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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Homiletics
Black Homiletics and Theology
Postcolonial Hermeneutics
Performance Studies

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2023)	Princeton Theological Seminary Princeton, NJ
M.Div. (2014)	Duke University Divinity School Durham, NC
B.A. (2010)	Wintrop University College of Visual and Performing Arts Rock Hill, SC Major: Music Minor: Sociology

ORDINATION

Minister of Word and Sacrament (2018) – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

HONORS AND AWARDS

2022	<i>Dissertation Fellowship—Louisville Institute</i>
2020	<i>Doctoral Fellowship</i> – Louisville Institute
2018, 2019, 2020	<i>Educational Graduate Study Seminary Grant</i> – ELCA
2018	<i>Doctoral Fellowship</i> – Princeton Theological Seminary
2011	<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship</i> – Duke University Divinity School

MEMBERSHIPS

2018-Present	The Academy of Homiletics
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2025	Preaching Every Week Virginia Theological Seminary Instructor
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	Introduction to Preaching Virginia Theological Seminary Senior Lecturer
Spring 2025	Preaching, Polarity, and Politics General Theological Seminary Instructor
	Introduction to Preaching General Theological Seminary Instructor
Fall 2024	Preaching Every Week Virginia Theological Seminary Instructor
Summer 2024	Biblical and Theological Studies II Virginia Theological Seminary Instructor
	Preaching and Practicum Howard University Divinity School Instructor
	Biblical and Theological Studies II Virginia Theological Seminary Instructor
Fall 2023	Preaching the Lectionary Howard University Divinity School Instructor
Fall 2022	Introduction to Preaching Princeton Theological Seminary <i>Teaching Assistant</i> —Dr. Cleophus LaRue, Instructor
	Hermeneutics from the Margins Trinity Lutheran Seminary Instructor
	Introduction to Preaching Princeton Theological Seminary <i>Teaching Assistant</i> —Dr. Cleophus LaRue, Instructor
Fall 2020	Introduction to Preaching Princeton Theological Seminary <i>Teaching Assistant</i> —Dr. Cleophus LaRue, Instructor
	From Text to Sermon

Princeton Theological Seminary
Research Assistant—Dr. Cleophus LaRue, Instructor

Spring 2020 Introduction to Preaching
 Princeton Theological Seminary
Teaching Assistant—Dr. Cleophus LaRue, Instructor

Fall 2017 Koine Greek Intensive
 New York Theological Seminary
Teaching Assistant – Dr. Jerry Reisig, Instructor

LANGUAGE MASTERY

French: Reading and Translation
 German: Reading and Translation
 Koine Greek: Reading and Translation
 Hebrew: Reading and Translation

SCHOLARSHIP

Refereed

Marcia J. Watson-Vandiver, Gary Homana, Kevin Vandiver, and Morna McNulty. “What about Isaac? Using *Voices of Baltimore* to foster a complicated discussion about Brown v. Board: Success? Failure? A Set-Up? And...What Now?” *Journal of Interdisciplinary Humanities*, (2022).

Non-Refereed (*Invited)

Books, Commentaries, Academic Journals, and Online Resources

Kevin Vandiver. *Black Preacher, White Church*. (Fortress Press, Forthcoming Spring 2027).

Contributor: *Sundays and Seasons: Preaching 2024* (Augsburg Fortress)

Contributor: *Sundays and Seasons Worship Planning 2023* (Augsburg Fortress)

Kevin Vandiver. “Everyone is in Debt.” *Lutheran Journal of Ethics*, Vol. 22, no. 1 (2021).

Kevin Vandiver. “Racial Justice Now: Possibility in the Face of Trauma,” in *Word and World*, Vol. 41S (2021), 70-78.

Kevin Vandiver. “Talking on the Road to Emmaus: A Paradigm for Deconstructing Racial Hierarchies and toward Contextualizing Theology” in *Currents: The Theological Journal of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and Wartburg Theological Seminary*, Vol. 47, no. 3 (2020).

Kevin Vandiver. “Resurrection as Protest.” *Living Lutheran ELCA Magazine*, (April 2020).

PRESENTATIONS

Non-Refereed (*Invited)

International/National

Kevin Vandiver. The Road to Emmaus: a paradigm for exploring tenets of Privilege and Grace Together. *ELCA Convocation of Teaching Theologians*. (Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, 2019).

Kevin Vandiver, Amy Butler, Mandy Meisenheimer, and Kevin Wright. “Building Your Church While Building Your Team.” *Faith Forward: Reimagining Children’s and Youth Ministry*, (Chicago, IL, 2016).

Kevin Vandiver. Mentor Site Coordinator Pre-Service Training. *Children's Defense Fund © Freedom Schools*, (Clinton, TN, 2013).

University Keynotes and Invited Lectures

Kevin Vandiver. *A Seat at the Table: Realizing King's Dream in the Face of Deferred Realities*. Emory & Henry College Martin Luther King Keynote Speaker, (Emory, VA, 2019).

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE (Post Graduate School)

Virginia Theological Seminary and The General Seminary in the City of New York

June 2025-Present Senior Lecturer

April 2024—June 2025 Assistant Director of Homiletical Formation
Preaching Congregations Initiative
Virginia Theological Seminary
Arlington, VA

Beginning Fall 2024- Spring 2025

Martha Horne Visiting Professor of Preaching

Lutheran Church of the Reformation (ELCA)

2022–present

Senior Pastor
Lutheran Church of the Reformation
Washington, DC

Metropolitan New York Synod (ELCA)

2020–2022

Assistant to the Bishop (overseeing 52 churches in Metro NY)
Metropolitan New York Synod Headquarters
New York, NY

The Christ Center at Transfiguration (ELCA)

2017–2019

Founding Pastor/Mission Developer (Church Planter)
The Christ Center at Transfiguration
New York, NY

The Riverside Church in the City of New York

2015–2017

Associate Minister of Youth and Young Adults
The Riverside Church in the City of New York
New York, NY