

The Reverend Kimberly D. Russaw, Ph.D.

Kimberly D. Russaw is a dynamic and diversely gifted woman of God who brings all of her gifts together to serve the God she loves. Russaw is the Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, IN where she blends intellectual rigor with an infectious passion for teaching. To prepare for this ministry, she earned the Master of Divinity degree (Biblical Studies) from the Interdenominational Theological Center (Atlanta, GA), and the Master of Arts degree (Hebrew Bible) from Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN). When Russaw completed her Ph.D. in Religion at Vanderbilt University, she joined a select cadre of African American scholars who passionately teach the next generation of Christian leaders at our seminaries, colleges, and universities. Russaw is the author of *Daughters in the Hebrew Bible* (Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, 2018), and is currently working on *Revisiting Rahab* (United Methodist Publishing, forthcoming).

Born in Chicago, Russaw is committed to the life of the local church and is a life-long member of Greater Institutional AME Church, where Rev. Dr. Walter B. Johnson, Jr. is the pastor. There, she has been most committed to those ministries that empower women, girls, and those who love them. Russaw shares her gifts as a sought after keynote speaker, workshop facilitator, and preacher.

Russaw is a graduate of Spelman College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a Management and Organization minor. She also holds a Master of Business Administration degree (Marketing) from Clark-Atlanta University, which prepared her for a successful career in consumer marketing at Fortune 500 companies such as Nabisco and The Coca-Cola Company. Russaw has found a way to blend her passion for Christian ministry with her more than 15 years of corporate marketing experience, and unique gifting in the classroom as CEO and Lead Learning Facilitator of The Russaw Group, LLC, the consultancy that consistently offers engaging learning facilitation, relevant culture commentary, and professional editing assistance to religious and non profit organizations.

Named one of “Six Black Women at the Center of Gravity in Theological Education” by NBCNews.com, Russaw is an ordained itinerate elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, an inductee into the prestigious Martin Luther King, Jr. Collegium of Scholars at Morehouse College, and holds membership in many professional organizations including

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the Society of Biblical Literature, the American Academy of Religion, the Society for the Study of Black Religion, and the National Black MBA Association. Russaw also serves on the board of the African American Methodist Heritage Center and is a member of the Sisters Chapel Advisory Council (Spelman College). Russaw is also a dedicated member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Above all this, God has blessed Russaw with a loving family to whom she is devoted. She is the daughter of Drs. Floyd and Ethel Russaw, the sister of Kaye and Kelly, the sister-in-love of Sean D. Shelton, and the adoring auntie of Sean William Floyd Shelton.