

LEWIS O. BROGDON, PhD.

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dynamic, academic leader with demonstrated experience and success in teaching, scholarship, community engagement, assessment and enrollment management. Collaborative, agile, inspirational leader. Progressive thinker who values people as assets. Transformative leader with unwavering commitment to social justice, diversity, equity and inclusion. Consensus builder across faculty and staff audiences and the executive team with comprehensive expertise in functional, consultative, and strategic aspects of academic administration. Broad background in program administration, curriculum development, planning and assessment. Strong interpersonal skills with an emphasis on faculty, staff and student development and engagement and governance.

WORK HISTORY

Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Research (.5 FTE)

Bluefield University – Bluefield VA

07/2018 – present

- Oversee assessment and accreditation. Work to ensure the college's compliance with the Principles of Accreditation for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges [SACSCOC] and to communicate the mission of the College, and how institutional effectiveness and assessment contribute to the success and continual improvement of the college. Serve as chair of Institutional Effectiveness committee, updating IE handbook, evaluating Institutional Effectiveness Annual Reports (IEARs) for academic and administrative units, and supervising written reports to SACSCOC. Advise executive and college leadership teams on assessment matters and develop strategies to support departments in improving assessment practices.

Executive Director, Institute for Black Church Studies and Associate Professor of Preaching and Black Church Studies

Baptist Seminary of Kentucky – Louisville KY

06/2019 – present

- Developed the Black Church Studies Program at the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky (BSK) and serve as Executive Director. Program began in 2020 and consists of a Graduate Certificate program and a concentration in Black Church Studies for students pursuing the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree. I developed mission foci, program policies, forms, webpage content, advertising materials, and teach content courses. I was a member of team that was awarded \$750,000 from the Eula Mae Baugh Foundation to support and expand Black Church Studies program and a one million dollar grant from the Lily Foundation. Teach 2 – 2 load and oversee a national Black studies institute.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Simmons College of Kentucky (HBCU) – Louisville KY

05/2017 – 06/2018

- Served as provost of a liberal arts college in Louisville, Kentucky with an annual budget of \$3.5 million dollars and a student body of approximately two hundred and fifteen students, I oversaw daily operations and supervised forty fulltime employees and a dozen volunteers, reporting to the President. Simmons is a Historically Black College (HBCU) that recently experienced a significant resurgence under its current president, gaining accreditation with the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) and receiving national attention for its social justice work.
- Developed strategies and gave operational direction to effectively deliver academic administrative leadership to the campus in alignment with institutional mission and goals. Executed organizational restructuring initiatives to address the need for operational efficiency. Provided expert consultation and guidance to the President on complex, sensitive, high-level and/or high-risk issues.

Assistant Professor of Religion and Biblical Studies

Claflin University (HBCU) – Orangeburg SC

08/2014 – 05/2017

- Taught courses such as Introduction to Biblical Literature, World Religions, Introduction to New Testament, Introduction to Old Testament/Hebrew Bible, Studies in Religion, Prophets and Prophecy, Life and Teachings of Jesus, Life and Teachings of Paul.
- Attended to departmental responsibilities such as advising majors and minors, worked with chair on course projections and scheduling, Completed a revision of curriculum to submit to academic affairs committee for approval, led recruitment efforts that increased number of majors/minors from 4 to over 30 students - developed brochures, held meetings with prospective students, hosted events, etc.

Associate Director of Recruiting and Admissions; Assistant Professor of New Testament and Black Church Studies and Director of Black Church Studies Program

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary - Louisville, KY

06/2006 – 06/2014

- Provided administrative oversight of the Black Church Studies Program which included the certificate studies program and concentrations in the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts (Religion), and Doctor of Ministry degrees. Responsible for program development, curriculum development, advertising, recruiting, enrollment, retention, and cultivating strategic ecclesial and scholarly relationships. Planned and coordinated colloquia and consultations with national and regional ecclesiastical leaders in historic African American denominations as well as Pentecostal and neo-Charismatic (nondenominational) church leaders. Managed and worked collaboratively with the Black Church Studies faculty with teaching weekend seminars and graduate courses in addition to research and publication in Black Church and African American Religious Studies. Oversaw the annual budget and successfully co-

wrote a successful grant application to the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations for \$200,000.

