

Curriculum Vitae

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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

2012-present Research Scholar and Lecturer in Christian Education, Yale Divinity School

2009-2011 Associate Professor of Christian Education,
Yale Divinity School (Currently on disability)

2010 Summer Faculty, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Minnesota

2007 Summer Faculty, Yale Divinity School

2002-2008 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
- 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

- 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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 1996-present Religious Education Association: An Association of Professors, Practitioners,
and Researchers in Religious Education (REA: APPRRE)
- 1996-present American Academy of Religion
- 1996-2008 Society of Biblical Literature
- 2007-present Society for the Study of Black Religion

- 2000-present Association of Practical Theology
- 1996-present Pan African Scholars in Religious Education (Meets during REA:APPRRE)
- 1995-1998 Association of Pan African Doctoral Scholars

TEACHING CERTIFICATION

Community College Certificate (active)

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

Arizona Department of Education Teacher Certificate (inactive)

* 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

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTEREST

Theological perspectives of Christian religious education

History, theory, and methodology of Christian religious education

Educational practice with attention to spirituality and the role of the arts

Christian education in the African America experience

Multicultural approaches to education in the church

Womanist approaches to Christian religious education

PUBLICATIONS

Academic

Books

Reclaiming the Spirituals: New Possibilities for African American Christian Education (Pilgrim Press, 2004). Listed in the Association of Theological Booksellers, *Theological Best Books* catalog, spring/summer 2005.

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.

Journal Articles/Chapters in Edited Volumes/Book Reviews

“Let Freedom Ring! Black Women’s Spirituality Shaping Prophetic Christian Education” *Religious Education*, the Journal of the Religious Education Association: An Association of Professors, Practitioners, and Researchers in Religious Education, Vol. 107, No. 3 (June 7, 2012), pp. 220-224.

Women in the Church of God in Christ: Making a Sanctified World, by Anthea Butler (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2007). Book Review, *The AME Church Review*, 2008, pp. 1-2.

“The Table: Christian Education as Performative Art,” *Religious Education*, the Journal of the Religious Education Association: An Association of Professors, Practitioners, and Researchers in Religious Education, Vol. 103, No. 3 (May-June 2008), pp. 301-305.

“Womanist Theology: Empowering Black Women through Christian Education,” *Black Theology: An International Journal*, Vol. 6, No. 2 (2008), pp. 200-220.

“A West African at Yale Divinity School,” coauthored with Moses N. Moore, Jr. published on “‘Been in the Storm So Long’: Yale Divinity School and the Black Ministry—One Hundred and Fifty Years of Black Theological Education” website www.yale.edu/divinity/storm (spring 2008), pp. 1-12.

“The Bible in Song: Reclaiming African American Spirituals,” *Yale Divinity School Reflections*, Vol. 95, No. 1 (spring 2008), 29-32.

“‘Wade in the Water’: A History of Christian Education in the African American Church,” *The AME Church Review*, Vol. CXXIII, No. 408 (October-December 2007), pp. 95-126.

“Solomon M. Coles: Preacher, Teacher, and Former Slave—The First Black Student Officially Enrolled in Yale Divinity School,” coauthored with Moses N. Moore, Jr. published on “‘Been in the Storm So Long’: Yale Divinity School and the Black Ministry—One Hundred and Fifty Years of Black Theological Education” website www.yale.edu/divinity/storm (spring 2007) pp. 1-12.

“Solomon M. Coles: The First Black Student Officially Enrolled in Yale Divinity School,” coauthored with Moses N. Moore, Jr. *Yale Divinity School Spectrum*, Vol. 6, No. 1 (winter 2007), pp. 6-7.

“From the Archives: The Prophetic Ministry of Henry H. Proctor,” coauthored with Moses N. Moore, Jr. *Yale Divinity School Reflections*, Vol. 93, No. 1 (winter 2006), pp. 52-57.

