

Dumas Alexander Harshaw, Jr.

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Professional Information

Gospel Ministry – 51 years
Pastorate – 40 years
Professor of Theology – 30 years

Education

Doctor of Philosophy Degree, **PhD** (2015)
Claremont Graduate University
Claremont, California

Doctor of Ministry Degree, **D. Min** (1978)
Master of Divinity Degree, **M.Div.** (1978)
Claremont School of Theology
Claremont, California

Master of Arts Degree, **M.A** (1979)
Bachelor of Arts Degree, **B.A.** (1972)
Point Loma Nazarene University
Sad Diego, California

Present Position

Senior Pastor
First Baptist Church
Raleigh, North Carolina (1996 – Present)

Ordination

Ordination Council of the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc.
American Baptist Churches, USA
Trinity Baptist Church
Los Angeles, California (1978)

Past Leadership/Ministry Positions

Area Director of Africa, Europe, and the Middle East,
American Baptist Churches USA, Inc.
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania (1993- 1996)

Senior Pastor,
Trinity Baptist Church
Los Angeles, California (1985 – 1993)

Assistant to the Pastor,
Trinity Baptist Church
Los Angeles, California (1979 – 1985)

Senior Pastor,
Fourth Avenue Community Church
(Martin Luther King, Jr. United Methodist Church)
Los Angeles, California (1978 – 1979)

Protestant Chaplain,
Wayside Honor Rancho (Peter Pitchess Honor Rancho)
Castaic, California (1975 – 1979)

Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall
Downey, California (1973 – 1975)

Teaching Opportunities

Adjunct Professor
Shaw University Divinity School
Raleigh, North Carolina

Campbell University Divinity School
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Apex School of Theology
Durham, North Carolina

Duke University Divinity School
Durham, North Carolina

Palmer Theological Seminary
(Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Azusa Pacific University
Azusa, California

Claremont School of Theology
Claremont, California

Lecturer

North Carolina State University,
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

“Pastor’s Class”,
Johnston District Missionary Baptist Association, Inc.
North Carolina

S. Jameson (“Jamie”) Jones, Jr. Preacher

Iliff School of Theology
Denver, Colorado

Lott Carey Baptist Convention
Mission Education
Washington, DC

Eastern College
St. David, Pennsylvania

Central Baptist Seminary
Kansas City, Kansas

Vanderbilt Divinity School
Nashville, Tennessee

Dean

Apex School of Theology

Spiritual Formation Facilitator

Duke University Divinity School

Professional Affiliations Past and Present

Chairperson of the Board

Encore Diversity Focus Group
North Carolina State University

Programs Committee
Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women

The Triangle Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee

Martin Luther King, Jr., State Commission of North Carolina

Social Action Committee
Gamma Sigma Boule of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity

Convoy of Hope
Raleigh, North Carolina

Congregations for Social Justice
Raleigh, North Carolina

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee
Raleigh, North Carolina

Management Committee and Management Team
General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Faith in Action Committee
Raleigh/Wake Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance
Raleigh, North Carolina

Southern Christian Leadership Conference of
Los Angeles,
California

Jefferson Park Improvement Project,
Los Angeles, California

Member of the Boards/Committees

Alexander YMCA
Raleigh, North Carolina

Duke Energy Eastern North Carolina Advisory Council

Conference Host Committee:
50th Anniversary Student Nonviolence Coordinating Committee (SNCC),
April 15-18, 2010
Raleigh, North Carolina

Rotary Club of Raleigh, Rotary International

Hamlin Drug Company Centennial Celebration Committee
Raleigh, North Carolina

Biblical Wellness Ministry
Raleigh, North Carolina

Community Advisory Board, Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Raleigh, North Carolina

Pope House Museum
Raleigh, North Carolina

Civil Rights Exhibit Advisory Board,
North Carolina Museum of History

Human Resources and Human Relations Advisory Commission
City of Raleigh, North Carolina

African American Community Advisory Council,
North Carolina State University

African American Cultural Complex
Raleigh, North Carolina

Steering Committee, Black Achievers Program
Garner Road YMCA
Garner, North Carolina

Steering Committee, Schleiermacher Study Group
American Academy of Religion

Los Angeles Urban League, California

Advisory Council, National Conference of Christians and Jews Interreligious Council
Los Angeles, California

