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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Religion (Religious Ethics), concentration in Christian Ethics, research focus - religion and Civil Rights activism, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.  
M.Div., Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.  
M.A., English (American Literature), with a focus on the fiction of American author Joseph Heller, Howard University, Washington, District of Columbia.  
B.A., English, The College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina

**TEACHING POSTS**

Professor of Religion, Spelman College, current.  
Associate Professor of Religion, Spelman College.  
McVay Associate Professor of Ethics, United Theological Seminary.  
Assistant Professor of Ethics, Interdenominational Theological Center.

**OTHER ACADEMIC POSTS**

Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Howard University Divinity School.  
Visiting Scholar, Africa University, Mutare, Zimbabwe.  
Exchange Faculty, Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota.  
Acting Director, Black Church Studies, Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

**SCHOLARLY FOCI**

Disciplinary Studies - Religious Studies, Christian Ethics; Sub-disciplinary Work - *Ethics and Social Justice* (The Civil Rights Movement; Religion and Black Women's Activism; Womanist Religious Thought; Black Women Civil Rights Activists), *Black Religions and Identity* (Religion and African American Identity; Continental and Diasporan African Women's Religious Identities and Engagement), *Religious Studies* (The Academic Study of Religions; Theory and Methods in Religious Studies).

**RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS**

**BOOKS, MONOGRAPHS, JOURNAL ISSUES**

**ACADEMIC**

African American Women in the NAACP: Religion, Social Advocacy, and Self-Regard, *in preparation*.

*Journal of Black Women and Religious Cultures*, Journal Founder and Editor, Manifold at the University of Minnesota Press.

*Proceedings and Reflections—The Consultation of African and African Diasporan Women in Religion and Theology*, Special Issue, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion*, Volume 7, Issue 1, July 2016 (Co-editor with Evelyn L. Parker).

*Unraveling and Reweaving Sacred Canon in Africana Womanhood*, Lexington Books (a division of Roman and Littlefield), 2015 (Co-editor with Rose Mary Amenga-Etego).

*Witnessing and Testifying: Black Women, Religion, and Civil Rights*, Fortress, 2003.

**PROFESSIONAL**

*God's Faithfulness on the Journey: Reflections by Rostered Women of Color*, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 2018 (Editor).

*AAR Career Guide for Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession*, ed. Miguel de la Torre, American Academy of Religion, [www.aarweb.org/publications/arr-career-guide-racial-and-ethnic-minorities-profession/](http://www.aarweb.org/publications/arr-career-guide-racial-and-ethnic-minorities-profession/),

2006. Hard copy published as *AAR Career Guide for Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession*, American Academy of Religion, 2007. (Co-author, Planning and Writing Committee)

*The Status of Racial-Ethnic Minority Clergywomen in the United Methodist Church*, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church, 2004. (Co-author with Jung Ha Kim)

**ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES**

Notes on Being a Black Woman in the Academy in the United States (*under review*)

Religion, Civil Rights Activism, and Black Well-being: Ruby Hurley in the NAACP (*under review*)

Foreword, Karen Crozier, Fannie Lou Hamer's Revolutionary Practical Theology: Racial and Ecological Justice Concerns, Brill, 2020.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Black Lives Matter, and the Great "World House," Afterword, *The Great World House in the 21st Century: Reclaiming the Vision of Martin Luther King, Jr.*, ed. Vicki L. Crawford and Lewis V. Baldwin, Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2019.

"Optimal Health for Their Whole Lives: Reflections on Social Ethics, Freedom, and Black Women's Health," *Journal of Healthcare, Science, and the Humanities*, VII, no. 2 (Fall 2017): 53-64.

"'Now, Who Are Your People': Continental and Diasporan African Women Encounter Each Other" in *Transkulturelle Begegnungen und Interreligiöser Dialog [Transcultural Encounter and Interreligious Dialogue]* ed. Uta André, Ruomin Liu, Sönke Lorberg-Fehring, 249-266, Missionshilfe Verlag, 2017.

"Leading in Challenging Times: Martin Luther King, Jr., Ruby Hurley, and the Meaning of Black Leadership" (with Shirley T. Geiger) in *The Domestication of Martin Luther King, Jr.: Clarence B. Jones, Right-Wing Conservatism, and the Manipulation of the King Legacy*, ed. Lewis V. Baldwin and Rufus Burrow, Jr., Cascade Books Division of Wipf and Stock, 2013.

"Ruby Hurley, U.S. Protestantism, and NAACP Student Work, 1940 to 1950" in *From Every Mountainside: Black Churches and the Broad Terrain of Civil Rights*, ed. R. Drew Smith, 65-83, State University of New York, 2013.

"Black Theology and the History of U.S. Black Religions: Post Civil Rights Approaches to the Study of African American Religions," *Religion Compass* 6, no. 4 (2012): 249-261.

"Overcoming Misinterpretation and Irrationality: Doing Ethics at the Intersection of Social Justice, Liberation, and Civil/Human Rights" in *Religious Education*, 107 no. 3 (May-June 2012): 241-245.

"Overcoming Christianization: Thoughts on Reconciling Spiritual and Intellectual Resources in African American Christianity" in *Ethics that Matters: African, Caribbean, and African American Sources*, ed. Marcia Y. Riggs and James Logan, Fortress, 2012.

