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RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

American Baptist Churches USA
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, The Joint Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary/Northwestern University Program
in Religious and Theological Studies, Evanston, IL, 1989
Doctor of Ministry, Divinity School, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 1982
Master of Arts, Divinity School, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 1979
Bachelor of Arts, Religion and the Humanities, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 1977
Master of Arts Honorary, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 2005

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Carolyn Williams Beaird Professor of Christian Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, 2001–
2005
Professor of Christian Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, 1999–2001
Visiting Professor of Christian Ethics and African American Theology, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT,
2003-2005
Professor of Christian Social Ethics and Black Church Ministries, Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City,
MO, 1998-1999
Associate Professor of Christian Social Ethics and Black Church Ministries, Saint Paul School of Theology,
Kansas City, MO, 1994-1998
Assistant Professor Christian Social Ethics, Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, MO, 1989-1994
Instructor, Department of Religious Studies, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, 1988-1989
Interim Minister, Christ the Redeemer Metropolitan Community Church, Evanston, IL, 1986-1989
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL
Adjunct Professor of Ethics and Society, 1983-1987
Field Education Staff Member, 1984-1988
Administrative Secretary/Office Manager, Office of Ministry Programs, 1987-1988
Adjunct Professor
McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, 1985-1986
Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, 1984-1986
Staff Associate, Racial Ethnic Women in Ministry Consultation, Professional Church Leadership Unit, Division
of Education and Ministry, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, 1982

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Fellow Designate, 2009
American Theological Society, Member Designate, 2009-2010
Society for Values in Higher Education, 1998-2001
Society for the Study of Black Religion, 1992-present
Corresponding Secretary, 1993-1997
Newsletter Editor, 2005 - 2008
Society of Christian Ethics, 1988-present
Nominating Committee, 2003
Professional Conduct Committee, 2002-2004
Committee for the Twenty-First Century, 1999-2001
Board of Directors, 1998-2002
Editorial Board, *The Annual*, 1996-1998
American Academy of Religion, 1984-present
Immediate Past President, 2009

President, 2008
 President-elect, 2007
 Vice President, 2006
 Governance Task Force, 2008-present
 Nominations Committee, 2008-2009
 Independent Meetings Task Force Member, 2004
 Program Committee Member, 2004-2009
 Status of Women in the Profession Standing Committee
 Member, 1993-1996
 Chair, 1997-1999
 Ethics Section
 Steering Committee member, Ethics Section, 1990-1993
 Co-Chair (with George Pickering), Ethics Section, 1994-1996
 Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
 Steering Committee member, 1991-1996, 2005-present
 Secretary, 1991-2004
 Society of Professional Church Leaders
 Great Rivers Region, American Baptist Churches, USA, 1989-present
 Chicago Baptist Association, American Baptist Churches, USA, 1982-1989

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 2006-2012
 Web Committee of Feminist Studies, Inc., 2005-present
 Chair, 2005-2006
 Advisory Committee Member, Women's Studies in Religion Program, The Divinity School, Harvard University, 2003-2006
 Director, Wabash Center Workshop on Teaching and Learning for African American Faculty, 2002-2003
 Advisory Board Member, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Religious Archives Network, 2002-present
 Progressive Religious Partnership, 2001-present
 Advisory Board Member, Feminist Sexual Ethics Project, Brandeis University, 2001-present
 Board of Overseers of Harvard College, Committee to Visit the Divinity School, 2000-2003
 Alumni Council, University of Chicago, The Divinity School, 2000-2003
 Editorial Board Member, *Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America*, Indiana University Press, 1999-2002
 Participant, Critical Religious World Views Conferences, Graduate Theological Union/Ford Foundation, Berkeley, CA, 2000
 Commissioned Scholar, Project on the Public Influences of African American Churches, The Leadership Center at Morehouse College, 1999-2001
 Director, Mining the Motherlode of African American Religious Life, Lilly Teaching Workshop sponsored by the American Academy of Religion, 1999-2000
 Association of Theological Schools
 Editorial Board, *Theological Education*, 2000-2002, 2002-2004
 Women in Leadership Project Advisory Committee, 1996-2000
 Programs and Services Advisory Committee, 1995-1996
 Advisory Committee, Black Church Project, Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Abuse, 1994-1998
 Nationally Elected Representative, General Board of the American Baptist Churches USA, 1996-1999
 The Fund for Theological Education Scholarship Program, 1995, 1999-present
 Selection Committee Member: Doctoral Fellows and Dissertation Fellows, 1999-present
 Chair, 2005-2008
 Conference Faculty Member: Expanding Horizons Conference, 1999, 2001, 2006
 Editorial Board, *Second Opinion*, 1999-present
 Editorial Board, *Theology and Sexuality*, 1996-present
 Editorial Board, *Journal of Feminist Studies of Religion*, 1993-1996, 2000-present
 Co-editor, 1995-2000
 ARIL Research Colloquium, sponsored by the Association for Religion and Intellectual Life

