

Charles Richard Stith

Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL DATA

Office Address

Boston University
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EDUCATION

Th.M. Harvard University Divinity School, Cambridge, 1977
M. Div Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, 1975
B.A. Baker University, Baldwin, KS, 1973

HONORARY DEGREE

Doctor of Humane Letters, University of South Carolina, 2006
Doctor of Humane Letters, Clark Atlanta University, 2006
Doctor of Divinity, Baker University, Baldwin, KS 1991

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

January 2006 – Present

Visiting Professor – International Relations, Boston University

March 2001 – Present

Director – African Presidential Archives and Research Center and Special
Assistant to the President, Boston University

September 1998 – February 2001

Received Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America to the United Republic of Tanzania

May 1985 – September 1998

President, Organization for a New Equality, Boston, MA

April 1979 – June 1994

Senior Minister, Union United Methodist Church, Boston, MA

June 1977 – April 1979

Minister, Wesley United Methodist Church, Boston, MA

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

February 1992-94

Visiting Lecturer, Harvard University Divinity School

September 1979-87

Lecturer, Boston College Department of Theology

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

June 2002 Corporate Council on Africa Commission on Capital Flows

July 2002 Observer 38th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity

June 2001 United States Commission on International Religious Freedom

April 1994 Member of President Clinton's Official Delegation to Monitor The South African Election

AWARDS AND HONORS

2004 Morehouse College, Inductee MLK Collegium of Scholars

2003 World Boston, International Citizen Award

2002 Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, Lee F. Jackson Achievement Award

2001 Organization for a New Equality, The Medal of Hope

2001 Minority Business Development Agency, Leadership Citation

2000 Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

2000 State Senate Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Citation Outstanding Leadership

2000 House of Representatives Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Outstanding Leadership

2000 Boston City Council, Outstanding Leadership

1999 Distinguished Alumni, the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA

1998 Urban College of Boston

1995 Quincy-Geneva Housing Development Corporation, Community Service Award

- 1994 Paul Revere Bowl, City of Boston
- 1991 Key to the City of Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1991 Honorary Doctor of Divinity, Baker University
- 1988 Honoree Esquire magazine Fifth Annual Register, Education and Social Service
- 1988 Americans for Democratic Action (Massachusetts Chapter)
- 1985 Boston Urban Bankers Forum
- 1985 YMCA Fredrick Douglas Public Service Award
- 1985 Boston Urban Bankers Forum, Outstanding Community Service
- 1983 Anti-Defamation League, Outstanding Leadership in Civil Rights

BOARDS

- International Finance Corporation's Global Business School Network, 2005
- The United Nations Association of Greater Boston, 2005
- The Alliance for the Commonwealth, 2003
- The Council of American Ambassadors, 2001
- FannieMae National Advisory Council, 1995-95
- Fleet InCity Advisory Council, 1994-98
- West Insurance Company, Inc., 1996-98
- Editorial Board WCVB-TV (Boston ABC Affiliate), 1984-98
- Wang Center for Performing Arts, 1992-98
- Lena Park Community Development Corporation, 1982-92
- Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change, 1985-94
- People for the American Way, 1992-98

BOOK (S) PUBLISHED

Stith, Charles; *Political Religion* Abingdon Press, 1995

PUBLICATIONS/EDITORIALS

Stith, Charles, “Bush, Blair Raise New Hopes for Africa”, The Boston Herald 6/14/2005

Stith, Charles, “Help Africa to get as Much as it Gives”, The Atlanta Journal Constitution 6/15/2005

Stith, Charles, “South Africa Humming with Activity”, The Boston Herald 2/27/2005

Stith, Charles, “AFRICA DIARY; Namibia, Botswana: Gems in Crown”, The Boston Herald 2/20/2005

Stith, Charles, “Why Dems failed; why they’ll recover” Atlanta Journal Constitution 11/5/2004

Stith, Charles, “AFRICA DIARY; Lagos, Joburg: Cities to rival any” Boston Herald, 2/13/2005

Stith, Charles, “In Ghana, Benin, freedom finds a place to grow” Boston Herald, 2/6/2005

Stith, Charles, “Engaging other to help against terrorism”, Boston Globe 3/30/2004

Stith, Charles, “Black voters look for answers”, Atlanta Journal Constitution, 2/2/2004

