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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The Ohio State University

Assistant Professor, Department of African American and African Studies (AAAS), 2023–

Assistant Professor by courtesy, City and Regional Planning, 2026–

Faculty Affiliate, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, 2026–

Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Religion, 2023–

San José State University

Assistant Professor, Department of African American Studies, 2021–2023

Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Metropolitan Studies, 2021–2023

Faculty Affiliate, Department of Humanities, 2021–2023

American University

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Public Administration and Policy, 2020–21

The Smithsonian Institution

Postdoctoral Fellow, National Museum of African American History and Culture, 2019–20

Wesley Theological Seminary

Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion & Society, 2018–2020

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Case Western Reserve University

Research Affiliate, NP3: Nurturing People. Power. Place. (Formerly the National Initiative on Mixed-Income Communities), 2023–

Public Religion Research Institute

PRRI Public Fellow, 2023–25

University of Michigan

Visiting Poverty Scholar, Poverty Solutions, 2022–23

University of South Africa

Research Fellow, Institute for Gender Studies, 2022–25

American University

Affiliate Scholar, Metropolitan Policy Center, 2020–

Seattle University

Center Scholar (Inaugural Cohort), Center for Religious Wisdom and World Affairs, 2017–20

EDUCATION

- 2019 PhD, Vanderbilt University
- 2016 MA, Vanderbilt University
- 2009 MDiv, Howard University
- 2006 BS, Howard University

Graduate Certificates

- 2023 Certificate in Policy Analysis, Pardee RAND Graduate School
- 2021 Certificate in Course Design, Center for Faculty Development, San José State University
- 2019 Certificate in African American and Diaspora Studies (conferred jointly with PhD), Department of African American and Diaspora Studies, Vanderbilt University
- 2016 Certificate in College Teaching, Center for Teaching, Vanderbilt University
- 2015 Certificate in Humanities Teaching and Learning (Formerly named the Mellon Certificate in Humanities Education), Center for Teaching, Vanderbilt University

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Race, public policy, and socio-economic inequity; Race and religion

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Black Studies: Afrofuturism; Black activism, politics, and political thought; the Black Radical Tradition; human rights law; race and social theory; racial capitalism; the sociology of urban Black America.

Religious Studies: Black religion and cultural studies; Christian nationalism; religion and politics; religion and social movements.

Urban Studies: Critical urban theory; ethics and public policy; housing; neighborhood change and community-based development; urban politics.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Fisher, Michael R., Jr., ed., *Confronting Racism and White Supremacy in the US: Twenty-First-Century Theological Perspectives*. Friendship Press, 2024.

Reviews:

- i. *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 46, no. 1 (2026): 197–98.
- ii. *Studies in Christian Ethics* 39, no. 1 (2026): 204–06.
- iii. *Review and Expositor* 121, no. 3–4 (2024): 241–43.

Book Chapters

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. “Race, Violence, and the Fierce Urgency of Now” in **Fisher, Michael R., Jr.**, ed. *Confronting Racism and White Supremacy in the US: Twenty-First-Century Theological Perspectives*. Friendship Press, 2024.

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. “Toward Chaos or Community in the Great World House?” in **Fisher, Michael R., Jr.**, ed. *Confronting Racism and White Supremacy in the US: Twenty-First-Century Theological Perspectives*. Friendship Press, 2024.

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. “Disenfranchising the Unhoused: Urban Redevelopment, the Criminalization of Homelessness, and the Peril of Prosperity Theology in Dallas and Beyond” in Costoya, Manuel J. Mejido, ed., *Land of Stark Contrasts: Faith-Based Responses to Homelessness in the United States*. Fordham University Press, 2021.

<https://www.fordhampress.com/9780823293964/land-of-stark-contrasts>.

Edited Journals

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. and Xavier Pickett, eds. Special Issue: “The Religious Situation of Black Studies: A Festschrift for Victor Anderson,” *Black Theology: An International Journal* 21, no. 1 (2023). <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/yblt20/21/1>.

