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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

Dean *Emerita*, Vanderbilt Divinity School, 2023-2024
University Distinguished Professor of Womanist Ethics and Society and Gender and Sexuality Studies,
Vanderbilt Divinity School and Vanderbilt University, 2021-2024
Distinguished Professor of Womanist Ethics and Society, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN, 2019-
2024
E Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of Womanist Ethics and Society, Vanderbilt Divinity School,
Nashville, TN, 2013-2019
Andrew W. Mellon Professor of African American Religion and Theology, Yale Divinity School, New Haven,
CT, 2005-2013
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

Society for the Study of Christian Ethics (UK), Member, 2019-present
 Society for the Study of Theology (UK), Member, 2019-present
 International Association for the Study of Religion and Gender, Member, 2015-present
 Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies, Member, 2015-2018
 American Association of Blacks in Higher Education, Member, 2014-present
 American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Fellow, 2009-present
 American Theological Society, Member, 2009-present
 Society for Values in Higher Education, 1998-2001
 Society for the Study of Black Religion, 1992-present
 President, 2012-2016
 President-Elect, 2011
 Newsletter Editor, 2005 - 2008
 Corresponding Secretary, 1993-1997
 Society of Christian Ethics, 1988-present
 Vice President, 2022
 Executive Committee, 2022-2026
 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
 Professional Conduct Task Force, 2016-2018
 Governance Task Force, 2008-2010
 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, 2005-2011
 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

Contributing Editor, *The Christian Century Magazine*, 2021-present
 Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Black Religious Thought*, 2021-present
 Editorial Board Member, *QTR: A Journal of Queer and Transgender Studies in Religion*, 2021-present
 Board of Directors, Association of Theological Schools, 2018-present
 Editorial Board Member, *The Journal of Religious Thought*, 2017-present
 Ethics Committee Member, Alive Hospice, 2016-2019
 Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Africana Religions*, 2011-2018

Editorial Board Member, *Soma: An International Journal of Contemporary Theology Discourses and Counter-Discourses*, 2010-present
 Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 2006-2012
 Member, Constructive Theology Workgroup, 2005-2013
 Web Committee of Feminist Studies, Inc., 2005-2014
 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
 Committee on Race and Ethnicity, 2009-present
 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
 Forum for Theological Exploration (formerly The Fund for Theological Education), 1995, 1999-2012
 Member, Board of Directors, 2012-present
 Selection Committee Member: Doctoral Fellows and Dissertation Fellows, 1999-present
 Chair, 2005-2012
 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, 2000-2017
 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, 1993-2003
 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 (selected)

FESTIVAL OF HOMILETICS, "Accountability Strategies for Preaching in Chaos" (lecture) and "The Theology of Somehow (sermon), East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA 13-14 May, 2024

CURRIE LECTURES: PREMEDITATED INDIFFERENCE: FACING (IN)JUSTICE WITH THE POWER OF HOPE, "What in the World?," "How in the World?," and "Hope in the World," [emphasis on polarized societies], Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, TX, 23-24 January 2024

"Accountability Strategies for Attending to Gender in Institutional Administration," Association of Theological Schools Women in Leadership Webinar Series, Online, 24 October 2022

"Everydayness," Faith and Academics Lecture, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Belmont University, Nashville, TN, 21 September 2022

"Recentering the Theological Canon and the Future of Religious Education, College Theological Society, Virtual, 3 June 2022

"Colored Orneriness as Critical Companion to U.S. Democracy," Sankofa Institute, Oblate School of Theology, Virtual, 9 April 2022

"We Must Resist," The Freedom Center for Social Justice, "Liberating Theologies," Virtual, 25 September 2021

"The Future of Womanist Leadership," The 2021 Katie G. Cannon Center for Women and Leadership Spring Conference, "The Hinges Upon Which the Future Swings: The Living Legacy of Womanist as A Gateway to Our Futures," Virtual, 10 April 2021

"Colored Orneriness as Critical Companion to U.S. Democracy," Anna Julia Cooper Lecture, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA, Virtual, 17 September 2020

"Womanist Words," Naming of the Marcia Y. Riggs Commons, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, Virtual, 14 September 2020

"Leadership in a Time of Division and Fear," Women in Ministry Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, 24 October 2019.