Stith, Charles, “America’s Corporate Ambassadors” Wall Street Journal 4/15/2003

Stith, Charles, “Moral Values and Market Values: The Impact on Africa in an era of Global Capitalism”, The Trotter Review, Vol. 15, No. 1, Fall 2003

Stith, Charles, “Recovering the Art of Diplomacy” Denver Post 3/30/2003

Stith, Charles, “Bush Administration needs to ease Africa’s fears about Iraq”, Atlanta Journal Constitution 2/10/2003

Stith, Charles, “The Africa Union: A False Start or Good Start?”, The Ambassador’s Review, Fall 2002

Stith, Charles, “A New Voice in Shaping Africa’s Future”, Boston Globe 7/17/2002

Stith, Charles, “Zimbabwe’s Bad Example”, Boston Sunday Globe, 3/24/2002

Stith, Charles, “Twin Strategies for the West”, Boston Globe, 12/17/2001

Stith, Charles, “Protect our friends to protect our flank”, Boston Herald, 10/7/2001

Stith, Charles, "This is World War III", Boston Sunday Globe, 9/16/2001

Stith, Charles, "Give Bush Credit for Diversity Push", Boston Globe, 4/7/2001

Stith, Charles, "The Sovereignization of the Modern Corporation", The Ambassador's Review, Spring 2001

Stith, Charles, "Can't find a perfect election? Settle for a Good One", The East African, 12/4/2000

Stith, Charles, "The Ten Commandments for African Development", The East African, 11/ 1999

Stith, Charles, "Boston to Tanzania in best, worst of times", Boston Globe, 9/8/98

Stith, Charles, "Elected vs. Appointed School Board", Boston Herald, 10/27/96

Stith, Charles, "Smart Cards and Access", Boston Globe, 10/15/96

Stith, Charles, "Bringing New Payment Technologies to All", American Banker, 10/14/96

Stith, Charles & Chad Gifford, "How Corporations Can Act Responsibly", Boston Globe 6/3/96

Stith, Charles, "Questioning the Candidates about Race", Boston Globe, 3/5/96

Stith, Charles, "Bank-Merger Mania...", Banker and Tradesman, 1/1/96

Stith, Charles & Leslie Belay, "A Megaplex on Summer St.," Boston Globe, 8/13/95

Stith, Charles, "Bang for the Megaplex Buck," Boston Globe, 3/5/95

Stith, Charles, "An Assault on Fairness", Boston Globe, 2/5/95

Stith, Charles, "Democrats need discipline, direction to rebuild," 12/18/94

Stith, Charles & Dianne Wilkerson, "Insurance Reform is a key to revitalizing Urban America," Boston Globe, 11/6/94

Stith, Charles, "Opening up the books on Insurance Discrimination," Boston Herald, 9/25/94

Stith, Charles, "Set-aside program can be made to work," Boston Herald, 8/19/93

Stith, Charles, “Bank Idea Won’t Work”, USA Today, 12/30/92

Stith, Charles & William Schulz, “Why God Stays Neutral”, Boston Globe, 9/6/92

Stith, Charles & William Schulz, “The GOP and Woody Allen on Values”, Boston Herald, 8/30/92

Stith, Charles & Ira Jackson, “A Financial Lifeline”, Boston Globe, 5/25/92

Stith, Charles, “ABC’s of Fixing Schools”, Boston Globe, 1/2/91

Stith, Charles, “No More Layoffs”, Boston Globe, 4/1/91

Stith, Charles, “Killer Amendments in The Banking Bill”, New York Times, 5/23/91

Stith, Charles, “Now is Time for Community Outreach”, Boston Herald, 6/29/89

Stith, Charles, “The Candidates Are Snubbing Minorities and Their Issues”, Los Angeles Times, 2/22/88

Stith, Charles, “After the Crash: Where do we go from here”, Boston Herald, 8/16/87

Stith, Charles, “More Government Spending is Cure for Economic Woes”, Chicago Sun Times, 11/11/87

Stith, Charles, “...City Making Progress”, Boston Globe 11/1/86

Stith, Charles, “Where Tax Bill Should be Changed to Help the Poor”, Boston Globe 1/16/86

Stith, Charles, “Blacks and Hispanics: Seeking a Better Future Together”, Boston Globe, 10/12/80

Selected Lectures and Presentations

“Africa and the Battle Against Global Terrorism”, Institute of Advanced Journalism, North Carolina A&T University, 10/04/2005

