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EDUCATION

Belmont University

Doctor of Philosophy in Strategic Leadership in Education candidate; *Faith and Justice Leadership*

GPA: 4.00/4.00

Nashville, TN
expected Spring 2030

Vanderbilt Divinity School

Master of Divinity; *Concentrations in Black Religion and Culture Studies & Prison and Carceral Studies*

GPA: 3.87/4.00

Nashville, TN

May 2024

Master's Thesis: "*Divine Disruptions*": *Unveiling and Exploring Theological Perspectives on Carceral Well-Being in Faith-Based Justice Initiatives*

First Reader: Dr. Forrest E. Harris; Second Reader: Dr. Victor Anderson

Vanderbilt University

Bachelor of Arts in Medicine, Health, and Society; *Concentration in Health behaviors and health sciences*

GPA: 3.68/4.00

Nashville, TN

May 2021

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WhoUWith Ministries, Inc. – Middle Tennessee State University Football

Chaplain/ Director of Student Athlete Spiritual Engagement

Murfreesboro, TN

June 2024 – present

- Provide spiritual and emotional support to players, coaches, and staff, offering guidance through prayer, mentorship, and counseling to foster a positive team environment.
- Actively engage with the team during practices, games, chapels, and events, promoting unity, resilience, and personal well-being through faith-based support.

Middle Tennessee State University Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

Adjunct Faculty

Murfreesboro, TN

November 2025 – present

- Design and deliver engaging undergraduate courses in religious studies, fostering critical thinking, ethical reflection, and respectful dialogue across diverse religious traditions.
- Assess student learning through lectures, discussions, and written assignments while maintaining clear communication, timely feedback, and consistent academic standards.
- Courses instructed: *Religion & Society*, *Religion and Sports*, *Intro to World Religions*

Belmont University Jack C. Massey College of Business

Adjunct Faculty

Nashville, TN

August 2024 – present

- Develop and deliver engaging coursework in business disciplines, integrating real-world applications to enhance student learning and career readiness.
- Provide mentorship and academic support to diverse student populations, fostering critical thinking, professional development, and a commitment to lifelong learning.
- Courses instructed: *Career & Professional Development*, *Senior Management Capstone Seminar*

Tennessee Higher Education Initiative

Restorative Justice Fellow/ Belmont University Academic Coordinator

Nashville, TN

September 2022 – May 2024

- Under the Scarritt Bennett Center Restorative Justice Initiative, I executed administrative policies for Belmont University, TDOC, and THEI stakeholders, support program development for higher education in prison, academic management, trauma-informed healing, and curriculum creation.
- Provide academic support, advocate for student needs, and ensure instructional resources during weekly on-site prison facility visits for student success.

Graduate Fellowship for Vanderbilt Athletics Department

Ingram Center for Student Athlete Success (ICSAS) – Office of Student Athlete Development

Nashville, TN

May 2021 – May 2024

- Coordinated community service, outreach initiatives, and personal development programs for current student-athletes.
- Acquainted student-athletes with the job search process, provides networking opportunities, and ultimately assists with personal growth such as clarifying values, setting goals, and learning fiscal responsibility.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

#DareToGrow Campaign – 150 Years of Excellence at Vanderbilt University

Campaign Narrator/ Alumni Advocate

Nashville, TN

Fall 2023 – present

- Contributed to Vanderbilt University's 150th anniversary celebrations and the launch of its most ambitious fundraising campaign in history, supporting efforts that achieved record-breaking research funding, promoted civil discourse, and enhanced a culture of belonging across campus in 2023.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Middle Tennessee State University Athletics

Character Coach – Small Group Coordinator

Murfreesboro, TN

February 2025 – present

- Responsibilities include leading discussions, offering mentorship, and creating a supportive environment that fosters personal and spiritual growth.

Lee Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church

Associate Pastor / Director of Music, Liturgy & Arts Ministry

Nashville, TN

November 2023 – present

- Oversee and coordinate all aspects of music, liturgy, and arts, including planning worship services, directing musical ensembles, and fostering creative expressions of faith.

13th Episcopal District of AME Church – Believe, Inc.

Board member & Scholarship Committee Chair

Nashville, TN

November 2022 – present

- Actively participate in identifying new resources and contribute to the strategic decision-making process to assess and award small grants to churches, organizations, and seminarians in Tennessee and Kentucky.

University of Louisville Second Chance Initiative

Higher Education in Prison (HEP) Consultant

Louisville, KY

November 2022 – April 2024

- Advise university faculty and staff in areas of strategic planning, program development, curriculum design for correctional environments, and logistical support for on-site programs.

African Methodist Episcopal Church Clergy

Ordained Itinerant Elder in the Tennessee Annual Conference – Lee Chapel AME Church

Nashville, TN

October 2023

- Perform ceremonial sacraments, lead worship services, provide spiritual guidance, and serve as a pastoral care provider within the religious community.

