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Curriculum Vitae

Name: Yolanda Yvette Smith
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EDUCATION

1993-98 Claremont School of Theology
Ph.D. Theology and Personality, Religious Education
Dissertation Title: Preserving Faith and Culture in the African American Church:
A Tri-Collaborative Model for Teaching the Triple-Heritage through the African
American Spirituals

1993-97 Claremont School of Theology
M.A. Religion

1987-1990 School of Theology at Virginia Union University
M.Div. Theology, Religious Education
(summa cum laude-valedictorian)

1980-84 Arizona State University
M.Ed. Special Education

1975-79 Arizona State University
B.A.E. Special Education

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2002-present Assistant Professor of Christian Education,
Yale University Divinity School

2000-02 Visiting Assistant Professor of Christian Education,
Yale University Divinity School

2002 Summer Faculty, School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University [1999]

2001 Summer Faculty, Iliff School of Theology

1998-2000 Visiting Assistant Professor of Christian Religious Education,
Iliff School of Theology

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| 1997 | Instructor, "Leadership Education and Practicum," (spring) and Co-Instructor, "Teaching and Learning," (summer), Claremont School of Theology |
| 1994-96 | Faculty Assistant for Dr. Cornish Rogers, Claremont School of Theology |
| 1994 | Teaching Assistant for Dr. Mary Elizabeth Moore, Claremont School of Theology |
| 1992-93 | ESOL Instructor, Rio Salada Community College, Phoenix, AZ |
| 1979-1983 | Special Education Instructor, Alhambra High School, Phoenix Union High School District, Phoenix, AZ |

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

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| 1997-98 | Administrator, Allen J. Moore Multicultural Resource and Research Center, Claremont School of Theology |
| 1998 | Co-Director, Youth Discipleship Project, Claremont School of Theology |
| 1990-93 | Minister of Evangelism and Discipleship, First Institutional Baptist Church, Phoenix, AZ [1983-87] |
| 1989-1990 | Dormitory Director, School of Theology at Virginia Union University |
| 1988-1990 | Program Assistant, Baptist General Convention of Virginia |

TEACHING CERTIFICATION

Arizona Department of Education Teacher Certificate
* Standard Special Education (K-12)- Mental Retardation
* Standard Secondary (7-12)-Dance
* Adult Education-Adult Basic Education; General Education Development;
English as a Second Language; Citizenship

Community College Certificate
* Regular A.1.a-Special Education; Basic Education; Religious Studies

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTEREST

Theological perspectives of Christian religious education

History, theory, and methodology of Christian religious education

Educational practice with particular attention to the role of the arts

Christian education in the African America experience

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Multicultural approaches to education in the church

Womanist approaches to Christian religious education

PUBLICATIONS

Academic

Reclaiming the Spirituals: New Possibilities for African American Christian Education (The Pilgrim Press, 2004).

“Not Just Sunday School! Religious Education in the New Millennium: New Visions for Partnership in Ministry and Theological Education” *Religious Education Association Clearing House* Special Issue in Celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Religious Education Association, 1903-2003, (2003) pp. 19-22.

“Olivia Pearl Stokes,” online entry for the web-based database, *Christian Educators of the 20th Century* www.talbot.edu/ceacademic (2003).

“Forming Wisdom through Cultural Rootedness,” in *In Search of Wisdom: Christian Formation in the Black Church*, Anne S. Wimberly and Evelyn L. Parker, eds. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2002), pp. 40-56.

“He Still Wid Us—Jesus: The Musical Theology of the Spirituals” *Christian History* Issue 62, vol. XVIII, no. 2 (1999): pp. 18-19.

“Olivia Pearl Stokes: A Living Testimony of Faith,” co-authored with Mary Elizabeth Moore, in *Faith of Our Foremothers: Women Changing Religious Education*, Barbara Anne Keely, ed. (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1997) pp. 100-120.

Resources for Sacred Teaching, edited with Mary Elizabeth Moore and Jeff Brockman, (Claremont: Allen J. Moore Multicultural Resource and Research Center, 1995). A resource book that emerged out of the Sacred Teaching: Education and Issues of Faith course taught with Mary Elizabeth Moore and Jeff Brockman.

Church/Denominational

“Sister to Sister: Women Sharing Christ One with Another,” in *Woman to Woman: Approaches to Witness and Outreach* (Resource Packet), American Baptist Churches, USA, National Ministries, 1996.

