

# RACHELLE RENEE GREEN

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

**PhD, Emory University** Religious Education & Practical Theology, 2019

*Dissertation:* Learning to Live: Social Death, Redemptive Practices, and Theological Education in a Women's Prison

*Advisor:* Jennifer Ayres *Committee:* Elizabeth Bounds, Joy Ann McDougall

*Qualifying Exams:* Religious Education and Pedagogy, Classical and Contemporary Theologies of Sin and Grace, Theories of Social Justice and Contemporary Christian Ethics, Virtue Ethics and Moral Philosophy. Passed with distinction, December 2016.

*Concentration:* Study of Religious Practices

**M.Div., Emory University Candler School of Theology**, 2014

Certificates in *Religious Education* and *Women, Theology, and Ministry*

**M.A., Regent University School of Divinity**, 2011

Concentration in *Practical Theology*

**B.A., Kent State University**, College of Business, 2004

Major in *Business Administration and Marketing*; Minor in *Spanish*

### FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Forum for Theological Exploration Dissertation Fellowship 2018-2019

Louisville Dissertation Fellowship (award declined) 2018-2019

Emory University Graduate Division of Religion, *Graduate Fellowship* 2014-2019

Forum for Theological Exploration Christian Leadership, *Doctoral Cohort* 2015

Candler School of Theology, *Dean's Scholarship Award* 2012-2014

Candler School of Theology, *John D. & Alice Slay Academic Leadership Award* 2013

### PUBLICATIONS

#### *Peer-Reviewed Journals*

"Remember Your Graduation: Reflections on the Significance of Theological Education from a Prison Theological Educator," *Theological Education*, vol. 51, no. 2 (2018), 93-103.

#### *Articles and Discussions*

"Scriptural commentary" on Articles 6, 8, and 9 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in *A Biblically Annotated UDHR: Biblical Scripture Promoting Human Rights*, published by The Carter Center, Atlanta. Forthcoming.

“Discussion” on Esther, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Hebrews (four essays of 500 words each with interactive guide) in *The CEB Student Bible*. Elizabeth Corrie, ed. Nashville: Common English Bible, 2015.

### **Reviews**

Review of *Womanist Sass and Talk Back: Social (In)Justice, Intersectionality, and Biblical Interpretation*, by Mitzi J. Smith in *Reading Religion* (October 23, 2018), *online*.

Review of *Redeeming a Prison Society: A Liturgical & Sacramental Response to Mass Incarceration*, by Amy Levad in *Practical Matters Journal*, 2014.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Theological Education Between the Times**, Candler School of Theology, Emory University  
Associate Director of \$1M Lilly funded research project, 2017-2019

**Prison Certificate Program in Theological Studies**, Atlanta Theological Association and  
Arrendale State Prison for Women  
Director, 2017-2019  
Co-director, 2016-2017

**Youth Theological Initiative**, Candler School of Theology, Emory University  
Assistant Director, 2015-2016  
Mentor Coordinator, 2014  
Mentor, 2013  
Contextual Education Course Leader: Refugees and Immigration, 2012

**Office of Spiritual and Religious Life**, Emory University  
Interfaith Programming Resident in Chaplain’s Office, 2013-2014  
Chaplain Interfaith Intern, 2012-2013

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“*Practicing Pedagogy*,” Practical Matters Conference: Celebrating 15 Years of the Initiative in Religious Practices and Practical Theology. Atlanta, GA, March 2018.

“*Pedagogical Justice: Toward a Theologically Responsible Pedagogy for Teaching Religion to Women in Prison*” American Academy of Religion. Boston, MA, November 2017.

“*Beyond Moral Damage: ‘Imagining Future Possibilities’ as a Pedagogical Practice of Hope*” Religious Education Association. Pittsburgh, PA, November 2016.

“*The Rose it Grew from Concrete: A Practical Theology of Creativity in Incarceration*” (by invitation) Unfinished Worlds: Moltmann at 90. Atlanta, GA, October 2016.