2020-21 SEC Football Leadership Council & SEC Council on Racial Equity and Social Justice

Vanderbilt University representative

Birmingham, AL

February 2020 – May 2021

- Advised conference leadership in its pursuit of student development by providing feedback on social, cultural, and academic programming as well as engagement with the athletic community, university administration, student body, faculty, staff, and support services.

Vanderbilt University Varsity Football Team

Student-Athlete — Defensive Lineman

Nashville, TN

June 2017 – December 2020

- Balanced academic pursuits with athletic training and competition by representing my educational institution in sports while maintaining academic eligibility and contributing to team success.

National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS)

Vanderbilt Chapter President, Community Service Committee Chair

Nashville, TN

November 2020 – May 2021

- Fostered leadership by recognizing, cultivating, and empowering members to discover and achieve their goals while facilitating real-world programming to ensure the best opportunities for success in the future.

Vanderbilt University Black Student Athlete Group (BSAG)

Charter Vice President, Voting Education Committee Chair

Nashville, TN

November 2020 – May 2021

- Facilitated the creation of a safe and supportive environment for Black student-athletes at Vanderbilt by establishing a formal support system, addressing racial issues in sports, and providing guidance for professional development and personal growth.

2020 Vanderbilt National Voting Registration Drive

Student-Athlete Engagement Committee Chair

Nashville, TN

September 2020

- Cultivated relationships with leaders within the with both Vanderbilt-based and community-based organizations in an effort to raise awareness about voter education and to help students and faculty register to vote in a historical voter registration drive turnout.

IMMERSION & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Tennessee Annual Conference Board of Examiners – AME Church

Nashville, TN

- Develop and deliver comprehensive coursework on music, liturgy, and arts ministry, equipping students with practical skills and theological insights for effective worship leadership.

3rd Annual Reimagining Reintegration Event

Nashville, TN

The Vanderbilt Prison Project along with Double R Strategies & Consulting

December 2023

- This was a summit organized for the Vanderbilt and Nashville community to raise awareness about criminal justice issues, reentry, and transitional programs, and inform them on how to take action.

National Conference on Higher Education in Prison (NCHEP)

Atlanta, GA

The Alliance for Higher Education in Prison

November 2023

- A symposium for a dedicated community focused on broadening educational access for current and former incarcerated students, fostering collaboration, sharing insights, and advancing initiatives to enhance educational opportunities.

2023 Southern Higher Education in Prison (HEP) Collective Fall Conference

Atlanta, GA

The Alliance for Higher Education in Prison

November 2023

- A convening of HEP professionals to recognize the signs and impact of trauma as a byproduct of work, learn strategies for personal and collective well-being, and formulate a preliminary action plan for self and collective care.

The Second Annual Pedagogies for Higher Education in Prison Conference

Smyrna, TN

Tennessee Higher Education Initiative Workshop Facilitator

July 2023

- A conference aimed at fostering dialogue, sharing innovative ideas, and exploring effective pedagogical approaches for higher education in prison settings.

Children's Defense Fund Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry

Clinton, TN

Dale P. Andrews Freedom Seminary

July 2023

- A powerful institute where faith leaders and activists sing and pray, strategize and struggle, organize and advocate for the sacred work of pursuing justice for children and ending child poverty.

Vanderbilt University Cal Turner Program

Hong Kong, China

Religion and Social Action in the City: Hong Kong

May 2023

- A comprehensive exploration of religion, politics, and society through comparative study within the context of Hong Kong Christianity and its historical, cultural, and religious dimensions.

2023 Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Inc.

Atlanta, GA

Clergy and Lay Leadership Conference "Where Future Meets Legacy" seminarian

February 2023

- An esteemed global convening of diverse ecumenical faith leaders, seminaries, denominations, and non-profit organizations engaged in the work of justice across a myriad of prescient issues through advocacy, and activism.

2022 National Black Student Athlete Summit at Rice University

Houston, TX

Vanderbilt University Representative

May 2022

- A summit that catered to the holistic development of Black student-athletes with a goal was to empower attendees to create innovative initiatives that ensure Black student-athletes are competitive in the global workforce upon graduation.

Nashville General Hospital at Meharry Medical College

Nashville, TN

Congregational Health and Education Network (CHEN) Summer Fellow

June – July 2019

- Launched outreach initiatives to mitigate the outcomes and effects of health disparities within faith-based organizations by primarily focusing on educational attainment.

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

"Faithful & Fighting: A Discourse on Romans 7." Tennessee Fellowship of Christian Athletes College Advance, February 2025, keynote speaker.

"Strength In Weakness: A Pauline Testimony." Tennessee Titans Pre-Season Opener, August 2024, team chapel service facilitation.

"Divine Disruptions: Unveiling and Exploring Theological Perspectives on Carceral Well-Being in Faith-Based Justice Initiatives", Vanderbilt Divinity School Institutional Repository, May 2024.

