

CURRICULUM VITAE OF JOSEPH A. BROWN, SJ; Ph. D

I. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Professor, Africana Studies Department SIUC

- A. Africana Studies
- B. Faner Hall 4007/ Mail Code 4529
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Southern Illinois University Carbondale
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II. EDUCATION

- Ph. D., American Studies. Yale University. 1984.
[M. A., M. Phil., American Studies. Yale 1983]
- M. A., Afro-American Studies. Yale University. 1983.
- M. A., Writing Seminars. Johns Hopkins University. 1969.
- B. A., Philosophy & Letters. St. Louis University. 1968.

III. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.

1968-1969. Graduate Teaching Assistant. Johns Hopkins University.

1973-1978. Instructor. Department of Fine and Performing Arts.
Creighton University.
Assistant Chaplain, Campus Ministry, 1973- 1979
Coordinator of Theater Program, 1976-78.
Artist-in-Residence, 1978 -1979.

1984-1991. Assistant Professor. English and Religious Studies. University of Virginia.

Interim Dean, Office of African American Affairs. 1986 -1988.

1991-1994. Associate Professor; Director, Institute for Black Catholic Studies.
Xavier University of Louisiana. (Graduate and Certificate programs)

1997-2013. Director, Black American Studies. SIUC.(Associate Professor, 1997-2000. Promoted to Full Professor, 2000.) **Chair, Africana Studies:** Fall 2010 – Summer 2013.

2009 Holder of MacLean Chair, Jesuit Studies. St. Joseph's University.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Fall 2009.

IV. RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

- A. Interests and Specialties:** African American and American Literature and Aesthetics. African American Religious History. Black Theology.
- B. Current Projects:** Study of James Baldwin and Liberation Theology; the theology of "OZ" [HBO prison series]. Presently preparing memoir.
- C. NA**
- D. NA**
- E. Honors and Awards.** The Foley Award for Poetry. America Magazine. 1969.
Joseph Davis, SM Award. National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus. 1994.
Charles D. Tenney Lecture. Honors Program. SIUC. October 10, 2006.
Melchizedek: Guardian of the Rites Award. Lyke Liturgical Conference. 2013.

F. Selected Papers and Presentations. 1997 to present.

Boston College. Boston, Mass. "Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Address." (Feb. 1998)

National Catholic Educational Association. Los Angeles. Presentation. April, 1998.

The University of Chicago. "Up Above My Head: Spirituality and the Black Aesthetic." Feb. 1998.

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. Opening Lecture for "Spirit Eyes, Human Hands: African Art at the Harn Museum." Sept. 1999.

National Catholic Youth Convention. Drama Consultant. Nov. 1999.

Mary Institute & Country Day School. "The Writer's Project. St. Louis. Jan. 2000.

University of Connecticut. Storrs, CT. Loyola Symposium. Keynote. Feb. 2000.

St. Peter's College. Jersey City. "Martin Luther King Memorial Dedication." Lecture. Sept. 2000.

Illinois Governor's Commission on Human Rights. Lecture. Chicago. Sept. 2000.

Virginia Tech. Blacksburg, VA. Guest residency. Nov. 2000.

SIU Medical School. Springfield, IL. "Spirituality and Health Care Issues." Feb. 2001.

"Call To Action". National Conference. Two presentations. Los Angeles. Aug. 2001.

"Call to Action." National Conference. Two presentations. Chicago. Oct. 2001.

Spalding University. Louisville. Black History Keynote. Feb. 2002.

Lincoln University. Jefferson City. Black History Keynote. Feb. 2002.

SIUC. Carbondale. "Were you There": A Meditation on Lynching. Feb. 2002.

Avery Institute. College of Charleston. Charleston. Presentation on Malcolm X. May 2002.

"Call To Action." National Conference. Two presentations. Milwaukee. Nov. 2003.

Lesar School of Law. SIUC. Symposium on Affirmation Action. Nov. 2003. (Proceedings published in *Southern Illinois University Law Journal*, Spring 2004.)