"John Howard Yoder on Pacifism" in *Beyond the Pale: Reading Ethics from the Margins*, ed. Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas and Miguel A De La Torre, Westminster/John Knox, 2011.

"Resisting the Imperial Peace: Black Women and Self-Love," *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Religion* 1, no. 13.9 (December 2010).

"Theological Perspective" Advent 1, 2, and 3 in *Feasting on the Word, Year C, Volume 1*, ed. David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, Westminster John Knox, 2009. *This text won the Association of Theological Booksellers Theologus Book of the Year Award.*

- “For People Lacking Affordable Housing” in *To Do Justice: A Guide for Progressive Christians*, ed. Rebecca Todd Peters and Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, Westminster John Knox, 2008.
- “Rural Southern Black Women in the United States” in *The Peoples’ History of Christianity*, Volume 7, ed. Mary Farrell Bednarowski, Fortress, 2008.
- “Contextualizing Womanist/Feminist Critical Thought and Praxis” in *Spotlight on Theological Education 2*, no. 1 (March 2008): vii.
- “Sojourner Truth,” in *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*, ed. John H. Moore, Gale, 2007.
- “Lessons and Treasures in Our Mothers’ Witness: Why I Write about Black Women’s Activism” in *Deeper Shades of Purple: Womanism in Religion and Society*, ed. Stacey Floyd-Thomas, New York University, 2006.
- “The Civil Rights Movement” in *Encyclopedia of Women in Religion in America*, Volume 3, ed. Rosemary Keller and Rosemary Radford Reuther, Indiana University, 2006. *This collection won the 2006 American Historical Association’s Waldo G. Leland Prize and the 2007 Choice Outstanding Academic Title Award.*
- “What Has Happened to Us?” with Marsha Snulligan Haney and Tumani Mutasa Nyajeka in *Africentric Approaches to Ministry: Strengthening Urban Congregations in African American Communities*, ed. Ronald Peters and Marsha Snulligan Haney, University Press of America, 2006.
- “Christian Ethics, Responsibility, and Love” in *Agora 17*, no. 2 (Spring 2005): 9-11.
- “Passionate Living” in *The Passion of the Lord: African American Reflections*, ed. James A. Noel and Matthew V. Johnson, Fortress, 2005.
- “Conjuring Resistance and Liberation in the Academy,” *Journal of the Society for Pastoral Theology 14*, no. 2, (Fall 2004): 23-30.
- “Eleanor Holmes Norton” in *African American Lives*, ed. Henry Louis Gates and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Oxford, 2004.
- “Marian Wright Edelman” in *African American Lives*, ed. Henry Louis Gates and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Oxford, 2004.
- “Harriet Tubman” in *African American Lives*, ed. Henry Louis Gates and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Oxford, 2004.
- “H. Richard Niebuhr and the United Seminary Context: Response to James M. Gustafson” in *Prism: A Theological Forum for the United Church of Christ 18*, no. 2 (Fall 2003): 41-44.
- “Health Care and the Moral Imagination: Considering the Kind of Society We Want to Be” in *New Conversations: Medical Technology and Christian Decision-Making*, Special Edition, ed. Ronald Cole-Turner (Fall 2002): 67-72.
- “From Civil Rights to Civic Participation: Black Religion, Movement Vitalities, and Public Life” in the *Journal of the Interdenominational Theological Center XXVIII*, nos. 1 and 2 (Fall 2000/Spring 2001): 39-77.
- “Feminist Ethics” in *Encyclopedia of Christianity*, Volume 2, ed. Erwin Fahlbusch, Jan Milic Lochman, John Mbiti, Jaroslav Pelikan, Lukas Vischer, Eerdmans-Brill, 2000, 149-151.
- “Religion and Public Life: Fannie Lou Hamer and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party as a Metaphor for What Love Requires” in *Quarterly Review 20*, no. 2 (Summer 2000): 125-139.

“Religious Responsibility and Community Service: The Activism of Victoria Way DeLee” in *Unspoken Worlds: Women’s Religious Lives*, ed. Nancy Auer Falk and Rita M. Gross, Wadsworth, 4th edition, 2000.

“Mancherlei Schriftgebrauch in der Womanistischen Theologie: Eine Übersicht der Bibelinterpretationen von Vier Schwarzen Frauen,” [“Some Uses of Scripture in Womanist Theology: An Overview of Biblical Interpretation by Four Black Women”] *Transparent: Zeitschrift für die Kritische Masse in der Rheinischen Kirche* 12, no. 53 (March 1999): 16/1-16/12.

“Inverting the Pyramid: Responding to Problems of Violence, Racism, and Xenophobia in the Lives of Women,” *The Journal of the Interdenominational Theological Center* 26, no. 1 (Fall 1998): 118-139.

“Response to ‘The Faith Community as Listener,’” *The Journal of the Interdenominational the Interdenominational Theological Center* 25, no. 2 (Fall 1997): 67-71.

“Womanist Work and Public Policy: An Exploration of the Meaning of Black Women’s Interaction with Political Institutions,” in *Embracing the Spirit: Womanist Perspectives on Hope, Salvation, and Transformation*, ed. Emilie Townes, Orbis, 1997.

