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## Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics

Dr. Reggie Williams joined our faculty as Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics in July of 2012. Before coming to McCormick, Reggie taught ethics at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and Practical Theology at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, California.

Dr. Williams' book *Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus: Harlem Renaissance Theology and an Ethic of Resistance* (Baylor University Press, 2014) was selected as a Choice Outstanding Title in 2015, in the field of religion. The book is an analysis of exposure to Harlem Renaissance intellectuals, and worship at Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist on the German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, during his year of post-doctoral study at Union Seminary in New York, 1930-31.

Dr. Williams' research interests include theological anthropology (Christian understanding of human beings), Christian ethics derived from interpretations of Jesus, race, politics and black church life. His current book project includes a religious critique of whiteness in the Harlem Renaissance. In addition, he is working on a popular commentary on the books of Joshua and Judges (belief series, Westminster/John Knox).

Dr. Williams received his Ph.D. in Christian ethics at Fuller Theological Seminary in 2011. He earned a Master's degree in Theology from Fuller in 2006 and a Bachelor's degree in Religious Studies from Westmont College in 1995. He is a member of the board of directors for the Society for Christian Ethics, as well as the International Dietrich Bonhoeffer Society. Dr. Williams is also a member of the American Academy of Religion and Society for the Study of Black Religion.