"Building Bridges For A Successful Reentry." Tennessee Higher Education Initiative and The Vanderbilt Prison Project, December 2023, panel discussion and symposium.

"Angola, Do You Hear Us? Voices from a Plantation Prison." No Exceptions Prison Collective and Scarritt Bennett Center, April 2023, short film debriefing and panel discussion.

"Forgiveness, Restoration, and Mercy in the Context of White Supremacy." Article manuscript in progress, to be submitted for publication in spring 2026.

“The Power of Anger and Love in the Work of Pulpits and Politics: A Metaethical Case Study Analysis of the Jeremiah Wright—Barack Obama Controversy.” Article manuscript in progress, to be submitted for publication in fall 2025.
“Theories of Mass Incarceration in Modern America: Alternatives to Retribution”. Data collection and analysis in progress.

NOTABLE AWARDS & HONORS

Recipient, *Theology Scholarship Grant*, Believe, Incorporated, October 2025.

Robert Lewis Butler Award for service and ministry in the African American Church, 2024 *Vanderbilt Divinity Commencement Awards and Certificates*, May 2024.

Scarritt Bennett Center Restorative Justice Initiative Fellowship, 2022-2023; 2023-2024.

13th Episcopal District of the AME Church Theological Training Grant, Believe, Inc., July 2022.

2x Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar honoree (2019-2020); *Dores Earn Arthur Ashe Nods* (<https://vucommodores.com/general-dores-earn-arthur-ashe-nods/>)

2021 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient; *Vandy's Cameron Robinson awarded NCAA postgraduate scholarship* (<https://vucommodores.com/robinson-earns-postgraduate-scholarship/>)

2021 SEC H. Boyd McWhorter Postgraduate Scholarship recipient; *Rosca, Robinson Nominated for 2021 McWhorter Award* (<https://www.secsports.com/article/31394537/rosca-robinson-nominated-2021-mcwhorter-award>)

3x SEC Honor Roll; (<https://vucommodores.com/66-dores-land-on-sec-honor-roll/>)

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

#DareToGrow Campaign – 150 Years of Excellence at Vanderbilt University: Cameron Robinson

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAqNxicQ7XQ&list=PLB1EPeYUwa4ntA01DiqCOTByWg7Zyq6i4&index=6>)

CLASS OF 2024: Double ‘Dore Cameron Robinson moves from football field to mission field

(<https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2024/01/11/watch-double-dore-cameron-robinson-moves-from-football-field-to-mission-field/>)(vu.edu/vu24-cr)

WATCH: Class of 2024 students build belonging in personal ways (vu.edu/24belonging)

NEWS CHANNEL 5 Nashville - Tennessee Education in Prisons

(<https://www.newschannel5.com/plus/openline/tennessee-education-in-prisons>)

Tennessee Higher Education Initiative and Scarritt Bennett Center Announced Inaugural Restorative Justice Fellowship Middle Tennessee

(<https://tntribune.com/tennessee-higher-education-initiative-and-scarritt-bennett-center-announced-inaugural-restorative-justice-fellowship-middle-tennessee/>)

NCHEP 2023 Round-Up: THEI's Impactful Path Forward

(<https://www.thei.org/news-events/nchep-2023-round-up>)

Restorative Justice Fellow Cameron Robinson on Living Your Best Life Radio with Genma Holmes

SEC Network—“SEC Voices for Change with Vanderbilt's Cameron Robinson”

(<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=213523410621891>)

Inaugural Path Forward Luncheon is an Overwhelming Success

(<https://www.thei.org/news-events/inaugural-path-forward-luncheon-is-an-overwhelming-success>)

“Change Agents—Commodores work to address racial and social issues” by Chad Bishop

(<https://vucommodores.com/commodores-come-together-to-found-bsag/>)

2020-2021 Vanderbilt University Golden Dores Awards—Mr. Commodore Winner & Godfrey Dillard Courage Award Winner

Vanderbilt students featured at College Signing Day, a virtual celebration with First Lady Michelle Obama

(<https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2021/04/29/vanderbilt-students-featured-at-college-signing-day-a-virtual-celebration-with-michelle-obama/>)

Songwriting class helps students find soulful collaborations across continents

(<https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2021/01/13/songwriting-class-helps-students-find-soulful-collaborations-across-continents/>)

Vanderbilt football players help feed homeless through charitable organization

(<https://fox17.com/news/local/vanderbilt-football-player-helps-feed-homeless>)

SKILLS & EXTRACURRICULAR AFFILIATIONS

Personal: *Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.*, Public Speaking, Leadership, Effective Communicator, Fundraising, Grant Writing,

Performing Arts (piano/singing), Ministry (clergy)

Technical: Tennessee Department of Correction Education Volunteer status, Microsoft Office, Social Media and Graphic Arts, Intermediate Spanish (reading/writing), JSTOR, EBSCO Correctional Ed Service Certification.