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ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY SPECIALIZATIONS:

Aesthetics, African American Philosophy and Religion (African American Modern Era, NeoClassical African Philosophy), Critical Theory, Neo-Platonism

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION:

Humanistic (Renaissance) Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Africana Studies, Philosophy of Religion, Social and Political Philosophy

EDUCATION

Doctor of Arts in Humanities, Clark Atlanta University, 2012. Major, Humanistic Inquiry, minor, Africana Studies (African American Philosophy and Religion) Committee Charles Duncan (Chair), Fragano Ledgister, Luther Smith, Daniel Black.

2 semesters directed study w/*late* Dr. Edward L. Smith (Interdenominational Theological Center), Process Philosophy Spring 2007, Spring 2008 (noted on CAU transcript)

Master of Divinity, Philosophical Theology/Dual enrollment through cross-registration CAU Political Science department, focus was Political Philosophy (studied with Fragano Ledgister, William Boone, and Hashim Gibril) Mercer University, (Philosophy of Religion/Philosophical Theology w/Graham Walker) 2005 (completed 111 sem. hrs./ 90 sem. hrs. required)

Bachelor of Arts, Religion and Philosophy, *cum laude*, Highest Honors in Religion, Golden Key inductee, Morehouse College, 2001

Associate of Applied Science, Biomedical Engineering Technology
State Technical Institute at Memphis, 1997

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH

Vienna, Cambodia, Ghana (six summers of research in Ghanaian politics), Amsterdam, Cote d'Ivoire, England, South Africa, Mozambique, Swaziland, Zimbabwe

ACADEMIC/HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Fall 2018- *present* Faculty Fellow Shackouls Honors College, Mississippi State University

Fall 2016- *present* Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Mississippi State University

Fall 2016- *present* Affiliated Faculty, African American Studies, Mississippi State University

Fall 2015- Spring 2016 Director of Honors Program for Paine College (promoted to Associate Professor)

Fall 2014- Spring 2016 Program Coordinator in Philosophy and Religion

Fall 2011- Spring 2016 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Paine College

Summer 2010 Visiting Senior Lecturer, Knutsford University College, Ghana

Summer 2009-Spring 2010 Adjunct Professor, Atlanta Christian College

Fall 2009-Spring 2012 Adjunct Professor, Georgia Piedmont Technical College

Spring 2009 Adjunct Professor, Morehouse College

Summer 2008-2009 Visiting Senior Lecturer, Ghana Christian University College

Fall 2007-Spring 2008 Graduate Assistant. Clark Atlanta University

GRANTS FUNDED

Georgia Humanities Council
Locating Yerby Symposium 2012-2013

Faculty Resource Network 2012
Winter Session 2012, Puerto Rico

FSRP Subvention Grant 2013
To fund research for book 2013-2014

Percy and Edna Mae Ellis Family Trust
To bring PBOS to Paine College

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- June 2018, Caribbean Philosophical Association, Dakar, Senegal, “Distal vs. Proximal: Howard Thurman’s Jesus and the Disinherited as a Proximal Epistemology”
- June 2018, 3rd Annual European Pragmatism Conference, Helsinki Finland, “Philosophy as Poetry: Understood through the Writings of Rorty and Thurman”
- March 2018, Commentator on the paper entitled, “Rebuilding after Disaster: Inequality and the Political Importance of Place,” APA Pacific (invited)
- March 2018, Author Meets Critics: John McClendon's *Philosophy of Religion and the African American Experience*, APA Pacific (invited)
- March 2018, Author Meets Critics: Theorizing Black Males: Engaging Tommy Curry’s “Man-Not” SAAP, Indianapolis (invited)
- March 2018, Commentator on the paper entitled, “Beyond Theoretical Correctness In Ethics: Dewey's Pragmatic Pluralism” by Steven Fesmire, Middlebury College, SAAP, Indianapolis (invited)
- February 2018, Process Thought as a Method of Interpretation in African American Studies, APA Central, SSPP (refereed)
- February 2018, Presidential Address, Mississippi Philosophical Association, “Deepening the Hunger: Philosophical and Theological Poetics of Intrinsic Love”
- July 10-11, 2017, International Society for African Philosophy and Studies, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria, “An Intercultural Approach to Studying Mysticism as a Philosophy” (refereed)
- March 17, 2017, Society of Advancement American Philosophy, Birmingham, Alabama, Guest Paper Commentator, (“Homo Sacer,” Sabeen Ahmed) (invited)
- November 3, 2016, Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference, Texas A&M, Author Meets Critics. (invited)
- September 30, 2016, Mississippi State University, Classical & Modern Languages & Literatures Symposium, entitled “Freedom Gaze: African Freedom Aesthetic.” (refereed)
- Guest Commentator at the American Philosophical Association Central Region conference in St. Louis on February 21, 2015, entitled “Just Imagine: Over-Stressing the Importance of Imagery’s Causal Effect.” (invited)
- November 21-24, 2014, AAR/SBL Conference, San Diego, Ca. “Howard Thurman’s Mystical Logic: Creatively Encountering Oneness” (refereed)
- February 21, 2013 W.E.B. DuBois Conference, Clark Atlanta University, “From the Suppression the Repression: Connecting the Ideological Lineage of W.E.B. DuBois to Huey P. Newton” (refereed)
- October 25-26, 2013 Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference, Purdue University, presented paper entitled, “Howard Thurman as Philosopher” (refereed)
- February 28, 2013 Yerby Roundtable, Augusta Literary Festival (invited)
- February 13-15, 2013, Locating Yerby Symposium, Paine College, A Philosophic Treatment of “The Foxes of Harrow” (invited)