“A Womanist Model of Responsibility: The Moral Agency of Victoria Way DeLee,” in *Living Responsibly in Community*, ed. Fred Glennon, Gary Hauk, and Darryl Trimiew, University Press of America, 1997.

“Reflections on Discussions of Difference in Contemporary Public Debate,” *Journal of Intergroup Relations* 26, no. 1 (Spring 1997): 16-21.

“Grace” in the *Dictionary of Feminist Theologies*, ed. Letty Russell and Shannon Clarkson, Westminster John Knox, 1996.

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Nyasha Junior, *An Introduction to Womanist Biblical Interpretation*, Westminster-John Knox, 2015, in *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 73, no. 2 (2018).

Monica Coleman, editor, *Ain’t I a Womanist, Too: Third Wave Womanism*, Fortress, 2013, in *Black Theology: An International Journal* 13, no. 2 (August 2015): 202–206.

Jawanza Eric Clark, *Indigenous Black Theology: Toward an African-Centered Theology of the African-American Religious Experience*, Palgrave MacMillan, 2012, in *Black Theology: An International Journal* 12, no. 2 (August 2014): 194–195.

Traci C. West, *Disruptive Christian Ethics: When Racism and Women’s Lives Matter*, Westminster John Knox, 2006 in *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 61, no. 4 (October 2007): 458.

Emilie M. Townes, *Breaking the Fine Rain of Death: African American Health Issues and a Womanist Ethic of Care*, Continuum, 2001 in the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 70, no. 3 (September 2002): 681-684.

Nile Harper, *Urban Churches, Vital Signs: Beyond Charity Toward Justice*, Eerdmans, 1998 in the *Journal of Religion* 82, no. 1 (January 2002): 167-169.

#### **POPULAR, OTHER PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)**

“Hope for a Unity that Leads to Healing: Black Faith and the Nation after 2020,” invited blog, The Berkley Forum (<https://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/responses/hope-for-a-unity-that-leads-to-healing-black-faith-and-the-nation-after-2020>), Georgetown University, November 2020.

“Value beyond Measure,” invited blog response, The Wendland-Cook Program in Religion and Justice ([religionandjustice.org/blog](http://religionandjustice.org/blog)), Vanderbilt Divinity School, April 2020.

“Katie Geneva Cannon and the Soul of Womanism” in *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 35, no. 2 (Fall 2019), 141-143.

“Becoming a Beloved Community: An African American Perspective” in *A New Dawn in Beloved Community: Stories with the Power to Transform Us*, ed. Linda Lee, Abingdon, 2013.

“An Historic Meeting: African and African Diaspora Women Convene in Ghana for First-Ever Religion Conference” in *Religion Dispatches*, July 31, 2012,  
[http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/atheologies/6231/an\\_historic\\_meeting\\_\\_african\\_and\\_african\\_diaspora\\_women\\_convene\\_in\\_ghana\\_for\\_first\\_ever\\_religion\\_conference/](http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/atheologies/6231/an_historic_meeting__african_and_african_diaspora_women_convene_in_ghana_for_first_ever_religion_conference/).

“Why I Will Not See *The Help*: A Rant” in *Religion Dispatches*, August 15, 2011,  
[http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/culture/4991/why\\_i\\_will\\_not\\_see\\_the\\_help%3A\\_a\\_rant/](http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/culture/4991/why_i_will_not_see_the_help%3A_a_rant/).

“Black Theology: What Is It?” *Precious Times: The Magazine for Today’s Black Christian Woman*, Fall 2010, 12-13.

“The Christianization of Shirley Sherrod: Christianization by Any Other Name (or Color) Smells the Same” in *Religion Dispatches*, July 22, 2010,  
[http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/politics/3028/the\\_%E2%80%98christianization%E2%80%99\\_of\\_shirley\\_sherrod/](http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/politics/3028/the_%E2%80%98christianization%E2%80%99_of_shirley_sherrod/).

“Faith, Reason, and the History of Black Churches,” *Precious Times: The Magazine for Today’s Black Christian Woman*, Winter 2007, 47-49.

“Faith in the Movement: Remembering Women in the Civil Rights Movement,” *Precious Times: The Magazine for Today’s Black Christian Woman* 4, no. 1 (Winter 2006): 32-35.

“Sisters in the Struggle,” in *The Other Side* 39, no. 1 (January & February 2003): 51, 53.

“Valuing Practices of Our Moral Exemplars: Presenting Options for African American Youth,” *Religion and Ethics in 21<sup>st</sup>-Century America*, Annual James A. Gray Symposium Lectures, Winston-Salem State University, April 1999.

“Nourishing the Faith,” Winter Quarter Sunday School Lesson Series, South Carolina *United Methodist Advocate* 160, no. 12 to 161, no. 2 (December 1996 - February 1997).

“Where Will these Fires Lead Us?” *Venus Magazine* 2, no. 7 (1996).

“Treasures Found,” *Interpreter* 37, no. 2 (February/March 1993).

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **LECTURES AND PAPERS PRESENTED BY INVITATION**

“There Remains Only Constant Struggle,” or Scholarship as Telling Stories of Radical Black Subjectivity, response to “Masquerade,” Pitts Theology Library, Candler School of Theology, Emory University and the Institute for Signifying Scriptures Virtual/Digital Exhibition and Symposium, Atlanta, Georgia, November 3-4, 2021, Virtual.

