

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Cultural Anthropology

[American University](#), Washington, D.C.

“African-American Women’s Activism and Ghetto Formation in a Washington, DC Neighborhood”

B.A. Cultural Studies

[Bethel University](#), St. Paul, MN

EMPLOYMENT

- ◆ Professor, [Messiah College](#), Grantham, PA, 2007 -

Undergraduate courses

Introduction to Anthropology

First Year Seminar

Topics in Anthropology

- ◆ Professor, [Bethel University](#), St. Paul, MN, 1999-2007

Undergraduate courses (* course contains on-line components)

Race, Ethnicity and Peacemaking

Interaction with Urban Lives and Systems

Sex, Gender, and Culture

Qualitative Research Methods

Senior Seminar

Amsterdam: The Urban Church

Christianity and Western Culture

Freshman Seminar

Cross Cultural Experience

Introduction to Anthropology

Cross Cultural Missions Practicum

Women’s Spiritual Experiences

Continuing education courses

Modern World: Trends and Forces Affecting Organizations

Cultural Anthropology for Nurses

Selected institutional service

Committee work has included Family and Gender Equity, General Education Revision, Faculty Retreat, Professional Development (chair). Divisional mentor for Lilly Mentoring Program. Department chair.

EMPLOYMENT (cont.)

- ◆ Contract researcher for Context Research Marketing Firm, Baltimore, MD, 2000 -
- ◆ Curriculum Developer, Mission Year, Philadelphia, PA, 1997-98
- ◆ Adjunct Faculty, American Studies Program, CCCU, Washington, D.C., 1996-97
- ◆ Adjunct Faculty, [American University](#), Washington, D.C., 1995-96

BOOKS

Howell, Brian and Jenell Williams Paris. *Cultural Anthropology: A Christian Perspective*. (Baker Book House, forthcoming 2010).

Paris, Jenell Williams. *Sex is (Not) A Big Deal: Why Sex is Too Important to be Central in Human Identity* (IVP, forthcoming 2010).

Paris, Jenell Williams. [Birth Control for Christians: Making Wise Choices About Fertility](#) (Nigeria: Overcomer's Press, reprint, 2004).

Paris, Jenell Williams. [Birth Control for Christians: Making Wise Choices About Fertility](#) (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Bookhouse, 2003).

Paris, Jenell Williams with Margot Eyring. [Urban Disciples: A Beginner's Guide to Serving God in the City](#) (Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 2000).

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

Paris, Jenell Williams. Six, Three Living, in *They Were Still Born*, ed. Janel Atlas, Wipf & Stock, forthcoming 2010.

Paris, Jenell Williams. Class Devotions with Adult Learners, in *Integrating Faith and Learning for Adult Students*, ed. Cynthia Tweedel, Indiana Wesleyan University: Triangle Press, forthcoming 2010.

Paris, Jenell Williams. Sheep Among Wolves, in *Results May Vary*, ed. Linda Beail, San Diego, CA: PLNU Press, forthcoming 2010.

Paris, Jenell Williams and Samantha Moore. Keeping Faith On-Line, *The Bridge*, winter 2010, forthcoming.

Paris, Jenell Williams. A tradition of justice: How has the church pursued justice across the major periods of church history?, in *An Emergent Manifesto of Justice*, eds. Elisa Padilla and Brian McLaren, Baker Book House, 2009, 52-57.

