

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

**Drew University Theological School**, Madison NJ, Graduate Division of Religion, MPhil, PhD Candidate Liturgical Studies, dissertation in process: Antiracist Preaching. Concentration in Homiletics and Worship with interdisciplinary studies in Christian Ethics and Women's Studies. Comprehensive exams: Early Christian Liturgies, Sacred Meals, Jill Comings, Antiracist Preaching for Social Transformation, Barbara Lundblad, Gendered Preaching, Traci West, The Sacramental Theology of Charles Wesley, Morris Davis.

**Palmer Theological Seminary**, Philadelphia, PA, M.Div. 2001.

**Rowan University**, Glassboro, NJ, B.S., 1990.

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## Languages

American English, French (Reading Knowledge), Latin (Reading Knowledge), Biblical Hebrew (Reading Knowledge), Koine Greek (Reading Knowledge).

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## Academic Teaching Experience

### **Moravian Theological Seminary Adjunct Faculty, Pastoral Theology**

Developed syllabi, instructed on historical, theoretical, and theological foundations in the discipline of preaching and various considerations of voice, body, reading, and writing in preaching performance. Term papers and praxis integrated with Field placement. Assessed sermons and provided feedback through digital filming and classroom discussion.

- Practice of Preaching 2013 - 2016
- Advanced Preaching: Preaching Social Issues Spring 2014
- Homiletics Fall 2012

### **Drew Theological School Teaching Assistant/Research Assistant**

Lectured, organized travel, room and board arrangements for speakers and scholars, and students. Facilitated monitor training, pedagogical process, and meetings with other seminarians across the connection. Administered Moodle websites, video conferencing with multiple sites, library materials, and financial records for grants.

- Topics in Theology: Native American People and Place Spring 2013
- General Conference 2012 Spring 2012

Lectured on "Alternative Methodologies and Narrative Homiletical Theory," and the theology and praxis of prayer, led precepts, assessed sermons, filmed and produced student sermons and student worship projects, and administered Moodle websites.

- The Church at Worship: Preaching Fall 2009-2012
- The Church at Worship: Worship Spring 2010, 2011

### **Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York Tutor**

Assisted in lesson preparation and general discussion, led precepts, assessed sermons, facilitated student critique process, provided input for grades.

- Preaching for Social Transformation Spring 2009

### **Palmer Theological Seminary (formerly Eastern Baptist) Teaching Assistant**

Assisted in lesson preparation and general discussion, lectured and led discussion when the professor was unavailable, graded exams and term papers.

- United Methodist History and Doctrine & Polity 2001-2004

## **Ecclesial Teaching Experience**

### **Eastern Pennsylvania Conference UMC**

“Walking in Love: The Act of Repentance and Healing Relationships with Native American and Indigenous Persons,” United Methodist Laity Academy. August 2015, 2016.

Antiracism Trainer: lecture and facilitate discussion concerning the history of racism in the Americas, White Privilege, and a Power Analysis. Curriculum advisor.

- Healing the Wounds of Racism Workshop 2006-2014
- Revealing the Wounds of Racism Workshop Level II 2015

Developed and led workshops for an elders and lay pastors continuing education event of the Northeast District of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference United Methodist Church.

- “Introduction to Preaching” April 30, 2011
  - “Prophetic Preaching and Evangelism” April 30, 2011
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## **Publications**

### **Academic Articles**

“Liminal Margins, Creativity, and Agency of the Leytonstone Circle: Methodist Women & Preaching”. *Methodist History, General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church, In process.*

“Antiracist Preaching: Homiletical Strategies for Undermining Racism in Worship.” *Liturgy* 29, no. 3 (2014): 11–20.

“Preaching the Parousia in an Expanded Advent.” *Call to Worship* 46.4, (Advent 2013): 9-15.

### **Ecclesial Articles**

“Real Progress Takes More than an Act of Repentance.” *The United Methodist Reporter*, Vol. 158 Issue 48, (March 30, 2012): 6A.

