

# SHANDON KLEIN

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## EDUCATION

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| <b>PhD</b>  | Southern Methodist University, Religious Ethics<br>Advisor(s): Rebekah Miles, Karen Baker-Fletcher, Steve Long   | Expected May 2026 |
| <b>MDiv</b> | Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology<br>Graduated Summa Cum Laude   | May 2021          |
| <b>MS</b>   | Johns Hopkins University, Biotechnology<br>Emphasis in Biotechnology Enterprise<br>Graduated Cum Laude   | May 2012          |
| <b>BA</b>   | Minnesota State University Moorhead, Biology and Chemistry<br>Emphasis in Biotechnology and Biotechnology<br>Graduated Summa Cum Laude<br>Minored in Communication Studies | May 2009          |

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Comparative study of oppressed and privileged cultures in regard to both ethics and lived theology
- Ethic of Resistance
- Ethic of Control
- Pneumatology
- Hermeneutics

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Dissertation</b> , Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX<br>Advisor(s): Rebekah Miles, Karen Baker-Fletcher, Steve Long  | Expected Start 2023      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Studying the ethic of resistance and the ethic of control along with the theologies that support or oppose them in various cultures.</li></ul>                            |                          |
| <b>Research Assistant</b> , Southern Methodist University, TX<br>Advisor: Karen Baker-Fletcher  | Spring 2022 to Fall 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Researching for Dr. Baker-Fletcher's upcoming book project on black women activists who are survivors of unjust violence and exemplars of spiritual resilience.</li></ul> |                          |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Southern Methodist University**, Dallas, TX  
**Teaching Assistant**, United Methodist Doctrine

May 2022 to Aug 2022

- Responsible for grading assignments
- Engaging students in online discussion boards

## COPYEDITING EXPERIENCE

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**Editing Assistant**, Southern Methodist University, TX  
Advisor(s): Rebekah Miles, Joshua Mauldin, & Dallas Gingles

Summer/Fall 2022

- Aided copyediting final manuscript of upcoming book, *The Future of Christian Realism: International Conflict, Political Decay, and the Crisis of Democracy*, for delivery to publisher Lexington Books

**Research Assistant**, Southern Methodist University, TX  
Advisor: Karen Baker-Fletcher

Spring 2022

- Aided in copyediting Baker-Fletcher's "Gender and Creation" essay in *Routledge Companion to Christian Ethics* to be published in December 2022

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Academy of Religion, 2021 - Present

Society of Christian Ethics, 2021 – Present

- Nominated for Student Member of the Board of Directors for Society of Christian Ethics, 2022 – election to take place January 2023

Society of Biblical Literature, 2021 – Present

American Association for Adult and Continuing Education, 2022 – Present

## SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

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### *Journal Papers in Progress*

Klein, Shandon, "The Value of Personhood: Creative Use of an Ethic of Resistance and Ethic of Control within the life of Pauli Murray" (tentative title)

## SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

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### *Conference Presentations*

Salcedo, Abbie and Klein, Shandon. "Theological Virtues in the Anti-Black Racism Discourse of Religious Studies Professors," American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Milwaukee, WI, Presenting October 14, 2022.

### *Colloquy Presentations*

**Response** to *Asian Americans and the Spirit of Racial Capitalism*. Graduate Program of Religious Studies Ethics Colloquy for Tate Wilson Lecture, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, March 9, 2022.

- Invited to respond to guest lecturer Jonathan Tran in colloquy

## PUBLIC DISCOURSE

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### *Commissioned Articles*

Klein, Shandon. "Following in Faithfulness." *Rethink Church*, The United Methodist Church, Published on April 2022. <https://www.umc.org/en/content/following-in-faithfulness>

Klein, Shandon. "Seeing Jesus through Tears." *Response Magazine*. United Methodist Women: New York. Published on March 2022.

