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TITLE Associate Professor of Theology

EDUCATION

Yale University, Ph.D., 1991
Yale Divinity School, M.Div., 1985
Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary, Special Student,
Tamil Nadu, South India, 1983-84
University of Oklahoma, B.A., 1981

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2003 – present Titus Street Professor of Theology, Yale Divinity School
1996-present Associate Professor of Theology, Yale Divinity School
1998-present Faculty Appointment, Department of African-American Studies,
Yale University
1997-00 Lecturer, Yale University School of Law
1991-96 Assistant Professor of Theology, Yale Divinity School

Honors and Awards:

2002-03 The Lilly Endowment, Grant Recipient, Valparasio
Project of Christian Vocation
2002-03 Sabbatical Grant Recipient, Louisville, Institute for
Faith, Life and Christian Leadership
2000-2002 Fellow, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University

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2000-2001	Grant Recipient (with four others), Hope Deferred: Theological Perspective on Reproductive Loss, The Louisville Institute, Louisville, KY.
1998-99	Pew Evangelical Scholars Sabbatical Grant
1994	Faculty Research Award, Women's Studies Program, Yale University
1990	Yale University Dissertation Fellowship
1985-89	Yale University Fellowship
1985	M.Div. Magna Cum Laude
1985	Julia A. Archibald High Scholarship Award
1984	Day Fellowship, Yale Divinity School
1983	Daggett Prize, Yale Divinity School
1981-84	Fellow, North American Fund for Theological Education
1981	Trowbridge Fellowship, Yale Divinity School
1981	B.A. Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Publications:

Books:

Reformed and Feminist: A Systematics, Eds., Serene Jones and Amy Plantinga Pauw, Westminster/John Knox, (Forthcoming, 2005).

Constructive Theology: A Contemporary Engagement with Classical Themes, Eds., Serene Jones and Paul Lakeland, Fortress Press, 2004.

Feminist Theory and Theology: Cartographies of Grace, Guides to Theological Inquiry Series Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2000.

Liberating Eschatology: Essays in Honor of Letty Russell, ed. Margaret Farley and Serene Jones. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox 1999.

Calvin and Rhetoric of Piety, Columbia Reformed Series, Louisville: Westminster/John

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Knox, Fall 1995.

Setting the Table: Women in Theological Conversation, eds. Rita Nakashima Brock, Claudia Camp, and Serene Jones. St. Louis: Chalice Press 1995.

Articles:

“Rupture,” in Hope Deferred: Theological Reflections on Infertility, Stillbirth and Miscarriage, Eds. Dena Frantz and Mary Stimmings, Pilgrim Press, 2005.

“Creation and the Law,” in Reformed and Feminist: A Systematics, eds, Jones and Pauw, Westminster/John Knox (forthcoming).

“Introduction: Systematic Theology in Contemporary Cadence,” Constructive Theology Contemporary Reflections on Classical Themes, eds., Serene Jones and Paul Lakeland, Fortress Press, 2004.

“Reading on the Bus: The Future of Womanist Theology,” Union Seminary Quarterly Review (forthcoming).

“Sin, Creativity and the Christian Life,” (With Cindy Rigby), Princeton Seminary Bulletin (Forthcoming).

“Trauma and Grace,” Violence and Theology: Reflections, Yale Divinity School Publication, Winter, 2004.

“Jesus and the Jones Girls: An Excerpt,” Disciples World, Vol. 2, Issue 9, November, 2003, pp. 12-13.

“Soul Anatomy: Calvin’s Commentary the Psalms,” in Psalms in Community, ed. Margo Fassler and Harold Attridge, Eerdmans, Forthcoming, 2004.

“Of Wounds and Wonder,” in Crossing by Faith, ed. David Bartlett, Claudia Highbaugh, Stephen Murray, Chalice Press, 2003.

“Performing Human Nature,” in The Essentials of Christian Theology, ed., William Placher, Westminster/John Knox, 2003.

“Emmaus Witnessing: Trauma and the Disordering of the Theological Imagination,” Union Seminary Quarterly Review (Fall, 2002).

