

## I. MALIK SAAFIR

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### **EDUCATION**

#### **Degrees**

Vanderbilt University, M. Div. (Divinity)  
Primary Area: Africana Religious Studies

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, M.Ed.  
Primary Areas: Critical Pedagogy, Spirituality & Transformative Learning

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, BA  
Primary Areas: Africana Philosophy & Religion

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, BA  
Primary Areas: Africana & Latin American History

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Academic**

- 2019 - 2020      **Adjunct Instructor**, Philosophy & Religion, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas.
- 2018 - 2020      **Philosophy Instructor**, Philosophy & Religion, Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 2012 - 2018      **Adjunct Instructor**, Philosophy & Religion, Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 2014 - 2015      **Visiting Lecturer**, Africana/African American Studies, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas.
- 2012 - 2013      **Graduate Student Supervisor**, UALR Clinton School of Public Service & University for Medical Sciences, College of Public Health Joint Degree Program, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 2011- 2013      **Adjunct Instructor**, Philosophy & Religion, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas.
- 2008 - 2011      **Founder & Theologian-in-Residence**, Dr. William H. Robinson School of Practical Theology, Theresa Hoover Memorial United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 2007 - 2008      **Professorial Assistant**, School of Divinity, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

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### *Institutional Training*

- 2018 - 2021      **Education & Training Associate**, GreenFaith, Highland Park, New Jersey.
- 2009 - 2017      **President & Founder**, Janus Institute For Justice, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 2005 - 2008      **Company Commander**, United States Army, 100<sup>th</sup> Division Institutional Training, Nashville, Tennessee.

### *Pastoral*

- 2017 - 2018      **Dean of Chapel & Religious Life**, Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 2011 - 2013      **Senior Pastor**, Theresa Hoover United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 2008 - 2011      **Associate Pastor**, Theresa Hoover United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.

## RESEARCH

### *Philosophy*

Africana Philosophy, Philosophy of Education, Philosophy of Religion, Continental Philosophy, Philosophical Mysticism

### *Religion*

Africana Religions, Black Theology, Latin American Theology, Womanist Theology, Postcolonial Theology, Postcolonial Biblical Criticism

### *Psychology*

Psychology of Race, Psychology of Religion, Psychology of Culture

## RECOGNITIONS

### *Awards*

Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns Interfaith Award  
Army Training Officer of the Quarter Award

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### Medals

Army Forces Reserve Medal  
Army Achievement Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Armed Forces Service Medal  
North Atlantic Treaty Organization Service Medal

### MEMBERSHIPS

#### National

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People: Jacksonville Arkansas Chapter 2014-2019