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<https://religionnews.com/2019/08/16/red-summer-trump-summer-and-the-politics-of-hate/>
- "Obama's Worthy Message of Hope and Presidential Election." The Bay State Banner, October 14, 2009.  
<https://www.baystatebanner.com/2009/10/14/obamas-worthy-message-of-hope-and-presidential-election/>

#### **Other Interests**

- Gospel Music Radio Broadcast: "The Uncloudy Day" with "Dr. Dr. Cheryl" (WMHB, Waterville; 89.7 FM, Wednesdays, 8:00-10:00 AM), September 2001-March 2020.
- CD Review: Richard Smallwood with Vision, "Persuaded, Live in D.C." The Colby Echo 125(9 November 7, 2002), p. 7.

#### **Previous Positions**

- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Professor of Sociology and African American Studies, Colby College, 2000-2022
- MacArthur Assistant (1987-1989) to Associate Professor (1989-2000).
- Director, African American Studies Program, 1988-1999, 2000-2019
- Chair, Department of Sociology, 2013-2015
- Acting Chair, Department of Sociology, Spring, 1995
- Visiting Faculty, Chicago Theological Seminary, Summer 2018, Summer 2017
- (with Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite) "Doing Theology in Reactionary Times."
- Visiting Faculty, Ashland Theological Seminary/McCreary Institute (D. Min Program, Haley Farm), July 2006. Course: "The Black Church as a Cultural Production."
- Fellow (Visiting Research Scientist), Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, Yale University, 1999-2000.
- Fellow, W.E.B. DuBois Institute, Harvard University, 1992-93.
- Visiting Scholar, Episcopal Divinity School (Cambridge, Massachusetts), 1992-93.
- Summer Fellow, Center for the Study of African American History and Culture, Temple University, 1992.
- Visiting Lecturer on African American Religious Studies, Harvard Divinity School, Spring and Fall, 1992.
- Visiting Lecturer, New York Theological Seminary, Winterim, 1991
- Summer Faculty, Iliff School of Theology, Summer, 1989
- Visiting Lecturer in Religious Studies, Temple University, Department of Religion (Graduate Program), Spring, 1989.

Visiting Lecturer, Chicago Theological Seminary, Spring, 1989; Summer 2017; Summer, 2018.  
Assistant Professor of Sociology, Boston University, 1978-1987.  
Faculty Council, 1985-1987  
Assorted Committee Work  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Clark University, 1984-86.  
Faculty Fellow, Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College, 1982-84.  
Visiting Lecturer and Research Associate, Women's Studies in Religion, Harvard Divinity School, 1981-82.  
Visiting Lecturer, Department of Afro-American Studies, Simmons College, 1981-85.  
Lecturer in Sociology, University College, 1973-77; Instructor, Department of Sociology, winter-spring, 1976; Northeastern University, 1973-77.  
Instructor, Department of Sociology, Boston State College, 1974-77.  
Interviewer, Black Women Oral History Project, Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, 1977-79.  
Instructor of Sociology, University of Massachusetts--Boston (Higher Education in Prisons Program--MCI Walpole), Fall, 1975.  
Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Tufts University, Fall, 1974.  
Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Northeastern University, Fall, 1973.

**Fellowships, Grants, Academic Honors, Awards**

Honorary Member, Phi Beta Kappa, Colby College, Waterville, Maine, 2022.  
S.T.E.A.M. Higher Education Award. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Eta Phi Chapter. Boston, Massachusetts: September 18, 2021.  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Collegium of Scholars. Atlanta, Georgia: Morehouse College (Martin Luther King Jr. College of Ministers and Laity), April 8, 2021.  
Legacy Award. Beverly, Massachusetts: Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, Institute for the Study of the Black Christian Experience. October 31, 2020.  
Charles Walker Bassett Teaching Award, Colby College, May, 2020.  
Special Recognition Award. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Union Baptist Church. 2019.  
Spelman College Plate Award. Atlanta, Georgia: 2009 Baccalaureate Speaker.  
Recognition Award, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Luncheon. Malden, Massachusetts: January, 2009.  
Doctor of Divinity (D.D.), Honoris Causa, Ursinus College, May. 2006 Baccalaureate Speaker.  
The Student Government Association Service Award. Colby College. April 24, 2006.  
Advisory Board Member of the Year. Atlanta, Georgia: Spelman College, Sisters Chapel, W.I.S.D.O.M. Center, 3/3/2006.  
Distinguished Scholar Award, Black Religious Scholars Group Consultation. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 11/18/2005.  
Named as a "Woman Elder of the African American Faith Community" by The African American Pulpit (Fall, 2005).  
Visionary Clergy Leadership Award, Congressional Black Caucus Political Education and Leadership Institute. Boston, Massachusetts: National Democratic Convention ("On the Road to Freedom"), 7/28/2004.