“Cultural Labor and Theological Critique,” in Converging on Culture, eds., Delwin Brown, Sheila Davaney, and Kathryn Tanner (Oxford University Press, 2002).

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“Selving Faith: Feminist Theory and Feminist Theology Rethink the Self,” Religion Scholarship, and Higher Education: Perspectives and Directions for the Future (South Bend, IN: Notre Dame Press, 2002).

“The Poetry of Theology,” *Sola Theologica*, Summer Issue: Berkeley Divinity School, 2001.

“Graced Practices: excellence and Freedom in the Christian Life,” *Practicing Theology: Beliefs and Practices in the Christian Life*, eds., Dorothy Bass, Miroslav Volf, (Eerdmans, 2001).

“Hope Deferred: Trinitarian Reflections on Infertility, Stillbirth and Miscarriage,” *Modern Theology*, April 2001.

“Postmodernism, Feminism, and the Church,” *Interpretation* 55, no. 1 (January), 2001.

“Companionable Wisdoms: What Do Feminist Theorists Have to Learn from Feminist Theologians?” *Companion to Postmodern Theology*, ed., Graham Ward (Forthcoming, Blackwell, 2001).

“A Church of Good Friday,” in Patterns of Preaching, ed. Ron Allen, (Chalice Press, 1999).

“Between a Rock and a Hard Place: The Category of ‘Experience’ in Recent Feminist Theologies,” in *Horizons in Feminist Theology: Identity, Tradition, and Norms*, eds., Rebecca S. Chopp and Shelia Greeve Daraney, Fortress Press, Minneapolis, 1997

“Feminist Historical Theologies,” Dictionary of Feminist Theologies. ed. Letty Russell. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press 1996.

“Between a Rock and a Hard Place: The Category of ‘Experience’ in Recent Feminist Theologies,” Religious Studies Review, July 1995.

“An Introduction to Systematic Theology,” Setting the Table: Women in Theological Conversation, eds., Rita Nakashima Brock, Claudia Camp, and Serene Jones. St. Louis: Chalice Press 1995.

"Divining Women: Irigaray and Feminist Theologies," Another Look, Another Women: Retranslations of French Feminism, ed. Lynne Huffer, special issue of Yale French Studies 87 (1995).

"This God Which is Not One: Irigaray and Barth," Transfigurations: Theology and French Feminism, Philadelphia: Fortress, 1993.

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Short Articles, Reviews:

Wolfhart Pannenberg, *Systematic Theology*, Vol 1. Trans. Geoffrey Bromiley, Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1991. Review forthcoming in *Religious Studies Review*.

Richard Shaull, *The Reformation and Liberation Theology: Insights for the Challenges of Today*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1991. Review in *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 47 (July, 1993): 326.

"Preaching Justice Every Sunday," *The Living Word*, Vol. 2, no. 1 (January-March 1993).

Professional Papers and Lectures

"Reading on the Bus: Delores Williams and the Future of Womanist Theology," Symposium in Honor of Delores Williams, Union Theological Seminary, New York, New York, April 30, 2004.

"Imagining Grace: Trauma and the Biblical Story," the Brueggman Kulenkamp Lectures with Richard Ward, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, April 13-14, 2004.

"Re-Locating Justice, Re-Imagining Gender," for Theology: Faith, Hope and Love Seeking Justice," Georgia Harkness Lectures in Honor of the Installation of Nancy Bedford, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois, April 2, 2004.

"Sin, Creativity and the Christian Life," WICCAM Lecture with Cindy Rigby, Princeton Theological Seminary, March 4, 2004.

"Going Public: Theology and Aesthetics," Cultural Theory and Theology Group, New Haven, Connecticut, February, 27-29, 2004.

"Globalizing the Classroom," Seminar Presentation, Gendered Bodies, Transnational Politics Conference, American University of Cairo, Cairo, Egypt. Dec. 15 – 21, 2003.

"Women in the Christian Tradition: Past, Present and Future," Lecturer with Elizabeth Johnson, Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life, Saint Josephs College, Long Island, New York, October 3, 2003.

"Seeking Diversity in the Midst of Adversity," The Nu Class Theology Lecture Series, First United Methodist Church, Orlando, FL., March 9-10, 2002.