“Leading After Leaving: the Role of former Heads of State in African Development”, National Democratic Institute/Club de Madrid, Bamako, Mali, 6/9/2005

“Africa, The African Diaspora, and Globalization”, National Bar Association, 1/24/2004

The Inaugural Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture in Social Justice, University of Pennsylvania, 1/22/2002

“Morals, Religious Values and the Future of Globalization”, Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs and Boston University, 11/10/2001

“Benefits of An Open Skies Agreement”, International Transportation Symposium, Department of Transportation, Washington DC. 11/11/2000

“Infrastructure Development: The Road to Growth and Opportunity in Africa”, Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, Atlanta. 6/30/2000

“The Question of Race in Africa’s Economic Future”, Rotary International District Conference and Plenary Session, Dar es Salaam. 5/20/2000

“Africa in the Global Economy”, World Affairs Council, Boston, 3/29/2000

“On Cooperation and Competition in Africa” University of Dar es Salaam Law School, 2000

“On Development Ethics” Development Ethics Conference co-sponsored by the University of Dar es Salaam, and University of Helsinki 2/8/2000

“Moral Values in an Era of Global Capitalism”, the Interdenominational Theological Center, September 19, 1999

“A Holistic Vision for Healing Communities” Harvard School of Public Health Seventy-fifth Anniversary Symposium, 4/29/97

“The Church and Economic Life”, Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, 11/7/96

“The Unfinished Business of the Civil Rights Movement”, Merrimac Valley NAACP, 10/26/96

“The New CRA: Focus on the Future”, San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank, 10/20/96

“Consolidation in the Banking Industry: Opportunity or Obstruction for CRA”, Massachusetts Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, 6/19/96

“New Bankers for New Communities: The Challenges of CRA,” The National Association of Urban Bankers Northeast Regional Conference, 4/4/96

“Revitalizing Urban Communities: New Opportunities for the Insurance Industry”, Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters Society, 11/6/95

“Economic Empowerment Through Partnerships”, National Association of Urban Bankers National Conference, 6/8/95

“City Divinitas, City Humanitas”, International Design Conference, Aspen, CO 6/19/92

“Is There Hope After LA”, Northeast Regional Conference, The Urban League, Springfield, MA 5/2/92

“The Case for Affirmative Action”, Conference on Racism, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 11/21/91

“CRA: Anew Vista of Opportunity for America’s Cities”, National Newspaper Publishers Association, Atlanta, GA 6/20/91

“An Ethic of Help, A Vision of Hope”, Baccalaureate Address, Baker University, Baldwin, KS 5/19/91

“Blacks and Jews: Is a New Coalition Possible”, Dillard University, New Orleans, LA 11/27/90

“Electoral Politics: Toward a more substantive treatment of values”, Harvard Conference on Values and Images in Presidential Politics”, Cambridge, MA 4/17/89

“The Meaning of Martin’s Message for Our Time”, Suffolk University, Boston, MA 1/19/89

“Challenges and Changes for the Future”, National Bar Association (Judicial Section) Washington, DC 8/8/88

“Regenerating Britain’s Cities: The Experience of Boston and The Potential of Liverpool”, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, England 6/5/88

“The Role of the Black Church in Community Life”, The Joint Center for Political Studies, Washington, DC 1/21/88

EXPERT TESTIMONY

Federal Reserve Board (Boston); re: Fleet and Bank of America Merger
House Banking Committee; re: Fleet and Shawmut Bank Merge. 8/26/95

House Subcommittee on Banking and Consumer Affairs; re: CRA Reform is Overdue. 3/9/95

Joint House Subcommittees on Consumer Credit and Insurance, and Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs; re: CRA Regulatory Reform. 2/8/94

House Committee on Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs; re: Bank Mergers. 9/26/91

TRAVEL

- 2003 Official Observer, African Union, Maputo, Mozambique
- 2002 Official Observer, Organization of African Unity, Durban, South Africa
- 1994 Member President Clinton's Official Delegation to Monitor South African Election
- 1992 Led Fact-finding Mission to Japan
- 1988 Co-chaired a National Delegation of African-American and Jewish-American Leaders to Israel
- 1984 Delegate on a fact finding mission to Honduras and Nicaragua (sponsored by Oxfam)
- 1982 Led Fact-finding mission to Zimbabwe and South Africa
- 1980 Led Fact-finding mission to Israel and Paris after the bombing of a Jewish Synagogue in Paris