- March 2012, National Council of Black Studies Conference, paper entitled, "Huey P. Newton as Humanistic Theologian" (refereed)
- October 27, 2012, Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference, Texas A. and M. University, presented paper entitled, "Violence and the American State" (refereed)
- November 17, 2012, Scribes for Christ Conference, Atlanta, Ga., presented paper entitled, "Theology and Cinema" (invited)
- July, 2010, GIMPA University, Accra, Ghana, "American Philosophy and Government-Racial Injustice," guest lecture
- March 26, 2010, Gordon College, Presented paper entitled, "Afrocentricity in the Classroom: What is the impact on History and Philosophy?" (refereed)
- June 19, 2009, Ghana Christian University College, presentation, "Ethics and the Ghanaian Lived Experience" guest lecture
- April 11, 2008, CAU Graduate Seminar, Presented paper entitled "The Idea of Consciousness in the Writings of Howard Thurman" (invited)
- Paper presented during spring conference of the AAR Southeastern Conference for the Study of Religion, March 8, 2008, entitled "The Idea of Consciousness in the Writings of Howard Thurman" (refereed)
- February 2008, Guest Speaker for CAU graduate recruitment fair, Topic: "Graduate Study in the Humanities" (invited)
- January 2008, Panel Discussant. CAU Student Life. Panel Topic: "Sexuality at CAU/Was Woman Made for Man?" (invited)
- April 20, 2007, Presented paper for African American studies department spring symposium entitled "Freedom, Truth, Consciousness, and Movement" (invited)
- April 16, 2005, Master's Capstone Paper, "Developing Community through Consciousness"

PUBLISHED BOOKS

- Neal, Anthony Sean, *Common Ground: A Comparison of the Ideas of Consciousness in the Writings of Howard W. Thurman and Huey P. Newton*, July 2015 (Africa World Press)
Reviewed in: Tunstall, Dwayne A. (co-author), Hinojosa, Felipe(co-author), *The Acorn*, "(R)evolutions of Consciousness In Thurman and Newton," (Vol. 17:1, 2017) p. 61-77

BOOKS IN PROGRESS

- Neal, Anthony Sean, *Howard Thurman's Philosophical Mysticism: Love Against Fragmentation*, (Lexington Press) Fall 2018

PUBLISHED CHAPTERS

- Neal, Anthony Sean, “Imposing Morality: Cultural Perspectives on Truth, Apologies, and Forgiveness in the U.S.A.,” in *Crimes Against Humanity in the Land of the Free: Can a Truth and Reconciliation Process Heal Racial Conflict in America?* August 2014 (Praeger) *invited peer reviewed*
- Neal, Anthony, Mississippi State University, Classical & Modern Languages & Literatures Symposium, entitled “Freedom Gaze: African Freedom Aesthetic.” (May, 2018) *blind peer reviewed*

ARTICLES

- Neal, A. S., 2009-03-19 "From Self-destruction to Self-instruction in Spirituality" *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the 33rd Annual National Council for Black Studies, Renaissance Atlanta Hotel Downtown, Atlanta, GA.* 2014-11-30 from http://citation.allacademic.com/meta/p302532_index.html *peer reviewed*
- Neal, Anthony Sean, *Phylaxis Magazine* Vol. XLIII No. 4, “What is Philosophy? (and) What is its purpose in Freemasonry?”(Fourth Quarter 2016) *invited*
- Neal, Anthony Sean, *Journal of Pan-African Studies*. "From the Suppression the Repression: Connecting the Ideological Lineage of W. E. B. Du Bois to Huey P. Newton” (July 2016) p. 32-46 *peer reviewed*
- Neal, Anthony Sean, *Journal of Black Theology*, “Howard Thurman’s Mystical Logic: Creatively Encountering Oneness,” (Vol. 16:1, 2017) p. 224-244 *blind peer reviewed*
- Neal, Anthony, APA Newsletter on Philosophy and the Black Experience, “Howard Thurman: Philosopher,” (2018) *peer reviewed*