“Christian Education and the African American Spirituals: Recommended Resources,” *Religious Education*, the Journal of the Religious Education Association: An Association of Professors, Practitioners, and Researchers in Religious Education, Vol. 101, No. 4, (fall 2006), pp. 533-538.

“I Want to Be Ready! Teaching Christian Education in the African American Experience,” in *Teaching African American Religions*, Carolyn Medine Jones and Theodore Louis Trost, eds. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005), pp. 71-91.

“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* <http://www.talbot.edu/ce20/> (2003) pp. 1-21.

“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,” coauthored 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.

Church/Denominational

“First Sunday of Advent/World AIDS Day,” Cultural Resource Unit, online entry for *The African American Lectionary*, www.TheAfricanAmericanLectionary.org, Hope for Life International, Inc. Will appear on calendar, November 29, 2009.

“Cancer Awareness,” Cultural Resource Unit, online entry for *The African American Lectionary*, www.TheAfricanAmericanLectionary.org, Hope for Life International, Inc. Appears on calendar, October 12, 2008

“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.

“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

Women’s Spirituality and Education in the Black Church (book project under contract with Palgrave Macmillan).

Great Prayers of the New Testament: Contemplative Practices through Christian Education (book project under contract with Westminster John Knox Press).

“*Been in the Storm So Long’: Yale Divinity School and the Black Ministry—One Hundred and Fifty Years of Black Theological Education*” in collaboration with Dr. Moses N. Moore, Jr. YDS ‘77. A General Grant from the Louisville Institute was awarded to assist with the funding of this project. Additional support has also been provided through Yale Divinity School and the Religious Studies Department at Arizona State University.

“Setting the Standard: A Call to Audacity” (Bible study submitted and forthcoming from *Womanist Institute Initiative*, Black Religious Scholars Group), pp. 1-12.

Womanist Signature Pedagogy Inventory (resource submitted and forthcoming from *Womanist Institute Initiative*, Black Religious Scholars Group), pp. 1-6.

“Reclaiming the Spirituals: New Possibilities for African American Christian Education,” (article submitted and forthcoming from *The African American Pulpit*), pp. 1-6.

“HIV/AIDS: A Challenge for Christian Education in the African American Experience,” in *Things to Admire: A History of the Present Illness*, Carol Duh editor, (article submitted and forthcoming), pp. 1-17.

“Rites of Passage: A Pedagogical Approach for Empowering African American Female Adolescents,” intended for publication in a religious education journal or a journal on feminist/womanist studies, pp. 1-20.

“Mary A. Goodman: A Woman’s Contribution to Black Theological Education,” intended for publication in a religious education journal or a journal on feminist/womanist studies.

“Anne Streaty Wimberly,” online entry for the web-based database, *Christian Educators of the 20th Century* <http://www.talbot.edu/ce20/>.

PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, “Am I My Sister’s Keeper?: Black Women and Mentoring/Mentoring Roundtable,” “What Manner of Woman is This?": Womanist Gala and Black Church Summit, *Womanist Institute Initiative*, Black Religious Scholars Group, New York Theological Seminary, New York, NY, March 2012.

Panelist, “Black Women’s Spirituality: Shaping Prophetic Theological Education,” Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November, 2010.

Panelist, “Preparing for the Academic Interview,” Ph.D. Student Breakfast, Religious Education Association: An Association of Professors, Practitioners, and Researchers in Religious Education, Denver, CO, November 2010.

Presentation, "Black Women's Spirituality and Education in Faith Communities," In the Mix, University of Virgin Islands Radio Broadcast. Guest of Virgin Islands Cultural Heritage Institute, Myron D. Jackson, Executive Director; Radio Host, Liza J. Margolis, Special Events Coordinator, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, June 2010.

Lecture/Presentation, "To Be Black, Female, and Called," African American Religious History and Historiography course, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ April 2010.