### **Book Reviews**

Review of Porter, Wendy L., ed. *Rediscovering Worship*. Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick Publications, 2015, Homiletic. 2016, *Pending*.

Review of Calvin R. Stapert. *Handel's Messiah: Comfort for God's People*. Calvin Institute of Christian Worship Liturgical Studies, 2010, Homiletic. June 2011.

### **Blog Postings**

“Celebrating an Extended Advent at Epworth UMC, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.” *United Methodist Worship*. UMC General Board of Discipleship.

“Philippines: The poor will always be with you?” Church and Society Work Team, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church

### **Academic Papers**

“Subversive Preaching: Homiletical Strategies for Introducing congregations to the Advent Project.” NAAL, Advent Project Seminar. January 2018. *In Process*

“God has Work for Us to Do: Preaching Peace & Justice in an Expanded Advent (Hermeneutical and Homiletical considerations for an Expanded Advent Year A.)” with Dr. Deborah Appler, NAAL, Advent Project Seminar. January 2017.

“Antiracist Preaching” Academy of Homiletics, Justice, Ethics and the Preaching Task Workgroup. *In Process*

“Theoretical & Practical Implications of a Clergy Workshop for an Expanded Advent.” with Dr. Deborah Appler, NAAL, Advent Project Seminar. January 2015, Minneapolis.

“Preaching the Parousia in an Expanded Advent – Homiletical Strategies in Context.” NAAL, Advent Project Seminar. January 4, 2013, Albuquerque.

Unpublished Student papers in Drew University Archives:

- “A Rhetorical study of the writings of John Wesley: ‘On Visiting the Sick’ J98 VI 117-127 1786 ML 25:36, ‘I was sick and ye visited me’ When, Who, Why, and How to Visit; By Whom: A Special Ministry of Women,” 2010.

- “A Comparison of John Wesley's ‘Thoughts on a Single Life and A Thought Upon Marriage’ to ‘Jesus Altogether Lovely’ written by Mary Bosanquet to Single Methodist Women about chastity, poverty and obedience,” 2010.
- “Mary Bosanquet's account of the death of Margaret Lewen: Assurance, Witness of the Spirit: a rhetorical and theological study,” 2010.
- “A Comparison of two arguments: Mary Bosanquet June 13, 1771 Letter to John Wesley Concerning Preaching, John Wesley's response to Mary Bosanquet concerning preaching, and A Letter to the Rev. Mr. [George Lewis] Fleury (answering questions on ministry, extraordinary inspiration, apostolicity, lay preachers, and church order), JIX, 179-91 1771 B 9:389-401.” 2010.
- “The Leytonstone Circle: A study in 18th C Methodist understanding of a holistic life of piety and activism based on Mary Bosanquet, ‘A Letter to the Rev. Mr. Wesley by a Gentlewoman.’ London, 1764.” 2010.
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## **Lectures**

### **Academic Lectures**

“Prophetic Preaching and Isaiah: How Form, Contextualization, Narrative, and Testimony can aid in Conveying the Hard Word.” Visiting lecturer at Moravian Theological Seminary. For SEBO 926 The Book of Isaiah. October 2011.

### **Ecclesial Lectures**

“Methodist Women: Prayer & Social Justice from the Leytonstone Circle through early 20th century Suffragette and Anti-lynching Advocates.” Keynote speaker at on Local church conference on prayer. Featured Sarah Ryan, Mary Bosanquet Fletcher, Sarah Crosby, Anne Tripp, Jarena Lee, Phoebe Palmer, Ida B. Wells, Frances Willard, and Mary McLeod Bethune as models for church renewal today. March 2011.

## **Professional Presentations**

### **Academic Presentations**

“Communion Liturgies for Use with an Expanded Advent.” NAAL, Advent Project Seminar. January 2017.

“Altered Altars: One Way To Encourage Congregations To Observe an Expanded Advent.” NAAL, Advent Project Seminar. January 4, 2014, Orlando.