Black Leadership Coalition of Los Angeles, California

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

National Continuing Education Team,
American Baptist Churches, USA

Board of Managers,
American Baptist Churches of the Pacific Southwest

Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society,
American Baptist Churches of the Pacific Southwest

Black Advisory Committee of the Fuller Theological Seminary
Pasadena, California

Founding Sponsor

Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial

Advisor

Child Support Recovery Program
Raleigh, North Carolina

President

Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Los Angeles, California

Los Angeles Council of Churches, California

Vice President

The Gathering of Los Angeles, California

Chaplain

North Carolina Highway Patrol

Honors and Awards

Invocation

The Bicentennial Gala Honoring the 200th Anniversary of the Supreme Court of North
Carolina
(October 10, 2019)

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol's 90th Anniversary Celebration
Colonel Glenn M. McNeill, Jr.
(June 28, 2019)

The Inauguration for Dr. Paulette R. Dillard, Eighteenth President of Shaw University
Raleigh, NC (April 25, 2019)

The Investiture Ceremony for the 29th Chief Justice, Cheri Beasley, the Supreme Court of
North Carolina, and first African American woman
(March 7, 2019)

The 56th Meeting of the North Carolina Electoral College
North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State
House Chamber, State Capitol
Raleigh, (2012)

The Inauguration of Colonel Richard W. Holden, Sr., the first African American to serve
as commander of The North Carolina State Highway Patrol (1999)

Visionary Leadership Award

Shaw University Divinity School

Citizen Diplomat

International Visitor Leadership Program, International Focus

***Certificate of Appointment for Service to the Great State of North Carolina as Member
of the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission***
(June 10, 2015)

Appreciation Award for Being the Charter Graduate Dean
The Apex School of Theology
Durham, NC (2013)

Our "Trail Blazer" Pastor Award
Youth of First Baptist Church (2013)

Man of the Year for Civil and Human Rights
Spectacular Magazine (2013)

Guest of Senator Kay R. Hagan of North Carolina
61st Annual National Prayer Breakfast (2013)

Certificate of Service
State of North Carolina (2012)

City of Raleigh Fair Housing Award (2012)

Special Remarks
Online Exhibit, *A Change Is Gonna Come: Black, Indian, and White Voices for Racial
Equality*
The North Carolina Museum of History (2012)

Church of the Year Award for Outstanding Service to the Community
First Baptist Church
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) (2011)

Guest of Honor
Capital City Sertoma Club's Eight Annual Celebrity Roast or Toast Affair (2010)

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine
State of North Carolina (2010)

Award of Merit
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (2010)

Citizen of the Year Award

Raleigh, Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (2008)

Ashanti Award

Raleigh, Wake Citizens Association M-PAC (2008)

Man and Woman of the Year

Omicron Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Raleigh, NC (2008)

Social Action Honoree of the Year Award

Eta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.
Raleigh, NC (2000 & 2006)

Colonel's Certificate of Appreciation

North Carolina State Highway Patrol (2004)

The Gus Witherspoon Award in Religion

Raleigh/Wake Pan Hellenic Council (2001)

Grand Marshall

The Jefferson Park Improvement Project, Inc.
Los Angeles, CA (1999)

Service to Mankind Award

Capital City Sertoma Club
Raleigh, NC (1998)

Distinguished Alumni Award

Point Loma Nazarene University
San Diego, CA (1998)

Visiting Research Fellow

University of Edinburgh, Scotland &
The Center for Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World (1996)

Prophetic Witness Award

Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Los Angeles, CA (1991)

Honoree

Black American Political Association
Los Angeles, CA (1990)

Community Architect Award
49th Assembly District California Legislature (1986)

Certificate of Recognition
“Courageous Dedication During Crisis Involving Catastrophe and Human Need”,
28th Congressional District, CA (1985)

Travels

USA, Africa, Asia, Canada, Europe, Russia & Soviet Union, South America

Family Life

Parents:

Dumas Alexander Harshaw, Sr. & Lois June Upshaw Harshaw
(Both Deceased)

Native Home:

Springfield, Illinois

Spouse:

Sharon Denise Stringer Harshaw (1980)

Three Children

One Daughter-in-law

One Son-in-law

Five Grandchildren

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