



## **Christian Brookx Peele**

Christian Brookx Peele was born and raised in eastern North Carolina, and as such, she holds a special place in her heart for flip flops, sweet tea, and BBQ sandwiches. Coming from a large family wherein which both her parents are ministers, Christian's experiences with Scripture, preaching, and church began at an early age...and so did the beginnings of her testimony. After being recognized locally for a host of academic achievements and service, Christian was invited to begin her undergraduate career at Mary Baldwin College through the college's Program for the Exceptionally Gifted. And, in 2001 at the age of 14, Christian was off to college.

Christian graduated in 2005 with a major in Religion and immediately began her graduate studies at Duke Divinity School in Durham, NC. While at Duke, Christian served as the president of the Black Seminarians Union, studied abroad in the Middle East and was selected as a charter member of the school's Center for Reconciliation "Teaching Communities" project. Immediately after graduating Christian worked for the Harlem Children's Zone, a non-profit organization committed to creative education reform.

Christian has lived and worked in the District for the past year and is falling in love with the city more and more each day. In February she completed an internship at The White House, in the Office of Management and Administration, where she worked hands-on to build the internship program's public service component.

Christian sites Ephesians 3:20 – "Now to the Lord, who is able to do more than we could ever ask, desire, or imagine..." – as her "theme verse," because she has seen its words proven true, time and time again, always in surprising, humbling ways.