DUBOSE LECTURES: PREMEDITATED INDIFFERENCE: FACING (IN)JUSTICE WITH THE POWER OF HOPE, "What in the World?," "How in the World?," and "Hope in the World," [emphasis on race and reconciliation] The School of Theology, Sewanee, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN, 30 September—1 October, 2019.

"Songs of Zion," 2019 MAC BRYAN PROPHETIC PREACHING SERIES, School of Divinity at Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, NC, 25 April 2019.

"Displacement and Trauma," Migration and Border Crossings Conference, Columbia Theological Seminary/Emory Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Decatur, GA, 9 February 2019

- “Grace Embodied: The Holy and the Erotic,” Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN, 24 October 2018
- “A Womanist Spirituality of Mentoring,” 2018 Women in Leadership: Emerging Leadership Development Institute, The Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA, 2 October 2018
- LOWELL INSTITUTE LECTURE, “Shadowboxing the Ridiculous,” Boston University School of Theology in collaboration with Bethel A.M.E. and Union Methodist Church, Boston, MA, 25 September 2018
- “Breaking the Fine Rain of Death,” Conference on Health and Social Justice (part of the Saint Louis University Bicentennial Celebration), Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO, 13 September 2018
- “The Indispensable Tri-Formation Between Gown and Town,” panelist, the Center for Womanist Leadership Inaugural Conference: “Bearing Witness to Womanism: What Was, What Is, What Shall Be,” Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA, 6 April 2018
- “Womanism: A Panel Discussion,” panelist, the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 19 March 2018
- “Colored Orneriness: A Concerto in *Four* Parts,” Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO, 5 November 2017
- “Shadowboxing the Ridiculous,” Plenary Address, Third Biennial Conference of The Society of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Nashville, TN, 27 October 2017
- FAITH AND POLITICS FROM A WOMANIST PERSPECTIVE, “Christian Ethics and the Politics of Personal Responsibility” and “Colored Orneriness: A Concerto in *Four* Parts,” Black Theological Leadership Institute, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, 20 July 2017
- “(In)Justice,” Hendrix College and Philander-Smith College Joint Lecture, Conway, AR, 5 April 2017
- Audre Lorde Scholarship Luncheon Speaker, Zami Nobla (National Organization of Black Lesbians on Aging), Atlanta, GA 18 February 2017
- “Womanist Theology and White Fragility,” Dialogue with Robin DiAngelo, The Well, Seattle, WA 8 December 2016
- MENDENHALL LECTURE, “Justice Notes,” DePauw University, Greencastle, IN, 10 October 2016
- “Organic Faith,” Chapel Centennial Celebration Lecture, Great Hall (Chaplain’s Office) and “The Future of Religion is Ascendant—But It is Not the Religion of the Past,” Convocation Address, Skinner Memorial Chapel (Carleton College Convocations Committee), Carleton College, Northfield, MN, 29-30 September, 2016
- “The Dancing Mind: Queer Black Bodies in Academy and Church,” Sacred Worth/Women in Ministry/Students for Change, Saint Paul School of Theology, Kanas City, MO 27 April 2016
- The John E. Boswell Lecture, “The Dancing Mind/Queer Black Bodies,” Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA, 21 April 2016
- “Ethics and Social Media,” Association of Episcopal Colleges, Nashville, TN, 9 April 2016
- “Justice Notes,” Mere Christianity Forum, Furman University, Greenville, SC, 23 March 2016
- Parks-King Lecture, “Colored Orneriness: A Concerto in *Four* Parts,” Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT, 23 January 2016
- THE BISHOP ALFRED E. WHITE AND MAMIE WILLIAMS WHITE LECTURES, Reflections on Practicing Public Theology: “Colored Orneriness: A Concerto in *Four* Parts” and “The Dancing Mind,” Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, NC, February 12-13, 2016
- “A People’s History of Race,” Trinity Institute National Theological Conference, Trinity Episcopal Church, New York, NY, 22 January 2016
- “Theological Education: One Take,” Plenary Address, Academy of Homiletics Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, 4 December 2015
- “Teaching and the Imagination,” Opening Plenary, Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 6 November 2015
- “Launching Pad,” Opening Convocation, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, 16 September 2015
- “If You Can Quare It You Can Change It: Changing the Boxes That Bind Us,” Unsettling Science and Religion: Contributions and Questions from Queer Studies, The Institute on Religion in an Age of Science Annual Conference, Star Island, NH, 9 August 2015
- “Faith and Citizenship,” YMCA Youth in Government Conference, Nashville, TN, 27 March 2015
- “Dancing Mind/Queer Black Bodies,” Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME, 27 February 2015

