

# DAVID CHRISTIAN JUSTICE

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## EDUCATION

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- Present                      Ph.D. program in Christian Theology, Saint Louis University (St. Louis, MO)  
Graduate Minor in Women's and Gender Studies  
Dissertation Director: Dr. Leonard C. McKinnis, II
- 2016—2018                      M.A. in Theological Ethics, Saint Louis University (St. Louis, MO)  
Master's Thesis: *The Violence of the Kingdom: Reclaiming Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Subversive Theological Vision*  
Thesis Director: Dr. Leonard C. McKinnis, II
- 2013—2015                      M.A. in Philosophy, University of Missouri—St. Louis (St. Louis, MO)  
Master's Thesis: *The Scientific and Theological Superiority of Divine Timelessness*  
Thesis Director: Dr. Jon McGinnis
- 2008—2012                      B.A. in Philosophy, *Cum Laude*, Greenville University (Greenville, Illinois)  
Departmental Honors Thesis: *Unveiling America: What Revelation Has to Say to the American Church*  
Thesis Director: Dr. Kent Dunnington

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Martin Luther King, Jr. and American Civil Rights Movements
- Liberation Theology
- African-American Christianity
- Women's and Gender Studies

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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Saint Louis University

- 2018—2019      Henry Luce Foundation: Lived Religion in the Digital Age Fellow (2018-2019)  
Participated in the "Lived Religion in the Digital Age" project - aided with organizing conferences pertaining to lived religion and creating a publicly accessible interactive database of religious life and practice in St. Louis. Fellowship included tuition remission, health benefits, a \$20,000 stipend, and \$2,000 in research funding.

2016—Present Awarded full tuition remission and research assistant position

University of Missouri—St. Louis

2013—2015 Awarded full tuition remission and teaching/research assistant position

Greenville University

2016 The Students' Choice "Best Classes at GU"

My course, Major Issues in Philosophy, was picked as one of the students' five favorite courses throughout all courses in the university

2008—2012 McAllaster Scholar

2008—2012 College Scholar

2008—2012 Trustees' Scholarship

## PRESENTATIONS

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2019 (Accepted) "Remaining Angry: The Intimate Connection between Anger and Love in King's Social Theology"  
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (November 23-26)

"The Cry of Black Blood: White Christianity in the Theology of King and Cone"  
Saint Louis University Theological Studies Student Colloquium (April 5)

"Ontological Courage: Re-creating Ontology in the Light of Black Being"  
Wesleyan Philosophical Society Annual Meeting (March 14)

"Blind and Deaf to God: White Christianity in the Theology of Cone and King"  
Minority Scholars of Religion and Theology Student Conference: "The Theology of Professor James Hal Cone" (March 7)

"Ontological Courage: Moving Beyond the Idolatry of Whiteness" & "Be Still and Know that I am God: The Apocalyptic Vision of Martin Luther King, Jr."  
Midwest American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (March 1-2)

2018 "Beyond Non-Violence in the Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr."  
Saint Louis University Graduate Research Symposium (April 27)

"Withered Souls: The Degrading Effects of White Supremacy on White America"  
Wesleyan Philosophical Society Annual Meeting (March 8)

- 2014 “The Power of Faith: Can We Believe in God without Evidence?”  
*Big Question Series* event at the University of Missouri—St. Louis (October 30)
- Commented on “Steadfastly Against the Problem of Contingent Factors”  
 Gateway Graduate Conference (April 13)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Guest Lecturer THEO 2520: Comparative Religious Ethics, Spring 2019  
 THEO 2110: Old Testament, THEO 2930: Race, Religion, and America, and THEO 1000: Theological Foundations, Fall 2018
- Adjunct Professor Greenville University, Interterm 2016—Summer 2018
- Adjunct Professor Kaskaskia College, Fall 2015
- Adjunct Professor Centralia Correctional Center, Fall 2015
- Graduate Instructor University of Missouri, Saint Louis, Summer—Fall 2014
- Teaching Assistant University of Missouri-Saint Louis, Fall 2013—Spring 2014
- Teaching Assistant Greenville University, Fall 2012
- Teaching Assistant Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP), Summer 2012

## COURSES TAUGHT

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- UNIV 301: Science and Christianity, Greenville University  
 PHIL 201: Major Issues in Philosophy, Greenville University  
 PHLE 120: Ethics, Kaskaskia College  
 PHLE 110: Logic, Kaskaskia College  
 PHLE 119: Core Values and Ethics Decision Making, Centralia Correctional Center

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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- Spring 2018 Member of Organizing Committee for Saint Louis University  
 Symposium: “From Selma to St. Louis: Theology of Martin Luther King Jr., and the Pursuit of Justice 50 Years Later”
- Spring 2017 Committee Member for Elizabeth Johnson’s Honors Thesis at Greenville University
- 2014 – 2015 Secretary of Philosopher’s Forum at University of Missouri – Saint Louis

## SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

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- 2009 - 2011            Volunteer tutor in the Greenville Federal Correctional Institution education department. I also co-taught a class teaching informal and elementary logic to a group of incarcerated men.
- 2004                    Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America

## LANGUAGES

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Reading Proficiency: *Koine* Greek, French

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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- 2017—present        American Academy of Religion  
2017—present        Wesleyan Philosophical Society  
2017—present        Wesleyan Theological Society