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Education

- Master's of Education, Rutgers University, 1991.
Major: Social and Philosophical Foundations of Educations and African-Diaspora Studes
- Ph D, Drew University, 1988.
Major: Biblical and Theological Studies
Dissertation Title: James Barr's Critique of Biblical Theology: A Critical Analysis
- M.Phil., Drew University, 1986.
Major: Biblical Theology
Supporting Areas of Emphasis: Religious studies
- No degree awarded, University of the West Indies, 1982.
Major: Caribbean Economic History and History of Trinidad and Tobago
- MA, Wheaton Graduate School, 1981.
Major: Biblical and Theological Studies
- BA, Jamaica Theological Seminary, 1978.
Major: Religion
Supporting Areas of Emphasis: Psychology

Professional Positions

Academic

- External Examiner for Master in Theology, University of West Indies. (1998 - 2002).
- Visiting Lecturer for Master in Theology, Caribbean Graduate School of Theology. (1986 - 1996).
- Adjunct Assistant Professor of African American Religion, Methodist Theological School in Ohio. (1994 - 1995).
- Assistant Professor of Religious/Black Studies, The College of Wooster Ohio. (1991 - 1995).
- Visiting Lecturere - Bible/Religion, Glassboro State College. (January 1990 - March 1990).
- Tutor for Introduction to Philosophy and Religion, The college of St. Elizabeth New Jersey. (1987 - 1988).
- Academic Dean and Lecturer, West Indies School of Theology, Trinidad. (1980 - 1983).
- Elementary School Teacher, Constantine Methodist School, St. Georges, Grenanda. (1965 - 1970).

Professional

- Interim Pastor, Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, NC. (1996 - 1999).

Pastor, West Presbyterian Church, South Orange New Jersey. (1987 - 1991).

Professional Memberships

Book Reviewer, Association for the Study of African American Life and History. (2006 - Present).

Association for the Sociology of Religion. (2003 - Present).

The Society for the Study of Black Religion. (1995 - Present).

The North Carolina Religious Studies Association. (1990 - Present).

Section Chair, American Academy of Religion. (September 15, 1988 - Present).

The Society of Biblical Literature. (1988 - Present).

The Jewish Scholars Holocaust Conference/Christianity and the Holocaust. (1987 - Present).

Development Activities Attended

Continuing Education Program, "African Religions and Cultures," DuBois Summer Institute and University of Ghana. (1993).

TEACHING

Teaching Experience

University of North Carolina Wilmington

GLS 568, Black Intellectual Tradition, 1 course.

Section: 001, Enrollment: 8

HON 120, HON SEM: Holocaust, 1 course.

Section: 301, Enrollment: 16

PAR 125, Gt Books World Religion, 20 courses.

Section: 110, Enrollment: 25

Section: 001, Enrollment: 16

Section: 1, Enrollment: 35

Section: 2, Enrollment: 34

Section: 4, Enrollment: 35

Section: 001, Enrollment: 35

Section: 002, Enrollment: 34

Section: 004, Enrollment: 35

Section: 1, Enrollment: 35

Section: 2, Enrollment: 35

Section: 001, Enrollment: 35

Section: 002, Enrollment: 35

Section: 1, Enrollment: 9

Section: 2, Enrollment: 10

Section: 001, Enrollment: 9

Section: 002, Enrollment: 10

Section: 1, Enrollment: 34

Section: 001, Enrollment: 34

Section: 2, Enrollment: 34

Section: 002, Enrollment: 34

PAR 233, African Religions, 9 courses.