- “Queering Racial Justice,” Are the Gods Afraid of Black Sexuality?: Religion and the Burdens of Black Sexual Politics, Institute for Research in African American Studies and the Center on African American Religion, Sexual Politics, and Social Justice, Columbia University, New York, NY, 24 October 2014
- “Colored Orneriness: A Concerto in *Four* Parts,” Union Days, “The Joy of Creating Just and Resilient Communities,” Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, 10 October 2014; Drew Theological School, Madison, NJ, 3 February 2015
- “We Don’t Get to Shut the World Out: Some Things an Ethicist Thinks About,” Vanderbilt University and Nashville Public Library’s Thinking Out of the (Lunch) Box: Conversations with a Philosophical Flavor, Nashville, TN 3 September 2014
- “The Dancing Mind: Reflections on Practicing Public Theology,” Association of Practical Theology Biennial Meeting, Vanderbilt Divinity School, 28 March 2014
- “A Few Notes from the Culture Wars,” What Darwin Didn’t Change: Investigating the Enduring Interactions of Faith, Science, and Reason, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, 13 March 2014
- UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN’S SPEAKERS SERIES, “Does Your House Have Lions?: Citizenship and Faith in Today’s World,” Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 26 February 2014
- PAULI MURRAY/NANNIE HELLENS BURROUGS LECTURE ON WOMEN AND RELIGION, “Living Beyond the Fold of Old Wounds: Womanist Liner Notes in the Diaspora,” The Office of Black Church Studies, Duke University Divinity School, 24 February 2014
- MCPHERSON LECTURESHIP, “Christian Ethics and Womanist Theology,” First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC, 23-24 February 2014
- MACKENZIE LECTURESHIP, “Does Your House Have Lions?: Citizenship and Faith and Faith in Today’s World,” Workshops: Justice Voices/Justice Acts and Tolerance and Silence, Sermon: “Songs of Zion,” First Congregational United Church of Christ, Boulder, CO, 31 January—February 2, 2014.
- “What is Queer About Your Work,” with Laurel C. Schneider, Summer Institute 2013, Human Rights Campaign Foundation Religion and Faith Program, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 25 July 2013
- “The Dancing Mind,” Emancipation’s Unfinished Agenda: “What Shall I Tell My Children Who Are Black?” Squaring the Womanist Circle Project, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA, 12 April 2013
- “Alternative Epistemologies: The Womanist Dancing Mind,” University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL, 10 April 2013
- “The Dancing Mind,” Association of Theological Schools honoring the work of Emilie M. Townes, 2012 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 17 November 2012
- “The Peculiar Career of Aunt Jemima: Race and Stereotypes in U.S. Culture,” Lakeland College, 24 November 2012
- JAMES A. GRAY LECTURE, “Justice Notes,” Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, NC, 8 November 2012
- “And Still Struggle to Be Counted: Politics, Race, and Religion,” Academic Lecture for the Inauguration of Marvin McMickle as President of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Rochester, NY, 17 October 2012
- “Writing In My Career As A Queer Religious Scholar/Teacher/Activist,”) with Laurel C. Schneider, Summer Institute 2012, Human Rights Campaign Foundation Religion and Faith Program, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 8 August 2012
- “Primordial Memories,” Hiobs Botschaften: Reflections on the Book of Job, Einstein Forum, Potsdam, Germany, 9 June 2012
- “The Dancing Mind/Queer Black Bodies,” LeMoyne College, Syracuse, NY, 12 April 2012.
- PAUL ALLEN LECTURE SERIES, Does Your House Have Lions?: “A Womanist Spirituality of Health and Redemption” and “Justice Notes,” McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, 20 February, 2012
- JILL RAITT LECTURE, “Justice Notes,” The Women’s Center, Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC, 1 December 2011
- “Musings on Writing and Life,” (with Laurel C. Schneider) Summer Institute 2011, Human Rights Campaign Foundation Religion and Faith Program, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 3 August 2011