“Being the Church in Mission,” (Pamphlet) co-authored with Sheryl Blowe and Barbara Crump, The Baptist General Convention of Virginia, 1989-1990, pp. 1-15.

“Baptist General Foundation Incorporated: A Creative Opportunity for Giving,” (Brochure) developed for The Baptist General Convention of Virginia, 1989-1990.

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“A Closer Walk,” *Baptist Herald*, vol. VII, The Baptist General Convention of Virginia (September 1988).

“The Plunge,” *Baptist Herald*, vol. X, The Baptist General Convention of Virginia, (February 1988).

Works in Progress

“*Been in the Storm So Long*” *Yale Divinity School and the Black Ministry-One Hundred and Fifty Years of Black Theological Education* (book project currently being researched and co-authored with Dr. Moses N. Moore, YDS’ 77). A General Grant from the Louisville Institute has also been awarded to assist with the funding of this project.

A Spirituality of Teaching: Womanist Reflections on the Life, Legacy, and Contributions of Olivia Pearl Stokes (book project).

“Womanist Hermeneutics: Implications for African American Christian Education,” in *Womanist Biblical Hermeneutics*, Mignon Jacobs, ed. (submitted and forthcoming from The Pilgrim Press), pp. 1-25.

“Womanist Theology: Insights for Women in Leadership in Theological Education” to be included in the book project emerging from the conference, Transforming Theological Education: Women and Leadership, Ecumenical Seminar Program, Bossey Ecumenical Institute, Celigny, Switzerland, June 2001 (submitted and forthcoming from World Council of Churches Publications), pp.1-27.

“I Want to Be Ready! Teaching Christian Education in the African American Experience,” in *Mining the Motherlode: Teaching and Learning African American Religious Life*, Carolyn Medine and Theodore Trost, eds. (submitted and forthcoming from Oxford University Press), 1-25.

“A Womanist Approach to Teaching the Triple-Heritage through the African American Spirituals,” intended for publication in a religious education or women and religion journal.

“Rites of Passage: A Pedagogical Approach for Empowering African American Female Adolescents,” intended for publication in a religious education journal.

PRESENTATIONS

“Ain’t Dat Good News? Teaching Faith and Heritage through the African American Spirituals,” Fall Symposium, The Society for the Arts, Religion, and Contemporary Culture and Yale Institute of Sacred Music, November 2003.

“The Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians: Connection to US AIDS Crisis,” Yale Divinity School Initiative: Gender, Faith, and Responses to HIV/AIDS Breakfast, American Academy of Religion, November 2002.

“Dear Sisters: A Womanist Practice of Hospitality: Insights and Implications for Christian Religious Education,” American Academy of Religion, November 2002.

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“Yale Divinity School Women’s Initiative on Gender, Faith, and Responses to HIV/AIDS in Africa,” Eighth Annual Womanist Consultation of the Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, American Academy of Religion, November 2002.

“Diversity in the Church: The African American Spirituals as a Source for Teaching Faith and Heritage,” Children and the Church VI Event, Local Church Ministries, A Covenanted Ministry of the United Church of Christ and Eden Theology Seminary, St. Louis, MO, November 2002.

“Diversity in the Church: The African American Spirituals as a Source for Exploring Faith and Heritage--An Interactive Experience,” Children and the Church VI Event, Local Church Ministries, A Covenanted Ministry of the United Church of Christ and Eden Theology Seminary, St. Louis, MO, November 2002.

“Reflection on Issues of Sex, Stigma, and HIV/AIDS: An African American Perspective,” Pan African Conference of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, August 2002.

“Engaged Pedagogy: Insights from the Triple-Heritage,” Lecture and Sermon, Drew University, April 2002.

Dance Performance, “Lord of the Dance,” with Jennifer DeBisschop and Jean Elizabeth Shockley, Easter Rejoicing Service, Yale Divinity School, April 2002.

“Discipleship Matters: Deepening, Equipping, Ministering,” Leaders of Christian Education Retreat, Trinity Baptist Church, Bronx, NY, March 2002.

“Issues of Care: Theological, Medical, Pastoral, Educational: An African American Perspective,” Women’s Initiative: Consultation on Gender, Faith, and Responses to HIV/AIDS in Africa, Yale Divinity School, March 2002.

Dance Performance, “Weeping for Our Children in the HIV/AIDS Pandemic: Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child,” Women’s Initiative: Consultation on Gender, Faith, and Responses to HIV/AIDS in Africa, Yale Divinity School, March 2002.