“*Un-barring Hope: Theological Education and the Prison*” Religious Education Association. Boston, MA, November 2013.

## **WORKSHOPS AND INVITED LECTURES**

- “*Ethical Leadership*,” The Emory Integrity Project: Cultivating Ethically Engaged Leaders, October 2018.
- “*The Theology of Lockdown: Violence, Punishment and the Incarceration of Black Women and Girls*,” Digital conversation sponsored by KineticsLive and Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, January 2018.
- “*Righteous Resistance: The Role of Faith Leaders in the Age of Mass Incarceration*,” Incarceration Forum of the Interdenominational Theological Center. Atlanta, GA, March 2018.
- “*Skills for a Public Theologian: Reading the Bible in Context*,” Youth Theological Initiative, 2017, 2016.
- “*Why Christians Should Care about Access to Quality Education*,” Youth Theological Initiative Faculty Workshop, 2017.
- “*The Fierce Urgency of Now: Doing Kairos Theology*,” Youth Theological Initiative Plenary, 2016.
- “*Hermeneutics and Practical Theology: The Fluid Dance of Practical Theology*,” Youth Theological Initiative Plenary, 2016.
- “*Critical Pedagogy and Shared Christian Praxis*,” Staff Training for Youth Theological Initiative, 2016.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Emory University, Candler School of Theology**

<i>Approaches to Criminal Justice Ministry</i>	Instructor, 2018
<i>Introduction to Religious Education</i> (Jennifer Ayres)	Teaching Associate, 2016
<i>Introduction to Systematic Theology</i> (Steffen Lösel)	Teaching Assistant, 2015

### **Arrendale State Prison, Certificate in Theological Studies Program**

<i>Biblical Foundations: Old and New Testaments</i>	Instructor, 2016, 2017, 2018
<i>Theology &amp; Film: An Exploration of Redemption</i>	Instructor, 2018
<i>The Art of Spiritual Writing</i>	Instructor, 2017
<i>Theology, Ethics, &amp; Literature</i>	Instructor, 2017
<i>Soul Stories: Theology, Ethics, and the Novel</i>	Co-instructor, 2014
<i>Her-Story: Feminist Theological Reflection</i>	Instructor, 2012

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

<i>Incarcerated Women’s Theological Understanding</i> , Researcher (Liz Bounds)	2018-2019
<i>Religious Education</i> , Research Assistant (Jennifer Ayres)	2013-2014
<i>Systematic Theology</i> , Research Assistant (Joy Ann McDougall)	2012-2014

## **MINISTRY EXPERIENCE**

<i>Christian Education Facilitator</i> , Impact United Methodist Church	2015 - 2018
<i>Christian Education Intern</i> , Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps	2011
<i>Young Adult Minister</i> , Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church	2009-2011

*Associate Minister*, Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church 2009-2011  
*Dean's Staff*, National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, USA 2009-2011

### **ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

#### **Emory University**

*Think Tank Contributor*, Lilly Youth Theology Network 2016  
    On Peace Building Practices with Youth  
*Writing Mentor*, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Program 2015 – 2017  
*Orientation Leader*, Graduate Division of Religion: PCRL 2015  
*Program Organizer*, Presidential Forum (Atlanta University Presidents) 2013 & 2014

#### **Religious Education Association**

*Board Member*, Graduate Student Representative 2017-2019

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Member, American Academy of Religion 2010 – present  
Member, Religious Education Association 2013 – present

### **LANGUAGES**

Reading Competency: Spanish, French

### **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**The Procter and Gamble Company**, Cincinnati, OH 2004-2010  
Led annual strategic planning, managed \$300M budget; developed 5-year vision and strategy for global application. Coached, developed and managed the evaluation and work processes of over seven multi-functional agencies and one direct report. Managed and led ethnic marketing programs including quantitative and qualitative research, TV-Print-Radio communication plans, and Public Relations activities. Won two ethnic brand-building awards.