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## STEVEN M. HARRIS

### EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
**Ph.D. (Candidate) in the Study of Religion, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences** August 2017 – Present  
Subfield: American Religious History, African and African American Studies

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
**M.A. in Religion, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences** May 2021

Yale University, New Haven, CT  
**M.A. in Religion, Divinity School** May 2015  
Concentration: Black Religion in the African Diaspora

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY  
**M.Div., School of Theology** December 2011  
Concentration: Pastoral Ministry

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN  
**B.S., College of Arts & Sciences** May 2007  
Majors: Religious Studies, Psychological Sciences

### PUBLIC POLICY, CAMPAIGN, AND COALITION-BUILDING EXPERIENCE

Georgetown University, McCourt School of Public Policy  
**Senior Director of Academic Programs, Center on Faith and Justice** February 2022 – Present  
[Responsible for the following: creation of academic programs for graduate seminary students, including curriculum development and program administration; development of week-long intensive continuing education program for pastors and practitioners; facilitation of extracurricular opportunities and engagements in Washington D.C.; teaching and advising; event planning and participation]

Joe Biden for President  
**Volunteer, Faith Engagement Workgroup** July 2020 – November 2020  
[Working directly with the campaign national faith engagement director and associated workgroups, helped develop faith outreach strategy to diverse faith communities, while also planning and participating in official virtual faith engagement campaign events. Events participated in include: “Young Believers for Biden w/ Pete Buttigieg” panel and “Evangelicals for Biden” panel]

Faith 2020  
**Volunteer, Advisory Workgroup** August 2020 – November 2020  
[Working directly with the executive director and workgroup, helped develop faith outreach strategy in support of Biden-Harris ticket, and planned/participated in virtual events. Events participated in include: “Roundtable with Tom Steyer” on climate action and anti-racism; and “Voting Matters with Cornel West”]

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) / ERLC  
**Lead, State-Level Criminal Justice Reform** February 2020 – August 2020  
[Helped procure CZI grant to expand faith-based engagement in criminal justice reform and racial reconciliation in Kentucky North Carolina, and West Virginia]

Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC), Dr. Russell Moore (President)  
**Policy Director, Washington, D.C.** July 2015 – August 2020  
[Helped expand the organization’s advocacy range by establishing a justice portfolio and building multi-faith coalitions on policy related to the following issues: criminal justice, immigration, payday lending, domestic and international religious freedom, and domestic and international human rights. Worked daily with House and Senate congressional members and staffers to advance legislative priorities. Helped plan and execute briefings and national conferences. Drafted internal and external memos and articles on a range of topics from race in the U.S. to free thought in Sudan]

## INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS WORK

### Producer, Documentary Film *Humanity Denied*

[In March of 2019, traveled to South Korea to meet and interview North Korean defectors, as well as scout locations for filming at the DMZ and throughout Seoul. After overseeing filming, translation work, and editing, the brief documentary film was premiered at a public event on Capitol Hill on July 18, 2019]

March 2019 – July 2019

### Congressional Testimony, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs

(Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations)

Hearing: “Protecting Civil Society, Faith-Based Actors, and Political Speech in Sub-Saharan Africa”

[Gave testimony on the theo-philosophical presuppositions of religious freedom in a global context, and its relationship to civil society development and broader global security interests. The testimony particularly focused on the constricting religious and civil society spaces in Sudan, Rwanda, and the DRC]

May 9, 2018

## MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Christian Union

### Ministry Fellow – Yale University

[Recruited and taught undergraduate students in 12-week intensive Bible Courses, provided one-on-one advising/counseling and mentorship for undergraduate students, and helped organize conferences, events, and programs on and off campus]

July 2014 – June 2015

Consolidated Baptist Church, Lexington, KY

### Assistant Pastor, Discipleship Leader, Young Adult & College Ministry Leader

[Provided pastoral support for 2300 member congregation in preaching, teaching, counseling, mentoring, visitations, officiating funerals and weddings, staff oversight, as well as administrative support]

June 2010 – August 2013

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

### Instructor, Harvard College: “Religion, Race, and the Rise of New Orleans Jazz”

Spring 2021

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

### Teaching Fellow, HDS: “Relig. & Race in the US: Case Studies on Brutality, Resistance, Imagination”

Fall 2020

Course Instructors: Dr. Diane Moore and Melissa Bartholomew

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

### Teaching Fellow, HDS: “Before Religious Pluralism: Race, Religion, Art, and Politics”

Fall 2020

Course Instructor: Dr. K. Healan Gaston

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

### Teaching Fellow, Harvard College: “Introduction to African American Studies”

Spring 2020

Course Instructor: Dr. Cornel West

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

### Teaching Fellow, HDS/Religion: “Women, Religion, and Historical Agency”

Spring 2020

Course Instructor: Dr. Catherine Brekus

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

### Teaching Fellow, HDS: Religious Literacy and the Professions: Gov’t & Humanitarian Leadership”

Fall 2019

Course Instructor: Dr. Diane Moore

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

### Teaching Fellow, HDS/Religion: “Evangelicalism in America”

Fall 2019

Course Instructor: Dr. Catherine Brekus

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

### Course Assistant & Researcher, Freshman Seminar: “Christianity and Slavery in America”

Fall 2018

Course Instructor: Dr. Catherine Brekus

## CONFERENCE PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS

American Historical Association, Annual Meeting, Jan. 3-6, New York, NY

“Before Ontological Blackness: Race, Afro-Pessimism, and Black Calvinist Theo-Logics”

January 2020

Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, Nov. 20-22, San Diego, CA

*The Democratization of American Christianity: A Thirty-Year Roundtable Retrospective* (Paper and Panel)

November 2019

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

“Religion and the Republic: An Eighteenth-Century Black Calvinist Perspective,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Calvin and Calvinism*, edited by Bruce Gordon and Carl Trueman (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021).

“The Segregated States of America,” in *For God So Loved the World: A Blueprint for Kingdom Diversity*, edited by Dayton Hartman and Walter R. Strickland, II (Nashville: B&H Academic, 2020).

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Academy of Religion  
American Historical Association  
American Society of Church History  
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

## **REFERENCES**

Cornel R. West  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer Professor of Philosophy & Christian Practice  
Union Theological Seminary

Diane L. Moore  
Faculty Director, Religion and Public Life  
Lecturer in Religion, Conflict, and Peace  
Harvard Divinity School

Travis Wussow  
Managing Director, Immigration  
Stand Together