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Curriculum vitae
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EDUCATION

2021 Duke Divinity School; Th.D. Christian Thought/Systematic Theology, Durham, NC
2012 Regent College, M.Div., Vancouver, British Columbia
2000 Wheaton College, B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: Latin American Studies and Human
Biology, Wheaton, Illinois

Dissertation: “Symbiotic Grace: Holobiont Theology in the Age of the Microbe”
Co-Advisors: Edgardo Colon-Emeric, Eugene F. Rogers

Committee: Edgardo Colon-Emeric, Duke Divinity School
Eugene Rogers, University of North Carolina Greensboro
Willis Jenkins, University of Virginia
Lauren Winner, Duke University
Warren Smith, Duke University

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Systematic and Moral Theology, CDSF 2025-
Permanent Appointment as Research Collaborator, NCState Public Science Lab, 2025-

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

North Carolina State University Dunn Lab Postdoctoral Fellow, 2021-2025
Mangrove Collaborative Fellow, 2024-2025
Berggruen Institute Fellow, 2023 -
Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellow, 2021-2023
William Randolph Hearst Fellow, 2020-2021
Forum for Theological Exploration Dissertation Fellow, 2020-2021
Forum for Theological Exploration Doctoral Fellow, 2018-2019
Racial Relations Scholarship, Christian Reformed Church, 2008

FUNDING AND GRANTS GARNERED

Mangrove Collaboratory: 2024-2025	\$5,000
Berggruen Institute: 2023-	\$20,000 (possibility for renewal)
North Carolina State University 2022-2025	\$75,000
Louisville Institute and the Lily Foundation: 2021	\$65,000

Louisville Institute and the Lily Foundation: 2022	\$65,000
William Randolph Hearst Foundation: 2020	\$25,000
Forum for Theological Exploration: 2020	\$25,000
Forum for Theological Exploration: 2019	\$25,000
Race Relations Scholarship: 2008	\$2,500

PUBLICATIONS

- Al-Attas Bradford, Aminah. "On Personhood" *Multispecies Glossary*. Edited by Claire Webb (LA: Berggruen Institute, 2023).
- Al-Attas Bradford, Aminah. "Religion, Animals, and the Theological Anthropology of Microbes in the Pandemicene." *Religions* 13.12: 1146. (2022) <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel13121146>
- Al-Attas Bradford, Aminah. "Review of Ecotheology: a Christian Conversation," Edited by: Kiara Jorgenson and Alan Padgett. *Journal of Practical Theology* 14.6, (November, 2021).
- Al-Attas Bradford, Aminah. "Symbiotic Stewardship." In *Beyond Stewardship*, edited by Matthew Heun and David Warners (Grand Rapids: Calvin Press, 2019), 67-80.
- Al-Attas Bradford, Aminah. "Living in the Company of Beasts: Karl Barth, the Human Microbiome and the Unwitting Microbial Witness of the Divine Bearing of All Things." *Philosophy, Theology and the Sciences* 4. (2018): 228-251.

In process or under review:

- Al-Attas Bradford, Aminah. "Medieval Theological Perspectives" *Embodied Intelligences*, Edited by Claire Webb and Jonathan Blake (early stages, abstracts being collected to be published by Berggruen Press)
- Al-Attas Bradford, Aminah. "Symbio-centric Christianity," *Planetary Metaphysics*, Editor Boris Shoshitaishvili (authors gathered for workshop in Venice, Italy June 2024, second round of edits submitted, Indiana University Press)
- Al-Attas Bradford, Aminah. "On Creation," *Women's Christian Theology Reader*, Blackwell Publisher (in Copy Editing phase)
- Al-Attas Bradford, Aminah. "Belief Becomes Us: a Future Soulscape of Theological Anthropology" *What Will Life Become?* Edited by Claire Webb (Abstracts Submitted and sent out to publisher, currently MIT Press)
- Al-Attas Bradford, Aminah and Rob Dunn. "On Pre-pasteurian Leaven: Jewish and Christian Insights into Leaven's Pre-modern Meaning" Manuscript sent out for review, North Carolina State University, Durham, NC.
- Al-Attas Bradford, Aminah. *Symbiotic Grace: Holobiont/Multispecies Theology in the Age of the Microbe*.

