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A practical theologian, Dr. Alexander E.M. Johnson is privileged to serve as the Executive Pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church.

Additionally, Dr. Johnson now serves as Visiting Scholar in the African American Studies Department—where he has previously served as adjunct professor, teaching *The Black Church in America* and *Black Liberation Theology*.

His dissertation, *Liberated by Love: Deconstructing Heteropatriarchy in the Black Church*, examines the intersection of the liberation traditions and heteropatriarchal handicaps of the Black Church, particularly in light of the radical love ethic of Jesus.

Welcome Visiting Scholar, Dr. Johnson!





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As a philosopher of religion concerned about matters of ethics, Black life and death, and religion, his research and teaching are focused on the relationship between Black life, philosophy of religion, and political theology. He has published written or co-written two books: *Black Life Matter* (Duke University Press, 2022), *Phenomenology of Black Spirit* (Co-authored with Ryan Johnson, Edinburgh, 2022); and he's co-edited (along with Stephen Finley and Lori Latrice Martin) *Religion of White Rage* (Edinburgh, 2020).

Beyond this, he's authored and co-authored numerous articles and book chapters that explore questions of ethics, political theology, and architecture through the lenses of Black critical theory and philosophy of religion.

Welcome Assistant Professor, Dr. Gray!

