Many Members and the One Body of Christ*, September-October,  
 1997

#### **Preaching-on-Line**

*The Confrontation Caused By a Cushite Wife*, April  
 2004.

*Sharing the Faith With Jerry Falwell*, June 2007  
*The Power and Purpose of Pentecost*, May 2007

*Who Is This?* March 2004.

*Going Through By God's Grace: Living with prostate cancer*,  
 August 2003.

*"The Song of Zacharias"*, November, 1998

*"The Song of the Angels"*, October 1998.

#### **Other Journals and Book Chapters**

*This Is My Body, Broken*, **the Bulletin of CRCDS**, Fall 2015

*A Look at the Elders of Antioch*, **Preaching Progressive National Baptist**

**Convention Style**, MMGI Press, Darryl Sims, editor 2015

*Matthew 22*, **Feasting on the Gospels**, Matthew Volume One, 2013

*We Don't Need a Preacher*, in **Prophetic Critique and Popular Media**

Edited by Robert H. Woods and Kevin Healey, Peter Lang  
 Publishing, 2013

*On Rites and Rights in the same-sex marriage debate*, **CITY News of  
 Rochester, NY**, May 30-June 5, 2012, p. 3.

*Second Sunday of Advent*, **Preaching God's Transforming Justice**,

Dale Andrews, et al, eds, Westminster/John Knox Press:  
 Louisville, KY, 2012, pp. 11-15.

*Proper 22, 23 and 24*, **Feasting on the Word: Year A Volume 4**, David

- L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, editors, Westminster/John Knox Press, 2011.
- Second Sunday of Advent*, **Preaching God's Transforming Justice**, Ronald Allen, et al editors, Westminster/John Knox Press, 2011, pp. 12-16.
- Challenging Gender Discrimination in the Church*, **Minister Magazine**, **ABCUSA Journal**, Summer, 2011.
- What Shall They Preach?*, in **Our Sufficiency Is of God: Essays in Honor of Gardner C. Taylor**, edited by Timothy George, et al, Mercer Press, 2010, pp. 103-122.
- Prophetic Preaching*, **The New Interpreter's Bible Handbook on Preaching**, Abingdon Press, 2008
- What is Worship?*, **Revelations: Photographs of Cleveland's African American Churches**, by Michael Stephen Levy, 2008, pp. 19-20.
- Preaching on Issues of Poverty and Justice*, **The Clergy Journal**, April 2007
- Preaching in the Face of Economic Injustice*, in **Just Preaching**, Chalice Press: St. Louis, MO, 2003, pp. 3-10.
- It's Never Too Late to Follow Your Dreams and A Transformed Life*, in **From One Brother To Another, Volume 2**, edited by Jeremiah Wright, Jr., Judson Press, 2003.
- Preaching from the Pentateuch*, in **The Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch**, Inter Varsity Press, edited by David Baker, 2002
- "Confronting HIV and AIDS: What Older Adults Need to Know"*, **Aging and Spirituality**, Fall 2001.
- "Disciplines for Disciples"*, **Pulpit Digest**, July/August 1999.
- "Testimony of the Tortured"*, **Messages for Modern Times**, Larry L. Macon, Sr. ed., Kendall Hunt Publishers, 1998.
- "The Art of Preaching"*, **Messages for Modern Times**, pp. 69-70.
- "Foreword"*, **Responsible Preaching**, by William A. Jones, Jr., Aaron Press, 1991.
- "Preaching to the Black Middle Class"*, **The Journal of Preaching**, December, 1985
- "And He Called Them His Disciples"*, **Princeton Seminary Bulletin** February, 1984

### **Forewords, afterwords and books endorsed**

- Hyveth Williams, **Nothing but the Best: A Guide to Preaching Powerful Sermons**, Xlibris Press, 2018.
- O. Wesley Allen, **Preaching and the Human Condition**, Fortress Press, 2016

- Frank A. Thomas, **Introduction to African American Preaching**, Abingdon Press, 2016
- Jini Kilgore Cockcroft, **From Classism to Community**, Judson Press, 2016
- Ralph Watkins, **The Future of the African American Church**, Judson Press 2014
- William Willimon **Word, Water, Wine and Bread**, Judson 2014
- Christine Smith **Beyond the Stained Glass Ceiling**, Judson Press 2013
- James Henry Harris **No Longer Bound: A Theology of Reading and Preaching**, Fortress Press 2013
- Mihee Kim-Kort **Streams Run Uphill: Conversations with young clergwomen of color**, Judson Press 2013
- Adam Bond **I've Been Called, Now What?**, Judson Press 2012
- David L. Moody, **Political Melodies in the Pews?: The Voice of the Black Christian rapper in the Twenty-first Century Church**, Lexington Books, 2012
- Brad Braxton **Preaching Paul**, Abingdon Press 2004