Protestant Resource Theologian, 3 June-1 July 1993; 5 June-1 July 1994
 Co-director, 7 July -1 August 1997; 16 June-13 July 1996; 9 June-9 July, 1995
 Board of Trustees, Baptist Theological Union at the University of Chicago, 1993-present
 Faculty Representative, Board of Trustees, Saint Paul School of Theology, 1993-1995
 Hartford Seminary Executive Leadership Seminar, 1991-1993
 National Commission on the Ministry, American Baptist Churches USA, 1990-1993
 Board of Directors, reStart, Inc, 1990-1995
 Vice Chairperson/Chair Elect, 1991-92
 Chair, 1993
 Council of Advisors, reStart, Inc 1989
 Advisory Board, Kansas City Interfaith Peace Alliance, 1989-1991
 Board of Directors, The Esther Davis Center for Urban Ministry, 1988-90
 Advisory Council, AIDS Pastoral Care Network, Chicago, IL, 1987-1989
 Vision 90 Long Range Planning Committee, Chicago Baptist Association, American Baptist Churches, USA, 1986-1987
 Commission on Life and Theology, American Baptist Churches, USA, 1985-1989
 Steering Committee member, 1986-1988
 Ordination Commission, Chicago Baptist Association, American Baptist Churches, USA, 1983-1988
 Chair, Commission II, 1985-1986
 Planning Team Member, Racial Ethnic Women in Ministry Consultation 1984, National Council of Churches, 1984
 Women in Ministry Program Liaison, Women's Interseminary Conference
 Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO, 1986
 Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Chicago, IL, 1984
 Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA, 1983
 Commission on Women in Ministry, Women in Ministry Program, National Council of Churches, 1980-1986
 Chair, 1985-1986
 Board of Directors, Chicago Abused Women's Coalition, 1979
 Ecumenical Women's Center, Chicago, IL, 1979-1988
 Associate Board Member, 1985-1988
 Chair, Board of Directors, 1983-1985
 Treasurer/Secretary, Board of Directors, 1980-1983
 Chair, Finance Committee, 1980-1983

LECTURES • KEYNOTES

“Does Your House Have Lions?: The Role of Faith in Citizenship,” 2009 Visiting Theologian, Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, OH, 20 February 2009
 “Faith and Citizenship,” Episcopal Church Women, Trinity Episcopal Church on the Green, New Haven, CT, 4 February 2009
 “Spirituality and Ethics in the Sustainability Agenda: Some Beginning Thoughts,” Third World Forum on Theology and Liberation, Belém, Para, Brasil, 23 January 2009
 “Walking Across the Rimbones of Nothingness: Scholarship and Activism,” American Academy of Religion Presidential Address, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 1 November 2008
 “The Cultural Production of Evil,” Globalization, Values, and Pluralism Conference, Shanghai University, Shanghai, China, 14 July 2008.
 HOMER J. ARMSTRONG LECTURE IN RELIGION, “Does Your House Have Lions?: Citizenship and Faith in Today’s World,” Department of Religion, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, MI, 1 May 2008.
 “The Dancing Mind: Reflections Various of a Career and Ministry,” Alumna of the Year Lecture, Divinity School, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 17 April 2008.
 “The Cultural Production of Evil: Some Notes on Aunt Jemima and the Fantastic Hegemonic Imagination,” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, 15 March 2008.
 ANN O’HARA GRAFF LECTURE, “Does Your House Have Lions?: Citizenship and Faith in Today’s World,” Department of Theology and Religious Studies, Seattle University, 28 February 2008.
 “Does Your House Have Lions?: Ecowomanism in the Face of Disaster,” The Gannon Center for Women and Leadership, Loyola University, Chicago, IL, 12 February 2008.