Non Academic Publishing Sampling:

- Al-Attas Bradford, Aminah. "Nothing is Evil because it is all Good." *Earth and Altar: Christianity 101*, April, 2021. <https://earthandaltarmag.com/posts/3lltfei9sgl6s5v9yzjh0mns2y7s3d>
- Al-Attas Bradford, Aminah and Mary Hulst "Reading the Bible Well." *The Banner*, January, 2010: 18-20.

Al-Attas, Bradford, Aminah. "Pentecost Prayers of the People." *Reformed Worship* 95, March 2010.

COURSES

- 2026 Symbiotic Grace: Theology, Ecology and the Microbiome, Creation Care Study Program, New Zealand (Upcoming)
- 2025 Systematic Theology ST8101, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, CA (upcoming)
- 2025 Moral Theology, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, CA (upcoming)

Preceptorships:

- 2019 Religion, Restrictions, Violence REL 301 (undergrad), REL 889 (grad), Duke University
- 2018 Christian Theology XIANTHE 755, Duke Divinity School
- 2018 Introduction to New Testament Interpretation NEWTEST 754, Duke Divinity School
- 2017 Early and Medieval Christianity CHURHST 750, Duke Divinity School
- 2016 Early and Medieval Christianity CHURHST 750, Duke Divinity School
- 2016 Medieval and Modern Christianity CHURHST 751, Duke Divinity School

Teaching Assistance:

- 2007 Theological Calling and Discernment APPL 586, Regent College, British Columbia

Instructor of Record:

- 2002-04 Freshman Year Experience Course, Houston Baptist University

Thesis and dissertation Advising:

- 2024 Graduate Thesis Advisor for Susannah Wagner (Thesis title pending)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 "Religion and the Microbiome," National Scientific Research Center's 5th Annual Colloquium on *New Challenges Induced by Microbiomes*, Sorbonne, Paris, October 2024 (fully funded)
- 2023 "Symbiotic Grace: Why Religion Matters for Holobiont Frameworks," Sensing the Holobiont Salon, Medical Museion, University of Copenhagen, Denmark (fully funded)
- 2023 "Symbiotic Theology," Planetary Identity and Spiritual-Aesthetic Worlds, Berggruen Institute, LA. (fully-funded)
- 2022 "The Spirituality of Bread: Leaven Before Pasteur in Jewish and Christian Traditions," Cultivating Connections: Exploring Entry Points into Sustainable Food Systems, joint annual meeting of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society (AFHVS) and the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), University of Georgia
- 2022 "Religion and Ancient Leaven," Novo nordisk Copenhagen Bioscience Conference, Microbial Foods, Copenhagen, Denmark (fully-funded, and one of the most sought after conference

invitations for science scholars, I was one of two non-science scholars invited)

- 2021 “Groundwork for Holobiont Theology,” Annual Conference of the AAR, Animals and Theology Group, San Antonio
- 2021 “Microbiopolitical Theology in the Age of Pandemic,” AAR/SBL Southeastern Regions Annual Conference, Constructive Theology Group, University of Florida
- 2020 “Symbiotic Grace: Holobiont Theology in the Age of the Anthropocene,” School of Theology Faculty Lecture, Seattle Pacific University
- 2019 “Theological Anthropologies of Symbiotic Inclusion: Embracing Others,” University of Edinburgh Christian-Muslim Studies Network and The Christian Academic Forum for Citizenship in the Arab World Annual Academic Conference, Ayia Napa, Republic of Cyprus (fully funded)
- 2018 “Deep Exchange: Jesus’ Baptism Sanctifies the Jordan River as a Priest of Humanity,” Religion and Ecology Unit, Annual Conference of the AAR, Religion and Ecology Group, Denver
- 2018 “Planetary Denial: Theological Perspectives on Interdisciplinarity and the Ecological Crisis,” Planetary Humanities, Cosmopolitan Philosophies and Social Networks Symposium, Duke University
- 2017 “Reading John Calvin’s Theology of Suffering and Sin with a Sense of “Humor”: Pre-modern Nosologies as a Key to Calvin’s Cosmology,” Theology and Ethics Colloquium, Duke Divinity School