“Revisiting the Triple-Heritage: New Insights for African American Christian Education,” Black History Month, Yale Divinity School, February 2002.

“Womanist Reflections on a Global Vision of Christian Education in the Twenty First Century: The Pioneering Contributions of Olivia Pearl Stokes,” American Academy of Religion, November 2001.

“The Womanist Group—Its Identity and Purpose,” Seventh Womanist Consultation of the Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, American Academy of Religion, November 2001.

Dance Performance to the prayer, “Touch Me Lord Jesus,” (1941), by Lucie Mae Campbell, Seventh Womanist Consultation of the Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, American Academy of Religion, November 2001.

“Globalization and the African American Church,” Association of Professors and

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Researchers in Religious Education Annual Meeting, November 2001.

“Women’s Theological Voices and Perspectives,” panelist, Transforming Theological Education: Women and Leadership, Ecumenical Seminar Program, Bossey Ecumenical Institute, Celigny, Switzerland, June 2001.

“Teen Sexuality, Christian Education, and Media,” The Tenth Annual Womanist Conference, Hartford Seminary, April 2001.

“I Want to Be Ready! Nurturing Teachers and Leaders from the Wisdom of Our Tradition,” Leaders of Christian Education Retreat, Trinity Baptist Church, Bronx, NY, March 2001.

“The Spirituals: New Possibilities for African American Christian Education,” American Academy of Religion, November 2000.

“Womanist Hermeneutics: Implications for African American Christian Education,” Religious Education Association/Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education Annual Meeting, November 2000.

Dance Performance, “Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child,” Sixth Womanist Consultation of the Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, American Academy of Religion, November 2000.

Panelist Response to “This is Not About You: The Challenge of Ministry and Boundaries,” by Marie Fortune, Yale University Divinity School and Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, Fall Convocation, October 2000.

Closing Ritual, Mining the Motherlode of African American Religious Life, August 2000.

“Behold the Vision,” “The Visionary,” “Preparing for the Task of Teaching,” and “Creativity in the Classroom,” American Baptist Churches, USA, Black Church Education Conference, July 2000.

“Dynamics of Power: Gender, Ethnicity, Age, and Race,” panelist, 1999 Workshop for Teaching and Learning, June 2000.

Dance Performance for dedication of peace pole, Iliff School of Theology, March 2000.

“Celebrating Our Heritage as We Begin the New Millennium” lecture and dance performance, The Tenth Annual Humanities Advisory Council Seminar 2000, Bethune-Cookman College, March 2000.

“The Triple-Heritage for African American Youth: A Pedagogical Approach for Empowerment,” Youth Discipleship Project, Claremont School of Theology, February 2000.

“Reflections on a Committed Life,” Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, Buckingham Square, Aurora, CO, January 2000.

“A Womanist Approach to Teaching the Triple-Heritage through the African American

Spirituals,” American Academy of Religion, November 1999.

“Models of Christian Education in the African American Experience,” presentation for Mining the Motherlode of African American Religious Life, Lilly Teaching Workshop, October 1999.

“The Challenge of Ministry,” community luncheon speaker, School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University, July 1999.

“The Spirit of Creativity: A Model for Congregations in Formation,” John Wesley Iliff Group, March 1999.

Dance Performance for Mission, Ministry, and Leadership course, taught by Jeffrey Mahan, Yolanda Smith, and Richard Ward, Iliff School of Theology, March 1999.

“Educational Possibilities for the Gandhi, Hamer, King Center,” presentation/workshop with Ed Everding, Iliff School of Theology, March 1999.

“I Want to Be Ready! Teaching Faith and Heritage,” series of workshops, Iliff Week of Lectures, January 1999.

Dance Performance during Tom Troeger’s sermon, Iliff Week of Lectures, January 1999.

“Using of the Spirituals to Teach Old Testament Stories,” lecture for Hebrew Bible I: Story, History, Law, and Prophets course taught by Mark George, Iliff School of Theology, October 1998.

“My Call to the Ministry,” First Year Colloquium, Iliff School of Theology, September 1998.

“Expanding Our Horizons,” American Baptist Women in Ministry National Conference, May 1998.

“I Want to Be Ready! Teaching Faith and Heritage in the African American Church,” American Baptist Churches, USA, Black Church Education Conference, July 1998.