- Paris, Jenell Williams. Motherhood: Have Mercy. *Central Penn Parent*. January 2009.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Always Sex, all the Time: A Christian Approach to the Legacy of Alfred Kinsey. *The Cresset*. Advent/Christmas 2008.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. When It's Time to Change. *Messiah College's The Bridge*, November 2008.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Why I am a cultural evangelical. *Christians for Biblical Equality E-pistle*. June 2008.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. More than miles separate Harrisburg, West Shore. *Patriot News*, March 30, 2008, p. F1.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever": The American romantic ideal in contemporary praise and worship music, in *The Message in the Music*, Robert Woods and Brian Walrath, eds. (Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Press, 2007).
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Gender socialization and women's leadership, Miriam Project, gender justice curriculum project for the Wesleyan Church (2007).
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Don't Knock Biblical Home Ec: Baptist seminary homemaking curriculum doesn't go far enough. *L.A. Times Online*. November 2007.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. [Antiracism and affirmational identities among white evangelicals](#), *Christian Scholar's Review* XXXVI:3 (spring 2007):285-302.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. [The spiritual undisciplines](#), *Christianity Today*, May 2007, 48-49.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. [Love Beyond Romance: Contemporary Worship Music and the American Romantic Ideal](#), in *Mutuality: The Voice of Christians for Biblical Equality*, winter 2006, 11-13.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Race: [Critical thinking and transformative possibilities](#), in *This Side of Heaven*, Robert J. Priest and Al Nieves, eds. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006):19-32.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. [A pietist perspective on love and learning in cultural anthropology, and Response to Todd M. Vanden Berg's 'A Reflection on Jenell Williams Paris' 'A pietist perspective on love and learning in cultural anthropology'](#), *Christian Scholar's Review* 36(2006):3:371-398.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. ["Lord, spit in my eyes."](#) reprinted in *Preaching Reimagined: The Role of the Sermon in Communities of Faith*, pp. 83-87, Doug Pagitt (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2005). Originally at www.jenellparis.blogspot.com.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. [Subsistence strategies: a student role-play](#), in *Strategies in Teaching Anthropology*. v.4, Patricia Rice and Dale McCurdy, eds. (New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, 2005):149-151.

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS (cont.)

- Paris, Jenell Williams. Marvin Harris and cultural materialism, in coursepack used in several classes (Pasadena, CA: Fuller Seminary, 2005).
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Contraception and community, [Books & Culture](#), April/May 2005.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Fifty ways to lose your lunch, [The Morning News](#), Feb. 1, 2005.
- Lee, D. John and Jenell Williams Paris. Red and yellow, black and white: Jesus and race, in *Culture and Race: Essays on Culture and Ethnocentrism, Race, Power, Privilege, and Jesus*, D. John Lee, ed. (informal publication, 2004).
- Paris, Jenell Williams. When Mother's Day is Hard, [Christianity Today Online](#), May 7, 2004.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. [Helping and healing: The link between personal suffering and social action](#), *PRISM* Mar/April 2004, 19-21. (Reprinted at PRISM magazine's *ePistle*, May 1, 2009)
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Waiting for God, *Hidden Manna*, 2004, 8.
- Schaffer, Margorie, Jenell Williams Paris, and Kristin Vogel. Ethical Relationships in Service-Learning Partnerships, in *Advances in Service Learning Research* (Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishing, 2003).
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Qualitative research methods, in *Community-Based Research*, Sam Marullo and Kerry Strand, eds., pp. 113-121 (Washington, D.C.: American Sociological Association, 2003).
- Paris, Jenell Williams. [The social construction of race: A learning game](#), in *Strategies in Teaching Anthropology*, Patricia Rice and David McCurdy, eds., v.3, pp. 13-15, (New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2003).
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Do hormonal methods cause abortion? *Health and Development (Christian Community Health Fellowship)* 3 (2003): 22-24.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. [Has natural birth control been proved impossible?](#) *Christianity Today Online*, July 15, 2003.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Making sex safe, in *Campus Crusade Conversations CD*, 2002.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Qualitative research methods, in *Service-Learning and Undergraduate Sociology*. eds. Brenda Marsteller Kowalewski, Morten G. Ender, JoAnn DeFiore (Washington, D.C.: American Sociological Association, 2001).
- Paris, Jenell Williams and Rory Anderson. [Faith-based queer space in Washington, D.C.: The Metropolitan Community Church-D.C. and Mount Vernon Square](#), *Gender, Place and Culture* 8 (2001): 2:149-168.

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS (cont.)

Paris, Jenell Williams. ["We've seen this coming": Resident activists shaping neighborhood redevelopment in Washington, D.C.](#), *Transforming Anthropology* 10 (2001):1:28-38.

Paris, Jenell Williams. The whole truth about sex, *Christianity Today*, Nov. 6, 2001, 68-69. (2004 reprinted in *Good News: Catholic Charismatic Renewal*, 2004, 6-7.)