- “Some Notes on Aunt Jemima and the Imagination,” The Ernest and Mabel Wold Sihler Memorial Lecture, Luther College, Decorah, IA, 7 November 2007.
- “Does Your House Have Lions?: Womanist Thought and Activism in America,” Religious Studies and Women’s Studies Departments, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, 27 September 2007
- “Does Your House Have Lions?: Citizenship and Faith in Today’s World,” The Church of the Covenant, Cleveland, OH, 26 September 2007
- “Everydayness,” Opening Convocation Address, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, PA, 20 September 2007
- “The Cultural Production of Evil: Some notes on the Fantastic Hegemonic Imagination,” Wednesday Lunch Talk, University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL, 16 May 2007
- “Growing Like Topsy: Solidarity in the Work of Dismantling Evil,” Race and Religion Workshop, University of Chicago Divinity School, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL, 15 May 2007
- “Willful Oblivion: Uninterrogated Coloredness as Moral Lacuna,” American Academy of Religion Plenary Speech, Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature, and American Schools of Oriental Research, Luther Seminary, Saint Paul, MN, 13 April 2007
- “Everydayness: Citizenship and Social Witness,” Founders Day, Hamline University, Saint Paul, MN, 12 April 2007
- “Vanishing into Limbo,” Connecticut College, New London, CT, 4 April 2007
- “Womanist Ethics and the Cultural Production of Evil,” Center for Catholic Studies and the Program in Women’s Studies, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, 28 March 2007
- “Grief and Lament in Faithful Care,” In Life and Death We Belong to God: The Congregational Continuum of Care in the Presbyterian Church, The Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life, Duke University, Durham, NC 13 March 2007
- “Vanishing into Limbo,” Denison University, Granville, OH, 28 February 2007.
- “Crafting Research that will Contribute to Theological Education,” 2007 Lilly Conference on Theological Research, The Association of Theological Schools, The Commission on Accrediting, Pittsburgh, PA, 23 February 2007
- SLATER-WILLSON LECTURE, “Does Your House Have Lions?: The Everydayness of Faithfulness,” Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, MO, 22 February 2007
- “Preaching for Renewal, Liberation, and Transformation,” The Academy of Homiletics, West Palm Beach, FL, 1 December 2006
- “The Cultural Production of Evil: Some Notes on Aunt Jemima and the Fantastic Hegemonic Imagination” and “Growing Like Topsy: Solidarity in the Work of Dismantling Evil,” Santa Fe Theologians Institute, St. John’s United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Santa Fe, NM, 16 September 2006
- “Everydayness,” Voices of Sophia Breakfast, Presbyterian Women’s Gathering, Louisville, KY, 9 July 2006
- “On the Rimbones of Glory,” American Friends Service Committee 21st Annual Celebration of the Life and Work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Northampton, MA, 16 January 2006
- “Vanishing Into Limbo Part II: Black Men as Endangered Species...Not,” Black Theology and Womanist Theology in Dialogue: Which Way Forward For the Church and the Academy?, A Conference, Lutheran School of Theology and University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL, 1 November 2005
- “Everydayness,” Opening Convocation Address, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT, 30 August 2005
- “The Contribution of *The Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* to Shaping the Field,” *The Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 20th Anniversary Celebration, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, 12 June 2005
- “The Cultural Production of Evil: Notes on the Fantastic Hegemonic Imagination,” A Conference on Evil, The Metropolitan Center for Mental Health and The Metropolitan Institute for Training in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy, New York City, 1 May 2005
- SUSAN DRAPER WHITE LECTURES : “Vanishing into Limbo: The Peculiar Career of Aunt Jemima or Who Stole My Flapjacks?” and “Growing Like Topsy: Women’s Solidarity in the Work of Justice,” The Women’s Studies Program, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, New Brighton, MN, 7 and 8 March 2005
- “Christian Triumphalism and Empire: Doing A Two-Step With Evil,” J. Philip and Carolyn Wogaman Lectureship, Foundry United Methodist Church, Washington, DC, 27 February 2005.

