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SUMMARY

Licensed and ordained evangelist, educator, and girls'/women's leader with decades of experience serving diverse urban populations. Primarily serving by: developing, implementing, marketing, promoting, recruiting, and evaluating faith-based interventions for justice-involved individuals; youth ministry; and, hospice care. Life-long learner seeking to serve in community-based collaborations that bridge my research background with persistent as well as emergent threats to well-being and flourishing within communities of color.

EDUCATION

Michigan State University	Ph.D.	2003	Comparative Black History
Michigan State University	M.A.	1998	American History
Wellesley College	B.A.	1993	History/Africana Studies Double Major

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

2019-present	Mt. Horeb Baptist Church (MHBC) Women's Ministry Leader	Dallas, TX
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launched nutrition/fitness program by establishing partnership with Baylor Scott & White Health (BSWH) Community Health at J.J. Craft Center• Developed 2-year plan for accelerated growth of women's ministry• Created Vacation Bible School Curriculum with marketing plan and teacher's training guide• Submitted two (2) grant proposals for federal funding of faith-based mental/behavioral health projects• Revitalized and resumed utilization of MHBC's intercessory prayer room	
2003-2020	African American Protestant Faith Communities Project Independent Researcher/Contracted Writing Coach	Prairie View, TX
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided historical data to contextualize contemporary, urban phenomena• Facilitated training of undergraduate/graduate students in academic writing• Edited the AAPFCP Newsletter, AAPFCP website content, and AAPFCP manuscripts	

1995-2003	Union Missionary Baptist Church (UMBC) Youth and Women’s Ministry Leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrote/won the first of many grants awarded to UMBC’s youth ministry • Selected annual women’s day chair and raised over \$12,000 for UMBC • Organized and offered grant training workshops for church and extended community 	Lansing, MI
1989-1993	Wellesley College Chaplaincy Assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of Ministry to Black Women (MBW) • Member of Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) • Member of InterVarsity (IV) Wellesley College Bible Fellowship • Member of Ethos Gospel Choir • Member of Wellesley College’s Intercessory Prayer Circle • Recipient of Wellesley College Chaplaincy award 	Wellesley, MA
1985-1989	Lincoln Magnet High School (LHS) Campus Leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launched after-school, intercessory prayer band • Lunchtime evangelism • Lay preacher and community liaison 	Dallas, TX
1984-1989	Liberty Chapel/Liberty Ministries Youth Leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of Evangelistic Choir • Sunday School Teacher • Lay preacher and outreach organizer 	Dallas, TX
1982-1984	Zion Traveler’s Missionary Baptist Church (ZTBC) Youth Leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founding member of Just-For-Christ Bible Study for Teens • Member of Youth Choir • Youth Diplomat for the Rising Star District Association™ at National Baptist Convention held in Orlando, FL 	Dallas, TX

CHARACTER AND COMPETENCIES

- Maintaining high standards of ethical/moral integrity
- Proven skill sets in developing, delivering, and implementing creative Bible-based curricula, programs, workshops/retreats/training
- Pastoral skills in the respect, dignity, confidentiality, etc. of “sacred” ceremonies like funerals
- Outcome and results-driven focus
- Disciplined lifestyle that consistently exhibits the Fruit of the Spirit

PARTIAL LISTING OF PUBLICATIONS

Martin, P., Bowles, T., Adkins, L. & Leach, M. (2014). Black Mega-Churches in the Internet Age: Exploring Theological Teachings and Social Outreach Efforts. In James Abbingon (Ed.). *Readings in African American Church Music and Worship - Vol. 2*. Chicago: GIA Publications, Inc.

Adkins, L. (2011) *Invisible Body: The Catalytic Power of Death in Antebellum Slave Funerals of the U.S. South*. In Regennia N. Williams (Ed). *Homegoings, Crossings, and Passings: Life and Death in the African Diaspora*. Porter Ranch, CA: New World African Press.

Martin, P. Leach, M., Bowles, T., Manesh, A. Adkins, L. & Barnes-Butler, S. (2009). Underachievement and success of African American males in school settings: Integrating critical race and ecological perspectives. *Journal of Minority Issues and Economic Development*.

Adkins, L. (2008). "Burial, African Practices in the Americas." In Richard M. Juang and Noelle Morrissette (Eds.). *Africa and the Americas Culture, Politics, and History: A Multidisciplinary Encyclopedia*, ABC Clio.

Martin, P., Mayes, E., Adkins, L., Butler-Barnes, S. & Robinsons, S. (2008). From Griots to Rappers: Secular Rap Music as a Religious Socialization Agent among African American Adolescents *Psych Discourse*, 28-30.

Adkins, L. (2007). Death in the Family: Historical Description and Funerary Display—An Example of African American Family Conceptualization. In Harriette Pipes McAdoo (Ed.). *Black Families (4TH ed)*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Martin, P. & Adkins, L. (2007). Ethnic diversity in religious practices: The call of community psychology for exploring the intersections of faith and race. Pamela Martin (Ed.) for the Committee on Racial and Cultural Affairs Submission. *The Community Psychologist*, 40 (1), 15- 16.

PARTIAL LISTING OF PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Social Justice and Black Churches: An Historical Analysis. (March 2010). Symposium Panel Presentation at the National Council for Black Studies 34th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

"The Bedrock and Buttress: The Multifaceted Role of African American Faith Communities in Creating Communities" (July 2006). First presenter for panel presentation on AAFCP lab symposium at The 38th Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) Annual International Convention in Cleveland, OH.

‘Take keer my baby chile and raiz her for God: Psychospiritual messages of enslaved parents as historical informants about African American religious socialization (July 2006)’. Symposium presentation at the 38th Association of Black Psychologists. Cleveland, OH.

“Females, fantasy and faith: Rap music and religious socialization - A preliminary exploration” (August 2005). Symposium presentation at the 37th Association of Black Psychologists. Miami, FL.

“Gimme dat ole time religion:” Slave narratives as historical informants of religious socialization” (August 2005). Symposium presentation at the 37th Association of Black Psychologists. Miami, FL.

“Invisible Body: The Catalytic Power of Death in Ante-Bellum Slave Funerals of the U.S. South.” (April 2005) Single paper presentation at Life and Death in the African Diaspora: Homegoings, Crossings, and Passings—An Academic Conference in Cleveland, OH.

“The Historical Significance of African American Funerary Display” (May 2004). Keynote Address at Michigan Funeral Directors Association Annual Meeting, Women in Funeral Service, Luncheon in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

PASTORAL REFERENCES

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