Paris, Jenell Williams. The abolition of race, *PRISM* 8 (2001): 4: 5-11.

Paris, Jenell Williams. [Fides means faith: A Catholic neighborhood house in lower northwest Washington, D.C.](#), *Washington History* 11 (2000):2: 24-45.

Paris, Jenell Williams. [Do less for God.](#) *The Other Side* Nov./Dec. 1999: 40-42.

1999 reprinted at <http://www.phuture.org>.

2000 reprinted in *Health and Development* 20:1:3-5.

2001 reprinted in *Whole People of God* (B.C., Canada: Wood Lake Books).

2005 reprinted in *Hope*, 3:3:1,2,5.

Paris, Jenell Williams. [Why I no longer live in a community](#), *Regeneration Quarterly*, 5 (1999):2:10-11.

1999 reprinted at <http://www.urbanonramps.com>.

Paris, Jenell Williams. North Americanist anthropology bibliography. Society for the Anthropology of North America. (Washington, D.C.: American Anthropological Association, 1998).

Williams, Jenell. Community in a time of change, *Urban Mission* 13 (1996):3:14-20.

Williams, Jenell and Mindy Michels. Finding common ground: Public discourse between lesbians/gay men and Christians. *Graduate Review* 1 (1996): 18-25.

Williams, Brett and Jenell Williams. Ellen Wilson dwellings, in *An Historical and Baseline Assessment of HOPE VI*, Cross-site report v. 1, 3. Linda Fosburg, Susan J. Popkin, Gretchen P. Locke, eds. (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: Office of Policy Development and Research, 1996).

Williams, Jenell. [On soup cans and Marilyn Monroe: Christianity, feminism, and postmodernism](#), *Regeneration Quarterly* 1 (1996):4:18-20.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Paris, Jenell Williams. Review of *The Rhetoric of Operation Rescue: Projecting the Christian Pro-Life Message* by Mark Allen Steiner. *Religious Studies Review* (forthcoming).
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Review of *Generous Christianity* by Douglas Jacobson and Rodney Sawatsky. *PRISM* Sept./Oct. 2006, 35.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Review of *On the Jericho Road: A Memoir of Racial Justice, Social Action and Prophetic Ministry* by J. Alfred Smith Sr. with Harry Louis Williams II. *Religious Studies Review* 2006, 135-36.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Review of *The Heart of Racial Justice* by Brenda Salter McNeil. *PRISM*. March/April 2005, 34-35.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Sex ed. for adults (review of *Sexuality and Holy Longing* by Lisa McMinn), *Books & Culture* Sept/Oct., 20-21, 2004.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Review of *The Promise Keepers: Servants, Soldiers, and Godly Men* by John P. Bartkowski. *Religious Studies Review*. Vol. 30, no. 4 (Oct. 2004), 287.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Review of *The Adventures of CyberCindy*. by Pamela Rowell. *Religious Studies Review* 30(2004):2,3:178.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Review of *Pro-Life Activists in America: Meaning, Motivation, and Direct Action* by Carol Maxwell. *Religious Studies Review*. 30 (2004):2,3:229.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Review of *Women of Color, Vessels of Change* by Rebecca Florence Osaigbovo. *PRISM* May/June 2003, 33.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Review of *Jefferson's Pillow: The Founding Fathers and the Dilemma of Black Patriotism* by Roger Wilkins. *PRISM* May/June 2002, 31.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Review of *Gifts* by Nuruddin Farah. *PRISM*, winter 2002, 30-32.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Beyond Integration. Book review essay of *My First White Friend: Confessions on Race, Love, and Forgiveness*, Patricia Raybon, Penguin Books, 1997) and *By the Color of our Skin: The Illusion of Integration and the Reality of Race* (Leonard Steinhorn and Barbara Diggs-Brown, Plume, 2000). re: *generation quarterly* 6:3: 38-39.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Review of *Black Corona: Race and the Politics of Place in an Urban Community* (Steven Gregory, 1998, Princeton U Press). *Transforming Anthropology* 9(2001):2: 38-39.
- Paris, Jenell Williams. Review of *Holy Invitations: Exploring Spiritual Direction* (Jeannette A. Bakke, 2000, Baker Books). *Religious Studies Review* (2001).