### **Ecclesial Presentations**

“Learning Things in A Good Way: The Journey Toward Healing with Native Americans in Our Communities”, United Methodist Church Tools for Ministry. March 2016, Eastern Pa Conference.

“First Steps in the Journey Towards Transformation: Act of Repentance & Healing Relationships with Native Americans and Indigenous Persons”, Bishop Day’s on District Clergy Sessions Oct. 2015, Eastern PA Conference.

“What now? The UMC Act of Repentance with Native Americans and Indigenous people” United Methodist Church Tools for Ministry Presentation on building relationships and walking into repentance. Fall 2013 and 2014, Eastern PA Conference.

“Altering Spaces: Incorporating the Visual Arts in Worship” for Leading from the Heart II, a Music and Worship Conference featuring Mark Miller, Lydia Munoz, and Tanya Bennett. September 2014, Eastern PA Conference.

“What Are We Waiting For? Reclaiming Advent for Time to Come.” The Consult on Common Texts Forum, area clergy, and Ecumenical officers concerning Educating for an Expanded Advent: Congregational Preparation & Evaluation. March 26, 2012, New York City.

“Expanded Advent 2011” Northeast District Clergy Meeting, June 2011, Eastern PA Conference

“Sacred Meals and Church renewal”. Workshop on the intersection of church vision and mission development and their sacramental life. 2009, Epworth UMC.

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### **Media Presentations**

“Extended Advent: Why and How-To,” United Methodist General Board Of Discipleship Webinar facilitated by Rev. Dr. Taylor Burton-Edwards, with Dr. Deborah Appler discussing Homiletic and Hermeneutic considerations for Year C-A. September, 2016. – or is it “Celebrating Extended Advent: Homiletical and Hermeneutical Resources for Year C-A,” United Methodist General Board Of Discipleship Webinar facilitated by Rev. Dr. Taylor Burton -Edwards with Dr. Deborah Appler. August, 2016.

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“Celebrating Extended Advent: Why and How-To,” United Methodist General Board Of Discipleship Webinar facilitated by Rev. Dr. Taylor Burton-Edwards, with Dr. Deborah Appler discussing Homiletic and Hermeneutic considerations for Year B-C. September, 2015.

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WMNJ 88.9, interviewed by Mr. ZayZay Kpadeh, discussed “Ministry and Methodism in the 21st Century: The Role Of The Church In This Broken World Reaching The Unchurched Through Open Hearts, Minds and Doors.” October, 2009.

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### **Preaching & Worship**

Created and/or collaborated with students and colleagues in the creation of worship services. Developed and wrote liturgies, presided at communion, coordinated music, and either preached sermons or coordinated with Keynote speakers.

#### **Palmer Theological Seminary**

“Service of Word and Table,” Rev. Derrick Porter DS Pen Del & Rev Dr Timothy Duchesne, Spring 2015.

“Midday Prayer with Anointing for Healing & Communion”, Spring 2015.

“An All Saints Liturgy of Remembrance and Hope Based on Revelation 22”, Fall 2014.

“Tasting the fall: An Emergent Worship Experience of Tsirahcue and Eucharist In the Methodist Tradition.” Fall 2014.

“Candle lighting & Communion Service in recognition of All Saints.” Fall 2014.

“Let it Go: A Service of Word & Table,” with Bishop Peggy Johnson April 9, 2014.

“Journey to the Cross: A Lenten Service of Communion and Meditation through the art of Adolfo Pérez Esquivel’s “Way of the Cross.” March 25, 2014

“Seasons - They Are a Changin’: A Lenten Service of Word & Table.” April 1, 2014.

“An Evening of Taizé Prayer & Communion.” April 24, 2014.

“The Lenten Journey: an Alternative Worship Experience with Eucharist.” Spring 2012 .

“An Advent Adventure: an Alternative Worship Experience with Eucharist.” Fall 2012.

Founder’s Day chapel service. March 18, 2003.