- Tribute Address, A Celebration of the Work and Legacy of Dr. Sharon Watson Fluker, The Fund for Theological Education, The Carter Presidential Center, Atlanta, GA, 3 June 2011
- DAVID P. LYONS LECTURES, "Hope and Doubt" and "Faithful Citizenship," First United Methodist Church, Madison, WI, 30 April 2011
- GILBERTO CASTANEDA LECTURE, "The Dancing Mind: Queer Black Bodies and Activism in Academy and Church," Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, 28 April 2011
- "Through the Eyes of a Sister: What is Womanist Thought and What Difference Does it Make?," Women in Leadership Conference, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit, MI, 31 March 2011
- "Justice Notes," The 27th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Lecture, The Program of Black Church Studies, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Rochester, NY, 15 February 2011; Women in Church and Ministry Lecture, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, 28 February, 2013; First United Methodist Church of Cheyenne, Cheyenne, WY, 17 April 2015
- "Does Your House Have Lions?: A Womanist Spirituality of Health and Redemption", Women's Studies in Religion Program, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA 11 February 2011
- "Groaning in the Land," Black Religious Scholars Group, Atlanta, GA, 29 October 2010
- "We Are Not Raising the Dead," Association of Theological Schools Women in Leadership Consultation, Pittsburgh, PA, 23 October 2010, 27 October 2012
- "Images of God in a Multicultural and Ever-Expanding World: Picturing God Through Culture," Societas Homileticus, 3 August 2010
- "The Dancing Mind," Summer Institute 2010, Human Rights Campaign Foundation Religion and Faith Program, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 26 July 2010
- HORIZONS OF FAITH LECTURES, "Hope and Doubt," "Disaster," and "Faithful Citizenship," First United Methodist Church, Omaha, NE, 12-13 March 2010.
- "Does Your House Have Lions?: Citizenship and Faith in Today's World." Earlham College, Richmond, IN, 26 January 2010
- "On the Rim Bones of Glory," Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL, 18 January 2010 and Spring Convocation, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Winston-Salem, NC, 19 January 2010
- "Loving Bodies?," Why Homosexuality?: Religion, Globalization, and the Anglican Schism conference, LGBT Studies Program, Yale University, New Haven 17 October 2009
- GEORGE W. WEBBER LECTURE IN URBAN MINISTRY, "Justice Notes," New York Theological Seminary, New York, NY, 9 October 2009
- "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 Rim Bones 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

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS (selected)