Klein, Shandon. "Do We Need the Institution to Do Church?," *Rethink Church*, The United Methodist Church, Published on June 10, 2021. <https://www.umc.org/en/content/do-we-need-the-institution-to-do-church>

### *Published Articles*

Klein, Shandon. "Why I'm Still United Methodist: My Testimony." Blog Post. Published on January 14, 2022. <https://www.shandonklein.com/why-im-still-united-methodist-my-testimony/>

- Shared as a resource for the #BeUMC campaign of United Methodist Communications. (<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/agencies/communications/church-and-conference-resources/people-of-god-campaign-new/social-media-and-awareness-tools/beumc-get-inspired>)

Klein, Shandon. "Lent 2020: A Devotional on Fasting." North Texas Annual Conference. Published on April 7, 2020. <https://ntcumc.org/news/lent-2020-devotional-on-fasting-by-shandon-klein>

## ***Media Published***

“Episode 35: Two Ends of Imposter Syndrome” Guest Appearance on Doc101 Podcast. Published on January 26, 2022. [https://open.spotify.com/episode/5wleXaveLgQ0mXxvIJhwUO?si=9Qs2YVCNSKui1rJmZqjlp&utm\\_source=copy-link](https://open.spotify.com/episode/5wleXaveLgQ0mXxvIJhwUO?si=9Qs2YVCNSKui1rJmZqjlp&utm_source=copy-link)

Klein, Shandon. “Christmas Covenant Testimonial”. Endorsement for Christmas Covenant Legislation for 2020 General Conference of United Methodist Church, Christmas Covenant website. Published on December 23, 2020. <https://www.christmascovenant.com/testimonies>

Klein, Shandon. “Devotional by Shandon Klein” Devotional for First United Methodist Church Richardson, Published on Facebook and YouTube, August 22, 2020. <https://youtu.be/nOKmNqDhzUE>

## **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

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**Sermon**, “Encountering Jesus,” First United Methodist Church Richardson, Service held online and in-person on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Sermon**, United Methodist Women Officer Installation Service, Camp Wisdom United Methodist Church, Dallas, TX, Service held on April 3, 2022.

**Sermon**, UMW Sunday, University Park United Methodist Church, Dallas, TX, Service held on February 20, 2022.

**Sermon**, “Casting Visions.” McMurray University, Abilene, TX, Chapel service held on February 15, 2022.

**Panelist**, “Our Wesleyan Roots.” Laity Training for North Texas Annual Conference, Online, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Sermon**, “Mental Wholeness.” First United Methodist Church Richardson, Richardson, TX, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Sermon**, “Where is Your Treasure?” Perkins Chapel, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, November 10, 2021.

**Keynote Address**, “Loving Troublemakers.” United Methodist Women North Texas Annual Conference, Online, October 23, 2021.

**Sermon**, “Show Up,” First United Methodist Church Richardson, Richardson, TX, July 25, 2021.

**Sermon**, “Hold on to the Covenant.” NewStory Church, Chicago, IL, Streamed via Facebook, July 11, 2021. <https://www.facebook.com/newstorychicago/videos/183784850396058/>

**Sermon**, “Why Have You Forsaken Me?” Texas Youth Academy, Dallas, TX, June, 18, 2021.

**Sermon**, “It’s in You.” H.E.R. Worship Series for Church of the Disciple, Warren United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church Lancaster, and Wheatland United Methodist Church, Live Streamed via Facebook and Aired In-Person in Dallas, TX, May 9, 2021.

**Sermon**, “Woman, behold, thy son! Behold, thy mother...” Seven Last Words sponsored by the Black Seminarians Association of Perkins School of Theology, Streamed via Facebook, April 2, 2021. <https://youtu.be/y1Xmpr4qgl4?t=2549>

**Sermon**, “Loving Your Enemies.” First United Methodist Church Richardson, Streamed via Facebook and Published on YouTube, February 28, 2021. <https://youtu.be/HmDHOs-mFwA>

**Sermon**, "It's Enough." A Night of Prayer & Healing, hosted by Black Seminarians Association of Perkins School of Theology, Online. January 28, 2021

**Sermon**, “Relationship.” First United Methodist Church Richardson, Live Streamed via Facebook and Published on YouTube, January 10, 2021. <https://youtu.be/CQOzSkzvCXM>

**Sermon**, “Play in the Mud.” First United Methodist Church Richardson, Richardson, TX, October 18, 2020.

**Keynote Address**, “Dare to Stare at the Son” United Methodist Women Metro District Conference, Online, September 20, 2020.

