



Allen University

Dr. Daniel T. Hembree

Dr. Daniel T. Hembree, assistant professor of religion, is the 2022 SCICU Excellence In Teaching award recipient for Allen University. He holds a Ph.D. in religious and theological studies from Northwestern University, an M.Div. in pastoral care and counseling from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (Evanston,

Illinois), and a B.A. in biological anthropology from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Hembree joined the Allen community in 2017 as the program coordinator for the university's Environmental Justice Institute. In 2018 Hembree was appointed assistant professor in the Department of Religion and brought his 20 years of teaching experience to courses including philosophy, theology, and religious studies.

Outside the classroom, Dr. Hembree's leadership includes serving as the university's ombudsman, on-campus advisor for Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and member of the Student Mental Health Committee. He has also chaired the Conflict Resolution and Grievance Committees. Dr. Hembree's scholarly research and interests examine the anthropological, psychological, and theological dimensions found in traditional African religious thought and culture, and the appropriateness of these resources for the field of pastoral care and counseling in the African-American community. He is the co-author of *You Are The Jewel In The Stone: A Narrative Resource for the Theological Exploration of Vocation*.

Extensive service as a theologian is evident in Dr. Hembree's classroom and faculty leadership. He rigorously challenges students to think seriously about their life purpose and vocation in a rapidly-changing world. His commitment to the well-being of the Allen faculty is demonstrated by his homilies of encouragement given to faculty during monthly meetings.

Dr. Hembree's professional memberships include the Academy of Religion, the Society for the Study of Black Religion, the American Psychological Association, Phi Delta Kappa International, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. He has also co-chaired the Society of Pastoral Theology.