- Implemented and revised five-year recruitment strategy to reach 33.3% minority student enrollment; establish and maintain new and existing relationships with historically African American denominations, as well as racial ethnic communities, churches, and institutions in order to improve access to prospective students; visit, plan itineraries, and build collaborative and strategic relationships with regional colleges and universities; collaborated with all constituents of the Seminary in planning and recruitment; participate in Seminary governance as a member of the Cultural Diversity Committee of the Council. In collaboration with Office of the Dean of Students and the Office of the Registrar, counsel prospective students on financial aid, debt management, course selection.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Theology

Regent University School of Divinity - Virginia Beach, VA 2010

Master of Divinity, New Testament Studies (concentration)

Presbyterian Theological Seminary - Louisville, KY 2005

Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies and Sociology

Bluefield College - Bluefield, VA 2002

Honors and Awards

Primitivo Delgado Christian Service Award, Bluefield University (2022). First-Year Instructors of the Year, Claflin University (2017). First Decade Award (Distinguished Alum), Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary (2014). Guest of the White House to discuss President Obama's My Brother's Keeper Initiative (2014). Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities (2009). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, Award in Biblical and Theological Studies for Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary class of 2005. Joseph T. Sudduth Award, Outstanding Achievement in Biblical Studies for Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary class of 2005. Kentuckiana Metroversity Outstanding Adult Learners Award (2005). Alpha Chi Honor Society (2002). Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society (2002)

Published Books

The Bible in the Ashes of Social Chaos. Eugene: Cascade, (2023). A Companion to Philemon. Cascade Companion Series. Eugene: Cascade Books: Spring (2018). The New Pentecostal Message: An Introduction to the Prosperity Movement. Eugene: Cascade Books, (2015). Hope on the Brink: Understanding the Emergence of Nihilism in Black America. Cascade Books, (2013). No Longer a Slave But a Brother: An African American Reading of Paul's Letter to Philemon. Scholars Press, (2013).

Select Articles

“Listening is not Enough” Op Ed in East Hampton Star Newspaper (NY): (June 2022). “We Are Not Ready for the Next Crisis,” Op Ed in Courier Journal: (August 2021). “The Fight for the Soul of America,” Op Ed in Courier Journal: (June: 2021). “Leading in a Cultural Windstorm: Reflections on Black Political and Community Leadership” *Black Politics Today Magazine*: (November 2020). “We Can’t Stay Here Anymore: The New Era of Racial Estrangement and Separation,” *Christian Ethics Today*: (Fall 2020). “Why We Talk Past Each Other When It Comes to Racism,” *Virginia Capital Connections Quarterly Magazine*: (August 2020). “The Neglected Dimensions of Verbal Violence in Politics” *Black Politics Today Magazine*: (June 2020). “The Angela Project at Work: A Case Study in Transformative Pedagogy,” *Christian Ethics Today* (January 2020). “Where’s the Black Boy Magic?” *Black Politics Today Magazine* (July 2019). “The Unknown King: Why America Needs to Read Martin Luther King Jr.’s Writings,” *Virginia Capital Connections Quarterly Magazine*: (April 2019).

Presentations and Speeches

“Finding Hope in Hard Places” Festival of Faiths Conference sponsored by the Center for Interfaith Relations (2022). “Education in Black and White: Inclusive Outcomes from Private Education” for the Kentucky Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (2022). “Black Faith’s Encounter with Pain, Trauma, and Nihilism” Festival of Faiths Conference sponsored by Center for Interfaith Relations (2021). “Diversity Learning Series Panel” Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology (2021). “Five Things We Get Wrong about Racism and Why It Matters” Webinar sponsored by Just Faith Ministries (2021). “Dr. King’s Dream Turned Nightmare and the Fracturing of America” Martin Luther King Jr. Day Special Program sponsored by Norton Healthcare Louisville (2021). “We Won’t Take It Any Longer: The 2020 Protest Movement” Webinar sponsored by Just Faith Ministries (2020). “The Importance of Hope in the Fight for Social Justice, Liberation and Transformation” Radford University (2016). “Reimagining Koinonia: Confronting the Legacy of Race and Racism” North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago (2015). “From Cursed to Blessed: Prosperity Preaching and African American Pentecostalism 1980-2010” Jerusalem, Israel (2015). “Hell on Earth: Nihilism in Black America” Claflin University Orangeburg, SC (2014). “Black Pedagogy, Black Power: Being Black, Teaching Black.” Seattle, WA (2014). “The Trayvon Martin Verdict and Black Ambivalence: Signs of Nihilism.” Orangeburg, SC (2013). “Hell on Earth: The Crisis of Nihilism in Black America.” The University of Chicago (2011). “Hell on Earth: The Suffering of the Oppressed, Crisis of Hope and Emergence of Nihilism in America; Luke 16:19-25.” Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary Louisville, KY (2011). “A Mountain Top Experience” Citywide Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Dayton OH (2011).

References

Available Upon Request