De Paul University. Chicago. "Were You There": A Meditation on Lynching. Jan. 2004.

Xavier University. Cincinnati. Seminar on Black Theology. Lecture. Mar. 2004.

Lyke Liturgical Conference. New Orleans. Consultant and Presenter. July 2004.

Archdiocese of Chicago. Catechetical Conference. Presenter. Sept. 2004.

Covington, Kentucky. "Black Sacred Song and the Underground Railroad." Lecture. Nov. 2004.

De Paul University. College of Arts & Sciences and Law School. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebrations. Lectures. Jan. 2005.

Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Youth Conference. & Catechetical Conference. Three presentations. Feb. 2005.

Lyke Liturgical Conference. Consultant: "Hush Harbor Retreat." Presentation. June 2005.

Creighton University. Omaha. Department of Theology Symposium. Keynote. Oct. 2005.

University of Illinois. McKinley Foundation. Urbana. "Were You There": A Meditation on Lynching. Nov. 2005.

Archdiocese of Louisville. Seminar on Black Spirituality. Dec. 2005.

University of Missouri. Columbia. Martin Luther King, Jr. Keynote. Jan. 2006.

SIUC. MacLeod Theater. "Fences," by August Wilson. Actor: "Troy Maxon." March 2006.

Lyke Liturgical Conference & Rivers Liturgical Institute. Chicago. Presenter. July 2006.

The Joint Conference of Black Clergy Caucus, Sisters Conference, and Seminarians Association. Louisville. Keynote. July 2006.

SIUC. "Ties That Bind." Moderator, Town Hall. WSIU-TV. Sept. 2006.

"Call To Action." National Conference. Two presentations. Milwaukee. Nov. 2006.

Scholar in Residence. Illinois Wesleyan University. Bloomington. September, 2007.

National Black Catholic Vocation Initiative. Keynote. Baltimore. October, 2007.

Langston Hughes Festival. City College of New York. Presentation. October, 2007.

2008

Martin Luther King, Jr., Civic Celebration. Keynote Address. Urbana-Champaign. University of Illinois. January 20, 2008.

Black History Month Keynote Address. SIUC. February 2008.

Planning Committee. Wole Soyinka Symposium. February 2008.

African and African American Catholic Celebration. Keynote. Atlanta, Georgia. April 27, 2008.

Invocation. Promotion Ceremony: Brig. General Anderson. USAR. Arlington Heights. May 3, 2008.

Juneteenth Celebration. Keynote. Toledo, Ohio. June 13, 2008.

Joint Conference (Clergy, Sisters, Seminarians) 40th Anniversary. Opening Lecture. Montgomery, Alabama. July 28, 2008.

National Catholic Religious Vocations Conference. Presentation. Louisville. October 11, 2008.

Call To Action National Conference. Two Presentations. Milwaukee. November 7 -8, 2008.

Black Catholic Religious History Seminar. Sisters of the Holy Family. New Orleans. November 18 -20, 2008.

2009

Martin Luther King, Jr. Civic Celebration. Keynote Speaker. Mobile, Alabama. University of South Alabama and Springhill College. January 29, 2009.

Liturgical Consultant. Keynote Speaker. Lyke Liturgical Conference. New Orleans. June 16 – 21, 2009

Poetry Reading: SJU Writers' Series. St. Joseph's U. Philadelphia. September 26, 2009.

MacLean Chair Lecture: "Plenty Good Room: Diversity, Integration and the University." November 12, 2009. St. Joseph's U. Philadelphia.

2010

Martin Luther King, Jr. Civic Celebration. Keynote Speaker. Springfield, Illinois. January 18, 2010.

Anti-Racism Workshop. Dominican Sisters. Chicago, Illinois. February 6, 2010.

The Tolton Lecture. Catholic Theological Union. Chicago, Illinois. March 3, 2010.

Lyke Liturgical Conference. Keynote Speaker. Workshops. Charleston, SC. June 23 -27, 2010.