Official Resolution of Congratulations, Boston City Council. Boston, Massachusetts: July 27, 2004.

Feminist Lecturer, Sociologists for Women in Society, 2003.

Participant, The Women and Religion in the African Diaspora Collaborative Research Group ("The Force of Faith: Black Women Community Workers' Religious Agency and Its Consequences"); Princeton University (Center for the Study of Religion), 2002-2004.

Anna Julia Cooper Lecturer, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta Georgia, 2002.

Proclamation of Best Wishes, City of Cambridge (Massachusetts) per Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves for the Cambridge City Council, October 21, 2001.

Catholic Press Association, 2001 Book Award, Third Place "Gender Issues."

Resolution of Congratulations, City of Cambridge (Massachusetts) "In City Council," May 7, 2001.

Research Grant, The Louisville Institute (Grant #2000020: "Changing Black Churches in a Changing Society: Congregations, Networks, and the Construction of New Traditions, 1975-2000, \$ 42,557.00).

Faculty Fellow, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, Yale University, 2000-2001.

Residential Fellow (Visiting Research Scientist), Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, Yale University, 1999-2000.

Master of Arts, Honoris Causa, Colby College, 2000.

Alumnus/Alumna of the Year in Education. Boston, Massachusetts: Northeastern University, June 20, 1998.

The Robin M. Williams, Jr., Distinguished Lectureship, Eastern Sociological Society, 1998-1999.

Women of Courage and Conviction Award (Religion), National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Greater Boston Section (Woburn, Massachusetts), May 10, 1997.

Outstanding Service Award, Cambridge Public Library (Cambridge, Massachusetts), March 9, 1997.

Education Award, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (Cambridge, Massachusetts Branch), January 18, 1997.

Ronald Nelson Visiting Scholar, Northwestern College (Orange City, Iowa), January 22-23, 1996.

League of Afro-American Women, Annual Achievement Award (Religion), Boston, Massachusetts, April 20, 1992.

The Museum of Afro-American History, Boston, Massachusetts, Sojourner's Daughters Award, February 1991.

Loyola University, The Loyola-Mellon Social Science Award, October 26, 1990.

Eastern Sociological Society, I. Peter Gellman Award "For Service on the Executive Committee," April 5, 1986.

Bunting Institute, Faculty Fellowship, Project: "The Sanctified Church: The Reorganization of Afro-American Religion, 1890-1950."

Harvard Divinity School, Research Support--Women's Studies in Religion, Project: "Mothers, Evangelists, Missionaries, and (Occasionally) Elders: Women's Roles and Traditions in Black Pentecostal and Holiness Denominations."

Ford Foundation--Division of Education and Public Policy Grant, Project: Inter-University Working Group to Explore the Intersection of Gender and Race (Co-Principal Investigator with

Bonnie Thornton Dill, Evelyn Nakano Glenn, Elizabeth Higginbotham, and Ruth E. Zambrana).  
Boston University Graduate School, Faculty Research Support Project:  
"The Sanctified Church: A Sociological Study of Independent Afro-American Religious Organization," 1980-82.  
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Northeastern University Chapter, 1978.  
National Fellowships Fund, Dissertation Year Award, 1977-78.  
American Sociological Association, Spivak Dissertation Fellow, Minority Fellowships Program, 1977-78.  
Northeastern University, Socialization Training Fellowship, 1970-73.

