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Corey D. B. Walker, is Vice-President of Virginia Union University and Dean of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology where he is also Professor of Religion and Society. A scholar of African American social, political, and religious thought, Dr. Walker publishes broadly on African American history, culture, religion, & philosophy. His publications include over fifty articles, reviews, book chapters, and essays appearing in a wide range of journals. His most recent publication is *A Noble Fight: African-American Freemasonry and the Struggle for Democracy in America* (University of Illinois Press). He has completed the manuscript for his next book entitled *Between Transcendence and History: An Essay on Religion and the Future of Democracy in America*. He is editor of the special issue of the journal *Political Theology* on "Theology and Democratic Futures" and Associate Editor of the award winning SAGE Encyclopedia of Identity. Dr. Walker has served as Book Review Editor and as Associate Editor of *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, generally considered the top academic journal in the field.

Prior to assuming his current position, Dr. Walker was Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, Business, and Education and the inaugural John W. and Anna Hodgkin Hanes Professor of the Humanities at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU). Previous to his work at WSSU, Dr. Walker chaired the department of Africana Studies and led the establishment of the Ph.D. program in Africana Studies at Brown University where he was a tenured professor and faculty affiliate in the department of American Studies, department of Religious Studies, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, and the Committee on Science and Technology Studies. Dr. Walker also served as a faculty member in the department of Religious Studies and the Carter G. Woodson Institute of African-American and African Studies at the University of Virginia. He was the inaugural director of the Center for the Study of Local Knowledge established by the Carter G. Woodson Institute, with support from the Ford Foundation, as the only research center in the country dedicated to new and innovative research related to the concept of local knowledge. Dr. Walker was also a visiting professor at the Historisches Institut at Friedrich-Schiller Universität Jena in Germany, where he delivered the Johann Gustav Droysen Lecture.

Dr. Walker is an active leader in civic and community affairs, a licensed American Baptist clergyman, and serves in ministry at the historic Bank Street Memorial Baptist Church Norfolk, VA. Dr. Walker earned his bachelor's degree in Finance with honors from Norfolk State University. After a career in financial services, he went on to earn the Master of Divinity degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology of Virginia Union University, the Master of Theological Studies degree from The Divinity School of Harvard University, and the Ph.D. in American Studies from The College of William and Mary. He also holds a Master of Arts degree, ad eundem, from Brown University.