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Doctor of Philosophy in Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, 2008

Dissertation: “*Blue Tights: Dancing into a Life of Her Own; Facilitating Embodied Spirituality for African American Adolescent Girls through Dance.*”

Master of Arts in Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, 2002

Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude, Mathematics and Secondary Education, Howard University, Washington, D.C., 1999

Academic Leadership Experience

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Rochester, NY, July 2020-present.

Director of Lane Institute & Assistant Chaplain, Lane College, Jackson, TN, May 2018-June 2020.

Pressnell Fellow, Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association (TICUA) Executive Leadership Institute, Nashville, TN, September 2018-May 2019.

Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Lane College, Jackson, TN, August 2017-May 2018.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Lane College, Jackson, TN, May 2012-June 2014.

Acting President, Lane College, Jackson, TN, December 2013 (concurrent).

Division Chair, Division of Liberal Studies and Education, Lane College, Jackson, TN, August 2010-May 2012.

Professional Teaching Experience

Associate Professor of Theology, Culture and Practice of Ministry, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Rochester, NY July 2020-present.

Assistant Professor of Religion, Lane College, Jackson, TN, August 2009-June 2013; August 2018-June 2020.

Associate Faculty in Humanities, Collin County Community College District, Plano, TX, August 2008-May 2009.

Academic Service and Publications

Leadership

Co-Chair, Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit, American Academy of Religion, 2019-present.

Steering Committee Member, Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit, American Academy of Religion, 2013-2018.

On-Site Review Committee Member, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Spring 2013.

Leadership Team Member (SACSCOC Reaffirmation of Accreditation), Lane College, Jackson, TN, Fall 2010-2012.

Site Supervisor, Tennessee Campus Compact/AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer, Lane College, Jackson, TN, February 2012-August 2012.

Publications

Buchanan, Deborah. "Vocational Journeys: Moving Toward a Creative and Disruptive Womanist Pedagogy." In *Faith, Feminism, and Scholarship: The Next Generation*, eds. Melanie L. Harris and Kate M. Ott. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

Buchanan, Deborah. "Dance." In *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*, ed. George Kurian. Oxford: Wiley Blackwell Publishing, 2011.

Buchanan, Deborah. "Dance." In *Global Dictionary of Theology*, eds. William Dyrness and Veli-Matti Karkkainen. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2008.

Buchanan, Deborah. "Womanist Theology." In *Global Dictionary of Theology*, eds. William Dyrness and Veli-Matti Karkkainen. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2008.

Buchanan, Deborah. "Satan." In *Global Dictionary of Theology*, eds. William Dyrness and Veli-Matti Karkkainen. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2008.

Selected Professional Papers, Lectures, Workshops and Panels

"Eco-Womanist Pedagogy & Spiritual Activism: Sustaining Work for Justice in the Classroom and on the Farm," Religion and Food Unit and Women of Color, Scholarship, Teaching and Activism Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 25, 2019.

Fellow, Black Theology and Leadership Institute: Food Justice, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, July 14-19, 2019.

“Thinking Out Loud: womanist pedagogical resources for the classroom as a site for healing,”
Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching and Activism Unit, American Academy of Religion
Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 18, 2018.

Panelist, “Women Identified Faculty in Leadership” Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, March 12,
2018.

Presider, "Old Buddhist Texts: New Womanist Thought," Buddhist-Christian Studies Panel,
American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 22, 2014.

"Seeking Cosmological Foundations for Womanist Leadership in Higher Education," Women of
Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual
Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.

Participant, Compassion and Justice: Buddhist Resources for Womanist Reflection Consultation,
Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA,
November 2-4, 2012.

Panelist, “Faith, Feminism and Scholarship,” Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Unit,
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2012.

Participant, Compassion and Justice: Buddhist Resources for Womanist Reflection Consultation,
Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, TX, April 28-May 1, 2011.

“ ‘The Least Glamorous Stuff:’ The Continuity of ‘Mundane’ Practices in Womanist Pedagogy,”
Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society, American Academy of Religion Annual
Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 2009.

Participant, Buddhist Resources for Womanist Reflection Consultation, Center for the Study of
World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, April 24-26, 2009.

“Holistic and Earth Honoring Spiritual Development of Girls,” Ethics, Society, and Cultural
Analysis, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Regional Meeting, Irving, TX, March
7, 2009.

" ‘This is not a Disembodied Voice:’ Dance and Scholarly Celebration of the Work of Womanist
Ethicist, Dr. Emilie M. Townes," Womanist Approaches Group Consultation, American
Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 1, 2008.

Panelist, Collin College Auteur Film Series Screenings of *In America* & *The Kite Runner*, Collin
College, Plano, TX, Fall 2008.

“We Shall Overcome: The Beautiful Tapestry of Womanist Transformation in Dance, Literature,
Poetry, and Hip Hop,” Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, American
Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2006.

“Discerning One’s Call to Ministry and Theological Study,” Presentation for Spiritual and Ethical Dimensions of Leadership Initiative, Howard University, Washington, D.C., November 2006.

Panelist, “Hip Hop Forum,” Brehm Center for Worship, Theology, and the Arts, Spring Arts Festival, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, April 2006.

Grants

State of Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Ag Tag Grant: “Lane College Urban Farm,” 2019-\$10,000 received.

Jackson Arts Council/Tennessee Arts Commission, Arts Build Community Grant: “Growing Together Through Listening and Creativity, with Dr. Sandra Ramawy, 2019-\$1,100 received.

Service to Community & Church

Member, UT Horticulture Advisory Committee, University of Tennessee Extension Institute of Agriculture, Jackson, TN, October 2019-June 2020.

Moderator & Panelist, First Friday Forum: “The Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: The History and Future of Social Justice in Jackson,” Jackson Chamber of Commerce/First United Methodist Church, Jackson, TN, April 6, 2018.

Panelist, “The Beloved Community: A Multi-Denomination Discussion About Race and Religion,” Forest Heights United Methodist Church, Jackson, TN, February 23, 2015.

Co-Presenter, “Ethical Leadership,” Leadership Jackson, Jackson, TN, October 2013.

Dancer/Choreographer, “Festival of Beginnings,” Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, August 2008.

Dancer/Choreographer, “Service of Nine Lessons and Carols,” Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, December 2007.

Dancer/Choreographer, “Festival of Beginnings,” Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, August 2007.

Languages

Spanish

Professional Membership

American Academy of Religion

Additional Work History

Research Assistant, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, 2004-2007.

Dance Teacher, Covenant Church of Pittsburgh Fine Arts Academy, Pittsburgh, PA, 2003-2004.

Teaching Artist, Hope Academy of Music and the Arts of East Liberty Presbyterian Church,
Pittsburgh, PA, 2003-2004.

Community Organizer/Artist, Center of Life/Keystone Church of Hazelwood, Pittsburgh, PA,
2003.

Public Relations Coordinator for Spanish-Language Media, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena,
CA, 2001.