“Poetry, Prophecy, and Power in Christian Formation: African American Perspectives,” Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education, November 1997.

“Olivia Pearl Stokes: A Living Testimony of Faith,” Christian Education luncheon, Iliff Week of Lectures, January 1999. Also presented for the Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education, November 1997.

“A Tri-Collaborative Model for Teaching the Triple-Heritage through the African American Spirituals,” Association of Pan African Doctoral Scholars, October 1997.

“Teaching the Triple-Heritage: Implications for Christian Education in the African American Church,” Office of Black Student Affairs Forum, Claremont Colleges, May 1997. Also presented for the American Academy of Religion Western Region, March 1997.

“Teaching the Triple-Heritage: The Spirituals as a Source for Spirit-Centered Education,” National Alliance of Pan African Seminarians, March 1995.

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“Womanism,” Annual Pan African Religious Studies Conference, Claremont School of Theology, April 1994.

“Evangelism and Discipleship: Follow-through,” workshop, First Institutional Baptist Church of Soweto, Republic of South Africa, August 1993.

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY

Member, The Editorial Board of the Christian Educators of the 20th Century Project, 2002-present

Steering Committee, Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, American Academy of Religion, 2002-present

Coordinator for Artistic Expressions, Womanist Consultation, American Academy of Religion, 2002-present

Moderator, Research Interest Group, “God’s Neighborhood-Where Strangers Become Friends and Family: A Guyanese Metaphor for Christian Education” by Claire Smith and “Who Cares? A Post-colonial Feminist Critique of Caring-Self and Multiculturalism” by Boyung Lee, Religious Education Association and Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education Annual Meetings, November 2003

Facilitator, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Graduate Student Luncheon, American Academy of Religion, November 2003, 2002

Moderator, Plenary Session II, *Leading with Hope: Theological Reflections on the Religious Educator’s Identity and Vocation*, Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education Annual Meeting, November 2002

Moderator, Colloquia, “Is There a Message of Christian Hope in Hip-Hop Gospel?” by Evelyn Parker, Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education, Annual Meeting, November 2002

Facilitator, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Doctoral Student Caucus Luncheon, Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education, November 2002

Fund for Theological Education, Summer Faculty, June 2002

Sweet Chariot, Academic and Cultural Advisory Panel, Spirituals Project Documentary, Denver, University, 2000-present

Facilitator, Wabash Center Meeting of Religious Education Scholars, Religious Education Association/Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education, November 2000

Consultant for Religious Education Task Force, Yale University Divinity School,

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April 2000

Youth Discipleship Project, Scholars in Research, Claremont School of Theology,
1998-2000

Chair, Registration Committee, National Black Graduate Student Conference, May 1996

Chair, Registration Committee, Annual Pan African Religious Studies Conference, April 1994

SERVICE TO YALE

Worship Leader (Lead Opening Prayer), YDS Commencement Worship, May 2004

Faculty Advisor and Coordinator for the Travel Seminar to Ghana, spring 2004

Co-Advisor, YDS Black Seminarians, present

Board Member, Yale Center for Faith and Culture, 2003-present

Founder and Coordinator, Pan African Women's Fellowship, 2000-present

Co-facilitator, Christian Education Discussion Group, Spring 2003

Mentor for Research Fellow, YDS Project on Gender, Faith, and Responses to HIV/AIDS in Africa,
Spring 2003

Faculty Advisor, "Milestones of the Black Presence At Yale Divinity School," Research Project and
Presentation by Terrence Taylor and Teresa Howell, YDS Joint Reunion & Convocation of African-
American, Asian-American, and Hispanic-Latino, Alumni, Alumnae, and Friends, Spring 2003

Convener, Panel Discussion, "Impact of Racial-Ethnic Minority Presence in Theological Education
and University Life," YDS Joint Reunion & Convocation of African-American, Asian-American,
and Hispanic-Latino Alumni, Alumnae, and Friends, May 2003

Facilitator, Town Meeting, All School Conference, January 2003

Worship Leader, YDS Chapel Service, January 2004, January 2003, November 2002

Member, Professional Studies Committee, 2002-present

Member, The Planning and Accreditation Committee Task Force II: Curriculum and Faculty, 2002-
present

Member, Area IV Task Force, 2002-present

Speaker, "Reflections on Ethiopia," Africa: Made in God's Image Art Exhibit Reception, Institute of
Sacred Music, November 2002