- “An Appraisal of Black and Womanist Theologies in the Life of the Church and Academy,” A Church in the Black Experience Family Reunion: Renewing our Commitment to Theology, Preaching, and Social Justice Conference, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, 23 February 2005.
- “Called to Unlimited Possibilities,” Black Student Caucus Heritage Week Banquet Speech, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 18 February 2005.
- “Mounting the High Side of Misery: Musings on Reparations and Christian Triumphalism in Empire,” THE JAMES C. SPALDING MEMORIAL LECTURE, Department of Religious Studies, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, 8 November 2004.
- “History of Religion” and “Memory and Experience in Womanist Theology,” Instituto de Educação Teológica da Bahia (ITEBA), Salvador, Bahia, Brasil, 10 and 19 August 2004.
- “Critical Emancipatory Discourse: Rethinking the Practices and Ethics of Theological Studies,” SYMPOSIUM HONORING THE WORK OF ELISABETH SCHÜSSLER FIORENZA, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, 14 May 2004.
- “Mounting the High Side of Misery,” ANTOINETTE BROWN LECTURE, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN, 25 March 2004; Women and Ministry Conference, Princeton Black Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2 April 2004.
- “Empire and the Church,” Asbury United Methodist Church, Phoenix, AZ, 14 March 2004.
- “African Americans and Health: A Womanist Perspective,” Council on Bioethics, St. Catherine and St. Thomas Lecture, Department of Theology and Philosophy, Barry University, Miami Shores, FL, 23 February 2004.
- “Empire Talk and Living the Prophetic Life,” Kairos Comotion, Madison, WI, 30 October 2003.
- STEELMAN LECTURE, “Legends are Memories Greater Than Memories: Reparations in a Time of Empire,” Wake Forest University Divinity School, Winston-Salem, NC, 8 October 2003.
- “A Womanist Spirituality of Health and Redemption,” Black Clergywomen of the United Methodist Church Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 8 September 2003.
- Núcleo de Estudos Teológicos da Mulher ns América Latina (NETMAL), Universidade Metodista de São Paulo (UMESP), São Paulo, São Paulo, Brasil, 21-23 August 2003.
- III CONFERÊNCIA: MULHER NEGRA, TEOLOGIA E SAÚDE, “Encontro com entidades do Movimento negro ligadas às questões da saúde, mulheres e ações afirmativas” and “rompendo com a neblina da morte: contribuição do saber teológico para as conquistas do povo negro,” Instituto de Educação Teológica da Bahia (ITEBA), Salvador, Bahia, Brasil, 12-14 August 2003.
- “Not But Me One,” New York Sabbatical Institute (jointly sponsored by Auburn Theological Seminary, New York Theological Seminary, and Union Theological Seminary), New York, 18 June 2003.
- THE MANY FACES OF GLOBALIZATION: AN OPEN DIALOGUE LECTURE SERIES, “Vanishing into Limbo: The Peculiar Career of Aunt Jemima in the Global Marketplace,” Lewis University, Romeoville, IL, 28 April 2003.
- HEIN-FRY LECTURES—I HAVE A DREAM: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND THE FUTURE OF MULTICULTURAL AMERICA, “Growing Like Topsy: Rumbblings on Solidarity in a Multicultural United States,” Division for Ministry, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, The Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC—6 February 2003, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN—13 March 2003, and Wartburg Theological Seminary—20 March 2003.
- “Theo-Ethical Reflections on Theological Education,” (Written by me, delivered by Claudia A. Highbaugh due to the death in my family), Association of Theological Field Educators, Chicago, IL, 23 January 2003.
- “Empire and Forgottenness: Abysmal Sylphs in the Reparations Debates for Black Folks,” Bonhoeffer Lectures: Costly Grace: Race and Reparations, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, 11 October 2002.
- “Teologia Womanista e Novos Paradigmas”(Womanist Theology and New Paradigms), Núcleo de Estudos Teológicos da Mulher na América Latina (NETMAL), Universidade Metodista de São Paulo (UMESP), São Paulo, São Paulo, Brasil, 22-24 August 2002.
- “The Dancing Mind, The Dancing Heart,” Instituto de Educação Teológica da Bahia (ITEBA), Salvador, Bahia, Brasil, 14 August 2002.
- “New Theologies From the Black Religious Experience in the United States: Black Theology and Womanist Theology,” Faculdade Batista Brasileiro, Salvador, Bahia, Brasil, 12-13 August 2002.
- “Sobre Manter a Fé Com O Centro,” Seminario Teológica Batista do Nordeste, Salvador, Bahia, Brasil, 29 July 2002.