Invited University Lectures

- 2024 “Theology of the Microbiome,” Princeton Seminary, Princeton, NJ
- 2024 “New Arenas for Theologians,” for PTS’s doctoral students, Princeton, NJ
- 2024 “Symbiotic Grace as Framework for Ecumenicism in Seminaries,” Martin Luther University College, May 2024, Waterloo, ON
- 2024 Three Keynote Lectures for Annual Interdisciplinary Conference, “Symbiotic God,” “Symbiotic Creation,” “Symbiotic Grace,” The King’s College, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2024 “Holobiont Theology for the Church and Academy,” Faculty lecture, Loyola Marymount University, January, LA.
- 2023 “Religion, Race and the Microbe: Theological Analysis of Public Health Resistance in the Pandemicine,” Microbes and Social Equity Speaker Series,” Sue Ishaq Lab, University of Maine Med school, Maine, May 3, 2023
- 2022 “Theodicy, Etymology and Pandemic Wisdom,” Theology, Medicine and Culture Program, Duke Divinity School
- 2022 “Religion and the Microbiome,” Guest Lecture, North Carolina State University, Microbiome,

Working Group, Durham, NC

- 2022 “Petri-Dish Anthropology: Colonial Ecologies of Race, Religion and Epidemiology,” Fermentation Working Group, North Carolina State University, Durham, NC
- 2020 “Framing Christian Thought and Theodicy with the Microbe: White Supremacy, Ecocide and the Germ,” Guest Lecture, AMXTIAN 790: Pandemic Christianity, Duke University
- 2020 “Christian Environmentalism: Remedy for an Ailing Humanity,” Guest Lecture, UFDN 3100, Seattle Pacific University
- 2020 “Theological Anthropology and the Human Microbiome,” Theology, Medicine and Culture Program, Duke Divinity School
- 2019 “Theology of Creation” Ethics class for Latinx Pastors, Duke Divinity School

Public Lecturing

Seminars and Panels and Working Groups (sampling)

- 2025 Invited Spirituality and Ethics consultant for Berggruen Institute in partnership with De Justicia, Pasto, Colombia (fully funded)
- 2025 Invited Scholar Human-Biodiversity Relationships Across Scales, Lorentz Center, Leiden, Netherlands (upcoming February, 2025) (This annual gathering is a fully-funded invitation only interdisciplinary gathering of scholars to address global issues.)
- 2024 “Theology of the Microbiome,” Princeton Seminary, Princeton, NJ
- 2024 “Theologies of the Noosphere,” Metaphors for thinking the Anthropocene, Venice, Italy, Berggruen Institute (Invited participant, fully funded)
- 2021 Kiss the Ground, Sustainability Series, Hope College
- 2018 Precepting Effectively for Graduate Students, Duke Divinity School
- 2015 Faith and Technology, Hosted and Moderated, Chapel, Calvin University
- 2015 Food and Faith, Hosted and Moderated, Chapel, Calvin University
- 2014 COM-351 Christian Ethics: “Christian Thought and Practice,” Calvin University, (2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010)
- 2012 Scriptural and Bodily Wisdom Seminar, Director, Co-led with N.T. Wright and Christopher Hall, CICW Worship Symposium, Calvin University
- 2010 IDIS-W32 Race, Gender, and Migration in the U.S., Calvin University
- 2009 DCM: Pop Culture in the Empire, Panel Discussion on The Kingdom of God, Calvin University

Non-Academic University Lectures

- 2014 “Spiritual Formation for the Activist” Keynote Lecture, West Michigan Christian Community Development Association Conference

