

Biographical Sketch of Derek C. Bowe

Academically and professionally, I am a product of Oakwood University. I earned a bachelor of science from the institution in 1986, majoring in English Education and minoring in secondary education and history. Immediately afterwards, I attended our sister institution, Andrews University, graduating with a Master of Arts degree in English from it in 1987. That same year, I began my career at Oakwood, teaching there for seven years before enrolling as a doctoral student in English at the University of Kentucky. In 1998, I was privileged to graduate from the school, having written a dissertation on James Baldwin and the role of Christianity in his novels and plays. I weave my experiences from these stages of my development into my classes at Oakwood. In this educational journey, I have had the invaluable help of God, as well as the support of my wife of thirty-two years, Norma Joy, and our two children, Derek, Jr., and Deryka Joy.