

KENDRICK ARTHUR KEMP, LMSW, MDiv

Ithaca, NY | 917-415-1557 | kendrickarthurkemp@gmail.com | kendrickarthurkemp.com

PROFESSIONAL SPEAKER AND FACILITATOR

As a seasoned professional speaker, Kendrick has participated in more than 30 speaking engagements over the past two years, sharing his very personal story of the power of finding faith at the center of evolving through life as a black man with a disability. Articulating in his own theological voice the emerging subject matter of the crucially important nexus between disability and Black Liberation Theology – out of the depths of theological wisdom – he presents his work in Black Liberation Theology of Disabilities across the nation to change lives. Mentored and supported by the late founder of Black Liberation Theology, Dr. James Cone, and by Dr. Cornell West, Kendrick has been invited to speak at organizations such as American Academy of Religion, Black Lives Matter, Rice University, Union Theological Seminary, among many others.

EXPERTISE

Professional Speaker | Contributing Panelist | Discussion Facilitator | Black Liberation Theology of Disability | Minister | Published Author | Scholar | Thought Leader | Social Activist | Disability Consultant | Advocate for Equality

PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING EXPERIENCE

Guest Speaker, Fort Washington Collegiate Church | NYC | October 14, 2018

- I spoke with conversation partner Rev. Kelso during Access and Disability Awareness Week about Black Liberation Theology of Disabilities.

Guest Presenter, Aging Resources, Consultation and Help Committee | Ithaca, NY | September 30, 2018

- In the topic title “Lord Will You Com Guide My Feet While I’m Running This Race – The Intersection of Race and Disability,” I spoke on the intersection of race and disability from the perspective of a black man living with a disability in the 21st Century.

Guest Presenter, St. James AME Church | Ithaca, NY | June 22, 2018

- In a presentation on “*All* Black Lives Matter,” I spoke about living with a disability and how the Ithaca Community helped me, including Cornell Africana Studies mentors Dr. James Turner, Ithaca College, GIAC, and Southside Center, all of which had a big influence in my life.

Guest Minister, Finger Lakes Residential Center | Lansing, NY | June 3, 2018

- Presented on “Inner Forgiveness” to a group of males who had been confined in the criminal justice system.

Speaker, Black Liberation Theology of Disabilities, Auburn Theological Seminary | NYC | May 31, 2018

- In “*All* Black Lives Matter,” I spoke about how my life changed by the two major strokes I experienced in my 20s, which impacted me in profound ways, as well as how “disability” is an issue of deep impact for people of color. This included an honorary discussion of the influence of Dr. James Cone, my mentor.

Guest Speaker and Presenter, Union Theological Seminary | NYC | April 22, 2018

- I gave a presentation at the Black Lives Matter Ithaca Chapter titled, “*All* Black Lives Matter: A Theological Response to Living with a Disability.”

Guest Speaker, Union Theological Seminary | NYC | March 5, 2018

- I spoke before the Field Education Class about Practical Black Liberation Theology of Disabilities and how it is integrated in daily life.

Guest Preacher, Church on the Hill | NYC | February 25, 2018

- I gave a sermon on “A Glimpse into Living with Disabilities in the Black Church.”

Guest Preacher, Manhattan Mennonite Church | NYC | February 11, 2018

- During Black History Month, I preached on the topic of Black Liberation Theology of Disabilities.

KENDRICK ARTHUR KEMP, LMSW, MDiv

Ithaca, NY | 917-415-1557 | kendrickarthurkemp@gmail.com | kendrickarthurkemp.com

Presenter, Union Theological Seminary | NYC | January 11, 2018

- Presented in Dr. Wilson-Barnes' class: "Is There Room for Me? Congregational Life, Disabilities, and Creating Safe Spaces" and Black Liberation Theology of Disabilities.

Guest Speaker, Lenox Street Baptist Church | NYC | November 4, 2017

- I gave the invocation for the New York City Metro Area's American Baptist Church Annual Meeting.

Inspirational Keynote Speaker, JobPath | East Harlem, NYC | September 15, 2017

- I gave an inspirational speech to direct support professionals at JobPath.

Inspirational Speaker, Youth Engaging in Service, JobPath | Central Park, NYC | July 27, 2017

- I spoke about living with a disability and my Black Liberation Theology of Disabilities to the First OCC of Montclair Youth Group.

Presenter, Summer Institute on Theology and Disability | Azusa, CA | June 5-8, 2017

- I led a workshop about "Black Liberation Theology in an Age of Terror."

Guest Speaker, 2017 Graduation, Thompkins-Cortland Community College | Dryden, NY | May 25, 2017

- I acted as Invocator at the 2017 Graduation Ceremony.

Guest Speaker, Union Theology Seminary | NYC | March 30, 2017

- I participated with students in Liberation Theologies and Worship class led by Prof. Claudio Carvalhaes, Associate Professor of Worship, and via Skype with Prof. Sharon V. Betcher, author of *Spirit and the Politics of Disablement*.

Speaker/Facilitator, Urban Innovations | Harlem, NYC | March 27, 2017

- I participated and led group of 20 black people with disabilities in a lively discussion using my personal narrative and four framing questions on dignity, getting help and support, breaking through isolation patterns, and developing courage to break out of our own condition and circumstances.

Guest Speaker, Union Theological Seminary | NYC | March 6-7, 2017

- I spoke about Black Liberation Theology of Disabilities before two Field Education classes engaging in practical ministry.

Guest Speaker, Rice University | Houston, TX | February 16, 2017

- I led a discussion on Black Liberation Theology of Disabilities in Dr. Zoe Wool's Disabilities class.

Guest Panelist, American Academy of Religion | San Antonio, TX | November 22, 2016

- Based on my 2015 Black Liberation Theology of Disabilities conference at Union Theology Seminary, I presented the experiences of blackness and disability. Other panelists included Dr. Nyasha Junior, Dr. Rev. Monica A. Coleman, Dr. Rev. Garth Baker-Fletcher, and Dr. Rev. Pamela Lightsey.

Guest Speaker, New York Theology Seminary | NYC | July 26, 2016

- I presented Black Liberation Theology of Disabilities to the Parish Ministry and Administration 101 class and discussed my article, "Beyond Ramps and Special Seating: Practicing a Black Liberation Theology of Disability."

Guest Speaker, St. Paul's & St. Andrew's United Methodist Churches | Manhattan, NYC | May 15, 2016

- I spoke to the United Methodist Women's group about the Methodist Church and people with disabilities.

EDUCATION & LICENSES

Union Theological Seminary – **Master of Divinity**

Binghamton University, State University of New York – **MSW in Social Work**

Syracuse University – **BS in Social Work**

Licensed Master Social Worker, No. 094254-1, Certificate No. 8835453