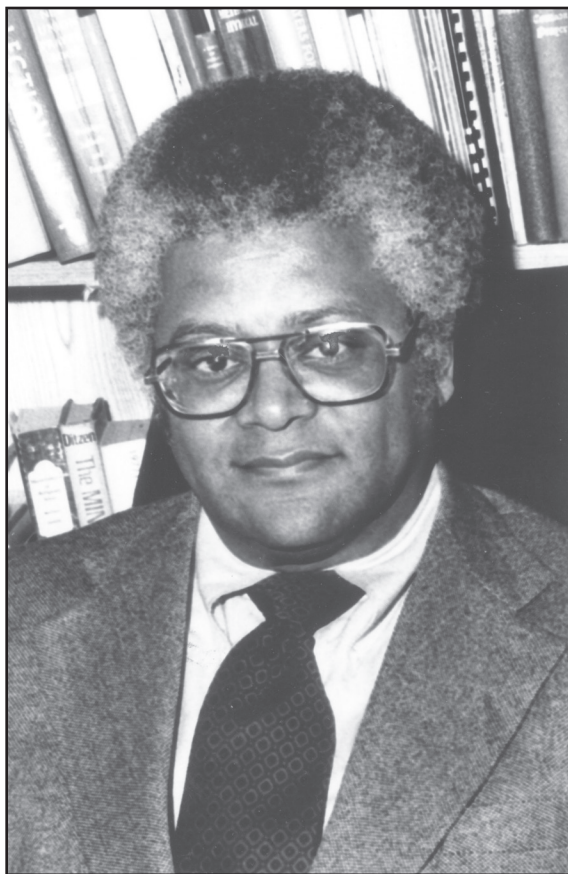


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EDITOR'S NOTE

The General Commission on Archives and History provides grants for research in United Methodist history. 2014's recipients are named below.

The World Is My Parish Grant encourages research into the development of The United Methodist Church and its antecedents in conferences not in the United States and about Methodist developments in countries other than the United States. A grant will go to Christina C. Davidson, a Ph.D. candidate at Duke University for work entitled "Born Again Nation: Race and Religion in the Dominican Republic, 1916-1966." She will focus on the history of Methodism and ecumenical missionary work in the country. The grant will help her to write lesser-known histories of Methodism in order to transform the way that scholars think about U.S. missionary work in Latin America.

The Asian, African, Hispanic, and Native American History Research Grant supports research in the history and heritage of ethnic/racial groups in the United Methodist tradition. Part of the grant to Christian Davidson will come from these funds as well. Another grant will be made to Jasper Peters, a Master of Divinity student at Iliff School of Theology pursuing ordination in The United Methodist Church. His research will focus on the Mississippi and Colorado connections in the religious history of Margaret Howell (daughter of Jefferson Davis) and the work of C. W. Holmes in forming a Methodist Episcopal congregation for freed slaves in Colorado.

The Women in United Methodist History Research Grant was awarded to John Laaman, Ph.D. candidate at Auburn University, who is focusing on southern resistance to the World War I. He wrote in his proposal that "a crucial element in the changing views of war and peace is rooted in how women viewed and carried out missions, the one major aspect of their religious life that connected them to the larger nation and international affairs." Another grant will go to Sandra J. McKee, formerly professor at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, for research into Grace Stephens, an Anglo-Indian from Madras (Chennai), India. Stephens worked with the English-speaking and Tamil-speaking people, eventually running an orphanage, several day schools, a boarding school, and Sunday schools.

The Women in United Methodist History Writing Award went to Dr. Rachel Cope, Assistant Professor of Church History at Brigham Young University, for her paper, "Memoirs of Eternal Consequence: Discovering Salvific Significance in Personal Life Stories." It focused on the spiritual lives of Ann Lee, Catherine Livingston Garrettson, and Elizabeth Bayley Seton. Catherine Garrettson was a significant Methodist and was married to Freeborn Garrettson, a prominent Methodist preacher.

Information on all awards is available at www.gcqh.org.

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