PAX Christi USA. National Conference. Workshop. .Chicago, Illinois. July 16 18, 2010

Memorial Rally. Anniversary of 1903 Lynching. Springfield, Illinois. July 26, 2010.

Annual Black Catholic Celebration. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. July 31 – August 2, 2010.2 Presentations.

Black Liturgical Workshop. Archdiocese of New York. September 24 -26, 2010.

National Religious Vocations Conference. Workshop. Cleveland. November 5 – 7, 2010.

African American Ministry and Education. Jesuit Seminarians Midwest. Workshop. Columbiere, Michigan. December 30, 2010.

2011

Adult Education Workshop. Bowman Program. Diocese of Louisville. January 8, 2011

Illinois Gubernatorial Ceremonies: Ecumenical Service: Chaplain for Lt. Governor Simon. Springfield, Illinois. January 10, 2011.

“The State of Black Studies Today.” Co-panelist with Sundiata Cha Jua (then-Chair Africana Studies, University of Illinois). Eastern Illinois University. February 15, 2011.

Religious Education Workshop. Monroe, Louisiana. March 25, 26, 27, 2011.

Illinois Historical Society. Keynote. SIUC. April 14, 2011.

Religious Education Conference. Keynote. TIKO (Tennessee, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio) Conference. Jackson, Mississippi. June 2-5, 2011.

Lyke Liturgical Conference. Keynote. Planning Committee. New Orleans, Louisiana. June 22 – 26, 2011.

Faculty Orientation Retreat. Christ the King School (“Christo Rey” network). Chicago. July 13 – 15, 2011.

Joint Conference (Black Clergy Caucus, National Black Sisters Conference, National Black Catholic Seminarians Association). Banquet Speaker. Washington, D. C. July 28, 2011.

Creighton Presidential Inauguration. SIUC Representative. Omaha. September 29, 2011.

Religious Education Workshop. Diocese of Joliet. October 21 -23, 2011.

Call to Action National Conference. Presenter (2 workshops). Milwaukee. November 4 -5, 2011.

Religious Education Workshop. Lexington, Kentucky. November 15 – 18, 2011.

2012

Creighton University. Omaha Martin Luther King Unity Presentation.
“Transforming the Jericho Road.” January 18, 2012

Black History Presentations United States Prison. Marion. Feb. 22.

Black History Presentation. Minimum Security Prison. Marion. Feb. 29.

Christ the King High School Staff Retreat. Director. Chicago. March 5, 2012

New Ways Ministry National Conference. Presentation (“African Americans and
Lesbian/Gay Issues: Developing Relationships”), March 15-17. Baltimore, MD.

Presentation. Midwest Regional African Student Council Workshop. October 3.

“African American Spirituality Workshop.” Tenafly, New Jersey. Society of
African Missions. November 16-17.

General Assembly. Chicago Hope Academy. Chicago. December 7.

Workshop on Black Vocations. [“Go Down, Moses”]. Josephite Pastoral Center.
Washington, DC. December 26-31.

2013

Martin Luther King, Jr. Service. Cairo/Mounds Illinois. January 21.

United States Prison Marion. Black History Month. Three Presentations. February
13, 18.

Philosophical Collaborations: A Conference for Faculty and Student Interaction.
Social Ontology, Responsibility and Liberation. 21st Annual Conference. “W. E.
B. Du Bois: Reconsiderations.” Commentator. SIUC. March 1

Faith Communities United. 16th Annual Prayer Breakfast: The National Week of
Prayer for the Healing of AIDS. Keynote. St. Louis, Missouri. March 2.

Lyke Liturgical Conference. Chicago. June 18-23, 2013. Keynote. Workshop.
Liturgy Planning Committee.

Prof. John Caputo: Interfaith Dialogue. Carbondale, Illinois. October 7, 2013.
Respondent.

Black Theology Weekend. Tenafly, New Jersey. November 1 -3.

Black Catholic History Celebrations. St. Louis. November 10-11.