Decolonizing God: Theoretical Insights into African American Religion and Black Women’s Activism, Misognoir to Mishpat Seminar, University of Leeds, Leeds, United Kingdom, September 20, 2021.

Ruby Hurley’s Methodism, the NAACP, and American Democracy, 2021 Faith and Reason Symposium, “She Opens Her Mouth with Wisdom,” Benedictine University, Lisle, Illinois, April 9, 2021, Virtual.

Panel Respondent: "Survivance, Integrity, Divine Economies and Habitats: The Ecological Crisis and Vulnerable Peoples, American Academy of Religion, December 2020, Virtual.

Panelist: Making Sense of the 2020 Elections, American Academy of Religion, December 2020, Virtual.

Moderator: Contingent Labor across Society and Academy, American Academy of Religion, December 2020, Virtual.

Lucille Black, Black Religion, and Democracy in the United States, "Gender Rights – Radical Change Politically, Morally, and Confessionally across Time," the Women, Gender, and Religion Session III, AAR-SBL Southeastern Regional Meeting, February 28-March 1, 2020, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

Keynote Address, Let's Go: People on a Mission, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, African American Clergywomen, the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, June 4, 2018, Greenville, South Carolina.

Distinguished Faculty Keynote Address, The Story of Our Lives: Connecting Ethics across the Generations, National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care (National Bioethics Center) Public Health Ethics Intensive, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee Alabama, March 2018.

Plenary Panel Presentation: Having Heart: Virtues for "Continuing in the Struggle Until the End," Hidden Figures: Sisters of the Rock, 15<sup>th</sup> annual Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, February 14, 2018, Memphis, Tennessee.

Panelist, Translating Religion for Freedom: Data from a Socio-Historical Methodology, Religion and the Social Sciences Unit, Special Session Honoring the Scholarship of Nancy Ammerman, The American Academy of Religion, November 2017, Boston, Massachusetts.

Panelist, Film Viewing, "The Armor of Light," seminary community forum, Theories of Justice and Public Policy Course, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia, 2015.

Panelist, Compassion and Leadership in a Multi-faith World, a working symposium, The Leadership and Multi-faith Program, (LAMP), Georgia Tech Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts and Emory University Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia, 2015.

Lecture, Candomblé, African-Brazilian Religion, *Dia Nacional da Consciencia Negra*: Celebrate Brazil's Black Awareness Day, a program for the exhibit Bandits & Heroes, Poets & Saints - Popular Art of the Northeast of Brazil, Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library, 2014.

Panelist, Championing "America's Least Wanted," Black Cultures in the Study of Religion Panel, American Academy of Religion's Southeastern Commission on the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, 2014.

Presenter, Living with Authenticity and Passion, Emancipation's Unfinished Agenda Conference, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, 2013.

Panel Presenter, The Trafficking of Girls in the City, Religion in the City Panel, The Society for the Study of Black Religion, Chicago, Illinois, 2013.

Lecture, The Case of Ruby Hurley: Religion and the Making of U.S. Democracy, The Koch Lecture in Catholic Social Thought, The College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minnesota, 2012.

Lecture, The Civil Rights Movement as Exposition of the American Cultural Language: The Case of Ruby Hurley, 72<sup>nd</sup> Thirskield Jones Lectures, Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia, 2011.

Presenter, Researching the Life of Ruby Hurley, African American Methodist Heritage Center Training

Program, Atlanta, Georgia, 2009.

Panelist, Obama: Changing the Politics of Race? Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies African Diaspora Association and the Africa Association Panel, Washington, District of Columbia, 2009.

Presenter, Ecumenism from the Margins, United, National Council of Churches, USA Faith and Order Commission Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, 2008.

Respondent, Theological Education as Mining for the Mother Lode, response to dean's inaugural address, Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, District of Columbia, 2008.

Lecture, "What's Love Got to Do with It?" Remembering Black Women, Black History, and the Civil Rights Movement, Black History Month Address, LaGrange College, LaGrange, Georgia, 2007.

Keynote Address, Blazing Trails and Transcending Boundaries through Love: Women of Color and the "Religious" Work We Do, UMC Women of Color Scholars Celebration Opening Keynote, Chicago, Illinois, 2006.

Presenter, Reclaiming Prophetic Ministry, Christian Church, Disciples of Christ 19<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Convocation of Black Pastors, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2006.

Lecture, Intimate Love and Public Life: Making the Connections, University of South Africa Department of Old Testament and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Pretoria, South Africa, 2006.

Lecture, Evangelicalism and Social Justice, Or Why I Write about African American Women's Activism, Africa University Faculty of Theology Colloquium, Old Mutare, Zimbabwe, 2006.

Lecture, Black Women, Identity, and Activism, Tilburg University Chair in Intercultural Theology, Tilburg, The Netherlands, 2005.

Lecture, What's Love Got to Do with It? Intimacy to Public Life, Catholic University of Leuven Forum of Liberation Theology, Leuven, Belgium, 2005.

Lecture, Witnessing and Testifying: Love and Black Women's Activism, Luther College Midwest Black History Month Conference, Decorah, Iowa, 2005.

Keynote Address, Christian Ethics, Responsibility, and Love, Claflin University Granville Hicks Leadership Academy for Laity and Clergy, Orangeburg, South Carolina, 2005.