Section: 002, Enrollment: 37
 Section: 300, Enrollment: 13
 Section: 001, Enrollment: 39
 Section: 1, Enrollment: 34
 Section: 001, Enrollment: 34
 Section: 1, Enrollment: 35
 Section: 2, Enrollment: 35
 Section: 001, Enrollment: 35
 Section: 002, Enrollment: 35
 PAR 334, 2 courses.
 Section: 1, Enrollment: 17
 Section: 001, Enrollment: 17
 PAR 377, 2 courses.
 Section: 1, Enrollment: 12
 Section: 001, Enrollment: 12
 PAR 378, Caribbean Religions, 1 course.
 Section: 001, Enrollment: 20
 PAR 491, Directed Indiv Study, 6 courses.
 Section: 005, Enrollment: 1
 Section: 002, Enrollment: 1
 Section: 5, Enrollment: 1
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 PAR 495, Religion and Civil Rights, 5 courses.
 Section: 007, Enrollment: 5
 Section: 3, Enrollment: 13
 Section: 003, Enrollment: 13
 Section: 3, Enrollment: 19
 Section: 003, Enrollment: 19
 PAR 499, 6 courses.
 Section: 5, Enrollment: 1
 Section: 005, Enrollment: 1
 Section: 1, Enrollment: 1
 Section: 2, Enrollment: 0
 Section: 001, Enrollment: 1
 Section: 002, Enrollment: 0

Directed Student Learning

Directed Individual/Independent Study, "Caribbean Religions/ Cuban religions," Philosophy & Religion.

Advised: Melissa Ann Kelley

Directed Individual/Independent Study, Philosophy & Religion. (August 11, 2008 - December 12, 2008).

Advised: Brittany Andrews

Directed Individual/Independent Study, Philosophy & Religion. (June 24, 2008 - July 25, 2008).

Advised: Christopher Weisler

Directed Individual/Independent Study, Philosophy & Religion. (January 4, 2008 - May 7, 2008).

Advised: Brittany Andrews

Directed Individual/Independent Study, Philosophy & Religion. (August 13, 2007 - December 14, 2007).

Advised: Mary McPherson

Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Philosophy & Religion. (August 13, 2007 - December 14, 2007).

Advised: Meredith Bumbarger

Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Philosophy & Religion. (May 17, 2007 - June 19, 2007).

Advised: Meredith Bumbarger

Directed Individual/Independent Study, "Caribbean religions/ Religions in trinidad," Philosophy & Religion. (May 2003 - July 2003).

Advised: Francis Morgan Enright

Directed Individual/Independent Study, "Research on Caribbean religions," Philosophy & Religion. (June 2000 - July 2000).

Advised: Hilary Jordan Snow

Directed Individual/Independent Study, "Research in Caribbean Religions," English. (May 2000 - June 2000).

Advised: Rebecca Anne Hine

Directed Individual/Independent Study, "Old Testament Apocrypha Books," Philosophy & Religion. (January 1999 - May 1999).

Advised: Richard Bowden Tuttle

Directed Individual/Independent Study, "Islam and Hindusim in the Caribbean," Philosophy & Religion. (August 1998 - December 1998).

Advised: Kara Michele Bass

Directed Individual/Independent Study, "Readings in Jamaican politics and religion." (June 1998 - July 1998).

Advised: Dallas Lloyd Alford

Directed Individual/Independent Study, "Readings in Literature on Caribbean Religions." (May 1998 - July 1998).

Advised: Justin Michael Kulyk

Directed Individual/Independent Study, "Readings in Islam and Christianity." (January 1997 - May 1997).

Advised: Camille Samora Norwood

RESEARCH

Published Intellectual Contributions

Books

Murrell, N. S. (2009). *Afro-Caribbean Religions: An Introduction to their Historical Cultural and Sacred Traditions*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.

Murrell, N. S. (2000). *Dangerous Memories, Underdevelopment, and the Bible in Colonial Caribbean Experience* (pp. 9-35). New York, NY: St. Martin's Press.

Murrell, N. S. (2000). In H. Gossai and N. S. Murrell (Ed.), *Religion , Politics, and the Bible in Caribbean Culture*. New York, NY: St. Martin's Press.

Murrell, N. S. (1998). In N. Samuel Murrell, William D. Spencer, and Adrian Anthony McFarlane (Ed.), *Chanting Down Babylon, The Rastafari Reader*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.

Murrell, N. S. (1998). In Nathaniel S. Murrell et al (Ed.), *Rastas' Psychology of Blackness, Resistance, and Somebodiness* (1998th ed., pp. 36-64). Philadelphia, Temple University Press.

Book Chapters

Murrell, N. S. *Civil disobedience and the Law*. New York: Encyclopedia of Religion and Violence.