2014

Martin Luther King, Jr., Interfaith Celebration. Keynote. Danville, Illinois. January 20, 2014.

Black History Month Keynote. Indianapolis. National Society of Black Engineers. February 28, 2014

Scholar Residency. Cristo Rey High School. Minneapolis, Minnesota. January 30-31, 2014.

Keynote. Paducah/McCracken County NAACP: Rosa Parks Celebration: "The Power of One." March 22, 2014.

Lyke Liturgical Conference. New Orleans. June 12 -15, 2014. Planning Committee. Workshop presentations.

Concert of Spirituals. St. Louis, Missouri. November 2, 2014. Master of Ceremonies. Consultant.

Joseph Davis, SM, Lecture. University of Dayton. Dayton, Ohio. November 10, 2014.

Black Theology Weekend. Tenafly, New Jersey. November 22, 2014

2015

St. Clair County Judicial Seminar. Panelist. April 18, 2015. Panelist.

Lyke Liturgical Conference. San Antonio. June 23 -28, 2015. Keynote. Presenter.

Interview, Australian ABC News 24. "Charleston Massacre." June 18 & July 6, 2015.

Black Alumni Reunion. Creighton University. Omaha. Keynote: July 31. 2015.

SIUC. Resident Housing Civil Service In-Service. August 17, 2015. Presenter.

Robert Stepto Symposium. Yale University. October 30. Presenter.

Black Theology Weekend. Tenafly, New Jersey. November, 6 -7, 2015

2016

Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration. NAACP, Alexander-Union Counties. Keynote. January 18, 2016.

SIUC Department of Theater. Readers' Theater: "Nightingale for Dr. Du Bois. February 16, 2016. Actor: "W. E. B. Du Bois".

Black Catholic Convocation, Archdiocese of Washington. Josephite Pastoral Center & National Black Catholic Congress. Keynote. April 29 -30, 2016.
Lyke Liturgical Conference. San Antonio. July 6- 8. Keynote. Presenter. Planning Committee.

Presentation, "Race, Faith and Justice" Seminar. St. Louis University. August 5, 2016.

Black Theology Weekend. Tenafly, New Jersey. November 5 – 6, 2016.

2017

Workshop Keynote, Race and Diversity. Faculty Convocation Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. January 11, 2017

SIUC McLeod Theater: "Nightingale for Dr. Du Bois." Actor: "W. E. B. Du Bois". February 23 - 26.

"The City that Survives: Commemorating the Past, Preparing for the Future." Conference. 1917 Centennial Commission. East St. Louis. May 26 -28.
Moderator; presenter.

Archdiocese of Chicago. Retreat for Black Catholics. Chicago, Illinois. June 17 - 18. Presenter; Leader.

"Trying to Say 'God': Reenchanting the Catholic Literary Imagination." A Literary Gathering. University of Notre Dame. June 22 -24, 2017. Presenter.

"100 Year Commemoration: The Art of Remembrance and Healing." 1917 Centennial Commission. East St. Louis. June 30 – July 2. Moderator. Presenter.

"Embracing Diversity. Fall Faith Formation Workshop. Catholic Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi. September 30, 2017. Madison, Mississippi.

V.

A. Books

Luke. (Brown, Joseph A.) *The Sun Whispers, Wait: New and Selected Poems.* Brown Turtle Press. 2009. ISBN 978-0-9821660-3-6.

Brown, Joseph A., with the assistance of Fernand J. Cheri, III, OFM. Sweet, *Sweet Spirit: Prayer Services from the Black Catholic Church.* St. Anthony Messenger Press. Cincinnati. 2006. ISBN 0-86716-626-6

RENEW 2000 for Black Catholics. Seasons I – V. Renew International. 1998-1999. [Five Booklet Series. 240 pages.]

Brown, Joseph A. *To Stand on the Rock: Meditations on Black Catholic Identity.* Orbis Books. 1998. ISBN 1-57075-172-2.