Lecture, Raising the Bar, or "Everything Is Everything," Claflin University Sophomore Student Assembly, Orangeburg, South Carolina, 2005.

Panelist, Liberation in the Academy, The Society for Pastoral Theology Plenary Panelist, Atlanta, Georgia, 2004.

Lecture, Black Women and the Civil Rights Movement: A View from Religion, Medgar Evers College African American Women and the Civil Rights Movement Lecture Series, New York, New York, 2004.

Lecture, Loving Witnesses: The Nature and Meaning of Black Women's Civil Rights Activism, St. Ambrose University Women's Studies Lecture, Davenport, Iowa, 2004.

Lecture, A Glimpse into a History of Loving Witness: Religion and Black Women's Activism during the Civil Rights Era, Clark-Atlanta University Black History Month Lecture, Atlanta, Georgia, 2004.

Lecture, Loving Witnesses: Black Women and Religion in the Civil Rights Movement, Simpson College George Washington Carver Lecture, Indianola, Iowa, 2004.

Lecture, Black Women in the Civil Rights Movement, Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary Martin Luther King, Jr.

Convocation, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, 2004.

Lecture, Testimonies of Love: The Nature and Meaning of Black Women's Activism, McCormick Theological Seminary Martin Luther King, Jr., Lecture, Chicago, Illinois, 2004.

Lecture, Women, Religion, and Civil Rights, Calvin College Paul B. Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics Women's History Month Lecture, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2003.

Presenter, "Black Women's Activism and the Civil Rights Movement," Minneapolis/Ruth Hawkins YWCA Women's Wellness Luncheon, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2003.

Presenter, "Black Women, Religion, and Civil Rights," Minneapolis American Association of University Women Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Commemoration, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2003.

Lecture, Women of Faith in the Civil Rights Movement, Seattle University Wismer University Lecture, Seattle, Washington, 2002.

Lecture, Black Women in the Civil Rights Movement, College of St. Catherine and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet-St. Paul Province Whole Women, Holy Women Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2001.

Presenter, Meaning at the Margins, Conversations: A National Gathering of Senior Ministers of the United Church of Christ, Cleveland, Ohio, 2001.

Lecture, Considering the Legacy of Ella Baker: What's Love Got to Do with It? Hamline University's Fifth Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Lecture, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2001.

Lecture, Women of Faith in the Civil Rights Movement, Columbia College Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Series, Columbia, South Carolina, 2001.

Presenter, Religion and Black Women's Civil Rights Activism, Boston University School of Theology Women in Ministry Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, 2000.

Lecture, Is there Any Hope for Participatory Democracy: Modest Reflections on the Role of Religion in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, United Theological Seminary Opening Convocation and Installation to the McVay Chair in Christian Ethics, New Brighton, Minnesota, 1999.

Presenter, Practicing Redemption and Reconciliation as Faithfulness, National Council of the Churches in the USA Eco-Justice Working Group Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, 1999.

Lecturer, From Civil Rights to Civic Participation, Interdenominational Theological Center Annual Charles Copher Faculty Lectures, Atlanta, Georgia, 1999.

Presenter, Inverting the Pyramid: Responding to Problems of Violence, Racism, and Xenophobia in the Lives of Women, Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta and Georgia Christian Council Celebration of the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women, Atlanta, Georgia, 1998.

Lecture, Valuing Practices of Our Moral Exemplars: Presenting Options for African American Youth, Winston-Salem State University James A. Gray Annual Endowment Symposium, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 1995.

#### **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)**

Panelist, Roundtable Discussion, Injecting Data Science into Digital Humanities, Linguistics, and the Arts, W.E.B DuBois Data Science Symposium 2021, April 23, 2021, Virtual.

Black Women and U.S. Civil Rights: A Culture of Dissemblance and Pursuit of Equity, Class Presentation, Malcolm and Martin in America, Rice University, April 22, 2021, Virtual.



Panel Respondent, Protest and Politics: A Fifty-Year Retrospective on Black Religion and 1969, Afro-American Religious History Unit, The American Academy of Religion, November 22-26, 2019, San Diego, California.

Panel Moderator, Labor of Race, Labor of Life, Class, Religion, and Theology Unit, The American Academy of Religion, November 22-26, 2019, San Diego, California.

Panelist: Black Theology and Muslim-Christian Relations, International Conference on Islamic Law, Christian Ethics, and Social Action, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, October 10-12, 2019, Atlanta, Georgia.

Black Religions as Pursuit of Black-Life-Flourishing, African Spirituality and Values from African Theological and/or Indigenous Epistemologies Session, Nagel Legon International Conference, African Language, Literature, Music, and Prayer Repertoires: Exploring Indigenous Epistemologies and Spiritualities, July 24-26, 2019, University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana.

Panelist: Women's Health at the Intersection of Context, Inclusion, and Public Health Practice, at the 2017 Public Health Ethics Forum "Optimal Health for Her Whole Life" sponsored by The National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care at Tuskegee University and Center for Disease Control's Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, May 19, 2017, Atlanta, Georgia.

Panelist, Reclaiming the Art of Preaching, The Granville Hicks Leadership Academy for Laity and Clergy, Claflin University, February 2014.

Panelist, Survey of Long-Term Impacts of Liberal Education on Religious Studies Majors, Academic Relations Committee, The American Academy of Religion, November 2013.