- Keynote speaker, Self Care, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 19 November 2023
- Panel moderator, *Walking Through the Valley: Womanist: Womanist Explorations in the Spirit of Katie Geneva Cannon*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 18 November 2023
- Panelist, Race, Faith, and Food Justice: A Book Symposium on Chris Carter’s *The Spirit of Soul Food*, Animal Ethics and African and African American Working Groups, Society of Christian Ethics, Chicago, IL, 7 January 2023
- Panelist, Making a Way Outta No Way: Celebrating Rachel E. Harding’s Scholarship and Activism, African Diaspora Religions Unit, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, 21 November 2022
- Panel moderator, “Examining the Ethics of Our Institutions: The Academy and the Church,” Church panel, Society of Christian Ethics, Whova/Zoom Platforms, 7 January 2022
- Panelist, What Must We Say to These Things? Anti-Blackness in the Age of COVID-19, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 21 November 2021

- Panelist, Janet R. Jakobsen's, *The Sex Obsession: Perversity and Possibility in American Politics*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 20 November 2021
- Plenary Speaker, "Knowledge from the Marrow of Our Bones," Society of Christian Ethics, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 11 January 2020
- Panelist, Holy Black Female Personhood: A Roundtable Discussion of *The Labor of Faith: Gender and Power in Black Apostolic Pentecostalism*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 23 November 2019
- Plenary Speaker, "Thin Human Imagination: Searching for Grace on the Rim Bones of Nothingness," Society for the Study of Theology, University of Warwick, Coventry, England, 10 April 2019
- Discussant, Mara Benjamin's *The Obligated Self: Maternal Subjectivity and Jewish Thought*, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, 28 February 2019
- Respondent, Black is Beautiful: Aesthetics in African American Christian Ethics, Society of Christian Ethics, Louisville, KY, 5 January 2019
- Plenary Respondent, Addressing Christian Ethics in Poetry, Society of Christian Ethics, Louisville, KY, 4 January 2019
- Panelist, Delores Williams' *Sisters in the Wilderness: 25 Year Celebration*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 18 November 2018
- Panelist, Practical Theology and Futuristic Reclamations, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 17 November 2018
- Panelist, Mining the Motherlode: The Life and Legacy of the Reverend Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, 17 November 2018
- Panelist, "State of the Garden: Womanism in the Post-Obama Era," Divinity School Ministry Studies Department and the Divinity School Student Association, University of Chicago Divinity School, 28 April 2017
- Panelist, "If We Must Die: Christian Ethics and the Politics of Personal Responsibility," African and African American Interest Group, Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, 6 January 2017
- Panelist, "Expendable Bodies, Knowledge, and Positionality, LGBTQ Committee on the Profession Special Topics Forum, American Academy of Religion, 19 November 2016
- Panelist, "Womanist and Black Feminist Responses to Tyler Perry's Productions," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, 21 November 2015
- Panelist, "Race, Ferguson, and the Future of American Democracy," Committee on Racial Ethnic Minorities, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, 21 November 2015
- Panelist, "What's Next?: Institutional Changes in Work/Life Balance, Status of Women in the Profession Committee, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, 22 November 2015
- Conversation Partner, WomanPreach Conference, Nashville, TN, 14 March 2015
- Panel Respondent, "Religion and Three Public Health Challenges of our Time," at the Practices, Peoples, Partnerships, and Politics: A Conference on *Religion as a Social Determinant of Public Health*, Atlanta, GA, 7 November, 2014
- Panel Presentation, *Womanist Theological Ethics: A Reader*, Dean's Forum, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA, 2 February 2012
- Panel Presentation, *Womanist Theological Ethics: A Reader*, Ethics Section and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 21 November 2011
- Panel Presentation, *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Practical Theology*, Practical Theology Group, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 20 November 2011