Brown, Joseph A. *A Retreat with Thea Bowman and Bede Abram: Leaning on the Lord.* St. Anthony Messenger Press. 1997. ISBN 0-86716-277-5

Luke. (Joseph A. Brown, SJ). *Accidental Grace.* Callaloo Poetry Series. University Press of Virginia. 1986. ISBN 0912759-08-9.

F. Other. (Recent)

Book Review. Homeless, Friendless, and Penniless: The WPA Interviews With Former Slaves Living in Indiana. For The Indiana Journal of History. Fall 2001.

Encyclopedia entry. "Wilton D. Gregory." African American National Biography, Harvard U. Press. September 2003.

Review Essay. "To the Mountaintop: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Effort to Save America." National Catholic Reporter. January 2004.

"Ain't No Grave Can Hold My Body Down": Black Theology and the Crossroad of Death." Seminar Essay, for Hush Harbor Retreat: Lyke Liturgical Conference. June 2005.

"Countee Cullen" and "James Agee". Grove Dictionary of Music, 2nd Edition. 2009.

Book Chapter: "Preparing the Welcome Table". In *The Story of Vatican II: 50 at 50.* Edited by William Madges and Michael Daley. Published, August 2012.

Column: "Death of Innocents", *National Catholic Reporter*, April 2, 2012

Essay: "Go in the Wilderness": The Missionary Impulse of Michael Harper's Poetry", in *Black Music, Black Poetry: Blues and Jazz's Impact on African American Versification*, edited by Gordon E. Thompson. Ashgate Press. 2014.

"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder: The Coded Voices of Transcendence." Presented at Stepto Symposium. Yale. Publication forthcoming. 2015.

Poem: "Daniel Berrigan Prays the Rosary," *America Magazine*, May 1, 2017.

Author: "The Sankofa Muse." Blog. <http://sankofamuse.blogspot.com/> . 2013 –

VI. Teaching Experience

A. Teaching Interests and Specialties

African American Literature, Drama, Film; Aesthetics; Poetry; Theology and Literature; Cultural Studies.

D. Current Graduate Faculty Status: Graduate Faculty

E. Number of Master's and Ph. D. Committees served on: 25+

RECENT Previous: Dorothy Njoroge (School of Journalism; Chair, committee) Graduation, December 2009

Michael Stokes (College of Education & Human Services; member). 2011--2013

Malokele Nanivazo (“Joelle”) (CoLA; Economics; member). 2011--2015

Kim Harris. Union Theological Center. New York. September 2011 – 2013

Bethany Ann Kies (COEHS; Health Ed. & Recreation; member) 2015 - 2016

Khailiah Doss (COEHS; Ed. Min. and Higher Ed., member) 2016.

Jessica Davis (College of Education and Human Resources, Ed Adm, and Higher Ed.; member) 2015 --2016

Maia Moore College of Education and Human Resources, Health Education Department; member) 2015 --2016

Sylvia Gray (College of Education and Human Services, Ed Adm, and Higher Ed., member) 2015 – 17

Jessica Goodman (COEHS; Health Ed. & Recreation) 2014—2016.

Gregory Carter (History, M. A., member) 2016-2017

Dawn Stricklin (College of Liberal Arts; Anthropology; member), September 2011 – 2017.

Current: Bomani Spell (College of Education; Chair, interdisciplinary committee) January, 2011—

Ron Fields (College of Liberal Arts; English; member),
September 2011 –

Daniel Ryan (College of Education and Human Resources;
Higher Education and Administration; member) September
2012

Jessica D. Simpson (College of Education and Human
Resources, Health Education Department, member) 2014.