Palmer Theological Seminary Graduation service. Recruited and collaborated with a multicultural, multid denominational, multilingual worship team - the first such coordination effort between MDiv, ESCM, and DMin programs with keynote speaker, Anne Graham Lotz. May 2001.

Torbet Lecture. Liturgist for keynote speaker Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua. 2001.

#### **The Saal at Moravian Theological Seminary**

Consulted with Dr. Deborah Appler and students for Word & Table service with Bishop Peggy Johnson. Fall 2015.

“Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes and Communion” with Dr. Deborah Appler and Bishop Johnson. Spring 2014.

“An Eco-Eucharistic Journey based on Song of Songs,” “Communion for All Saints,” and “Lenten Communion with music and prayer in the Style of Taizé” Fall 2013.

Opening Convocation, Key Note Preacher. Spring 2013.  
“Reign It In,” a multisensory worship service with liturgical dance and Expanded Advent liturgy.  
Fall 2012.

#### **Craig Chapel at Drew University**

“Native American People and Places Chapel service,” speaker and coordinator. Oct. 2013.  
“Living into the Tension” communion service, with General Conference class. Sept 2012  
“Native American Perspectives,” a Cross Cultural Immersion Chapel service. April 2012  
Eco-centered Interfaith Chapel, wrote a remembrance of baptism liturgy. 2012.  
Chapel Communion Service. Preached and Presided. Fall 2009 and Spring 2011.  
“Drew Theological School Matriculation Service for Evening Students.” coordinated effort with  
the Academic Dean providing an opportunity for students to participate in the 100-year-  
old tradition of signing the matriculation book. 2009.

#### **The Interfaith Chapel at Lafayette University**

“Salt and Wounds” February 6, 2011  
“Becoming God’s Church,” February 12, 2012

#### **The United Methodist Church**

Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference “Act of Repentance Toward Healing Relationships with  
Indigenous Peoples,” Collaborated with Native and Non-Native American leaders of the  
Northeastern Jurisdiction writing and developing liturgy and ritual, coordinating rehearsals,  
and implementing worship.  
“Act of Repentance Toward Healing Relationships with Indigenous Peoples,” Chairperson Eastern  
PA CONAM worship subcommittee. Collaborated with Native and Non-Native American  
leaders of the Eastern PA conference and with Dr. Thom White Wolf Fassett (Key Note  
Speaker) and Bishop Peggy Johnson (Philadelphia Area Episcopal Leader) developing liturgy  
and ritual, coordinating rehearsals, and implementing worship for the Opening Service of  
Word & Table Eastern PA UMC June 2016 Annual Conference.  
“Leading from the Heart: Music for the 21st Century” A Music and Worship Conference  
featuring Mark Miller and Lydia Munoz. Participated on planning committee and created  
worship Art/Altars. September 2013.  
Vetted EPA Annual Conference sermons and provided evaluative criteria for judges. Sermons  
were submitted in answer to a conference-wide call for a young adult layperson to preach,  
concerning the Council of Bishop’s statement God’s Renewed Creation: A Call to Hope  
and Action. June 2011.  
Northeast Jurisdiction Clergywomen’s 2011 Consultation. Planning team and a worship leader.  
March 2011.  
“Communion in the Style of Taizé.” Southwest District’s annual meeting. September 2007.

#### **Ecumenical**

“Service Of Healing & Remembrance” developed and implemented this ecumenical worship  
service and candlelight vigil with 12 participating pastors and 30 churches represented.  
Included combined choirs, featured soloist Michael J Bodnyk, Prayer and follow-up  
pastoral care for a community of first responders who had lost family and friends on 9/11.  
Sept. 11, 2002.

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#### **Conferences, Symposia, Educational Opportunities and Lectures Organized**

“The Body of Christ” Worship Service & Lecture on Ministry with people with Disabilities by  
Bishop Peggy Johnson, Feb 2015.  
“Giving Thanks Together!” with a liturgical writing workshop by Rev. Bron Yocum. Palmer  
Theological Seminary, Nov. 2014.  
“Uniting Social Justice and the Spiritual Life: Three Methodist Ministers Share their Journeys in  
Ministry with Love Feast.” Hannah Adair Bonner, Michele Wright Bartlow, and Doris  
Kung Dalton presented their experiences from New Monasticism, 30+ years as UMC



ordained elder and ordained deacon in areas of peace activism, antiracism, reconciliation, and work with the poor. Craig Chapel, April 26, 2011 .