"Theological Reflections on HIV/AIDS in Africa: Clashing Stories," YDS Core Initiative, March 1, 2002

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“For God, For Country and For Yale Divinity School: Theological Education in Culture Contexts,” Culture Theory and Theology Workgroup, Princeton Theological Seminary, February 23, 2002.

“Christology Reconsidered,” Constructing Doctrine: Feminist/Womanist Maps, Theology and Religious Reflection Section, American Academy of Religion, November 17, 2001 (Denver, CO).

“Creation and Divine Imagination,” Drew Colloquium in Transdisciplinary Studies 2001: Interstitial Initiations: Counterdiscourses of Creation, Sept. 30-Oct.1, 2001

“Of Wounds and Wonder” Trauma and the Cross,” Wertsch Lecture, St. Pauls School of Theology, Kansas City, September 19, 2001.

“On Mongrels, Outlaws and Sod-busters,” Reformed Feminist Workgroup, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, May 2001.

“The Power of the Spirit,” Constructive Theology Workgroup, Vanderbilt Divinity School, May 2001.

“The Theological Function of the ‘Particular’ and ‘Universal,’ “ Concluding Response, The American Theological Society Annual Meeting, Princeton Theological Seminary, April 21, 2001.

“Original Sin and the Logic of Capitalist Growth,” Response to Ben Friedman’s the Moral Consequences of Economic Growth, Yale Divinity School, April 18, 2001.

“Yale Divinity School: Past Present,” Response to Papers by Crocco, Sweeney, and Anderson. American Society of Church History, March 30, 2001.

“The Poesis of the Cross,” Fellows Presentation, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University, February 9, 2001.

“Calvin’s Commentary on the Psalms: Songs to Live and Die By,” Up With a Shout, A Conference on the Psalms, Yale Divinity School, January 17, 2001.

“Trauma and Theology,” Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Section, American Academy of Religion, November, 2000.

“Beauty and Justice: The Form of the Cross,” Paper delivered at the Conference on Critical Religious World Views, Graduate Theological Union,

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Berkeley, CA., October 14, 2000.

“The Future Isn’t What It Used to Be,” Public Lecture, sponsored by Center For Independent Study, part of the International Festival of Arts and Ideas, New Haven, CT., June 17, 2000.

“Graced Practices: Excellence and Freedom in the Christian Life,” Paper delivered at the Valparaiso Seminar on Beliefs and Practices, Chicago, June 1-3, 2000.

“The Commodity Form and the Poetry of Theology,” Paper delivered at the Conference on Critical Religious World Views, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, March 31, 2000.

“Hope Deferred,” Paper delivered at the New Haven Theological Society, March 24, 2000.

“Hope Deferred: Theological Reflections of Reproductive Loss,” Swanderer Lecture, Lancaster Theological Seminary, March 16, 2000.

“Contesting the Maternal,” paper delivered at the Women’s Gender and Sexuality Studies Interdisciplinary Colloquium, Yale University, January 31, 2000

Convenor: Liberating Eschatology, Panel Discussion, Women and Religion Section, Annual Meeting of American Academy of Religion, November 22, 1999.

“Practicing Church: Justification and Sanctification in Ecclesiology,” Paper delivered at Valparaiso Seminar on Beliefs and Practices, Indianapolis, November 5, 1999

Convener: Liberating Eschatology, Panel Discussion, Women and Religion Section, Annual Meeting of American Academy of Religion, November 22, 1999.

“The Power and the Glory” of Teaching in Theological Education,” Talk given at the Conference for Newly Appointed Faculty,” Association of Theological Schools, October 29, 1999.

“Theological Aesthetics and Cultural Theory,” Paper delivered at the Consultation on Theology and Cultural Theory, Atlanta, GA, October 16, 1999.

“Graced Community,” Paper delivered for Association of Disciples for Theological Discussion, St. Louis, MO, October 2, 1999.

“Theological Reflections on the Millennium,” Yale/Berkeley Seminar, May, 1999.

“Ecclesiology and Practices,” Beliefs and Practices Workshop, Indianapolis, IN, May 1999.