- Panel Presentation, "Insurgent Scholarship," Workshop on Insurgent and Underrepresented Scholarship, Jointly sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession, Status of LGBTQ Persons in the Profession, and Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committees, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 18 November 2011.
- 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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- Panel Presentation, Love and World Poverty, *Loving God and Neighbor in Word and Deed: Implications for Christians and Muslims*, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 30 July 2008
- 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
- Response Paper, Constructing the Immaterial Session, in the Constructing the Ineffable: Contemporary Sacred Architecture Symposium, Yale School of Architecture, Yale Institute of Sacred Music, and Yale Divinity School, Yale University, 27 October 2007
- Panel Presentation, Faith and Citizenship in Global Perspective, Faith and Citizenship: A Public Conversation, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT, 4 May 2007
- Panel Presentation, On Six Virtues of the Spirituality of African Peoples: In Honor of Dr. Peter J. Paris, Past Society of Christian Ethics President, African American Interest Group, Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, 6 January 2007
- Response Paper, Book Review Session of *Feminist and Womanist Essays in Reformed Dogmatics*, Reformed Theology and History Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 19 November 2006.
- Panel Presentation, Representing Religion in the Public: What Can Your Department Do and Why It Should, Special Topics Forum, Academic Relations Committee and the Religion in the Schools Task Force, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 18 November 2006.
- Response Presentation, *Hagar, Sarah, and Their Children: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Women in Dialogue*, Women and Religion Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 18 November 2006.
- Panel Presentation, "Thoughts on Research, Writing and Publishing," Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group Pre-Meeting Consultation, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 17 November 2006.
- Papers Respondent, Sex and Religion in Migration Conference, Institute of Sacred Music, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 17 September 2005
- Response Paper, "Naming Black Women's Diasporic Experience: Womanist? Black? Or . . . ?," Black Theology Group, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, 21 November 2004
- Response Paper, Plenary I: New Testament and Roman Empire (John Dominic Crossan, Brigitte Kahl, and Richard Horsley), New Testament and Roman Empire: Shifting Paradigms for Interpretation Consultation, New Testament Faculty Consultation, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, 29 October 2004.
- Panel Presentation, Contributions to Womanist Theology, Asian/Asian North American Women's Theology, Mujerista/Latina/Hispanic Women's Theology, Seminar for Racial/Ethnic Women in Theological Education, The Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA, 2 October 2004
- "Love?," University Seminar, Center for the Study of Science and Religion, Columbia University, New York, NY, 7 May 2004.
- "Willful Oblivion: Uninterrogated Coloredness as Moral Lacuna," Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 23 November 2003.
- "Moral Formation in the Prophets," The Bible and Character Ethics Group, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, 24 November 2002.
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- “Estereótipos mortis/Realidades duras: Sistema de Saúde Afro-americano nos Estados Unidos” (Deadly Stereotypes/Harsh Realities: African American Health Care in the United States), II Congresso Brasileiro de Pesquisadores Negros, Universidade Federal de São Carlos, São Carlos, São Paulo, Brasil, 28 August 2002.
- “Growing Like Topsy: Solidarity in the Work of Dismantling Evil,” Women’s Studies in Religion Program Spring Lecture, Harvard Divinity School, 20 February 2002.
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- Panel Paper, “Marcella Althaus-Reid’s *Indecent Theology: Theological Perversions in Sex, Gender, and Politics*,” Women and Religion Section and Lesbian Feminist Issues Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO 18 November 2001.
- Plenary Address Respondent, “Social Science, Christian Ethics and Democratic Politics: Issues of Poverty and Wealth by Mary Jo Bane of the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 5 January 2001.
- Panel Paper, “Feminist Theology and Religious Diversity,” Women and Religion Section, American Academy of Religion, Nashville, TN, 19 November 2000.