Roundtable Panelist, Over Forty: The Future of Woman and Religion, Women and Religion Section, The American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, Maryland, November 2013.

Moving Forward, a response to Keri Day's lecture The Black Church: A Prophetic Institution? Charles H. Mason Theological Seminary 43rd Founders' Week Celebrations, 2013.

Presenter, Faculty Development and Hiring: Opportunities and Challenges for Interdisciplinarity at Spelman College, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting Academic Relations Committee Annual Workshop, Denver, Colorado, 2010.

Fifty Years Later: The Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Montgomery Bus Boycott, American Academy of Religion Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. Consultation, 2006.

Combatting AIDS as Religious Activism: The Case of Pernessia Seele, American Academy of Religion Panel Dialogue Among Womanist, Mujerista, Asian, and Native American Women, 2004.

Womanist Reflections on Agape: Is There Something More to Say? American Academy of Religion Upper Midwest Regional Meeting, 2003.

Religion and Grassroots Leadership in South Carolina: The Case of Victoria Way DeLee, Sara Lawrence College Fifth Annual Women's History Conference, 2003.

Black Women, Religion, and the Civil Rights Movement: The Case of Ella Baker, American Academy of Religion Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, 2000.

What Is Our Response to the Least of These? United Methodist Women of Color Consultation, 1999.

Reshaping the Moral Vision of the Black Church, Black Religious Scholars Group Consultation, 1998.

Witnessing and Testifying: Womanism, (Sexual) Difference, and Black Churches, American Academy of Religion Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, 1997.

Taking Charge: The Value and Meaning of Womanist Dispositions, American Academy of Religion Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, 1994.

Reclaiming Them from Marginality: Telling the Life Stories of Black Women Activists, Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Georgia Association of Historians, 1993.

Grassroots Charisma: Civil Rights Activism of Victoria Way DeLee, American Academy of Religion Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, 1992.

Womanist Work: Civil Rights Activism, Self-Actualization, and the Transformation of Community Consciousness, American Academy of Religion Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, 1990.

Whose Community of Memory? The Challenge of African American Religious Communities to the Public Church, The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Virginia Beach, 1990.

Responsible Politics: Sekou Toure's Perspectives on African Independence, 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, 1990.

Caring Public Policy: Political Priorities and Resource Allocation, Emory University Women's Studies Colloquium, 1990.

Civil Rights Activity of Victoria Way DeLee, 1947-1967: Influences and Accomplishments, Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Non-violent Social Change and Georgia State University Women in the Civil Rights Movement Conference, 1988.

**OTHER PRESENTATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES (*SELECTED*)**

Womanist Theology as Liberation Theology: An Introduction to Womanist Theology, The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Georgia, April 18, 2021, Virtual.

Digital Humanities II Training Workshop, Using Tableau in Classroom Assignments Saturday, January 30, 2021, Spelman College, Virtual.

Feminist Pedagogy and Black Feminist Pedagogy Workshop, Associated Colleges of the South, J January 20 and 22, 2021, Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia, Virtual.

DataUp-R Carpentries Workshop for Social Sciences, December 7-10, 2020, Spelman College, Virtual.

Design Your Dialogue Podcasting Workshops, Fulton County Arts and Culture, Refining Your Market Workshop with Je-Anne Berry, head of branded podcasts for Pineapple Street Studios, December 9, 2020, Virtual.

Design Your Dialogue Podcasting Workshops, Fulton County Arts and Culture, Raise Your Voice: Podcasting and Advocacy Workshop with Se'era Ricks, November 27, 2020, Virtual.

Design Your Dialogue Podcasting Workshops Fulton County Arts and Culture, It's All About the Edit Workshop with Stephen Key, November 18, 2020, Virtual.

Black Women in US Civil Rights, Reid Chapel AME Church, Columbia, South Carolina, February 17 and March 24, 2021, Virtual.

Faculty Development Workshop: Storytelling through ArcGIS StoryMaps, AUC GLAM Center for Collaborative Teaching and Learning, March 2, 2020, Atlanta, Georgia.

Panelist: Scared of Lonely: Traditional Communalism in an Age of Social Isolation, pre-Beyoncé Mass Discussion, Spelman College Sisters Chapel and Columbia Theological Seminary, March 1, 2020, Atlanta, Georgia.

Curators in Conversation with TK Smith and Nzinga Simmons, Tina Dunkley Curatorial Fellows, Clark Atlanta University Art Museum, AUC GLAM Center for Collaborative Teaching and Learning, February 17, 2020, Atlanta, Georgia.

Workshop Curator and Moderator: An Introduction to the Digital Humanities with Roopika Risam, Ph.D. Consultant, Spelman College, January 13-14, 2020, Atlanta, Georgia.

Panel Moderator: The Intersection of Faith, Spirituality, and Health as a Construct of Healing, Spelman College 2019 Health Care Summit, Thursday, October 24, 2019, Atlanta, Georgia.

Gallery Walk and Dinner with Anne Collins Smith, Curator of Collections, Spelman College Museum of Fine Art and Makeba Dixon Hill-Curator of Education, Spelman College Museum of Fine Art, AUC GLAM Center for Collaborative Teaching and Learning, October 9, 2019, Atlanta, Georgia.