- ENOCH POND LECTURES, "Vanishing into Limbo" and "Growing Like Topsy," Bangor Theological Seminary, Bangor, ME, 28-29 January, 2002.
- "Vanishing Into Limbo: The Peculiar Career of Aunt Jemima," Feminist Liberation Theology Special Lecture, Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, 8 November 2001.
- "Race and Gender in Education," Simpósio Nacional As Mulheres e a Filosofia, Extensão Universitária, Programa de Pós-Graduação em Filosofia, Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos, São Leopoldo, São Leopoldo, Rio Grande de Sul, Brasil, 15 August 2001.
- "On Keeping Faith With the Center," Escola Superior de Teologia, São Leopoldo, Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil, 8 August 2001.
- "Womanist Ethics and Theology," Instituto de Educação Teológica da Bahia, Salvador, Bahia, Brasil, 3 August 2001
- "Why Womanism?" Feministisches Kompaktstudium, Frauenzentriert Lernen für Europa, Boldern Evangelisches Tagungs und Studienzentrum, Männedorf, Switzerland, 5 June 2001.
- "What Are the Main Ethical Concerns for the Black Church in the Year 2000 and Beyond?," Black Religious Scholars Group, New Visions Baptist Church, Nashville, TN, 17 November 2000.
- BARTLETT LECTURE, Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, CT, 12 October 2000.
- "A Womanist Perspective on Spirituality in Leadership," Women in Leadership in Theological Education Grand Reunion Consultation, The Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA, 7 October 2000.
- "On Keeping Faith with the Center," Black Theology and the Ministry for the New Millennium Conference: Honoring James H. Cone, Church in the Black Experience, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, 26 April 2000.
- "To Heal the Wounded Spirit: Lament, Health, and Healing in Communities of the Dispossessed," Garnett-Nabrit Lecture, American Baptist College, 21 March 2000, Nashville, TN; Niebuhr Institute Lecture, Siena College, 17 April 2000, Albany, NY
- BLACK SEMINARIANS WEEK LECTURER, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX, 22-23 February 2000.
- ANNA JULIA COOPER LECTURE, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA, 16 February 2000.
- Women and Ministry Luncheon Speaker, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, 15 February 2000.
- SAUL O. SIDORE MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES LECTURE: Growing Like Topsy: Womanist Reflections on Solidarity and Difference, University of New Hampshire, 28 October 1999, Durham, NH
- Harambee Student Conference, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, 1 May 1999.
- FEMININE IN THE RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS LECTURE: The Role of the Public and the Private in Womanist Thought, Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC., 15 March 1999
- "Called to Care," United Church of Christ Fourth Annual Health and Welfare Convocation, CHHSM, Atlanta, GA, 5 March 1999.
- HELEN BARRETT MONTGOMERY INSTITUTE LECTURE: "Searching for Paradise in a World of Theme Parks: Making the Connections Between Spirituality and Health," Women and Gender Program, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, NY, 13 November 1998.
- "Humming a Tune: Doing Justice, Loving Mercy, Walking Humbly with God." Called to Care Conference, AIDS National Interfaith Network, Atlanta, GA, 9 November 1998.
- PAM FORD SMITH LECTURE: "Searching for Paradise in a World of Theme Parks: Racial Justice in the Church," Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, KY, 11 September 1998.
- "Searching for Paradise in a World of Theme Parks: Changing Church, Changing Ways, Changing World," Regional Reconciling Congregation Conference (Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska), Kansas City, MO, 24 July 1998.
- Isaiah 65 Bible Study (with Tex Sample), United Methodist Women Assembly, Orlando, FL, 15 May 1998.
- MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LECTURESHP: "Shutting down America When Collard Greens Started Tasting like Water: Black Health and Health Care in the United States" and "Searching for Paradise in a World of Theme Parks: A Womanist Ethic of Care and Healing," Duke University Divinity School, Durham, NC, 7-8 April 1998.
- "Searching for Paradise in a World of Theme Parks," Black Theology as Public Discourse: From Retrospect to Prospect Conference, The University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL, 2 April 1998.
- "Girlfriend, You Can't Do That and Here's Why," Soul to Soul: Women and Religion in the 21st Century, Center for Women and Religion, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, 27 February 1998.
- "Breaking the Fine Rain of Death," Murray State College, Ardmore, OK, 24 February 1998.

- “The Formfulness of Communal Lament” and “Searching for Paradise in a World of Theme Parks,”
Ambassadors for Christ in the 21st Century, Ecumenical Ministries of Iowa, Ames, IA, 2-3 February
1998.
- “A Womanist Reflection on the Public and the Private in African American Life,” Speaking in the Open: The
Public Vocation of Women’s Theologies, New York, NY, 21 October 1997.
- “Hope Set High,” International Youth Forum, The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints,
Independence, MO, 12 August 1997.
- “To Heal the Wounded Spirit: Hope and Health Care in Communities of the Dispossessed,” Gonzaga
University, Spokane, WA, 18 March 1997; Women of Faith 12 Conference, Creighton University,
Omaha, NE, 1 February 1997.
- “The Doctor Ain’t Taking No Sticks:’ The Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment and the Problem of Race and
Medicine,” Center for Community and Moral Values, University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI, 28
October 1996.
- “To Heal the Wounded Spirit,” Parish Nursing: God’s Justice for All, Kansas City Health Care Ministries
Association and St. Luke’s Medical Center, Kansas City, MO 12 April 1996.
- IRWIN LECTURE: “The Rivers We Travel: On Learning to Learn and Teaching to Teach” and the MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR. LECTURE: “And All the Colored Folks Is Cursed: The Impact of HIV/AIDS on
African Americans” Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA, 13 February 1996.
- SHOWERS LECTURES: “The Doctor Ain’t Taking No Sticks:’ The Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment and the
Problem of Race and Medicine and “And All the Colored Folks is Cursed: the Impact of HIV/AIDS
on African Americans,” United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH, 1 November 1995.
- “And All the Colored Folks is Cursed: The Impact of HIV/AIDS on the African American Community” The
Pennsylvania State University, 24 October 1995; Brite Series, Brite Divinity School, Ft. Worth, TX, 3
October 1995; Hamilton College, Clinton, NY, 28 September 1995; Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture,
The Divinity School, Rochester, NY, 31 January 1995; Kansas Humanities Council Lecture
University of Kansas Medical Center, 20 April 1994; Douglas County AIDS Project, 6 May 1994;
Emporia Library, 21 February 1995; Ethics and Public Life Series: Health Care Issues Kansas
Wesleyan University, Salina, KS, 4 April 1994.
- “To Be Called Beloved: Resisting Lynching in These Modern Times,” Drury College, Springfield, MO, 28
September 1994; Bethel College, Bethel, KS, 13 March 1995.
- “Birthing the Vision” Tenth Quadrennial Assembly, ICWF, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) West
Lafayette, IN, 22 June 1994.
- “Too Many Bygone Scars,” Women’s Studies Program, African American Studies Program, and Theology
Department Lecture Loyola University, Chicago, IL, 11 February 1994; Religious Studies
Department and Women Studies Program, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Oshkosh, WI, 28
March 1994.
- BLACK LEADERSHIP PROGRAM LECTURES: “Another Kind of Poetry: Transformation as Death and Grace” and
“Too Many Bygone Scars”, Harvard Divinity School Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 22-23
March 1994.
- “Living in the New Jerusalem: The Religio-Political Witness of Ida B Wells-Barnett” African American Studies
Program, Sociology Department, and Women’s Studies Program Lecture Colby College, Waterville,
ME, 21 February 1994 .
- “Holding to the Ground as the Ground Keeps Shifting” Martin Luther King, Jr Speaker, Ottawa University,
Ottawa, KS, 17 January 1994.
- CAN WE ALL GET ALONG?: COLLEGIALITY, COMPETITION AND CALLING PREASSEMBLY LECTURES: “Being
Women all the Time” and “Washed in God’s Grace” Disciples of Christ (Christian Church)
Preassembly for Women Clergy and Seminarians, St Louis, MO, 13-15 July 1993.
- “Washed in the Grace of God” Annual Meeting, United Methodist Women, Missouri West Conference,
Kansas City, MO, 25 September 1993; International Conference of Women, Reorganized Church of
Latter Day Saints, Independence, MO, 18 June 1993.
- “The Ethics of Hospitality in the Coming Reign of God” First Annual Class Leader Seminar sponsored by the
General Board of Discipleship, United Methodist Church, Divinity School, Duke University, Durham,
NC, 18-20 May 1993.
- “To Be Called Beloved” Called to Make Justice: Religious Communities Address Sexual and Domestic
Violence Conference, Chicago, IL, 2-5, May 1993.