Journal Articles

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. “Poverty, Housing, and the Racial and Economic Justice Imperative,” In BRINA. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2025. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5040/9781350881136.004>.

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. “The Religious Situation of Black Studies Then and Now.” *Black Theology* 21, no. 1 (2023): 1–7. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14769948.2023.2180132>.

Review Essays

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. Review of *Violent Utopia: Dispossession and Black Restoration in Tulsa* by Jovan Scott Lewis. *New Mexico Historical Review* 99, no. 4 (2024): 443–44.

<https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/nmhr/vol99/iss4/1/>.

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. Review of *The Altars Where We Worship: The Religious Significance of Popular Culture* by Juan M. Floyd-Thomas, Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, and Mark G. Toulouse. *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 38, no. 2 (2018): 194–96. <https://doi.org/10.1353/sce.2018.0044>.

Public-Oriented Research

Fisher, Michael R., Jr., Ansley Quiros, and Allyson Shortle, “Democracy Today: Insights on Race, Religion, and Democratic Principles.” *PRRI Spotlight Analysis*, September 4, 2025.

<https://tinyurl.com/yfrbmp6c>.

Shortle, Allyson and **Michael R. Fisher Jr.** “How Christian Nationalist Rhetoric Can Influence Elections Across Race.” *PRRI Spotlight Analysis*, August 12, 2025. <https://tinyurl.com/4mtn9pzh>.

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. “Understanding Authoritarianism and Christian Nationalism by Race.” *PRRI Spotlight Analysis*, June 18, 2025. <https://tinyurl.com/4j878upd>.

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. “Ohio’s Economy will lose Millions Annually if Controversial Anti-Capitalist Bill Passes.” *The Columbus Dispatch*, March 19, 2025. <https://tinyurl.com/2nxuz9v4>.

Boaz, Danielle, **Michael R. Fisher Jr.**, Allyson Shortle, and Dheepa Sundaram, “How Race, Religion, and Democratic Values Shape Attitudes Toward Government Assistance.” *PRRI Spotlight Analysis*, September 24, 2024. <https://tinyurl.com/25nr4v3k>.

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. “Understanding Differences between Black and White Christian Nationalism Adherents and Sympathizers.” *PRRI Spotlight Analysis*, July 3, 2024.

<https://tinyurl.com/2uxahud8>.

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. “Trump Flag Replaced US Flag Near Columbus. Will Christian Nationalists Replace Faith for Politics?” *The Columbus Dispatch*. June 21, 2024. <https://tinyurl.com/4x8wkhrrw>.

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. “San Francisco Board Must Adopt Reparations Recommendations.” *VISIBLE Magazine*. May 26, 2023. <https://tinyurl.com/mr3exes3>.

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. “The US Must Substantively Support UN Permanent Forum on People of African Descent.” *VISIBLE Magazine*. May 24, 2023. <https://tinyurl.com/48ddbd73>.

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. “Mayor Bass Must Become a Champion of Homelessness Decriminalization.” *Newsweek*. December 22, 2022. <https://tinyurl.com/dnn8nej4>.

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. “Social Housing Can Solve Bay Area’s Affordable Housing Crisis.” *The Mercury News*. October 1, 2022. <https://tinyurl.com/5n73zbus>.

Podcast Interviews

Allain, Brian, “*Confronting Racism and White Supremacy in the US: A Book Discussion*.” February 7, 2025. *How to Heal Our Divides* Podcast. Accessed February 10, 2025. <https://tinyurl.com/5t6c8vjrr>

Powe, F. Douglas, Jr. “Honest Talk about Race and Racism Featuring Michael R. Fisher Jr.” August 18, 2020. *Leading Ideas Talks* Podcast. Accessed August 20, 2020. <https://tinyurl.com/yc8f9y5s>.