Retreat Leader, Spirituality in Action: The Case of Ruby Hurley, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Women's Retreat, October 4-6, 2019, Talapoosa, Georgia.

Incorporating Podcasts into Classroom Assignments with Justin De La Cruz, Unit Head, E-Learning Technology, AUC Robert W. Woodruff Library, AUC GLAM Center for Collaborative Teaching and Learning, August 29, 2019, Atlanta, Georgia.

Participant, UNCF/Mellon Domestic Faculty Seminar, Faculty Writing and Publishing Retreat, The Ritz Carlton Reynolds Lake Oconee, Greensboro, Georgia, July 14-19, 2019.

Steering Committee Chair, Embodying Courage: Black Women and Girls' Lives Matter, Consultation of African and African Diasporan Women in Religion and Theology, Bahia, Brazil, 2018.

Participant, Associated Colleges of the South 2018 Teaching and Learning Workshop, June 4-9, 2018, The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

Manuscript Review and Book Workshop, *Unceasing Militant: The Life of Mary Church Terrell*, Alison M. Parker, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Visiting Fellow, James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, March 2018.

Panelist, Black Love: What Is It? Candler School of Theology Black Student Caucus Black Heritage Week, February 22, 2017, Atlanta, Georgia.

Panel Respondent, A Story of One's Own: Authorizing Mosaics of American Women's Religious Experience, for the Arts, Literature, and Religion Section, The American Academy of Religion, November 2015, Atlanta, Georgia.

Workshop, Pluralism: Religion & Spirituality, Spelman College Educational Studies Program Annual Summit on Diversity, Atlanta, Georgia 2015.

Doctoral Faculty, Forum for Theological Exploration Leadership Forum, Dallas, Texas, 2015.

Leader, Clergy Orders Event, Excellence in Ministry: To What Is Jesus Calling Me? South Carolina Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, South Carolina Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, 2015.

United Methodist General Board of Church and Society Social Principles Consultation, Washington, District of Columbia, January 2015.

Steering Committee Chair/Convener Texts of Terror, Texts of Empowerment: Reimagining Sacred Canon in Africana Womanhood, Consultation of African and African Diasporan Women in Religion and Theology, Accra, Ghana, 2014.

Organizer/Leader, Ghana Religions and Culture Study-Travel Seminar, 2014.

Doctoral Faculty, Forum for Theological Exploration Leadership Forum, Evanston, Illinois, 2014.

Steering Committee Co-Chair, Hope Is as Strong as a Woman's Arm: Mobilizing amidst Violence against Women and Girls in Africa and Its Diaspora, Consultation of African and African Diasporan Women in Religion and Theology, Accra, Ghana, 2012.

Capstone Experiences in the Major Workshops I and II, Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia, 2013, 2014.

Undergraduate Research Mentoring Workshop, Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia, 2013.

Mellon Lead Faculty Workshop, Inquiry-Based Learning Undergraduate Research Initiative, Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia, 2013.

The Fund for Theological Education Expanding Horizons Doctoral Conference Faculty, 1999, 2000, 2008, 2013.

Monitor and Report Retreat Team, General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, United Methodist General Conference, Tampa, Florida, 2012.

Leadership Resource Consultant, Black Women in Ministerial Leadership, Office of Black Women in Church and Society, The Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia, 2010-2011.

United Methodist General Commission on the Status and Role of Women Faculty Seminar on Sexual Ethics Seminar Participant, Nashville, Tennessee, 2010.

U.S. Minorities Delegate, Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians, World Forum of Theology and Liberation, World Social Forum Assembly, Belem, Brazil, 2009.

General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, The United Methodist Church, Bible Study Leader, 2007, 2008.

Seminar Participant, "Muslims, Jews, and Protestants," Council on International Educational Exchange, Paris, France, 2008.

Conference Monitor, General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, United Methodist Church General Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, 2008.

Yale Divinity School and Union Theological Seminary Teaching Scholars/Changing Models Women in Theology Conference, New York, New York, 2007.

Workshop Leader, The Status of Racial and Ethnic Clergywomen, International United Methodist Clergywomen's Consultation, Chicago, Illinois, 2006.

U.S. Minorities Delegate, Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians General Assembly, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2006.

U.S. Minorities Delegate, Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians, Women's Commission Meeting, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2006.

UNCF/Mellon Faculty Seminar Women, Law, Politics and Culture in the African Diaspora, Accra and Kumasi, Ghana, 2005.

Women in the Civil Rights Movement, Pace Academy Upper School Assembly, Atlanta, Georgia, 2005.

Clafin University Granville Hicks Leadership Academy for Laity and Clergy Workshop Leader, Economics, Poverty, and Class: Ethical Issues that Confront the Church, Orangeburg, South Carolina, 2005.

Seminar Mentor, Being Black/Teaching Black, Exploring Teaching Practices of African American Religious Scholars, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, 2003 to 2005.

Preacher, Service of Racial Confession and Repentance, Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2003.

Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada Luce Consultation on Theological Scholarship, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, 2003.

Consultation for Racial/Ethnic Members of Association of Theological Schools Committees, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, 2003.

Theologian in Residence, First Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2002-2003.

Association of Theological Schools Roundtable, Newly Appointed Faculty in Theological Education, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, 2002.