REVIEWS

- *Philosophy of Religion and the African American Experience: Conversations with my Friends*, Neal, Anthony, *Journal of Black Theology*, (Vol. 16:1, 2018)

OpEds

- April 17, 2018, “Citadel of the Ideal,” Black Issues in Philosophy Blog, <https://blog.apaonline.org/2018/04/17/black-issues-in-philosophy-a-citadel-of-the-ideal/>
- September 10, 2016, “Education via a Philosophy of Deepening the Hunger,” *Clarion Ledger*
- November 2016, “Things We Don’t See or Hear,” *Clarion Ledger*

CAMPUS SERVICE

- Public Humanities Ph.D. Study Group, 2017, MSU
- Panelist, Colin Kaepernick Forum, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., September 27, 2017, MSU
- Judge for Miss Black and Gold, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., November 9, 2017, MSU
- Search Committee, Director of African American Studies, MSU
- African American Studies Program Steering Committee, MSU
- Vice President of the Mississippi Philosophical Association and Conference Chairperson
- Advisor to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. 2012-2014, Paine College
- Directed the Philosophy Born of Struggle XXI 2014 (In this role, I raised funding, oversaw the budget, provided the daily plan and implementation, and performed ending SWOT analysis) Paine College
- Mentor Day1 Mentoring Program, Mississippi State University 2016-2017
- Affiliate Faculty, Program in African American Studies, Mississippi State University
- Tailgate setup crew, Mississippi State University
- Planning the MPA Conference for February 2017
- African American Studies Steering Committee
- Mississippi State University Philosophy and Religion Club Co-Advisor
- Black Alumni Advisory Committee

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- President, Mississippi Philosophy Association, 2017-2018
- International Society for African Philosophy and Studies
- American Philosophical Association
- Georgia Philosophical Society, 2011-2016
- International Society of NeoPlatonist Studies
- Philosophy Born of Struggle
- Mississippi Philosophy Association (vice president 2016-2017)
- International Society for African Philosophy and Studies
- Society for Advancement American Philosophy

INVITATIONS

- September 25, 2018, Philosophy Talk, University of Southern Mississippi, entitled "Intrinsic Love"
- November 9, 2017, Guest Speaker, African American Studies Department, King Chapel Assistants, Morehouse College

- November 3, 2017, Keynote Address, 21st Annual Harlem Renaissance Conference, Paine College, Augusta, Ga.
- Guest Lecturer at Morehouse College for Philosophy of Language Classes, October 17, 2014
- Panel Moderator for the 50th Anniversary of the Mississippi Freedom Summer, Mississippi State University
- Guest Speaker at Mississippi State University for their monthly Philosophy talk on January 30, 2015, entitled “What is African American Philosophy.”
- Guest Speaker at the University of Mississippi for their monthly Philosophy talk on February 12, 2015, entitled, “Imposing Morality.”
- Guest Commentator at the American Philosophical Association Central Region conference in St. Louis on February 21, 2015, entitled “Just Imagine: Over-Stressing the Importance of Imagery’s Causal Effect.”
- Guest Speaker to the John Henrik Clarke Society for their monthly meeting on February 18, 2015, entitled “The Modern of the African American Freedom Struggle.”
- Guest Speaker to the Young Scholars Racial Unity Retreat/Christian Scholars’ Conference, Abilene Christian University, May 30- June 3, 2015, entitled “Howard Thurman: Wholeness vs. Fragmentation.”
- Guest Lecturer to Morehouse College Ancient and Medieval Philosophy class, November 9, 2015, entitled “Plotinus’ Dialectic and Howard Thurman.”

Courses Taught:

Humanities	African American Philosophy	Ethics	Logic
Problems of Philosophy	History of Philosophy	Intro. to Philosophy	Life and Thought of Howard Thurman
Aesthetics	Modern Era of African American Studies	Critical Thinking	Religions of the World

Courses that reflect Competency:

History of Philosophy: Philosophy and Theology I, Philosophy and Theology II, Historical Theology I, Historical Theology II, Person in History and Literature, Ideas and Exemplars, Philosophy of Revolution

Metaphysics and Epistemology: Process Philosophy, Feminist Theory, Humanistic Inquiry, Literature and Popular Culture, Black Theology, African Diaspora

Ethics: Christian Ethics, Political Theory, The Black Aesthetic, African-American Art