“A People's Tour of Wall Street: Reflecting on Religion, Wealth, and Poverty: Reflection on the current economic crisis, poverty and wealth and the theological imperative to end poverty.” Coordinated with the Poverty Initiative of NY. Toured New York Stock Exchange, The House of Morgan, The Wall Street Bull, Site of the New York slave trade, Monument to the Manhattan Purchase, and The Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Students engaged in a peaceful demonstration, according to their own comfort level, in solidarity with the United Workers of Baltimore at the South Street Seaport. October 9, 2010.

“Philadelphia Story: Intersection of Politics, Religion, Race and Art”. Organized and implemented visit to Historic Old St. George’s UMC, Mother Bethel AME, and the Arts & Spirituality Center of Philadelphia. Historical reenactment of the walk out of Richard Allen and other African Americans with a debrief by the writers/producers & actors. A poetry writing workshop and introduction to the work of Artists and spiritual leaders positively impacting the lives of Philadelphia children who have been touched by poverty, violence, despair, and racism. April 4, 2009.

“Race and the Election.” Followed by “Election Day 2008 Prayer Vigil” aimed to enable reconciliation among students with divergent political views. Presentation and Discussion featured PhD Students and Shalom Initiative Guest Speakers, Drew University, Fall 2008.

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### **Pastoral Experience**

#### **Campus Ministry**

Planned and implemented worship opportunities, educational opportunities, lectures, and social events for students from the US, Puerto Rico and other nations such as Nigeria, Congo, Cote D'Ivoire, Liberia, South Korea, Japan, China, Philippines, Jamaica, Mexico, Germany as well as various spiritual traditions such as Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, UCC, Episcopalian, Pentecostal, Nondenominational, Orthodox Christian, Orthodox and Reformed Jewish, Unitarian Universalist. In particular held regular “Prayer Revealing Release services” developed in collaboration with Korean students aimed at providing space for lament by revealing-facing-releasing personal and social stresses, worries, sadness, and anger through communal worship through singing, anointing, and Holy Communion based on the Korean theological concept of Han. Also held weekly services in the Style of Taizé with the students who had made pilgrimage to Taizé. Offered opportunities for Labyrinth walking, and drumming by coordinating with Sisters of St. Elizabeth and student musicians. Counseled and provided resources for student’s spiritual, academic and professional growth, and ordination processes. Connected with students via formal meetings, one-on-one sessions, dinners, Facebook, email, and small groups.

Coordinated with campus Interdenominational and Interfaith groups.

- United Methodist Chapel Coordinator Palmer Theological Seminary 2014-2015
- Evening Student Coordinator Drew University 2008-2011

#### **Local Church Experience: Ordained Elder Eastern PA Conference UMC**

Preached and planned worship services. Planned Ecumenical and Interfaith community services. Trained worship teams. Supervised staff and facilitated church mission and vision development utilizing Appreciative Inquiry, Gestalt Pastoral Care, and Church lifecycle resources from Gil Rendle. Taught Bible Study and developed curriculum in theology, discernment, religion and race, historical church movements, and the spiritual disciplines. Engaged with the community

through programs such as LUMINA of Lancaster County single and homeless women's program, and Lehigh Girl Scout Council Girls at Risk program.