Murrell, N. S. *Rastafari and Violence*. New York: Encyclopedia of Religion and Violence.

Murrell, N. S. (2009). In Hugh Page and others (Ed.), *Playing with the First 100 Psalms in the Africana Experience* (vol. 1, pp. 17). Fortress Press, Minneapolis:.

Murrell, N. S. (2009). *Song of Songs: A Black Woman's Song*. Minneapolis MN: Fortress Press.

Murrell, N. S. (2006). In R. S. Sugirtharajah (Ed.), *The Rastafari as a Case Study in the Caribbean Indigenization of the Bible* (2006th ed., pp. 169-188). Maryknoll, Nes York: Voices from the Margins, Interpreting the Bible in the Third World.

Murrell, N. S. (2000). *Holy Piby, Blackman's Bible and Garveyite Ethiopianist epic with Commentary* (pp. 272-306). New York, Ny: St. Martin's Press.

Murrell, N. S. (2000). *Wresting the Message from the Messenger, The Rastafari as a Case Study in the Caribbean Indigenization of the Bible* (pp. 558-576). New York, NY: Continuum International Publishing Group.

Murrell, N. S. (2000). In Vincent L. Wimbush, Nathaniel S. Murrell, et al (Ed.), *Wresting the Message from the Messenger, The Rastafari as a Case Study in the Caribbean Indigenization of the Bible* (2000th ed., pp. 558-76). New York, Continuum: African americans and the Bible, Sacred Texts and Social Texture.

Murrell, N. S. (1998). In Nathaniel S. Murrell et al (Ed.), *Rastafari's Messianic Ideology and Caribbean Theology of Liberation* (1998th ed., pp. 390-411). Philadelphia, Temple University Press: Chanting Down Babylon, The Rastafari Reader.

Murrell, N. S. (1998). In Nathaniel S. Murrell et al (Ed.), *The Black Biblical Hermeneutics of Rastafari* (1998th ed., pp. 326-348). Philadelphia, Temple University Press: Chanting Down Babylon the Rastafari Reader.

Refereed Journal Articles

Murrell, N. S. (2009). Mohandas K. Gandhi: The Making of an anti-Colonial Satyagraha Prophet. *To appear in Journal of commonwealth Pos-Colonial Studies*, 15(Number 1).

Murrell, N. S. (2009). Medicated Ganja and Rasta Rituals: Allies in a Global Battle. *Jamaica Journal*, 7(IDEAZ), 82-107.

Murrell, N. S. Legalizing it! Ganja Pharmacopeia & Dreadlocks in a Global Judicial Battle. *To appear in Caribbean Quarterly uwi*.

- Murrell, N. S. (2008). Satyagraha & Ahimsa, Gandhi's Weapons of Moral & Political Power. 7(2007), 9. organization.uncfsu.edu/ncrsa/journal/v07/murrell-satyagraha.htm
- Murrell, N. S. (2001). Tuning Hebrew Psalms to Reggae Rhythms: Rastas' Revolutionary Lamentations for Social Change. *Cross Currents*, 50 number 4(Winter 2001), 525-540.
- Murrell, N. S. (2000). Tuning Hebrew Psalms to Reggae Rhythms, Rastas - Revolutionary Lamentations for Social Change. *Cross Currents*, 16-31.
- Murrell, N. S. (1999). Hermeneutics as Interpretation, Part 2: Contextual Truths in Sub Version Preaching. *Caribbean Journal of Evangelical Theology*, 3, 48-66.
- Murrell, N. S. (1998). Should Christians be Involved in Jamaican Politics. *Caribbean Journal of Evangelical Theology*, 2, 45-62.
- Murrell, N. S. (1997). Hermeneutics as Interpretation and the Caribbean Student: Part I, BINAH. *Journal of Caribbean Graduate School of Theology*, 2, 7-28.
- Murrell, N. S. (1995). Jamaican Americans. *Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America*, 2, 783-797.
- Murrell, N. S. (1995). The Human Paul of the New Testament: Anti Judaism in I Thess 2:14-16. *Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society*, 14, 169-186.
- Murrell, N. S. (1995). Trinidadian and Tobagonian Americans. *Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America*, 2, 1350-1363.
- Murrell, N. S. (1994). Woman as Source of Evil and Contaminant in Rastafarianism: Championing Hebrew Patriarchy and Oppression with Lev. 12. *Eastern Great Lakes and Midwest Biblical Society*, 13, 191-209.