DOCUMENTARY FILMS

2022 *Barry Farm: Community, Land, and Justice in Washington, DC* (50 minutes)
<https://bfnadocs.org/barry-farm>

Director: Sabiyha Prince and Samuel George

Executive Producer: Irene Braam and Parisa Norouzi

Producer: Daniel del Pialago, **Michael R. Fisher Jr.**, Sarah Shoenfeld, and Amber Wiley

- i. 2024 Winner of the SAH Award for Film and Video, The Society of Architectural Historians
- ii. 2024 Winner of the PWA Award for Independent Production, National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA)
- iii. 2023 Winner of the Paul E. Buchanan Award, Vernacular Architecture Forum

WORK IN PROGRESS

Books

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. *Black Urban Study: Race, Power, and Redevelopment in the Inner City* (under contract with Georgetown University Press in the Race, Power, and Political Economy series)

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. *Black Revolutionary Possibility: The Radical Impulse of Urban Unrest*

Articles

Fisher, Michael R., Jr. and Allyson Shortle, “Determinants of the Political Attitudes and Behaviors of Black, Latine, and White Americans Who Qualify as Christian Nationalists”

Special Issue

Two-Part Special issue: Part I: “Who is this Black in Black Studies in the Twenty-First Century” and Part II: “Navigating Black Studies Amidst White Supremacist Attacks on Higher

Education.” Proposal accepted by the *International Journal of Africana Studies*. **Fisher, Michael R., Jr.**, Guest Editor.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2026 “Combatting Black Communal Death in the Redeveloped Inner City.” National Council of Black Studies, Baltimore, MD, March.
- 2025 “Unsettling Urban Studies as Discipline: Toward Black Urban Study.” The Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race, The University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa, July.
- 2022 “Purging the Poor: The Redevelopment of Barry Farm and the Peril of Public Housing Reform.” 48th Annual DC History Conference, Washington, DC, April.
- 2019 “Give Us Your White and Your Working Masses: Donald J. Trump, Merit, and Racial Representation in the Immigration Debate.” The Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race, Hekima Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations Nairobi, Kenya, July.
- 2018 “Excluded from the Beginning: Neoliberalism, White Supremacy, and Modern Discourse.” 22nd Annual Comparative Literature Intra-Student Faculty Forum (CLIFF Conference), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, March.
- 2017 “Resident Evil: The Structural Violence of Neoliberal Urban Redevelopment in the United States.” *Societas Ethica* (The European Society for Research in Ethics) Annual Meeting, Volos, Greece, August.
- “The Religious Significance of the Black Lives Matter Movement in the Fight for Freedom and Survival in Urban Space.” Urban Affairs Association, Minneapolis, MN, April.
- “Criminalizing Blackness: Racial Justice, Black Religious Activism, and the Contestation of State Violence.” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR), Raleigh, NC, March.
- 2016 “Being While Black: Racial Criminalization in the Neoliberal City and a Public Theology of Resistance.” The Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Port of Spain, Trinidad, August.
- 2015 “To Catch a Criminal: The Illegality of Homelessness in the Neoliberal City and the Politics of Theological Legitimation.” American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November.
- 2009 “On Alan Gewirth’s *On the Basis and Content of Human Rights*.” The Annual Research Symposium, Howard University, Washington, DC, April.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 “One Nation Under God: White Christian Nationalism and the Erosion of Racial Equity in American Higher Education.” Identity and Belonging: Nationalisms and Resistance in the World Today Global Conference, Johannesburg, South Africa, October.