Presentation, "I Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey," Introduction, Resource Center for Women & Ministry in the South Retreat, Durham, NC, May 2008.

Lecturer, "Diversity in the Church: The African American Spirituals as a Source for Teaching Faith and Heritage," Religious Studies Lecture Series, Misericordia University, Scranton, PA, April 2008.

Panelists, "Black Women's Spirituality and Christian Education," Association of Practical Theology, Spring Biennial Meeting, St. John's University, Collegeville, MN, April 2008.

Lecturer, "The African American Spirituals as Social Critique," African American Religious Experience Class, Loyola University, Chicago, IL, November 2007.

"A Spirituality of Teaching: Black Women's Spirituality and Christian Education," Religious Education Association: An Association of Professors, Practitioners, and Researchers in Religious Education Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2007.

"Educator for Justice: The Life and Legacy of Letty M. Russell," Peace and Justice Forum Round Table, Religious Education Association: An Association of Professors, Practitioners, and Researchers in Religious Education Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2007.

"Letty M. Russell," tribute, Religious Education Association: An Association of Professors, Practitioners, and Researches in Religious Education, Annual Meeting, Business Meeting, Boston, MA November 2007.

"Teaching through the Oral Tradition," Academic Teaching and The Study of Religion Section-Theme: Walk, Talk, Teach, and Learn: A Street Fair of Posters, Exhibits, and Interactive Displays that Will Educate and Excite about Breakthrough Moments in the Classroom or a Great Course, American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C., November 2006.

Lecturer, "Diversity and Religious Intolerance: A Womanist Perspective," Womanist and Northeast Women: Diversity Origin and Intolerance Stage Seminar, ITEBA-Institute of Theological Education of Bahia, YAMI-Ecumenical Theological Nucleus of Feminist Studies, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, August 2006.

Co-lecturer (with Moses Moore), "'Been in the Storm So Long': Yale Divinity School and the Black Ministry—One Hundred and Fifty Years of Black Theological Education 1830s-1980s, Pioneering Legacies--A Presentation in Honor of A. Knighton Stanley, YDS '62," Inaugural A. Knighton Stanley Lecture, Howard University, Washington, D.C., April 2006.

Lecturer, “‘Ain’t Dat Good News?’ Teaching Faith and Heritage through the African American Spirituals,” Annual Diversity Conference, The Graduate Institute of Professional Psychology of the University of Hartford, October 2004.

“Reclaiming the Spirituals: New Possibilities for African American Christian Education,” presentation for the Evangelism Committee, Trinity Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C., July 2004.

“Ain’t Dat Good News? Teaching Faith and Heritage through the African American Spirituals,” Annual Diversity Conference, The Graduate Institute of Professional Psychology of the University of Hartford, October 2004; 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.

“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 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.

“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

Nominating Team Member for Mainline Protestant Christian Educators, Christian Educators of the Twentieth Century Project, 2012

President-Elect and 2012 Program Chair, Religious Education Association: An Association of Professors, Practitioners, and Researchers in Religious Education, 2012

Vice President and 2012 Program Chair-Elect, Religious Education Association: An Association of Professors, Practitioners, and Researchers in Religious Education, 2011

Convener, Baptist Caucus, Religious Education Association: An Association of Professors, Practitioners, and Researchers in Religious Education, Annual Meeting, November 2011, 2010, 2009

Co-Facilitator, Black Experience Task Force, Religious Education Association: An Association of Professors, Practitioners, and Researchers in Religious Education, Annual Meeting, November 2007-present

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

Developed and Conducted Opening Ritual, Womanist Consultation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 2007

Steering Committee, Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, American Academy of Religion, 2002-2007

Coordinator of Artistic Expressions, Womanist Consultation, American Academy of Religion, 2002-2007

Coordinator for U.S. Panelists participating in the Fourth Pan African Conference of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians titled "The Girl Child, Women, Religion & HIV/AIDS in Africa," Yaounde', Cameroon, November 2006-September 2007