- 2014 "Imago Dei, Missio Dei," New Faculty Training, Calvin University, (2014, 2013)
- 2014 "Humanity Fully Alive," Student Life Division End of Year Address, Calvin University
- 2014 Faith and International Development Conference, Opening Address, Calvin University
- 2014 "Beauty and Theological Education," Board of Trustees Address, Calvin University
- 2012 Adverse Listening Skills Seminar for Pastoral Care, Calvin University and Calvin Theological Seminary
- 2012 "Living Faithfully Abroad: On Faith and Doubt," Calvin University Off-Campus Programs
- 2011 "Practicing Resurrection: The Gardening Years," Opening lecture, Mad Farmer Sustainability and Food Conference, Calvin University
- 2010 "Post-BP Oil Spill-a Lament for the Sea" Multimedia chapel written and officiated, Calvin University
- 2007 "North American Christian Thought through a Latin American Lense: Globalization and Christian Ethics," Guest Lecture Series, Waynesburg College
- 2004 "You are a Letter" All-Faculty Town Hall Address, Houston Baptist University
- 2002 "Trench Lessons from Service Learning," All-campus convocation lecture, Houston Baptist University

Preaching (sampling)

- 2023 "Matter and Religion at Christmas," Christmas Candle Service, Salem College, North Carolina
- 2023 "Incarnation as Planetary Good News, Senior Vespers, Salem Academy, North Carolina
- 2023 "Symbiotic Grace," Raleigh Mennonite Church Ecotheology Series, Raleigh, North Carolina
- 2022 "Preparing for the Beginning," Luke 1:26-40, Senior Vespers, Salem Academy and College, North Carolina
- 2019 "Symbiotic Grace of River Jordan," Epiphany Sunday, The Episcopal Church of the Advocate
- 2015 "Sabbath: Napping towards the Divine," Ash Wednesday Chapel, Calvin University
- 2013 "Embodied Wholeness: for our God and for our Good: Exodus 20:14," Chapel, Calvin University
- 2007 "Road to Emmaus" (Luke 24:12-35), Grandview Calvary Church, Vancouver, BC
- 2007 "A Life of Transition" Chapel, Waynesburg College, Waynesburg, PA
- 2006 "A life of faith" Chapel, St. Francis Episcopal Day School, Houston, TX
- 2004 "Manna and Sabbath" (Numbers 9), Ecclesia Church, Houston, TX

2003 “Solitude, Simplicity and Silence: The Space Between Doing and Being” Chapel, Houston Baptist University

UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Conferences and Event Administration (sampling)

2016 Lived Agrarian Theology Immersion-Learning Program, Durham, N.C., director, for Calvin Theological Seminars

2015-2013 Embodied Disciplines for Liberating Wisdom: three day college track for university students at Calvin Institute for Christian Worship (collaborators including N.T. Wright, Chris Hall, Marva Dawn, and musician Tom Wuest)

2012 Theology Roadshow Series, Co-Director, Calvin University

2003 Study Abroad Program “Christian Thought in Latin America,” director, Buenos Aires Argentina, Houston Baptist University (2002, 2003)

UNIVERSITY AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025 De Justicia Multispecies Field-based five-day Collaborative Workshop (The Berggruen Institute selected a small group of delegates to explore intersections of indigenous philosophies and Western Governance frameworks, focusing on the rise of nature as a legal and cultural force as part of a reimagining of justice across species and ecosystems. (February 2025, Nariño, Colombia)

2024- Permanent appointed research affiliate and scientific committee member, serving as expert in Societal Issues and Microbiomes, GDR REVMICNAT, Sorbonne University, Paris

2024 Peer reviewer for *Religions Journal*

2023- Theology, Spirituality and Ethics Consultant for four current projects, Berggruen Institute, LA

2022-2023 Interim Chaplain and Consultant, Salem College; Winston Salem, North Carolina

2022-2023 Interim Chaplain and Consultant, Salem Academy; Winston Salem, North Carolina