**Sermon**, “Speak Life.” First United Methodist Church Richardson, Richardson, TX, September 13, 2020. <https://youtu.be/Rg8Jbl3NdJM>

## **PUBLIC TEACHING & FACILITATION EXPERIENCE**

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### **First United Methodist Church Richardson**

**Lead Facilitator**, Women’s Spiritual Retreat, Lake Texoma, TX April 2022

- Invited to lead and create a 2-day spiritual retreat sponsored by FUMCR United Women in Faith
- Led a total of 65 women in contemplative practices and spiritual exercises

**Ministry Associate**, Sermon on the Mount Bible Study, Online February & March 2021

- Presented alongside Pastor Clayton Oliphint to give pastoral thoughts for Week 2 of the all-church bible study.
- Trained facilitators and created curriculum for the bible study

**Ministry Associate**, Dear Church Bible Study, Online October & November 2020

- Trained facilitators and created curriculum for the bible study

**Co-Facilitator**, *So You Want to Talk About Race*, Online Fall 2020

- Co-lead and adapted United Methodist Women Self-Study Curriculum for an online group study.

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## **PUBLIC LEADERSHIP & SERVICE**

Southern Methodist University, 2019 – Present

- Student Representative, Fall Convocation Advisory Board, 2019 - Present
- Board of Advisors, Black Africana Studies Program, 2021 - Present

United Methodist Church, 2019 - Present

- Lay Delegate to 2020 General Conference, *Re-scheduled for 2024*
- Lay Delegate to 2020 South Central Jurisdictional Conference, *Re-scheduled for October 2022*

North Texas Annual Conference, 2018 - Present

- Black Church Task Force, Participant, 2020 – 2021
- Lay Member, 2019 – Present
- Certified Candidate for the order of Elder, 2018 – Present

Texas Methodist Foundation, 2020 - Present

- Online Discipleship Think Tank, Participant, 2020 – Present

First United Methodist Church Richardson, Richardson, TX, 2016 – Present

- Ministry Associate, 2020 – Present
- Circle Leader, United Methodist Women Esther Circle, 2019 - Present
- Assistant Director of Welcoming Ministries, 2016 – 2020

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## **CHURCH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

### **Genesis Church Planting Cohort**

North Texas Annual Conference, 2020 - 2021

- Planters enter the 12-month Genesis cohort to help them in the development and execution of their vision.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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**Angella P. Current-Felder Women of Color Scholars** 2022

**General Board of Higher Education and Ministry – United Methodist Church**

Competitive scholarship and mentorship program for female scholars of color pursuing a Ph.D. or Th.D. within the field of religious studies.

**Doctoral Fellowship** 2022 - 2024

**Louisville Institute**

Fellows take part in Vocation of Theological Educator (VTE) Initiative Gatherings three times a year for two years.

*Honorable Mention*, **Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship** 2022

**National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, & Medicine**

**Mustang Fellowship** 2021 - 2026

**Southern Methodist University**

Competitive fellowship for Ph.D. students who identify as diverse in their disciplines.

**The Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Flinn Senior Award** 2021

**Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology**

Given to the member of the graduating class who, in the judgment of the faculty, best exemplifies the aims of the school and the church for its ministry.

**The Charley T. and Jesse James Bible Award** 2021

**Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology**

Awarded for academic achievement in biblical courses and overall scholastic performance.

**The Robert Weatherford Prize for Internship Preaching** 2021

**Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology**

Awarded for excellence in preaching during internship.

**B'nai B'rith Award in Social Ethics** 2020

**Harold M. Kaufman Memorial Foundation**

Given for scholarly competence in the field of social ethics and personal commitment as shown in voluntary activity in support of worthy causes.

## REFERENCES

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**Dr. Rebekah Miles**, Susanna Wesley Centennial Professor of Practical Theology and Ethics,  
Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor, Coursework Advisor  
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