Member, Paper Selection Committee: Religious Education Association, Inc., An Association of Professors, Practitioners, and Researchers in Religious Education, (selections for annual meeting and conference journal) 2006-2007

Co-Facilitator, Religious Education in Academic Disciplines & Institutions Forum, "Circles of Dialogue," Religious Education Association: An Association of Professors, Practitioners, and Researchers in Religious Education, Annual Meeting Plenary, November 2006

Facilitator, Black Experience Task Force, Religious Education Association: An Association of Professors, Practitioners, and Researchers in Religious Education, Annual Meeting, November 2006

Fund for Theological Education, Summer Faculty, June 2006

Team Member, Religious Education in Academic Disciplines & Institutions Forum, 2003-2006
Member, Board of Directors and Program Planning Committee for the Religious Education Association: An Association of Professors, Practitioners, and Researchers in Religious Education, class of 2006

Team Chair, Religious Education in Academic Disciplines & Institutions Forum class of 2003-2006

Facilitator, Black Experience Task Force, Religious Education Association and Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education Annual Meetings, November 2004

Moderator, Research Interest Group, "Toward a Scriptural and Cultural Context of Adult Education in the African American Church: A Health Application," by Paulette Isaac and "Christian Education Theory for the Hip Hop Generation," by Richelle White, Religious Education Association and Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education Annual Meetings, November 2004

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

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, 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

Program Participant (Charge to the Graduates), YDS Commencement Worship, May 2012

Speaker, YDS Chapel Service, February 2012

Liturgist, YDS Chapel Service, February 2012

Small Group Facilitator and Closing Reflections, YDS Conversations on Diversity, February 2012

Preacher, "Celebrating God's Grace and Mercy," Yale University Church, Battell Chapel, September 2011

Panelist, "Conversation on Inclusivity and Theological Education," Before the Fall Orientation, August 2011

Speaker, How Do You Say Alleluia! “Dancing Alleluia When Your Body Says No” YDS Easter Rejoicing Service, April 2011

Speaker, YDS Chapel Service, April 2011

Speaker, YDS Chapel Service, October 2009

Program Participant (Presenter), Black Graduates’ Celebration 2009, The Afro-American Cultural Center at Yale University, May 2009

Program Participant (Liturgist), YDS Commencement Communion, May 2009

Community Life Committee, 2008

Dancer, YDS Advent Service, December 2008

Speaker/Preacher, YDS Chapel Service, November 2008

Worship Leader, YDS Chapel Service, August, September, October, November, 2008

Program Participant (Presenter), Black Graduates’ Celebration 2008, The Afro-American Cultural Center at Yale University, May 2008

Dancer, YDS Commencement Communion, May 2008

Program Participant (Prayer), YDS Commencement Worship, May 2008

Speaker, Multiculturalism Study Group, Community Lunch, YDS April 2008

Moderator, Panel/Question Six, Middle Passage: Conversations on Black Religion in the African Diaspora--An Interdisciplinary Conference at Yale University, April 2008

“‘Been in the Storm So Long’: Yale Divinity School and the Black Ministry—One Hundred and Fifty Years of Black Theological Education,” Presentation, Yale Divinity School Black Alumni Reunion Dinner, April 2008

Photograph Entry for “Women of a New Tribe,” Photographs by Jerry Taliaferro, Afro-American Cultural Center at Yale, February, 2008

Dance Performance, Battell Chapel, February 2008

Multiculturalism Study Group Presentation, “Teaching to Transgress,” by bell hooks, February 2008

Worship Leader, YDS Chapel Service, January, February, March, April, 2008

“Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community,” Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration, YDS Talk Back, Yale Black Seminarians, January 2008

Speaker, Faculty Spirituality Series, Community Life Committee, November 2007

Introduction of Linda Thomas, Guest Lecturer, Nathaniel W. Taylor Lecture, Fall Convocation, October 2007