- “The Price of the Ticket: Shattering the Silence—Racism, Sexism, Heterosexism, and Justice” Black History Month Lecture, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, 9 February 1993; Afro-American Campus Ministry, Brent House, United Campus Christian Ministries, and the United Methodist Foundation of the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 20 April 1988.
- “Holding to the Ground as the Ground Keeps Shifting: Womanist Theology and Ethics in Times Like These” Clergywomen's Breakfast, Twelfth Biennial Session of the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Cleveland, OH, 13 August 1992.
- “Songs of Zion” Commencement Sermon for the Black Ministries Certificate Program, Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT, 20 June 1992.
- “Modernist and Postmodernist Challenges for Womanist Ethics” Class lecture for Feminist/Womanist Ethics, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, 19 March 1992.
- “Keeping a Clean House Will Not Keep a Man At Home: A Womanist Ethic of Justice and Hope” African-American History Month Lecture, The Church and the Black Experience Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, 19 February 1992.
- “Jubilee Values” Church Women United Jubilee Gathering, St Louis, MO, 10 November 1991.
- THE DR. GEORGE W. RICHARDS LECTURES ON PULPIT AND PARISH MINISTRIES: “Witnessing an Active Faith,” Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, KS, 18 April 1991.
- “Sexuality, AIDS, and the Church” Tucker Foundation Christian Chaplaincy of Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, 2 May 1988.
- “Living in the Garden” Lesbian Wellness Conference, Horizons Community Services, Inc, Chicago, IL, 16 April 1988.
- “The Afro-American and Women's Experience: From the American Revolution to World War I” Interdisciplinary Studies Program, St. Petersburg Junior College, St Petersburg, FL, 7 April 1988.
- “Ancient to Medieval Africa: A Brief Overview” Interdisciplinary Studies Program, St Petersburg Junior College, St Petersburg, FL, 6 April 1988.
- “Shattering the Silence: Homophobia and Justice (The Price of the Ticket)” Methodist Federation for Social Action Luncheon at the Northern Illinois Annual Conference, United Methodist Church, DeKalb, IL, 5 June 1987.
- “Linking Homophobia With Other Social Justice Concerns” National Convocation of Reconciling Congregations of the United Methodist Church, Chicago, IL, 28 March 1987.
- “The Trees of the Field Shall Clap Their Hands” The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches Second International Third World Lesbian and Gay Christian Conference, New York, NY, 6 October 1984.
- “Justice Issues as They Relate to Seminary Education” Can These Bones Live? Ecumenism in the 1980s Conference, Evanston, IL, 24 March 1984.
- “An Immediate Response Will Not Do” Black Women in Ministry Consultation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL, 20 July 1987.
- “Perfect Strangers and Imperfect Strangers: Liner Notes on Black and White Women in Feminist Theology” Women's History Week Celebration, McCormick Theological Seminary and Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL, 11 March 1987.
- “The Nature of Nonviolence” Feminism and Nonviolence in a Global Perspective Conference, Bradley University, Peoria, IL, 7 March 1987.
- “Feminist and Black Theologies as They Relate to the Contemporary Black Church” Convocation Address, Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminary, St Paul, MN, February 10, 1984 and Howard Thurman Consultation of Black Theological Scholars, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, 19 April 1983.
- “Liberation and Unity: A Methodology for Black Feminism in the Church” Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, 19 April 1983.