Appointments:

- Ridge Ave. UMC, Philadelphia PA. June 2013-July 2015. Lead Pastor
- St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Wilmington, DE. July 2012-present
- Epworth United Methodist Church of Bethlehem. 2008-2013.
- The Well, An Emergent Community Strasburg. PA. 2006-2008.
- St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Elizabethtown. 2003-2007. Assoc. Pastor
- Theology on Tap pub ministry in Marrietta, PA. 2005-2007. Facilitator
- Grace United Methodist Church of Catasauqua. 2001-2003. Lead Pastor
- St. Andrew's United Methodist Church. 2000-2001. Pastor
- The United Methodist Church of New Brunswick. 1999-2000. Youth Director

Guest Preacher at Bristol First, Bethel Hill UMC Lansdale, Wesley UMC Strasburg, Drums UMC Reading, Diamond UMC Hazelton, FUMCOG Germantown, Mountainhome UMC, Willistown UMC, Asbury UMC Allentown, Epworth UMC Bethlehem, St. Paul Hellertown, St. Paul's Wilmington, Arch Street UMC, Christ UMC Middletown, and Evansburg UMC.

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### **Academic Affiliations**

- North American Academy of Liturgy: The Advent Project Director of Homiletics Resources
- Academy of Homiletics
- Society of Biblical Literature
- Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies
- Charles Wesley Society
- Phi Alpha Theta - International Historical Honor Society
- American Association of University Women
- Gestalt Pastoral Care Associates

### **Church Affiliations**

- Phi Beta Kappa, EPA Conference of the United Methodist Church
- Oblate of St. Brigid of Kildare Monastery a United Methodist Benedictine Community
- Board Member Committee on Native American Ministries EPA conference, NE Jurisdiction representative, Chair of Communications as of Nov 2016.
- Board Member Palmer Theological Seminary United Methodist Advisory Board
- UMC Ordination Candidacy mentor
- Board Member Core Team Healing the Wounds of Racism 2006-present.
- Wildgoose Festival managed Check-in and presided at Daily communion for staff. (2011-2013)

### **Honors and Awards**

- The Edwards-Mercer Prize: Awarded to a Ph.D. candidate in any GDR area for travel expenses associated with dissertation research 2013.
- Co-convener Drew Graduate Division of Religion Liturgical Studies Area, 2010-2013.
- Co-chair Drew Graduate Division of Religion Student Association, Fall 2009.
- Eastern Pennsylvania Church & Society Peace With Justice grant.
- Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr. Scholarship in the Liturgical Studies Program Drew 2013-2014, Howard Warren Endowed Scholar at Drew 2013-2014, Drew University Scholarship recipient 2008-2013, Rev. Charles W. Tadlock Scholarship GBHEM 2013,

Esther Scholarship GBHEM 2012, GBHEM Brandenburg Scholarship recipient 2009-2011.

- First Prize Harriet B. Paullin award for Scripture Reading for 2001 Palmer Theological Seminary.
  - Palmer Seminary Student Council Representative and Senior Class President 2000-2001.
  - Women's Division, Rev. Charles W. Tadlock, International Order King's Daughters/Sons, Mount Olivet Foundation and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary Scholarship recipient.
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### **Additional Study**

#### **Preaching & Worship**

- Liturgical Theology & Ritual Theory H. Elkins;
- Re-Imagining Worship For a New World, Sally Morgenthaler.
- Sacramental preaching H. Elkins;
- The New Homiletic for the New Millennium, Eugene Lowry;
- Preaching and the Movies, William Jacobsen;
- Ethics and Homiletics, Ada Maria Isasi Diaz.
- Revivalism and American Christianity: Revivalist Preaching,
- Deconstructing Racism, Traci West.

#### **Public Theology**

- Celtic Spirituality and Radical Activism Event in Northern Ireland.
- The role of the church and religion in the People Power Movement, Eco-justice and Militarism in the Philippines.
- Young Adult Pastor Public policy Advocacy Training.
- Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington DC, National Capital Semester for Seminarians.

#### **Pastoral Care**

- Sacred Bodies, Practicum stressing the Intersection of ritual and Gestalt Pastoral Care for those seeking healing from sexual abuse.
  - Gestalt Pastoral Care Certificate (Advanced, Practicum, & Foundational training).
  - 1 unit Clinical Pastoral Education Jeannes Hospital, Philadelphia.
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