2022-202 Interim Director of Center for Contemplative Practice and Wellbeing, Salem College, Winston, Salem, North Carolina

2021- Co-organizer Dunn Lab’s International Fermentation Working Group; <https://robdunnlab.com/ferment-meeting/>

2021- Co-organizer Dunn Lab’s International Interdisciplinary Big Ideas; <https://robdunnlab.com/big-ideas-meeting/>

2022 Apprentice in Mikaelyan Microbiology, Entomology and Plant Pathology Laboratory, NCSU, Raleigh, North Carolina

2017 Academic Writing Tutor, Duke Divinity School

- 2017 Copy Editing, Journal of Philosophy, Theology and the Sciences
- 2008-2015 Associate Chaplain, Administrative Faculty, Calvin University; Grand Rapids, Michigan
- 2001-2005 ACTS Office director; Houston Christian University, Spiritual Life Department
- 2001-2005 Directed University Service-Learning Program, and International-Learning and Community-Service Programming, Houston Christian University; Houston, Texas

ANTI-RACISM, CULTURAL COMPETENCY and PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 2023 Environmental Chaplaincy In a Climate-Changed World, year-long training, BTS, Maine
- 2023 Pronouns and Praxis Training, Salem College, Winston Salem, NC
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training, NCSU, Raleigh, NC
- 2016-2019 Anti-Racism and Cultural Competency training, participant, Duke Divinity School
- 2014 CORE Anti-Racism Training, participant, Calvin University,
- 2013 Summer Institute for Reconciliation, participant, Duke Divinity School
- 2013 Calvin Institute for Christian Worship, Millennials and Race Conference, participant, Calvin University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND WORKING GROUPS

American Academy of Religion

Association for Chaplaincy and Spiritual Life in Higher Education

Public Science Lab: Ecology, Evolution, and Biodiversity of Humans and Food

Berggruen Institute: Fellow and Collaborator on Multispecies Constitutions Project and Aesthetic Worlds Project and Future Humans Project and Embodied Intelligence Project

GDR REVMICNAT, Sorbonne University: permanent research affiliate and scientific committee member, serving as expert in societal issues and Microbiomes.
<https://evol-net.fr/2020/08/25/revmicnat-project/>

Coronavirus Multispecies Working Group 2020-2022

NCSU Microbiome Working Group

International Fermentation Group: Co-Organizer, NCSU

Big Ideas Working Group: Co-Organizer, NCSU

Mangroves Collaboratory: Fellow 2024-2025

Formerly ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the CRCNA and currently in the process of discerning ordination in the Episcopal Church of North America

MEDIA STORIES, PODCASTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

2025 Edible Theology Substack Interview, April 2025

2025 Paradigm Shifts Podcast, Berggruen Institute, LA (recorded March 2025, still forthcoming)

2025 Vanderslice, Kendall, “The academy needs better theologies of cooking,” *The Christian Century*, Vol 142:2, February, 2025, (my writing is featured in the article as an example of Kitchen Theology)

2023 Theological Contributor for Porter’s Gate Record on Food and Faith, Washington DC (Nov)

2023 BBC Interview on Symbiotic Theology Project

2023 BioLogos Food and Faith Podcast, Microbial Theology, Fall 2023,

2022 VeggieTakes Podcast, “Dave and the Giant Pickle” on Microbial Theology

2021 Christianity Today, “The Shepherd’s Lab Coat,” Abby Perry.

2019 Beyond Stewardship Podcast, October 11, Episode 5.

LANGUAGE

Spanish (Excellent)

French (Translate with Dictionary)

Koine Greek and Hebrew (completed two semesters each)

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Interim College and Academy Chaplain

Salem Women’s College and Academy 2022 – 2023

Associate Chaplain

Calvin University, Grand Rapids, Michigan 2008 – 2015

Acts Office Director

Houston Baptist University 2001 – 2005

Co-Founder and Co-Director

Micah Project Inc., 1999-2001

Tegucigalpa, Honduras