BOOK REVIEWS (cont.)

Williams, Jenell. Review of *Words of Welfare: The Poverty of Social Science and the Social Science of Poverty* (Sanford Schram, U of Minnesota Press, 1995) and *Welfare Reformed: Compassionate Approaches* (David W. Hall, ed., Legacy Communication, 1994). *The Christian Sociologist* 24 (1997):1:7.

Williams, Jenell. Review of *God or Goddess? Feminist Theology: What is it? Where does it lead?* (Manfred Hauke, Ignatius Press, 1995) *The Christian Sociologist* 23(1996)2:5.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

2007 quoted in “Churches start to talk about sex,” by Colette Jenkins, Akron Beacon Journal, May 4, 2007.

2007 textbook review for McGraw-Hill, (other?)

2005 Judge, Sociologists of Minnesota undergraduate paper competition

2005 provide book endorsements for InterVarsity, Zondervan, and Baylor University Press.

2006 featured in article, “When hopes are crushed” by Pamela Miller, StarTribune, Jan. 14, p.E14.

2005 quoted in article, “Vomit Just Doesn’t Get the Respect it Deserves,” by Misty Harris, Canadian Wire Service, Feb. 10, 2005.

2006 featured in article, “Q&A With Jenell Williams Paris” by Nicolle Westlund, Bethel University Clarion, Sept. 28, p. 3.

AWARDS

2006 Bethel Alumni Association Grant (\$500). Resources for new course development, Women’s Spiritual Experiences.

2004 Bethel Alumni Association Grant (\$800). Resources for promotional materials for Department of Anthropology and Sociology.

2003 participant in “Publication to prepare Christian students to engage a racially and ethnically divided world”, from the Frederick and Margaret L. Weyerhaeuser Foundation (\$30,000).

2001-2003 participant in “Christian discourses, practices, and communities in engagement with ethnic and ‘racial’ ideologies and identities.” Wheaton College and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

2002 Edgren Scholar’s Summer Fellowship. with Marge Schaffer and Kristin Vogel. “Service-Learning and Ethics” (\$3000).

- 2000-2003 honored in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.
- 2002 Bethel Alumni Association Grant (\$700).
- 2001 Participant with Houghton Institute for Integrative Studies (\$2500).
- 2001 Faculty development summer grant. Bethel College (\$200).
- 1999 Participant in Consortium Grant for Integrating Faith and Learning in Teaching.
- 1997-99 Research Grant. "African-American Women's Activism in an Urban Neighborhood." H-21094SG U.S. Dept of HUD (\$14,000).
- 1997-98 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. African-American Women's Activism in an Urban Neighborhood. American University (\$7000).
- 1994-97 Teaching Assistant Fellowship. Dept of Anthropology. American University.

PAPERS PRESENTED/TALKS

- 2007 "Too much faith in 'faith integration'?" Faith-Learning Workshop, Bethel University, May 29.
- 2006 "Academics as Christian Vocation," Graduate Christian Fellowship (Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship), University of Minnesota, Dec. 8.
- 2006 "Ask a Feminist," Bethel University Feminist Forum, Nov. 16.
- 2006 "Pedagogy in postmodern times," "Postmodern spirituality in the classroom and beyond," and "Nurturing leadership for a postmodern world," Faculty retreat, Greenville College, August 18-19.
- 2006 "sex/gender/porch," sermon at Solomon's Porch, Minneapolis, MN, June 25.
- 2006 "Homosexuality and Emergent Churches," Emergent Summer Institute, Minneapolis, MN, June 5.
- 2006 "A Pietist Perspective on Love and Learning," Bethel University Faith-Learning Workshop, June 1.
- 2006 "Hope Does Not Disappoint", Messiah College Chapel, March 29.
- 2006 "Making Our Way," Messiah College women's retreat, March 30-April 1.
- 2006 "Hope Does Not Disappoint", Bethel University Chapel, March 13.

PAPERS PRESENTED/TALKS (cont.)