Dance Performance, YDS Chapel Service, November 2007

Co-coordinator and Program Participant, "What Will You Do for Peace? A Ritual for the 9-11 Peace Story Quilt," November 2007

Speaker/Preacher YDS Chapel Service, November 2007

Dancer, Memorial Service Letty M. Russell, October 2007

Community Life Committee, 2007

Summer Term Faculty, June 2007

Program Participant (Gift-bearer), YDS Commencement Communion, May 2007

"HIV/AIDS: A Challenge for Christian Education in the African American Experience," Religion in Public Life, in Honor of Frederick "Jerry" Streets, Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale University, New Haven, CT, April 2007

Spiritual Formation and the Practice of Faith Committee, spring 2007

Advisory Committee, Middle Passage: Conversations on Black Religion in the African Diaspora—An Interdisciplinary Conference at Yale University 2005-2008

Planning Committee, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies in Religion MAR, 2007

Guest and Interviewee for "Yale University's Contributing to a Strong New Haven Program on Citizen's Television," hosted by Reggie Solomon, Yale Office of New Haven and State Affairs, Michael Morand, Associate Vice President, Yale Office of New Haven and State Affairs and Yale Divinity School Alumni (www.yale.edu/onhsa), March 2007

Co-coordinator/Facilitator, Music Workshop, Lecture, and Concert with Nolan Williams, February 2007

Co-coordinator/Facilitator, "Black Theologies: Pulpit, Academy, Pew" 2007 Black Alumni Forum, "Been in the Storm So Long": Yale Divinity School and the Black Ministry—One Hundred and Fifty Years of Black Theological Education" project (in conjunction with the Parks-King Lecture), February 2007

Panelist, "Faith Formation," Before the Fall Orientation, August 2006
YDS Faculty Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity 2006

Program Participant (Prayer), YDS Commencement Communion Service, May 2006

Faculty Consultant, Planning Committee for Panel on Sexual Harassment, April 2006
Lecturer, “Spirituals 101” YBS Lecture/Revival Series, April 2006
Program Participant, “An Evening of Thanksgiving and Praise in Honor of Dr. Edwin Richardson Edmonds,” February 2006

Co-coordinator/Facilitator, “Black Women Redefining Ministry and Community Leadership in the Twenty-First Century: The YDS Influence” 2006 Black Alumni Forum, “Been in the Storm So Long’: Yale Divinity School and the Black Ministry—One Hundred and Fifty Years of Black Theological Education” project (in conjunction with the Parks-King Lecture), February 2006

Preacher, YDS Chapel Service, February 2006, September 2006, October 2006

Worship Leader, YDS Black History Month Chapel Service, February 2006

Celebrant with Dale Peterson, YDS Commencement Communion, May 2005

“‘Been in the Storm So Long’: Yale Divinity School and the Black Ministry—One Hundred and Fifty Years of Black Theological Education,” Presentation, Yale Divinity School Alumni Board Meeting, April 2005

Co-coordinator/Facilitator, “Forging the Dream: Remembering YDS during the Pre-civil rights Era,” 2005 Black Alumni Forum, “Been in the Storm So Long’: Yale Divinity School and the Black Ministry—One Hundred and Fifty Years of Black Theological Education” project (in conjunction with the Parks-King Lecture), February 2005

Admissions Committee, 2004-05

Yale University Coalition on Diversity, 2003-2006

Speaker/Prayer, All the Way through Evening: Songs from the AIDS Quilt Songbook, A Concert-Liturgy in commemoration of World AIDS Day featuring Patrick Evans, baritone and Djordje Nestic, piano, December 2004

Member, YDS Women’s Initiative on Gender, Faith, and Responses to HIV/AIDS in Africa, 2001-2007

Mentor for Research Fellow, YDS Women’s Initiative on Gender, Faith, and Responses to HIV/AIDS in Africa, Fall 2004