- “Black Collective Memory, Root Shock, and Chronic Displacement Trauma in Barry Farm.” Bread for the World Advocacy Summit and Pan-African Consultation, Washington, DC, June.
- “Black Studies Beyond Borders: The United Nations’ Permanent Forum, the Global Black Studies Network, and the Threat of Retrenchment.” National Council of Black Studies, Baltimore, MD, March.
- 2025 “Race, Religion, and the Case for Reparations for People of African Descent.” The United Nations Fourth Session of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, New York, NY, April.
- “Race, Politics, and Christian Nationalism in the Second Act of Trump.” UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, April.
- 2024 “Mixed-Income Communities: Toward Racial Equity in Housing?” US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC, November.
- “Understanding Ideological Differences between Black and White Americans Who Qualify as Christian Nationalists.” Public Religion Research Institute (Webinar), October.
- “Learning from the Master Teacher: Reflections on the Pedagogy of Victor Anderson.” Society for the Study of Black Religion, March.
- “Reorienting the Debate on Mixed-Income Housing as Urban Social Policy.” Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, February.
- 2023 “Black Precarity: The Necropolitics of Capitalist Urbanism.” Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, March.
- 2022 “Centering an Intersectional and Human Rights Framework in the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.” The United Nations First Session of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, Geneva, Switzerland, December.
- “Black No More: Public Housing Reform and the Demise of Barry Farm.” Metropolitan Policy Center Urban Speaker Series, American University, Washington, DC, March.
- “An American Way of Death: The Evolution of US Cities at the Expense of Black Poor Communities.” Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, (virtual), January.
- 2020 “Economic Development in Place: The Creative Destruction of Black Geographies in Twenty-First Century US Cities.” Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, January.
- 2019 “Urban Redevelopment and E-race-ure: Race, Class, and the Politics of Place in Washington, DC” Northeastern University, Boston, MA, January.
- 2018 “This is America!: Mixed-Income Development, the Racialization of Urban Poverty, and the Legacy of Chattel Slavery in the United States.” Council for World Mission, Birmingham, AL, June.
- 2017 “Cities Set on Hills: Soteriology and the Spatial Cleansing of the Black Urban Poor.” Seattle University, Seattle, WA, April.

- 2016 “Toward a Public Theology for the Right to the City: Affordable Housing and Gentrification in Contested Urban Space.” Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, OH, December.

ACADEMIC SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED

- 2026 “Black Memory and the Afterlives of Slavery.” The Department of African American and African Studies, The Ohio State University, July.
- This symposium examined the role of collective memory in the analysis of the coloniality of knowledge and the geographies of slavery and its afterlives with an eye for contemporary Black life in the US and beyond.
- 2025 “Who is this ‘Black’ in Black Studies?: Race, Democracy, and the Discipline.” The Department of African American and African Studies, The Ohio State University, October.
- This symposium examined how the demographic shifts in Black communities in the US puts intellectual and political pressure on Black Studies as a discipline. It also explored the imperative of the work of Black Studies units amidst the rise of authoritarianism and hostility toward recognizing difference in the US.
- 2017 “Tired and Torn: Mending Ourselves, Mending Our Children,” The Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University, November.
- This symposium examined racism, mental health, and the school to prison pipeline
- 2014 “Nightmare on Elm Our Street: A Teach-in on Racialized Violence in America.” The Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University, November.
- This symposium examined racism and police violence in the US in the wake of the murder of Michael Brown.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TALKS/WORKSHOPS

- 2017 “Knowing Right from Wrong: Research Ethics in the Humanities.” The Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, September.
- “Thinking Developmentally about Teaching Assistants.” The Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, August.
- “Implicit Bias and the Impact on Student Learning and Assessment,” with Alexis McBride. The Department of Biological Sciences, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, August.

GRANTS

- 2025 “Black Studies Matters!” The Mellon Foundation Affirming Multivocal Humanities Grant, \$100,000, Co-PI. (Awarded to AAAS in 2023)
- “Determinants of the Political Attitudes and Behaviors of Black, Latine, and White Americans Who Qualify as Christian Nationalists,” Public Religion Research Institute Public Fellow Microgrant, \$10,000, Co-PI.

- 2024 “How Race, Religion, and Democratic Values Shape Attitudes Toward Government Assistance,” Public Religion Research Institute Public Fellow Microgrant, \$12,000, Co-PI.
- 2021 “The DC Legacy Project,” Humanities DC, DC Community Heritage Project Grant, \$10,000.
- 2018 “Excluded from the Beginning: Neoliberalism, White Supremacy, and Modern Discourse,” Vanderbilt University Research Travel Grant, \$1,500.
- 2017 “Resident Evil: The Structural Violence of Neoliberal Urban Redevelopment in the United States,” Vanderbilt University Research Travel Grant, \$1,500.
- 2015 “To Catch a Criminal: The Illegality of Homelessness in the Neoliberal City and the Politics of Theological Legitimation,” Vanderbilt University Research Travel Grant, \$1,500.

