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## Transforming Lives to Shape a Just Society

Contributor biographies (alphabetical order)



### **Dr. Elizabeth M. Bounds, Associate Professor of Ethics, Emory University**

Having joined Candler School of Theology in 1997, Liz is engaged in the Justice, Peacebuilding, and Conflict Transformation Concentration, part of the Master of Divinity degree programme at Candler. She also teaches courses as part of the Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding Concentration in Emory's Graduate Division of Religion.

The core of Dr Bounds' work is focused on moral and theological responses to conflict and violence, whether in the U.S. prison system, ordinary congregational life, or post-conflict situations.

She engages questions of restorative justice and the U.S. criminal justice system, peacebuilding and conflict transformation, democratic practices and civil society, working with a variety of participatory and practical methods.

She is the author of *Coming Together/Coming Apart: Religion, Modernity, and Community* (1997), co-editor of *Welfare Policy: Feminist Critiques and Justice in the Making: Feminist Social Ethics* (1999) and has authored several essays in edited volumes.

Dr Bounds' current research studies are on theo-moral understandings of the good life among incarcerated women. She is co-founder/administrator of the Certificate in Theological Studies at Arrendale State Prison for Women.



### **Dr Michał P. Garapich, Senior Lecturer, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Roehampton**

Michał is a social anthropologist and author of an award-winning monograph using intimate ethnography, and over 50 publications in English, Polish, French and German. He specialises in the issues of migration, transnationalism, heritage, memory, far-right radicalisation, resistance, homelessness, nationalism, Polish Roma and intimate ethnography, and his fieldwork experience includes Britain, Poland, Ukraine and Peru.

Michał is a non-conventional, innovative and passionate teacher, a leader in experiential education involving learning through immersion. In 2011 he was the recipient of a Southlands Methodist Trust grant to carry out ethnographic research among Eastern European homeless populations in London and has published extensively on the subject. On that basis he has designed a unique 3rd year dissertation module for Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology students where under his supervision students carry out highly applicable research with homeless populations in London – a pedagogical practice that has been shortlisted twice for an award in teaching (Times Higher Education in 2015, and European Teaching Award in 2021).



### **The Revd Dr Andrew Harper, Chief Responsibility Officer, Epworth Investment Management**

Andrew Harper joined Epworth Investment Management in April 2021 and is responsible for all matters related to ethical thought leadership and ethical performance.

From Texas, and ordained in the Methodist Church of Nigeria, Andrew was previously Director of Global & Learning Innovation at Cliff College, a graduate and postgraduate evangelical learning community that forms part of the Methodist Church in Britain.

Andrew holds postgraduate qualifications in theology from the Southern Methodist University in Dallas, USA, and has completed his Doctor of Ministry with Wesley University in Nigeria.

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### **Prof Pamela Machakanja, Interim Deputy Vice Chancellor and Director, Research & Innovation, Africa University**

Pamela Machakanja holds a PhD in Peace and Conflict Studies, a Master of Arts degree in Peace and Conflict Resolution and a Diploma in Leadership and Policy Development, and a Diploma in Research Methods in Social Sciences from the University of Bradford, UK. She also holds a Masters degree in Educational Psychology from the University of Zimbabwe, along with several other professional qualifications.

She is well known for her exceptional work in curriculum development and has vast experience in grant writing for innovative capital projects for corporate renewal and research projects. She serves on several internationally recognized boards including Africa University Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the International Association of the United Methodist Schools, Colleges and Universities.

Prof Machakanja has published a number of book chapters, monographs and ground-breaking articles in peer-reviewed international journals. She has also won a number of awards including the 2014 Researcher of the Year Award at Africa University.



### **Dr Fayneese S. Miller, President of Hamline University**

Dr. Fayneese Miller is an innovative, experienced, and visionary President/CEO. Throughout her career, she has been strategic in transforming environments by significantly improving financial outlooks, improving brand messaging and visibility, and diversifying both talent pools and competitive offerings. Her success as a leader is due to her inclusive and equity-based approach to change; ability to motivate others, and willingness to listen. Dr. Miller is a sought-after thought leader who consistently delivers and adds value.

She was installed as Hamline University's 20th president in 2015—the first woman of colour to hold this prestigious position since the university's founding in 1854. (Hamline is the oldest university in Minnesota and is dedicated to academic rigor, social justice, civic engagement, and positive change). She is the first African-American woman to be promoted and tenured at Brown University, and the first woman of colour to receive a PhD from Texas Christian University. With each new environment and opportunity, Dr. Miller has been a positive influence and opened the door for others.