Panelist, “Intersections between Faith and Academics,” Before the Fall Orientation, August 2004

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

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

Co-Advisor, YDS Black Seminarians, 2000-present

Advisory Board Member, Yale Center for Faith and Culture, 2003-2006

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

Co-Facilitator, Christian Education Discussion Group, Spring 2003

Mentor for Research Fellow, YDS Women's Initiative 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, October 2004, January 2004, January 2003, November 2002

Member, Professional Studies Committee, 2002-03 and 2003-04

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

Member, Area IV Task Force, 2002

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

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, 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

Presentation, Black Seminarians Workshop, September 2000

Worship Leader, Opening Convocation, September 2000

Dissertation Reader/Committee Member:

Kathleen Turner, "And We Shall Learn through the Dance:" Liturgical Dance as a Tool for Religious Education, present

Independent Studies Directed:

Jessica Suh, "Searching for Truth: Real Kids Talk and Listen, Real Kids Reflect and Act," fall 2011

Meredith Coleman-Tobias, "Performance and Religious Education in Nguni Traditional Religion," fall 2008

Spencer Clayton, "Exploring Leadership and Learning Styles through Campus Ministry in the Black Tradition," spring 2008

Kathleen S. Turner, "Curriculum Investigation and Curriculum Development with in the Field of Liturgical Dance," Part 2, spring 2008

Jennifer Gingras, "Christian Education Program Evaluation in the Local Church," spring 2007

Kathleen S. Turner, "Curriculum Investigation and Curriculum Development within the Field of Liturgical Dance," spring 2007

Erika Jones, "The Dance Ministry," 2004-05

Lisa Jeffcoat McNeil, "Pastoral Care of Baptists in the South," facilitated conversation

regarding the role of Christian education, spring 2003
Terrence Taylor and Teresa Howell, "Milestones of the Black Presence at Yale Divinity School," co-directed with Moses N. Moore, Jr., spring 2003
Elizabeth Ursic, "Teaching Non-Western Religion," co-directed with Hugh Flick, fall 2002
Jeffrey S. Beebe, "Planning and Executing Youth Activities in Parish--Teaching/Learning Experiences: Parish Seder with Neighboring Synagogue and Youth Led Service," spring 2002
Cathy Zall, "Confirmation," spring 2002

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH & COMMUNITY

Workshop Leader, "Movement as Embodied Worship," Episcopal Church of St. Pauls and St. James, New Haven, CT, February 2012

Benediction, Annual Pink Tea, Sisters' Journey, Uncasville, CT, October 2010

Adult Forum Workshop Leader, "Ain't Dat Good News? Teaching Faith and Heritage through the African American Spirituals," First Congregational Church, Guilford, CT, May 2010

Children's/All Age Moment, "The Underground Railroad," First Congregational Church, Guilford, CT, May 2010

Invocation, Mother/Daughter Brunch, Sisters' Journey, Hamden, CT, May 2010

Invocation, Annual Pink Tea, Sisters' Journey, Uncasville, CT October 2009

Benediction, Mother/Daughter Brunch, Sisters' Journey, Hamden, CT, May 2009

"My Journey through Cancer," 2009 Calendar Entry, Sisters' Journey Tenth Year Anniversary Edition, New Haven, CT, 2008

Workshop Leader, "Youth Leaders Retreat," American Baptist Churches of Connecticut, Camp Wightman, CT, February 2008

Charge to the Candidate, Licensing Ceremony for Meredith Coleman-Tobias, Community Baptist Church, New Haven, CT, April 2007

"Healing with the Spirit": Practices in the Journey Toward Healing," Parish Nurses, Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT, April 2007

Appearances on "The Chapel Hour," a television broadcast hosted by Bishop William Philpot, pastor of Christ Chapel New Testament Church, New Haven, CT, February 2005-2007