- 2006 "Faith and Family Planning," debate participant, Malone College Worldview Forum, January 30.
- 2006 "Egalitarianism and Christian Marriage," Bethel University Feminist Forum, January 26.
- 2005 Reflection on grief presented at the November service of Church of the Open Door, Nov. 5-6.
- 2005 "The Christian and Homosexuality," panel participant, Bethel University Quest series, Nov. 1 and 8.
- 2004 "A Pietist Perspective on Love and Learning in Cultural Anthropology." Faith in the Academy, Messiah College, Grantham, PA. October 1.
- 2003 "Perspectives on Christianity, Anthropology, and Postmodernism." Wheaton conference on anthropology and postmodernism. November.
- 2003 "Ethical Relationships in Service-Learning." National Service Learning Conference. Minneapolis Convention Center, April.
- 2002 "Ethical Conflict in Service-Learning Partnerships." Edgren Scholar's presentation, Bethel College, Oct. 24.
- 2002 "Teaching Race, Ethnicity and Peacemaking," at "Teaching Race and Ethnic Relations Conference, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Chicago, IL, May 27-30.
- 2002 "Faith-Based Queer Space in Washington, D.C." CAS/SANA Anthropology Conference, Windsor, ONT., May.
- 2002 "Community-College Partnerships: Learning and Living Out Citizenship", Values, Citizenship, and Community: Preparing Students for Leadership in a Democratic Society. with Harley Schreck and Samuel Zalanga. Bloomington, MN. Feb. 14-15.
- 2002 "Sexuality and Relationships." 3-day chapel series. George Fox College. October.
- 2001 "Being a Christian Scholar in the Social Sciences." InterVarsity Graduate Chapter, University of Minnesota. October.
- 2000 "Fertility Management as Christian Stewardship." The Vine. Lake Geneva, WI. August.
- 1999 "Taking Christ Literally": A Catholic Neighborhood House in Washington, D.C., 1940-1970. Bethel University Department of Anthropology and Sociology colloquium series.

PAPERS PRESENTED/TALKS (cont.)

- 1999 God, Sex and the City: Faith-Based Queer Space in Washington, D.C. University of Minnesota Department of Geography lecture series.
- 1999 “Introduction: New Directions in North Americanist Anthropology.” AAA Chicago. Organizer, chair, and presenter at session.
- 1999 Fides Means Faith: A Catholic Neighborhood House in Lower Northwest Washington D.C. Washington, D.C. History Conference.
- 1999 The Bethel Urban House: Student-Initiated Urban Life and Learning. The University and the City: Urban Education and the Liberal Arts. Wayne State University, Michigan.
- 1997 Urban Renewal Revisited. with Dr. Brett Williams. American Anthropological Association. Washington, D.C.
- 1997 Neighborhood Histories: North Capitol Area. George Washington University History Fair. Washington, D.C.
- 1997 Baka and Beyond: Multicultural Dance in the African-American Church Tradition. Association of Christians Teaching Sociology. Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL.
- 1997 Christianity and the Social Sciences. Jubilee. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 1996 Gendered Violence. with Mindy Michels. Lavender Languages and Linguistics. American University, Washington, D.C.
- 1996 Applying Anthropology in Washington, D.C.: Conflicting National and Local Loyalties. Society for Applied Anthropology. Baltimore, MD.
- 1996 Finding Common Ground: Public Discourse Between Lesbians/Gay Men and Christians. with Mindy Michels. AU Student Research Conference.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 1993- American Anthropological Association
- 1997-2001 Society for the Anthropology of North America
 - 1997-99 board member
 - 1997-99 chair of bibliography project
- 1995 - Association of Black Anthropologists
- 1993 - Network of Christian Anthropologists
- 2002 - Christian Scholar’s Review campus representative board member

1995 - Association of Christians Teaching Sociology

2003 - Emerging Scholar's Network

EDITORIAL/REVIEW WORK

2003 - Christian Scholar's Review social sciences editor

2001 - PRISM magazine, contributing editor

2006 - Manuscript review, IVP, Baylor U Press, McGraw-Hill, Thomson-Wadsworth, Zondervan

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