***College/University and Convention Speaker***

Albright College, American Baptist Biennial, American Baptist College and Seminary in Nashville, TN, Ashland University, Ashland Theological Seminary, Aurora University, Baldwin-Wallace College, Baptist Joint Committee on Separation of Church and State, Baylor University, Berkshire Christian College, Bethel College and Seminary (MN), Bethel Seminary San Diego, Brethren Church Annual Convention, Campbellsville University of Kentucky, Candler School of Theology (Emory University), Capitol University, Case Western Reserve University, Chautauqua Institution, Chicago Theological Seminary, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, College of Wooster, Cuyahoga Community College, Depauw University, Duke University Divinity School, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Erskine Seminary in South Carolina, Fisk University, Franklin College of Indiana, George Truett Theological Seminary, Hampton University Ministers Conference, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Houghton College, Howard University School of Divinity, John Carroll University, Kent State University, Kenyon College, Lake County Community College, Lake Erie College, Lakeside (Ohio), Lorain County Community College, Middlebury College, Monroe Community College in Rochester, NY, Moravian College and Seminary, Morehouse College, Mount Union College, NAACP National Convention, Nazareth College in Rochester, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, North East Ohio University College of Medicine, Oberlin College, Ohio State University, Payne Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton University, Rutgers University, Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference, Sojourners Magazine Conference on Transforming Our Politics, SUNY Brockport, Union Theological Seminary (NYC), United Theological Seminary, University of Akron, University of Rochester, Upper New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Ursuline College of



Ohio, Virginia Union University, Westminster College (MO), Winston-Salem State University, Yale Divinity School

Lectureships

- Touhy Lectures at John Carroll University, 2000
- James A. Gray Lectures at Winston Salem State University - 2001
- Swartley Lectures at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary - 2002
- Nelson W. Trout Lectures at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH - 2012
- Charles E. Booth Preaching Conference in Columbus, OH – 2012
- Garnet/Nabrit Lectures at American Baptist College in Nashville, TN, 2012 and 2013
- Religious Liberty Lecture, Baptist Joint Committee, Dallas, TX, 2015
- Cynthia Wedel Lectures, Howard University School of Divinity, 2015
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture, Duke University Divinity School, 2016
- Womble Lecture on Religious Liberty, Baylor University, 2016
- Lester Randall Preaching Conference, Toronto, Ontario, 2016
- C.S. Lewis Lectures, Westminster College in Fulton, MO, 2018

Community Activities:

Chairperson-elect	Board of Directors of Rochester Area Community Foundation 2013- Chair of the Program Distribution Committee 2015-2018
Member	Board of Directors of The Children’s Agenda of Rochester
Co-Chair	Rochester/Monroe County Anti-Poverty Initiative
Blogger	Democrat and Chronicle newspaper in Rochester 2014-
Member	Board of Trustees of Cleveland State University 2008-2011
Member	Shaker Heights Board of Education 1994-2001
Founder	AGAPE Project, an HIV/AIDS testing and support ministry
Chairman,	United Pastors in Mission Clergy Group 2000-2011
Alumnus	Leadership Cleveland, 1990
President	Cleveland NAACP 1989-1992
President	Greater Cleveland Urban League 2000
President	Karamu House Performing Arts Center 1992-1996
Travel:	Israel, Greece, Austria, Senegal, and West Indies, Canada

Fraternal Affiliations:

- Kappa Alpha Psi (Life Member – Founder of Montclair Alumni Chapter)
- Sigma Pi Phi Tau Boule and Gamma Iota Boule
- Phi Alpha Theta Honorary Society for History, Case Western Reserve University
- Prince Hall Masons and Shriners

## Honors

Metropolitan Award for Faith in Action, Greater Rochester Community of Congregations, 2018  
Judson Press Ministry Award, 2015  
Distinguished Alumnus from Princeton Theological Seminary, 2012  
Doctor of Humane Letters (honorary), Payne Theological Seminary, 2010  
Visiting Professor at Yale University Divinity School, Winter of 2009  
Delegate for Barack Obama to the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, CO  
“The 50 Influentials of Northeast Ohio” as named by Cleveland Magazine 2008  
Unitas Award to Outstanding Alumni for Lifetime Achievement, Union Theological Seminary, New York City in 2007  
Ralph Garfield Schell Presidential Award for Excellence in Ministry by the American Baptist Churches USA in 2007.  
African American Male Achiever’s Award, 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland 2007  
Inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College in 2006  
Visiting Instructor at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Co in Summer 2005  
Black Professional of the Year by the Black Professional Association of Cleveland, 2001  
Distinguished Alumnus Award of Aurora University, 2000  
Doctor of Divinity degree (Honorary) from Aurora University in 1991  
Visiting Scholar at Franklin University of Indiana, 1990