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Public Religion Research Institute | PRRI Public Fellow (Also awarded in 2024)
Pardee RAND Graduate School | Faculty Leaders Fellow in Policy Research & Analysis
- 2022 Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin | Visiting Poverty Scholar (Visiting at Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)
The OpEd Project | Public Voices Fellowship
San José State University, College of Social Sciences | Summer Research Fellowship
- 2020 American University, Department of Public Administration and Policy | Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2019 The Smithsonian Institution | National Museum of African American History and Culture Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
- 2017 Vanderbilt University, The Graduate Department of Religion | Master Teaching Fellow
- 2016 The UCC | The Adrienne M. & Charles Shelby Rooks Fellowship (through May/2019)
Vanderbilt University, The Center for Teaching | Graduate Teaching Fellowship
- 2015 Lilly Endowment, Inc./The Forum for Theological Exploration | Doctoral Fellowship
- 2013 Lilly Endowment, Inc./Vanderbilt University | Theology and Practice Fellowship (through June/2019)
- 2013 Vanderbilt University | The Provost’s Graduate Fellowship (through June/2018)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2022 District of Columbia Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation | Community Outreach and Education Award

- 2015 The UCC | Make A Difference! Doctoral Studies Award
- 2009 Howard University | School of Divinity Dean's Top Student Award
- 2008 Howard University | The Mordecai Wyatt Johnson Memorial Scholarship
Howard University | The Ivan Earle Taylor Distinguished Humanities Scholar Award
- 2007 Howard University | Board of Trustees Scholarship
Howard University | The L.B. Mightly Scholar Award

COURSES TAUGHT UG=Undergrad/G=Grad | IS=Independent Study

The Ohio State University

Graduate Survey in African American and African Studies_(G)
Introduction to African American and African Studies_(UG)
Race and Public Policy in the United States_(UG/G)
Theorizing Race_(UG)

San José State University

African Americans and the Development of America's History and Government_(UG)
American Racism and Black Women's Experience_(UG/IS)
Gentrification and the City_(UG/IS)
Race, Policy, and Urban Politics_(UG)
Theories and Methods in Black Studies_(UG/IS)

American University

Politics and Policy in Washington, DC_(UG)
Topics in Policy Analysis/Management: DC Policy and Politics_(G)

Wesley Theological Seminary

Community Engagement Fellows Seminar, with Lorena Parrish_(G)
Field Education Colloquy, with Michael Armstrong_(G)
From the Black Social Gospel to Black Lives Matter_(G)
Public Theology in the 20th and 21st Century_(G/IS)
Religion and Urban Change in 21st Century Cities_(G)

Vanderbilt University

Certificate in College Teaching Seminar (at the Center for Teaching)_(G)
Field Education Seminar_(G)
Practicum in the Teaching of Religion_(G)
Teaching, Difference, and Social Class Seminar (at the Center for Teaching), with Joe Bandy_(G)

Courses as Teaching Associate (TA)

Ethics in Theological Perspectives_(G), with Victor Anderson
Methods in Ethics_(G), with Victor Anderson
The Political Economy of Misery_(G), with Emilie M. Townes

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

The Ohio State University

University

University Senate, 2026–29

Faculty Senator

Government Affairs Committee, 2026–28

Faculty Council, 2026–29

Department of African American and African Studies

Mellon Events Ad Hoc Committee, 2024–26

Faculty Advisory Council, 2023–25

Graduate Studies and Curriculum Committee, 2023–27

Graduate Student Advising and Committees

Iley Joe (AAAS), MA Student, Advisor, 2026–

Kwaku Owusu (AAAS), PhD Student, Advisor, 2025–

Logan Favor (AAAS), MA Student, Advisor, 2023–24

Undergraduate Student Advising and Committees

Kendal Avery Harris (AAAS), Second Project Advisor, Thesis: “The Master’s Market: Analyzing the Role of Marketization in Public Education Reform” (2025)