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“Feminist Theology and Feminist Theory: Taking the Lead,” Delivered at Notre Dame University, Lilly Seminar on Religion in Higher Education, March 4-6, 1999.

“Putting on the Gloves of Faith,” Beliefs and Practices Workshop, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 13, 1998.

“Sin and Feminist Theory,” Iliff School of Theology. Women’s Studies Forum, Denver, CO, October 16, 1998.

“Cultural Studies and the Task of Theology,” Theology and Cultural Studies Work Group, Denver, Colorado, October 17, 1998.

“Baptism and the Aesthetics of Teaching,” Wabash Center Theology Consultation on Teaching and Learning, Crawfordsville, IN, July 28, 1998.

“Calvin and Christian Identity,” Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, May 13, 1997

“Let’s *Do* Feminist Theology: A Response to Cooley and Fulkerson,” Feminist Theological Anthropology Session. American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, 1996.

“Calvin and the Crafting of Character,” Reformed Theology Session. American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, 1996.

“The Growing Edge of Doctrine: Calvin, Feminism, and The Church,” Lecture, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, February, 1995.

“The Post-Modern Piety of Justification,” Stamford, U.C.C., April, 1995.

“To Build Up and To Tear Down: Calvin and the Rhetoric of Reform,” Institute of Sacred Music, Yale Divinity School, Fall Series on Reforms and Revolutions in Theology, October, 1994.

“Negotiating the Gap: Between Feminist Foundations and Doctrine,” Iliff Conference on Feminist Theology and Theory, Denver, October, 1994.

“Fulfilled in Your Hearing,” Yale Divinity School Baccalaureate Address, New Haven, CT, May 22, 1994.

“Christian Theology and the Challenges of Pluralism, Post-Modernism, and Power,” delivered to Stanford Clergy Association, Clergy Development Seminar, Stanford, CT, April 7, 1994.

“The Emergent Dalit Theologies of India,” Third World Women Seminar, Yale Divinity School, February 3, 1994.

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“South African Theology: Translation or Bricolage? A Response to Ephnick,” Southern Africa Project Annual Conference, Yale University, April 23-24, 1993.

“Trinitarian Politics,” delivered at the American Academy of Religion Annual Convention, Theology and Religious Reflection Section, San Francisco, 1992.

“Original Sin and the Doctrine of Creation: A Response to Philip Hefner,” Science and Theology Colloquium, New Haven, 1991.

“Semen Religious: Calvin and the Divine Seed,” delivered at the American Academy of Religion Annual Convention, Historical Theology Section, Kansas City, 1991.

“Rhetoric and Calvin's Doctrine of God,” delivered at the American Academy of Religion Annual Convention, Rhetoric and Religious Reflection Section, Anaheim, 1989.

“Two-Lips and the Trinity: Irigaray and Barth,” delivered at the American Academy of Religion Annual Convention, Chicago, Women and Religion Section, 1988.

"The Third World Debt Crisis: A Theological Reflection," presented to the Inter-Religious Task Force on Latin America, National Council of Churches, 1986.

Memberships:

American Academy of Religion
American Theological Society
Association of Disciples for Theological Discussion
Consultation on Feminist Theory and Theology
Constructive Theology Workgroup
Doudecim Society
Forrest-Moss Institute
Lilly Seminar on Beliefs and Practices
Lilly Seminary on Practical Theology
New Haven Theology Group
Renaissance Group, The Sister Fund
Theology and Culture Group

Organizational Activities:

Executive Committee, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Council, Yale University.

Advisory Board, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN.

Co-Convener, Workgroup on Constructive Theology (a national organization of fifty theologians doing constructive theology).

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Series Editor (with Graham Ward and Tim Gorrige), Theologians in Context, Oxford University Press.

Editorial Board, Theological Education, the Journal of the Association of Theological Schools, 2000-2002.

Consultant, Ministry Fellows Program, The Fund for Theological Education, 1999-2000.

Community and Church Involvement:

Clergy, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),
Northeast Region, New England Section

Clergy, United Church of Christ, New Haven Association,
CT Conference

Board of Deacons, First Church of Christ, New Haven, CT.