As president of Hamline University, she has improved the financial health of the institution, increased the number of enrolled first generation and students of colour, increased the endowment, added new academic programmes, and improved opportunities for students (e.g. internships, student research, and service learning opportunities). The number of students applying for and receiving Fulbright Awards, Harry S. Truman Scholarships, Paul and Doris Soros Awards, and other awards have significantly increased.

She has spent her career advocating for others. She is a servant leader who believes in preparing the next generation of leaders, promoting change, and giving back. She is a problem solver and engenders confidence in those with whom she works. Dr. Miller has a long history of board service with public, private, and philanthropic organizations/institutions.



### **Dr Florita Miranda, President of the Wesleyan College of Manila, Philippines**

Dr Florita Miranda is a leader, educator, author and researcher, and an advocate for the urban poor, women and youth.

She holds an MA in Education and a PhD in Management (Wah Har College, Hong Kong).

Dr Miranda currently serves as President of the Wesleyan College of Manila in the Philippines where she has worked since 2003. She is also President of the Asia-Pacific Association of

Methodist-related Educational Institutions (APAMEI).





**Dr Tink Tinker, Professor Emeritus, Iliff School of Theology**

Dr Tink Tinker (wazhazhe, Osage Nation) is Professor Emeritus at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, USA. A member of the faculty since 1985, Tink Tinker teaches courses in American Indian cultures, history, and religious traditions; cross-cultural and Third-World theologies; and justice and peace studies and is a frequent speaker on these topics both in the U.S. and internationally.

His publications include "Redskin, Tanned Hide: A Book of Christian History Bound in the Flayed Skin of an American Indian: The Colonial Romance, christian Denial and the Cleansing of a christian School of Theology", *Journal of Race and Ethnicity in Religion* (5:9, 2014, 1-43); "'Damn it, he's an Injun!' Christian Murder, Colonial Wealth, and Tanned Human Skin", *The New Polis*, January 21, 2019; "Rev. Rezin Monroe Barns' Gift to Iliff: A Tainted Trophy and the Framing of White Supremacy in America", *The New Polis Journal*, 1:2 (Fall 2022): 276-300.

He is also the author of *American Indian Liberation: A Theology of Sovereignty* (2008); *Spirit and Resistance: Political Theology and American Indian Liberation* (2004); and *Missionary Conquest: The Gospel and Native American Genocide* (1993). He is co-editor of *Native Voices: American Indian Identity and Resistance* (2003), and *Peoples' Bible* (2008).

Dr Tinker has volunteered in the Indian community as (non-stipendiary) director of Four Winds American Indian Survival Project in Denver for two decades. In that capacity he functions in the urban Indian community as a traditional American Indian spiritual leader.



**Dr Helga West, Doctoral Researcher, University of Helsinki**

Helga West, also known as Biennaš-Jon Jovvna Piera Helga, is a poet and theologian from Deatnu river valley, Finland. West is a doctoral researcher in the University of Helsinki, and in her theology dissertation, she examines reconciliation processes that concern the Indigenous Sámi people, both the ecclesiastic and state-run processes. In poetry, she is particularly interested in the potential of art to pass on the oral stories and resistance forms. In her writings, she often pays her attention to cracks in relations caused by forced assimilation.



**The Revd Dr Thomas Wolfe, Principal and CEO, Iliff School of Theology**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Wolfe serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Iliff School of Theology, an appointment that he began on August 1, 2013.

Prior to his role as President and CEO, Wolfe served as Senior Vice President and Dean of the Division of Student Affairs at Syracuse University, a position he was appointed to on June 3, 2008. Previous to his appointment to Student Affairs, Wolfe served as the fifth dean of Hendricks Chapel at Syracuse University. He assumed that appointment in January 1999. Previously

he served as the Interdenominational Protestant Chaplain at Syracuse University. He has also served as pastor of United Methodist parishes in Moravia and Ithaca in upstate New York.

Wolfe holds a B.A. degree from Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA, a Master of Divinity degree from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Syracuse University. Wolfe is an ordained elder in full connection with the Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church. He was ordained in 1980.

Wolfe previously served as the President of the University Senate of the United Methodist Church, as a trustee at Lycoming College, and served on Governor Hickenlooper's Commission on the Sand Creek Massacre Commemoration.

Wolfe serves as the President of the International Association of Methodist Schools, Colleges, and Universities (IAMSCU). He also serves on the board of The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado. He delivered the Colorado Council of Churches' Easter Sunrise sermon at Red Rocks Amphitheater in 2015.

Wolfe is married to the Rev. Marilyn N. Wolfe, LCSW, who is an ordained elder in full connection in the Upper NY Conference of the United Methodist Church. They have two daughters, Erin Barkan and Kimberly Wolfe, two sons-in-law, a granddaughter and three grandsons.