Angels Among Us," "Breathing," "Gaining Perspective," "Fresh from the Earth," Reflections for New Morning Show, Hallmark Channel, Lightworks Producing Group, taped at the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C., November 2006

Liturgist, Ordination Service for Paul Hitchcock, First Baptist Church, Branford, CT, November 2006

Workshop Leader, "Biblical Models of Leadership," American Baptist Churches of Connecticut, Tools for Vitality Plan in Detail, Fall Retreat, Camp Wightman, CT, October 2006

Preacher/Workshop Leader, Second Hour Presentation, "Faith Questions on the Home Front: Empowering Parents When Children Question Religion," First Church of Christ Congregational, Redding, CT, October 2006

Plenary Speaker, "Healing with the Spirit," the Emancipation Project: Empowering Women in Prison with Spirit Conference, Garrison Institute, Garrison, NY, September 2006

"Where is Your Faith," sermon preached at Hartford Hospital, Chapel Service, Hartford, CT, January 2006

Workshop Leader, "Spirituality and Healing: The Power of Faith in the Process of Healing," Hartford Hospital, Clinical Pastoral Education, Hartford, CT, January 2006, January 2007

Keynote Speaker, "Spirituality and Healing," The National Witness Project Annual Meeting for Education and Networking, Prayer Breakfast, City Hall Annex, Bridgeport, CT, November 2005

Bible Study Leader, "Elephants and Chains: It's Freedom Time!" American Baptist Churches of Connecticut, Spring Fling, Central Baptist Church, Hartford, CT, March 2005

Keynote Speaker, "Passing On Our Faith and Tradition," Communion Brunch, Holy Name Society, Peter Claver Roman Catholic Church, Bronx, NY, March 2005

Workshop Leader/Preacher, Sunday school Teacher Training Workshop, Trinity Baptist Church, Bronx, NY, September/October 2004

"For Such a Time as This," sermon preached at Christian Tabernacle Baptist Church, Hamden, CT, July 2006 and Trinity Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C., July 2004

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

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

"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

Tony Blair Faith Foundation, Religious Education/Scholars Subcommittee Member, present

Board Member, Crystal Fountain Ministries, present

Board Member, God's Bridge over the Atlantic, Inc., present

Member, Sisters' Journey, present

National Associate Member, Sister's Network, present

National Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha, past

Board Member, AIDS Interfaith Network, past

Board Member, Emancipation Institute: Empowering Outreach to Women in Prison, past

Board Member and Correspondence Secretary, Good News Unlimited Faithlinks, past

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

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

Licensed to Ministry, Friendship Baptist Church, Yorba Linda, CA, 1996

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

Ordained to Ministry, American Baptist Churches, USA, First Institutional Baptist Church, Phoenix, AZ, 1991

FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

2012 Honoree, Womanist Legend for the "What Manner of Woman is This?":
 Womanist Gala and Black Church Summit

2009 Dupont Fund Faculty Development Grant

- 2008 Hallway Named in Honor of Dr. Yolanda Y. Smith, First Institutional Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona
- 2007 Yale Divinity School Dean’s Grant for research and book project, “‘Been in the Storm So Long’: Yale Divinity School and the Black Ministry—One Hundred and Fifty Years of Black Theological Education”
- 2007 Religious Studies Department, Arizona State University Dean’s Grant for research and book project, “‘Been in the Storm So Long’: Yale Divinity School and the Black Ministry—One Hundred and Fifty Years of Black Theological Education”
- 2004 Seminar for Racial/Ethnic Women In Theological Education, The Association of Theological Schools in USA and Canada
- 2004 Louisville Institute General Grant for three-year research and book project, “‘Been in the Storm So Long’: Yale Divinity School and the Black Ministry—One Hundred and Fifty Years of Black Theological Education”
- 2003 Yale Divinity School Dean’s Grant for research and book project, “‘Been in the Storm So Long’: Yale Divinity School and the Black Ministry—One Hundred and Fifty 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

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