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

- Panel Presentation, Morality, Public Policy, and the Life Chances of Poor Black Communities, African/African American Interest Group, Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 10 January 2009
- Respondent, Celebrating the Work of Emilie Townes: Womanist Contributions to Christian and Social Ethics, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 3 November 2008.

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- Graduate Seminar: *Womanist Ethics and the Cultural Production of Evil*, Religion and Culture Area, School of Theology and Religious Studies, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, 31 January 2008
- Panel Presentation, Fifty Years of Women in the AAR and SBL: The Battles of Yesterday and the Challenges of Tomorrow, Special Topics Forum, AAR and SBL Status of Women in the Profession Committees, American Academy of Religion Annual meeting, San Diego, CA, 18 November 2007
- Plenary Response, The Covenant with Black America by Tavis Smiley, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 17 November, 2007
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- Response paper in the Women and Religion Section: “African-American Womanists—Jewish American Feminists—Working Across Difference(s): A Panel,” American Academy of Religion, Washington, DC, 22 December 1993.
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- Panelist, “Making America as Good as Its Promise,” State of the Black Union Tenth Anniversary Conversation, Tavis Smiley Presents, C-Span, 28 February 2009.
- Yale Divinity School Admissions Office Talk, “Does Your House Have Lions?: Faith and Citizenship,” St Peter’s Church, New York, NY, 13 November 2008, Old South Church, Boston, MA, 19 November 2008, and First Congregational Church, Atlanta, GA, 15 September 2009
- The Sacred Rhetoric of African American Women, Co-Led with Valerie Bridgeman, The Cathedral College of Preachers Residential Conference, Washington National Cathedral, Washington, DC, 19-23 May, 2008
- The Role of the Church in the Black Community, The Black Law Students Association and the Yale Law Christian Fellowship, Yale University, 1 March 2007
- Religion in U.S. Society: Past and Present, Office of International Students and Scholars, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 7 February 2007
- The Church Inclusive: How Far Does Acceptance Go?, St. James Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Welcome, New York, NY, 14 October 2006
- Intolerância e Diversidade na Diáspora Negra (Intolerance and Diversity in the Black Diaspora), Conferência Pública: Intolerância e Diversidade. Yami, NEucleo Ecumênico Teológico de Estudos Feministas, ITEBA, Salvador da Bahia, Brasil, 11 August 2006
- Faith and Feminism Dialogue Speaker, The Sister Fund, James Chapel at Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, 24 May 2006.
- Disability and Race, Disabilities Task Force, Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 5 December 2005.
- Doing a Two-Step With Evil—Parts I and II, Call to Action National Conference, Milwaukee, WI, 5 November 2005
- In A Blaze of Glory—Spirituality and Social Justice, St. Paul’s on the Green Episcopal Church, Norwalk, CT, 27 September 2005
- African American Spirituality: Representative Motifs, Wake Forest University Divinity School, Winston-Salem, NC, 15-16 October 2004
- Christian Triumphalism: Some Historical Touchstones, Auburn Theological Seminary, 6 October 2004
- Doctor of Ministry Black Ministry Track, Ashland Theological Seminary, McCreary Center for Black Theological Studies, Cleveland, OH, 19-20 April 2004
- Roger Williams Fellowship Lectures, The Common Ministry, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, 23-24 February 2001
- Women’s Division, Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church Executive Staff Continuing Education Event, Alma Matthews House, New York, NY, 11 January 2001