Andrew Gillespie (College to Liberal Arts; Philosophy Dept.,
member) 2015—

Andrew Barbero (College of Liberal Arts, History Department,
member) 2015 –

John Barnhard (College of Liberal Arts, History Department;
member) 2015 –

Danyelle Green (MCMA; RT, member) 2015—

Morgan Frances Bobo (Psychology, member) 2016 –

Perry Hill (College of Education and Human Resources;
Higher Education and Administration; member) 2017 --

Steven Giannino (College of Mass Communications & Media
Arts: Radio & Television and Digital Media) 2017 --

VII. University Experience

A. Department Committees: Curriculum; Search committees

B. College and University Committees and Councils:

Graduate Council: 1998 -2004

Faculty Senate: 2004- 2010

Chancellor's Budget and Planning Task Force: 2002-03

LGBTQ Office Advisory Committee, 2007 –

Task Force on Multicultural Affairs: 2010-2011

Black Male Initiative Advisory Committee: 2011 –

Center for Inclusive Excellence, Advisory Committee 2012 –

Chancellor's Advisory Review Board. Chair, 2013 –

Chair, Promotion Committee for Prof. Saran Donahoo, College of
Education and Human Service, Department of Higher Education and

Educational Administration. 2014.
Co-Chair, Search Committee: Coordinator for Diversity, Graduate School,
May – August 2017

C. Other

Black faculty and Staff Caucus: Coordinator, 2004 – 2009

G. University Service.

First-Year Experience Task Force. Committee on Diversity. 2008 -09.

President's Committee on Undergraduate Student Diversity Issues, 2007.

Student Code of Conduct Revision Committee 2007

Faculty Representative, Advisory Committee for SIUC Athletics Dept.
1998- 2000.

Member. SIUC Judicial Review Board (Faculty Senate Representative),
2017 --

SIUC Faculty advisor for:

- Black Affairs Council
- Underground Arts
- African Student Council
- Black Graduate Students Association
- Black Male Roundtable (2003-2007; 2017 --)
- Voices of Inspiration

VIII. Professional Affiliations

Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education

American Studies Association

Member, Planning Committee, Lyke Liturgical Conference. 2000 --

IX. Recent Community Service:

Vice-Charmain, City of Carbondale Human Relations Commission. 2012 -

Member, Advisory Committee, Southern Illinois Region Effort for AIDS
(SIREA), 2000 – 2005. Advisory Committee Southern Illinois
Consortium for AIDS, 2005 –

Planning Committee, Southern Illinois Men's Wellness Conference, 2008

Presentations: Area Churches, Schools, Organizations, in Southern Illinois and throughout the State of Illinois

Opening Prayer, Illinois General Assembly, July 31, 2007.

Pastoral Associate. Newman Catholic Center. 1999 –

Memorial Service for Paul Sarvela, SIUC Interim Chancellor. November 13, 2014. Presider.

Invocation, Naturalization Ceremony, SIU Lesar Law School. April 27, 2017.

Current Public Service

Vice Chair, Carbondale Human Relations Commission (appointed, 2012; reappointed, 2015)

Chair, 1917 Centennial Commission on the East St. Louis Race Riots.
<http://www.estl1917ccci.org/> 2014 –

Member, Board of Directors, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. Minneapolis, Minnesota. 2015 --

Additional information

Professional affiliation with the Society of Jesus (the “Jesuits”).

Entrance: 14 August 1962.

Training at Jesuit College, St. Bonifacius, Minnesota, 1962 -1966.

First vows: 22 August 1964.

Theology Studies: Marquette University 1969 -1970; St. Louis University, 1970 - 1973.

Ordination to Roman Catholic priesthood: 27 May 1972.

Additional training: Spokane, Washington, 1978.

Profession of Solemn Vows, 9 June 1981.

Theses and Dissertation

“journeysong: a cycle of poems”

M. A. The Writing Seminars. Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore. May, 1969.

“Voices Stirring the Waters: The Religious Impulse of Afro-American Aesthetics: The Spirit and History”

M. A. Afro-American Studies Program. Yale University. New Haven. May, 2003.

“Harmonic Circles: Afro-American Religious Heritage and American Aesthetics”

Ph.D. American Studies Program. Yale University. New Haven. December 1984.

Further Selected National Awards, Recognitions

“Rev. J. A. Brown Blvd” Street Designation. East St. Louis, Illinois. May 27, 2012.