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- “Hurricanes Roar: Celebrating Black Poetry in Western Spirituality, Session One” Oxford Centre for Religion and Culture, 23 October 2023, Online
- Capacity Building for the Racial Justice Institute of the Religion and Society Program, Aspen Institute, Co-led with Teresa Smallwood, 21 September 2023, Online
- “The Role of Ethical Reflection in Identity Formation and Meaning Making,” NetVUE Reading Group, Office of the Dean of the College, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, Virtual, 22 September 2022
- “The Role of Integrity in Intercultural Theological Education,” Faculty Luncheon, Sankofa Institute, Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, TX, (Online), 14 October 2022
- Panelist, Womanist Musings: Intergenerational Conversations and Concerns, Women of Color Leadership Institute for Pastoral Excellence, RISE Together Mentorship Network, Online, 12 March 2022
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- Panelist, “If Only We’re Brave Enough to Be It” – A Conversation with Faith Leaders (with Angela D. Sims and Rachel S. Mikva), Central Conference of American Rabbis National Convention, Online, 15 March 2021
- Workshop, The Craft of Teaching in the Academic Study of Religion, Doctoral Seminar, University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL, 1 November 2019
- Workshop Co-Leader (with Eric Baretto), “The Bible and White Supremacy,” Christianity and White Supremacy: Heresy and Hope, Office of Religious Life, Princeton, NH, 30 March 2019
- Closing Plenary Panelist, National Summit on the Economics of Pastoral Leadership, Lilly Endowment, Indianapolis, IN, 18 January 2019
- “Reflections on the Core of Theological Education: Continuity and Change—Three Views,” Panelist, Education Models and Practices Peer Group Forum, The Association of Theological Schools, 19 April 2017
- “Pedagogical Mentoring,” Department of Religion, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 27 March 2017
- “The Power of Love for Hard Times Like These,” Grace Church Brooklyn Heights, Brooklyn, NY, 18 March 2017

- “Womanism Today: Race, Gender, and the Journey Toward Social Justice,” The Marble Forum and “The Challenge of Love in the Face of Violence,” The Marble Colloquium, Marble Collegiate Church, New York, NY, 28-29 January 2017
- “Run for the Hills,” Annual Retreat, Belmont United Methodist Church, Beersheba Springs, TN, 23-24 September 2016.
- “Justice Notes,” Wild Goose Festival, Hot Springs, NC, 8 July 2016
- “Cultural Production of Evil,” Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America, Cheyney University, Cheyney, PA, 1 July 2016
- “Negotiating the Academy with Your Hair on Fire: Scholarship and Activism,” Vanderbilt University Women’s Center, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 3 February 2016
- Panelist, Response to Rabbi Jonah Pesner, The Family of Abraham, Antioch, TN, 26 January 2016
- “Wading Through Messy Waters,” Dean’s Forum, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Cleveland, OH, 17 January 2016
- “Lament” Vanderbilt University Center for Biomedical Ethics, Nashville, TN, 18 August 2014
- “Justice Notes,” St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Hendersonville, TN, 20 March 2014
- “The Dancing Mind,” Vanderbilt Women’s Club, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 16 January 2014
- The Dancing Mind, Union Forum Spring 2011: Frontiers in Feminist and Womanist Theologies, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY 4 April 2011
- Faith and Citizenship in a World of Change, Adult Spiritual Formation Commission, Grace Church of Nyack, Nyack, NY, 20 February 2010.
- 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.
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- "With Running Mouth and Hands on Hips: Sapphire and the Moral Imagination," in *Faith and Feminism: Ecumenical Essays*, eds. B. Diane Lipsett and Phyllis Trible, Westminster John Knox, 2014: 233-243.
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Pacesetter Award, American Association of Blacks in Higher Education, 10 April 2015
Doctor of Humane Letters, Franklin College, 17 May 2013
2010 Black Religious Scholars Group Distinguished Religious Scholar, 29 October 2010
Doctor of Humane Letters, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 14 May 2010
Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2009-present
Doctor of Divinity, Washington and Jefferson College, 17 May 2008
Henry Luce III Fellow in Theology, The Association of Theological Schools, 2005-2006
Honorary Master of Arts, Yale University, 2005
Women's Studies in Religion Program, Research Associate and Visiting Lecturer in Women's Studies in Religion and Society, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, 2001-2002
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