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Panelist, Faculty Forum, “Gender, Faith, and HIV/AIDS: Pan African Conference of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians,” Addis, Ababa, Ethiopia, October 2002

Preacher, YDS Chapel Service, February 2004, October 2002, October 2001, January 2001

Guest Respondent, *Praising in Black and White: Unity and Diversity in Christian Worship*, Discussion Group, Church of Christ at Yale, September 2002

Panelist, Before the Fall Orientation, August 2002

Dancer, Easter Rejoicing Service, April 2002

Worship Coordinator, Dancer, and Responder, Women’s Initiative: Consultation on Gender, Faith, and Responses to HIV/AIDS in Africa, March 2002

Lecturer, Black History Month Celebration, February 2002

Member, YDS Project on Gender, Faith, and Responses to HIV/AIDS in Africa, 2001-present

Member, Community Life Committee, 2001-02

Practicum Teacher and Supervisor, Supervised Ministry, 2001-02

Member, Disaster Response Team, 2001

Panelist, YDS Visitation Day, November 2001

Convener, “Conversation with David Bartlett,” Lyman Beecher Lecture, October 2001

Practicum Teacher, Supervised Ministry, Spring 2001

Faculty Advisor/Supervisor, Yale Committee for Social Ministry, Spring 2001

Preacher, Good Friday Chapel Service—Battell Chapel, Yale University, April 2001

Presenter, Junior Faculty Forum, February 2001

Committee Member/Presenter, All School Conference, February 2001

Liturgist, Tercentennial Preaching Event—Battell Chapel, Yale University, February 2001

Speaker, Fireside Chat, January 2001

Participant, “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” by Barbara Robinson—YDS Advent Celebration, December 2000

Panelist, Fall Convocation/Reunion, October 2000

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Presentation, Black Seminarians Workshop, September 2000

Worship Leader, Opening Convocation, September 2000

SERVICE TO ILIFF

Summer School Faculty, summer 2001

Chair, Admissions, Retention, and Financial Aid Committee, 1999-2000

Member, Admissions, Retention, and Financial Aid Committee, 1998-2000

Advisor, National Alliance of Pan African Seminarian, Iliff Chapter, 1998-2000

Co-chair, African American Community Initiative, 2000

Coordinator, Conversations for Partnership with Iliff and the Parish Resource Center, 2000

Co-chair, Staff and Senior Administrators Appreciation Luncheon, May 2000

Coordinator, National Alliance of Pan African Seminarians, End of the Year Celebration, May 2000

Dedication of the Peace Pole, Dance Performance, March 2000

Black History Month Celebration, Chapel Service, February 2000

Workshop Presider, "Discovering the 'Spiritual Turn' in Pastoral Care and Counseling,"
conducted by Larry Graham, Iliff Week of Lectures, January 2000

Lecturer, John Wesley Iliff Group, March 1999

Narrator/Reader, Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration, January 1999

Workshop Leader, Iliff Week of Lectures, January 1999

Iliff Chapel Service, October 1998 and October 1999

Iliff Annual Fund for Ministry Phone-a-thon, October 1999

Iliff Recruitment Team Member for Exploration '98, November 1998

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH & COMMUNITY

Workshop Leader, Teacher Training for New Deacons, The Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut,
Norwalk, CT, May 2004

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Panelist, "Leadership's Response to Recovery, Spirituality, Health Issues, and AIDS in the Black Community," AIDS Interfaith Network, Inc., Black Church and Community Conference on AIDS, Immanuel Baptist Church, New Haven, CT, October 2003

Workshop Leader, Teacher Training, Community Baptist Church, New Haven, CT, September 2003

"Women of God: Called For Such a Time as This," sermon preached at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, New Haven, CT, June 2003

Workshop Leader, Teacher's Retreat, Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York, NY, June 2003

Interview for Youth Ideas Radio Project, Arts & Ideas New Haven, New Haven, CT, April 2003

Panelist, "Women's Initiative on HIV/AIDS in Africa," Spring Glenn Church, New Haven, CT, May 2003

Keynote Speaker/Workshop Leader, Children and the Church VI Event, Local Church Ministries, A Covenanted Ministry of the United Church of Christ and Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO, November 2002

"Choosing the Good Part," sermon preached at MCC New Haven, CT, October 2002 and Macedonia Baptist Church, Denver, CO, August 1999

"Accepting the Call," sermon preached at Marsh Chapel, Boston University, Boston, MA, July 2002 and Macedonia Baptist Church, Denver, CO, July 2001

