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EDUCATION

Master of Divinity

Duke School of Divinity, Duke University, 2007

- Emphasis in Theological Ethics

Dual Bachelor of Arts in Bible & Theology and Business & Economics

Wheaton College, 2002

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books:

America's Unholy Ghosts: The Racist Roots of Our Faith and Politics
Cascade Books, Forthcoming, April 2019
(See Appendix for Summary and Endorsements)

Houston Chronicle Op-Eds and Blogs:

(Links to all Articles are Available @joeledwardgoza.com)

- Black Churches and White Evangelicals Divided by a Common Religion, December 22, 2018
- It's Christmas Time: A Sermon from Luke 1, December 21, 201
- A Familiar Formula: The Racial Politics of Ted Cruz, November 2, 2018
- The Most Dangerous Negro: MLK and a Double Edged Dream, January 14, 2018
- What Now? Opportunity to Re-Build a City, September 12, 2017
- Pastor in Chief: Reflections on a Presidency, January 19, 2017
- White Soul Mates: How James Dobson Evolved the KKK Values for an Evangelical Embrace, December 5, 2016
- New HISD Chief Must Tackle Challenge of 5th Ward Poverty, April 10, 2016
- From Lincoln to Trump: How Democrats and Republicans Fuel Today's Chaos, April, 7, 2016
- The Power of Unspoken Commitments: Reflections on Wheaton College," March 10, 2016
- Fuel for the Fire: A Baby for Such a Time as This, December 23, 2015
- Ambassadors of Christ in a World of Wolves: Reflections on Syria, France, and the Christian Response to Tragedy, November 27, 2015
- The Swastika of the South and the Sins of our Fathers, November 17, 2015

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- July 4th and the Black Church, July 6, 2015
- Living on the Other Side of a Child's Death, June 21, 2015
- For Those in the Desert: Reflections on Temptations Robin Williams and Jesus," August 26, 2014
- Is the Heart of Texas too Small for Children?," July 22, 2014
- Through the Eyes of Christ: Art in Houston's Shadows," October 3, 2013
- Thirsting for a Different Pattern: A Journey of Reconciliation," January 17, 2013
- Don't Let Border Security Derail Immigration Reform," July 3 2010

Advocacy Accomplishments:

- Extensive experience leading collaborative efforts with Houston's leading faith, business, governmental, research and non-profit institutions to serve students and vulnerable communities
- Formed the Fifth Ward Task Force, a team of leading educational institutions, researchers and practitioners, to address the achievement gap in Fifth Ward Houston ISD Schools. Task Force recommendations to improve the education of students in hyper-poverty schools passed the HISD Board on January 14, 2016
- Actively worked with the Kinder Institute for Urban Research and Baylor College of Medicine to align research and college students service opportunities with the needs of the 5th Ward Community
- Worked to minimize educational deficiencies in the Fifth Ward by working with area leaders and the Houston Chronicle to raise city wide awareness that better aligned HISD \$805 million bond with community needs in 2007
- Organized and facilitated *the Houston Coalition for Immigration Reform*; collaborated with the Houston Partnership, faith leaders, legal experts, city council members, congressional offices, and the White House to promote holistic immigration reform.
- 5th Ward and Denver Harbor community resident and advocate since 2004
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017-18: Visiting Scholar in Race, Religion and Politics,

University of St. Thomas — Center for Faith and Culture, Houston, TX

- Finalized manuscript for *America's Unholy Ghosts: The Racist Roots of Our Faith and Politics* (Forthcoming: Cascade Press)
- Conducted reading circles on *America's Unholy Ghosts* with area experts, activists, and students to bring the book to market

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2016 – 2017: Visiting Scholar, Baylor University – Truett Seminary, Waco, TX

- Began researching and *America's Unholy Ghosts: The Racist Roots of Our Faith and Politics* that analyses s the “ideational roots of race hate” and the work of King and the Prophetic Black Church

June 2006 – June 2016: Assistant to the Pastor, Pleasant Hill Baptist, Houston TX

- Developed a team for the Center for Urban Transformation to address Houston’s urban crisis through by strategically partnering with Rice University, Baylor College of Medicine, Baylor University, Legacy Community Health, YES Prep Public Schools, the YMCA of Greater Houston, Krist Samaritan Center, and CAN DO Houston
- Formed the Fifth Ward Task Force, a team of leading educational institutions, researches and practitioners, to address the achievement gap in Fifth Ward Houston ISD Schools. Task Force recommendations to improve the education of students in hyper-poverty schools passed the HISD Board on January 14, 2016
- Led the community side implementation of the award-winning Community Bridges program at Rice University, which partners Rice students with institutions throughout the greater Fifth Ward to provide community service
- Chairperson of Leadership Houston’s This is Houston Day to expose Houston businesses, non-profits, and government officials to the work taking place through the Lyons Avenue Renaissance in Houston’s Fifth Ward
- Developed and implemented the Healing the Brokenness (HTB) conference that brings Christian leaders across socio-economic and denominational divides together by working with leading scholars and practitioners throughout the world
- Provided leadership to facilitate Lakewood Church’s 10,000+ hours of volunteer efforts in Houston’s Fifth Ward
- Consulted in the establishment of Project Curate, a year-long training in theology and Christian practice centered on God’s Kingdom and God’s work in Houston that united Christian communities across the city.
- Worked to minimize educational deficiencies in the Fifth Ward by working with area leaders and the Houston Chronicle to raise city wide awareness that better aligned HISD \$805 million bond with community needs in 2007
- Raise approximately \$40,000 of outside donations per year to support Pleasant Hill Student Ministries and other ministry endeavors.
- Initiated the sale of a Fifth Ward school building to YES Prep Public Schools to obtain an additional \$300,000 toward closing the church mortgage and paying down additional church debts

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- Provide vision and leadership for the Pleasant Hill Leadership Institute and the Alpha Omega Children's Ministry. These ministries provide a unique blend of Christian leadership training and academic assistance in the mission of "Forming Christian College Bound Leaders." Partners include KIPP, YES Prep Public Schools, Rice University, Duke University, and Baylor University
- Lectured at Rice University, St. Thomas University, Houston Baptist University and Project Curate on topics ranging from race, religion, politics, and leadership
- Oversaw Pleasant Hill's internship program working with diverse students. Responsibilities including intern recruitment, selection orientation, and supervision
- Develop relationships with Rice University, Duke University, and Baylor University to provide college students access to urban ministries and to provide Pleasant Hill the resources needed to holistic student ministries
- Designed and implemented a Lay Institute that provided courses from Scripture, to Church History, to the Civil Rights struggle
- Served as a table ambassador for National Latino Prayer Breakfast in 2013
- Helped organize and facilitate the Houston Coalition for Immigration Reform; collaborated with the Houston Partnership, faith leaders, legal experts, city council members, congressional offices, and the White House on issues related to immigration reform

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Ordained: Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, July 25, 2010, Rev. Harvey Clemons, Jr., Presiding
- Leadership Houston Class of XXXII: Patrice Johnson Distinguished Alumni recipient
- Resident of the Denver Harbor and Fifth Ward Communities since 2004
- Board Member of Bridges to Pakistan
- Board Member of the Center for Faith and Culture at the University of St. Thomas
- Chair, This is Houston Day, Leadership Houston 2014-2015

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