San José State University

University

Black Scholars Community Advisory Council, 2021–22

Faculty Advisor, McNair Scholars Program, 2022–23

Faculty Mentor, The Sankofa Black Spartan Professional Mentorship Program, 2021–22

Faculty Mentor, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, 2021–23

College of Social Sciences

Advising Council, 2022–23

Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSCA) Advisory Committee, 2021–22

Department of African American Studies

Coordinator of Undergraduate Studies, 2022–23

Chair, AFAM Speaks! Faculty Talk Series, 2021–22

Faculty Recruitment Committee, 2021–23

Undergraduate Student Advising and Committees

Justise Wattree (McNair Scholar), Advisor, Thesis: “The Red Ribbon and the Black Cross: A Qualitative Study of the Relationship between Social Activism and Contemporary Black Church Responses to HIV in Oakland, CA” (2023),

<https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/mcnair/vol19/iss1/8/>

Admitted to Johns Hopkins University’s Master of Health Science program

Vanderbilt University

Graduate Student Diversity and Inclusion Committee, 2016–18

Co-Chair, Ethics and Society Colloquy, Graduate Department of Religion, 2016–18

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Black Theology: An International Journal
Housing Studies
Journal of Black Studies
Journal of Law and Religion

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Religion (AAR)
Steering Committee, Religion and Cities Unit, 2016–19
Steering Committee, Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit, 2018–23
Co-Chair, Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Unit, 2019–24
American Association of University Professors (Ohio State Chapter)
Legislative and Senate Committee, 2025–
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASAALH) [Life Membership]
DC Legacy Project
Steering Committee, 2021–
National Council of Black Studies [Life membership]
Society for the Study of Black Religion (SSBR)
Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race (TRRR)
Coordinating Committee, 2020–
Urban Affairs Association (UAA)
Emerging Activist Scholar Award Committee, 2022–24

BOARD AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dissertation Fellowship Reviewer, Center for Engaged Scholarship, 2026–27
Advisory Board, Amistad Redevelopment Corporation, 2023–
Board of Directors, Church Building and Loan Fund, 2016–2022
Board of Directors, The Wesley Foundation at Howard University, 2020–24

PUBLIC POLICY BACKGROUND

Director of Advocacy (Inaugural Director), Miriam's Kitchen, Washington, DC

Key Accomplishments: Developed the public policy and advocacy agenda, which advanced Miriam's Kitchen's core objectives and goals for ending homelessness in the nation's capital. Promoted client-led advocacy efforts and partnered with the client-led advocacy group in ways that built the skill set and capacity of its membership and advanced its policy agenda. Increased the organization's presence in DC policy-making environments through testimony at city council hearings, meetings with policymakers and other local government officials, and active leadership in policy working groups and city-wide coalitions.

Chair, Fair Budget Coalition, Washington, DC

Key Accomplishments: Led a coalition of approximately 75-member organizations in advancing the cause of a just and inclusive District of Columbia through public policy advocacy and community mobilization. Guided the coalition's steering committee in a 5-year strategic planning process, which included an organizational restructure, for the purpose of redefining its goals and strategic objectives. Developed a direct-action campaign strategy geared toward

increasing funding to critical safety net programs, which resulted in major funding allocations by the DC Council's budget for important human service programs.

Policy Advocate, The UCC Office of Public Policy and Advocacy on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

Key Accomplishments: Served as the UCC liaison to the White House Office of Public Engagement and the White House Office of Faith-Based Partnerships and Neighborhood Initiatives forging a more consistent partnership with the UCC and the Obama Administration to develop a domestic policy agenda benefiting poor and low-income individuals and families. Tracked and analyzed federal economic and anti-poverty legislation and championed initiatives to effectively expand the scope of social welfare programs for those living in poverty, working with US House and Senate Congressional Staff in the process.

Direct-Action Organizing Training

“Organizing for Social Change Training” Midwest Academy, Chicago, IL

“Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) [Organizer] Leadership Training”
(Affiliate of the Industrial Areas Foundation), Washington, DC