Workshop Leader, Spring Teacher's Retreat, Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York, NY, April 2002

Retreat Leader/Preacher, Trinity Baptist Church, Bronx, NY, March 2002 and 2001

Dance Performance, Invocation for the Ordination Service of Carolyn Sawyerr, First Baptist Church, Branford, CT, January 2002

"Women of Walls Temple Shielded in Faith," preacher, Annual Women's Day, New London, CT, October 2001

"Women of God: Partaking of the Fruit of the Spirit," dancer and preacher for the 65th Annual Women's Day, Antioch Baptist Church of Corona, NY, October 2001

"Raising Up a New Generation of Leaders," presentation, The 35th Annual Robert N. Nesby Scholarship Ministry Convocation Awards, First Institutional Baptist Church, Phoenix, AZ, August 2001

"Beyond the Veil," dramatic sermon, created and presented with Carolyn Sawyerr, First Baptist Church, Branford, CT, February 2001

Secretary and Member of the Board of Directors, Good News Unlimited, 2000-present

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“Transforming Our Time with God,” sermon preached at First Baptist Church, New Haven, CT, April 2001 and Macedonia Baptist Church, Denver, CO, July 2000

How Does the Church Work? presentation, Macedonia Baptist Church, Denver, CO, July 2000

Coordinator and Presenter, New Members Orientation Teacher Training, Macedonia Baptist Church, Denver, CO, June 2000

“Self Care and Fashion,” presentation, and co-coordinator of the African American Women in Ministry Youth Event, Area Churches, Denver, CO, June 2000

Liturgist, “The Seven Last Words,” Ninth Annual Celebration: Community Good Friday Services, Area Churches, Denver, CO, April 2000

“A House of Prayer for All Nations: Lessons from the Christ,” sermon preached during the Holy Week Religious Emphasis Celebration, Macedonia Baptist Church, Denver, CO, April 2000

Presiding Minister, Women’s Day Celebration, Macedonia Baptist Church, Denver, CO, March 2000

Speaker, Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, Buckingham Square, Aurora, CO, January 2000

Associate Minister, Macedonia Baptist Church, Denver, CO, 1999-2000

“The Books of the Bible,” presentation, Macedonia Baptist Church, Denver, CO, August 1999

“The Allen J. Moore Multicultural Resource and Research Center,” presentation, University Park United Methodist Church, Denver, CO, October 1998

Committee Member, Project HEART, New Haven, CT, present

Board Member, Good News Unlimited, present

Board Member, Crystal Fountain Ministries, present

Board Member, AIDS Interfaith Network, present

Associate Minister, Friendship Baptist Church, Yorba Linda, CA, 1996-98

Licensed Minister, Friendship Baptist Church, Yorba Linda, CA, 1996-present

Interim Supply Pastor, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (ELCA), Covina, CA, 1995

Ordained minister, American Baptist Churches, USA, First Institutional Baptist Church, Phoenix, AZ, 1991-present

FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

- 2004 Louisville Institute General Grant 2003-2004 for three year research and book project, "Been in the Storm So Long': Yale Divinity School and the Black Ministry—One Hundred Years of Black Theological Education"
- 2002 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Consultation—*Mining the Motherlode: Teaching and Learning African American Religious Life*, collaborative book project
- 2002 Louisville Institute Summer Stipend Grant
- 2001 Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, and Julia A. Foote Women's Day Award, Walls Temple African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, New London, CT
- 2000 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Summer Grant
- 1999-2000 Mining the Motherlode of African American Religious Life Lilly Teaching Workshop, sponsored by the Lilly Foundation and the American Academy of Religion
- 1999-2000 Workshop for Teaching and Learning in Theological Education, sponsored by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
- 1998-2000 Youth Discipleship Project, Scholars in Research, Claremont School of Theology
- 1998 President's Award for Academic Excellence in the Ph.D. Program, Claremont School of Theology
- 1997 Bishop Charles Golden Scholarship, Claremont School of Theology
- 1997 Willis and Dorothy Fisher Scholarship to a Ph.D. Student Who Shows "Promise as Teacher of Religion and Theological Studies," Claremont School of Theology
- 1996-97 Fund for Theological Education Black Doctoral Scholars Fellowship [1995-96; 1994-95]
- 1994-95 American Baptist Churches, USA, Doctoral Grant Recipient