- The Impact on the Failed Drug War: Racism, Women and Children, The Failure of the War on Drugs: A Call for More Just and Compassionate Laws, Religious Leaders for a More Just and Compassionate Drug Policy and Auburn Theological Seminary, New York, NY, 26 October 2000
- Sexuality and Christian Ethics, Breaking the Silence: Sex and Sexuality and the Congregation, The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (NY Metro and NJ Affiliates), Auburn and Union Theological Seminaries, New York, NY, 16 October 2000
- A Day of Reflection on a Commitment to Eradicate Poverty Panelist, The Riverside Church, New York, NY, 15 October 2000
- Lament As a Biblical Framework for Overcoming Violence, World Council of Churches Decade to Overcome Violence Planning Meeting, New York, NY, 4 October 2000
- Spirituality and Religion Panel Facilitator, Harlem Book Fair, New York, NY, 22 July 2000
- Lamenting Our Way to Transformation, Bible-Church-World Conference, Auburn and Union Theological Seminaries, New York, NY, 15-16 June 2000
- Engaging the Prophetic Vision in the Practice of Pastoral Care, Racial Ethnic Multicultural (REM) Network of the Association of Clinical Pastoral Educators Annual Meeting, Raleigh, NC, 3 February 2000.
- Building Community, Academy for Spiritual Formation, Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, Alexandria, LA, 28-30 January 2000.
- FaithOdyssey 2000, Chicago, IL, 5-6 February 1999.
- Religion and Public Media Consultation, Southwest American Academy of Religion, Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, TX, 25-26 February 1999.
- Sexuality and Spirituality in the Church, Northern Illinois Conference Reconciling Congregations Retreat, United Methodist Church, Chicago, IL, 2 May 1998.
- Womanist Ethical Traditions: On What Our Grandmothers Taught Us, Speaking in the Open: The Public Vocation of Women's Theologies Conference, New York, NY, 23 October 1997
- Communication Skills and Spiritual Gifts, Leadership School, Second Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO 23 September 1994
- Spirituality as Social Witness, Women's Society, Country Club Christian Church, Kansas City, MO, 30 April 1994
- Black Churches and Sexual Violence Consultation Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence Burlingame, CA, 8-10 April 1994
- Revitalization and Mentoring, Church Women United—Topeka, KS, 18 September 1993
- Spirituality and Power College of Christian Life Northern Illinois, Central Illinois, Southern Illinois Annual Conferences Bloomington/Normal, IL, 17-18 August 1993
- Resource Person Pacific School of Religion Fall Faculty Retreat Berkeley, CA, 27-28 August 1993
- Elements of Oppression Called to Make Justice: Religious Communities Address Sexual and Domestic Violence Conference, Chicago, IL, 2-5, May 1993
- Disciples of Christ Racial/Ethnic PhD Exploration Disciples Divinity House at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL 12-13 March 1993
- Panel Respondent The Health Care Model Series sponsored by the Midwest Bioethics Center 23 February, 23 March, 27 April 1993 Community Christian Church
- Leadership Mustard Seed Faith First United Methodist Church, Ankeny, IA, 8-9 February 1992 Integrity With Ministry: The Responsible Use of Power and Privilege (co-led with Warren Carter, Judy Orr, and Lovett Weems) Missouri Area Ministers' School, Columbia, MO, 14-16 January 1992
- Hefty Devotion, Evil, and Salvation Kansas Area Seminar on Professional Ministry (UMC), Hutchinson, KS, 6-9 January 1992
- Mustard Seed Ethics Great Rivers Region (ABCUSA) Continuing Education Conference, Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, KS, 11 October 1991
- Women and Theology Church Women United Jubilee Gathering, St Louis, MO, 10-11 November 1991
- Church: A Racist Institution and Keynote Preacher Emporia-Manhattan District, Kansas East Conference (UMC), 28 September 1991
- Seeing Through the Eyes of Another: Connectional Realities, Northern Illinois Pastor's Retreat (UMC), Williams Bay, WI, 15-17 September 1991
- Education as Praxis, National Division of Diaconal Ministry, The United Methodist Church, Kansas City, MO, 11 April 1991

- Liberation and Reconciliation, Black Local Church Leader's Academy, Oklahoma Conference, Oklahoma City, 8 December 1990
- Faith Perspectives on Contemporary Social Issues (Saint Paul Scholars Series), Central United Methodist Church, Kansas City, MO, 6, 13, 20, 27 March 1990
- Anti-Racism (co-led with Daniel Rodriguez), United Ministries in Higher Education and the Cultural Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2-4 March 1990
- The Church as Prophetic Community, United Methodist Mississippi Pastors' School, Jackson, MS, 19-21 February 1990
- Anti-Racism (team member with Cary Cummings, Dody Matthias, Collin Kruger, Pete Eckart, RuthAnn Hunt, Gary Johnson-McNutt, Viviane Ephraimson-Abt, Noah Reid, Lisa Bishop), Administration, Faculty, Students, Siena College, Loudonville, NY, 22 April 1989
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- Feminist and Womanist Theologies in Biblical Perspectives (co-led with Linda Moody), American Baptist Women in Ministry Conference-4, Vallambrosa Center, San Francisco, CA, 14-18 November 1988
- Walking in Wisdom, Struggling to Care, Our Sacred Journey, Campus Ministry Women Retreat, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 29-31 July 1987
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- Racism and the Church (co-led with Emma J Justes), The United Methodist Parish (Troy Center, North Prairie, and Eagle), Wisconsin Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, 16 February 1986
- Let a New Woman Arise: Black Women in the Church, Convocation 1985: Making Plain the Vision, Women of Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, IL, 9 November 1985
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- Theological Scholarship and Research Grant/Younger Scholars Program, The Association of Theological Schools, 1992-93
- Pergamon Press-National Women's Studies Association Graduate Scholarship, 1988
- Dorothy and Murray Leiffer Fellowship in Social Ethics, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1985-1987
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