Association of Theological Schools, Black and Hispanic Dialogue, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, 2002.

The Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research Consultation on Leadership for In-Between Times from In-Between Places, Collegeville, Minnesota, 2002.

Bio-Ethics Seminar Leader, The Fund for Theological Education Summer Conference, Collegeville, Minnesota, 2002.

Association of Theological Schools Seminar for Racial/Ethnic Faculty Members in Predominantly White ATS Member Schools, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, 2002.

Bioethics Task Force, General Board of Church and Society, the United Methodist Church, 2001-2002.

Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church Introduction to Womanist Theology Course, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2001.

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities Lexington Seminar Team, Bar Harbor, Maine, 2001.

Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church Introduction to Black Theology Course, St. Paul, Minnesota, Spring 2001.

United Methodist South Carolina Conference Bishop's School of Ministry Conference Lecturer, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, 1999.

Guest Panelist, Pacific, Asian North American, Asian Women in Theology and Ministry (PANAAWTM) Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, 1996.

Hospitality and Xenophobia: Ethical Reflections on Contemporary U.S. Sentiments toward Immigrants Presentation for the National Council of Churches of Christ – Ecumenical Networks Consultation, 1996.

Vanderbilt University Kelly Miller Smith Institute Pulpit, Pew, and Academy in Dialogue, What Does It Mean to be Black and Christian Panelist, Atlanta, Georgia, 1996.

Bible Study Leader, Tuskegee University Religious Enrichment Week, Tuskegee, Alabama, 1996.

The Aspen Institute Seminar on Ethics and the Future of the Corporation, Baltimore, Maryland, 1991.

Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians Women in Dialogue Observer, Atlanta, Georgia, 1989.

### **GRANTS RECEIVED (*RECENT*)**

Co-PI, Henry Luce Foundation, The Garden Initiative for Black Women's Religious Activism, 2021, \$250,000.

UNCF/Mellon Gender and Sexuality Studies Sub-Grant, 2020, \$3530

National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity's, Boot Camp, May 17 to August 8, 2020.

UNCF/Mellon Domestic Faculty Writing Retreat Grant, 2019, \$2,000.

African American Methodist Heritage Center Forrest C. Stith Research Grant, 2017, \$2500.

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Phi Beta Kappa

Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars

Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology

Emory University, Candler School of Theology, Alumna Centennial Medalist, 2014.

Black Religious Scholars Group Womanist Legend, 2012.

Morehouse College, Martin Luther King, Jr., International Collegium of Scholars Inductee, 2008.

Emory University, Graduate Division of Religion, Distinguished Alumnus Award, 2006.

Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, Research Fellowship, 2000.

Coolidge Colloquium Research Fellow, Association for Religion and Intellectual Life, 1994.

Hewlett Graduate Fellow in Religion and Health, The Carter Presidential Center, 1990.

### **PROFESSIONAL REVIEWS**

#### **EDITORIAL REVIEW**

New York University Press; Routledge Press; University of Illinois Press; University of Notre Dame Press;

*Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Religion*; *Black Theology: An International Journal*; *Journal of Theology and Sexuality*; SAGE Publications.

Review, Endorsement, *Those Hall of Famers: Ethical Prophets along the Way* by Rufus Burrow, Wipf & Stock.

Review, Endorsement, *Imagining Spirit* by Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Cascade Books/Wipf and Stock.

#### **OUTSIDE TENURE AND PROMOTION REVIEW**

Case Western Reserve University, Bucknell University, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, Brite Divinity School, University of Ibadan, University of San Francisco, Vanderbilt Divinity School.

#### **PROGRAM REVIEW AND CONSULTANCIES**

Consultant: Ethics and Social Justice Surveillance System (ESJSS), Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care Tuskegee, Alabama, May 2021.

Review: Philosophy and Religion Program, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Florida, 2020.

Review: Religious Studies Program, Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin, Review Team Member, 2016.

Review: Virginia Theological Seminary Office of Ethnic Ministries and Student Life, Alexandria, Virginia, 2008.

### **SELECTED GUILD MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE (*CURRENT*)**

Class, Religion, and Theology Unit, Steering Committee Co-Chair, 2019-

Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary, International Board of Advisors, 2015-

Board of Directors, The Daughters of the African Atlantic Fund, 2013- (Founding Director, Chair-2013-2017)

College of St. Benedict, Board of Trustees, 2008-2016

*Black Theology: An International Journal*, Editorial Board, 2007-

Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians, 1999-, Coordinator, 2010-

Transgressive Theologies Group, Coordinator, 2011-2014

Chair, Fellowship Selection Committee, The Forum for Theological Exploration, 2013-2017

Convener, United Methodist Women of Color Doctoral Fellows Program, 2000-2007, 2008-

Society for the Study of Black Religion, (Treasurer, 2004-07)

The American Academy of Religion

### **SELECTED INSTITUTIONAL ACADEMIC COMMITTEE SERVICE**

*Spelman College*

AUC Data Science Faculty Advisory Board, 2020-  
Tenure and Promotion Committee, Chair 2017-2020, 2020-  
Ghana Study Travel Seminar  
Germany Study Travel Seminar  
Faculty Council  
Institutional Review Board  
Curriculum Committee  
Departmental Tenure Review  
Academic Integrity Review Panel  
Cooperative Education Faculty Advisory Group