Conference Proceedings

- Murrell, N. S. (1994). *Whatever Happened to the Black-Jewish Accord? Could the Broken Alliance Be Renewed* (vol. III, pp. 121-135). Lawrenceville, New Jersey: Proceedings of the Third Biennial Conference on Christianity and the Holocaust Vol III.
- Murrell, N. S. (1992). *First Century Anti-Jewish Polemics, a New Understanding* (pp. 387-408). Edwin Melon Press, Lewinston, NY: The Netherlands and Nazi Genocide, Papers of the 21st Annual Scholars Conference.
- Murrell, N. S. (1990). *The Church Has Not Replaced the Jewish People, A Presbyterian Response to a Jewish Theological Question* (vol. I, pp. 367-378). Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ: Proceedings of the First Biennial Conference on Christianity and the Holocaust.

Journal Articles

- Murrell, N. S. (2000). Evangelical Theory in the Millennium, The Global God: Multicultural Evangelical Views of God in Review. *Caribbean Journal of Evangelical Theology*, 4, 67-81.
- Murrell, N. S. (2000). The Global God: Multicultural Evangelical Views of God. *Caribbean Journal of Evangelical Theology*, 4, 67-81.

Presentations Given

- Murrell, N. S., AAR/SBL, "Legalizing it: The San Francisco Appellate Court Ruling and the Global Acceptance of Rastafari as a Religion Sui Generis," AAR/SBL, Nashville, TN. (November 2000).
- Murrell, N. S., ETS, "Africanizing Jewish-Christian Apocalyptic: Ethiopia as hermeneutic of a Change Agent from the Margins," ETS, Nashville, TN. (November 2000).
- Murrell, N. S., AAR/SBL/SCSOR, "Ethiopia as Hermeneutical Method: Psalm 68:13 in the Liberation Theological Tradition of the African Diaspora," AAR/SBL/SCSOR, Atlanta, GA. (March 2000).
- Murrell, N. S., North Carolina Religious Studies Association, "The Apocalyptic in Rastafari," NCRSA, Fayetteville, NC. (October 1999).
- Murrell, N. S., A Multidisciplinary Arts-Expressive International Conference: African Americans and the Bible, Social-Cultural Formation and Sacred Text, "Wresting the Message from the Messenger, Rastafari as Case Study in the Caribbean Indigenization of the Bible," Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University, New York, NY. (April 1999).
- Murrell, N. S., Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, "Hijacking and Reclaiming a People's Song, A Rastafari Protest Reading of Psalm 137," Society of Biblical Literature, Orlando, FL. (November 1998).
- Murrell, N. S., North Carolina Religious Studies Association, "The West as the Embodiment of Evil: signification of Babylon in Rastafarian Thought," NCRSA, Fayetteville, NC. (October 1998).
- Murrell, N. S., AAR/SBL/SCSOR Annual Regional Meeting, "The Earliest Expressions of Islam Among African Americans, Part I, Islam as a Black Protest Movement of the 1800," AAR/SBL/SCSOR, Knoxville, TN. (March 1998).
- Murrell, N. S., Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, "Playing with Texts in Caribbean contexts: A Response to Noel Erskine's Text and Play," Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, LA. (November 1996).
- Murrell, N. S., North Carolina Religious Studies Association - Annual Meeting, "The State of Black Religion in the Academy," NCRSA, Boone, NC. (October 1996).

Awards and Honors

- Research Reassignment, UNCW. (January 2005).
- Summer Initiative, UNCW College of Arts and Sciences. (June 1996).
- Research award, American Academy of Religion. (June 1995).
- The Henry Luce Summer Research Award, The College of Wooster. (1992).

SERVICE

University Service

- Committee Member, UNCW Athletics Council. (August 15, 2006 - May 30, 2009).