### **Consulting/Editing**

Consultant, Winter Seminar. Louisville, Kentucky: The Louisville Institute, January 24-26, 2018.  
Faculty Consultant, Fund for Theological Education, New Haven, CT: Yale University, June, 2006; June 2009, June 2010.  
Mentor, Engaged Scholars Program. Congregational Studies Team, Hartford Seminary. 2008-2009.  
Consultant, Annie Casey Foundation (African American Healthy Marriage Initiative), September-November, 2003.  
Editorial Board, The American Sociological Association Rose Series in Sociology, 2000-2001.  
Editorial Board, Race and Society.  
African American Studies Review Committee, Dartmouth College, May-June, 1999.  
Associate Editor, Encyclopaedia of Contemporary American Religion, MacMillan Reference, 1998-2000.  
Consultant, Plowshares Institute (Four Urban Ministry Programs), September, 1997.  
Consulting Scholar, Faith Community Series (The Black Church Project), Blackside, Inc., 1997  
Consulting Scholar, "This Far By Faith: Stories from the African-American Religious Experience," Blackside, Inc., Production School (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Cambridge College): 10/21-23/99.  
Writer/Consultant, Financing African American Churches Project, Interdenominational Theological Center -- Institute of Church Administration and Management, 1997-1999.  
Consultant, Macalester College, African American Studies Program, Summer, 1996.  
Associate Editor, Gender and Society, 1991-1994.  
Associate Editor, Qualitative Sociology.  
Editorial Advisory Board, Journal of Religious Thought.  
Editorial Board, Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society, 1989-1991.  
Working Group, National Resource Center for the Development of Ethical Leadership from the Black Church Tradition; Colgate Rochester Divinity School (W.K. Kellogg Foundation), 1993-1997.  
Institute for the Study of American Evangelicalism (Wheaton College -- Wheaton, Illinois): Mainstream Protestantism and the Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements, 1991-1993.  
Hartford Seminary: Survey and Interview Design for Study of Women's Base Communities, January, 1991-1993.  
Hartford Seminary: Program evaluating curriculum on the Black Church, September, 1988.

- Memphis State University, Center for Research on Women, Consultant and Faculty Member, Summer Research Institutes, 1983, 1986; Curriculum Workshops, 1986, 1987.
- Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Division of Black Church Studies: evaluation of curriculum content and goals, 1982.
- Educational Development Center, Schools and Society Programs (The Family as the Primary Health Care Unit): evaluation of teaching materials for ethnocentrism, 1981.
- TDR Associates, Training, Development and Research on School Climate and School Desegregation: questionnaire construction and evaluation, interpretation of data, 1978-79.
- Metropolitan Planning Project--Metro-Ethnic Heritage Resource Center: multi-cultural education of teachers, provision of content materials, monitoring and training of public school teachers, 1977-78.

### **Papers**

- "'The Black Church as a Therapeutic Community' Revisited: Neuroscience, Mental Health, and Responses to Trauma." Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: American Sociological Association (Special Session: The Intersection of Religion and Science), August 18, 2023.
- "The Sanctified Church and the Politics of Elegance: A Music Making Movement as a Culture of Resistance." New Haven, Connecticut: Yale Institute for Sacred Music (Interdisciplinary Program in Music and the Black Church), April 13, 2023.
- "Two Umbers and a Sienna: An Auto-Ethnographic Reflection on Teaching Race-Ethnicities in the United States." Baltimore, Maryland: Eastern Sociological Society, February 25, 2023.
- "'We've Come This Far By Faith': The Metalanguage of Music in the Black Church." Los Angeles California: Association for the Sociology of Religion, August 7, 2022.
- "Their Souls Are Watching God: African American Fiction as Critical Ethnography and Subversive Theory." Virtual Annual Meeting: Association of Black Sociologists, August 6, 2021.
- "Kindred, Co-Workers, and Religions of the Spirit: Re-thinking and Reclaiming W. E. B. Du Bois's Sociology of Religion and American Culture." New York, New York: Association for the Sociology of Religion, August 12, 2019.
- "Love, War, and Perseverance: Confronting the Pauline Biblical Problem in the African American Cultural Imagination." Medford, Massachusetts (Tufts University): The New England Maritime of the American Academy of Religion, March 22, 2019.
- "Deep Roots and Broken Branches: Towards a Grounded Theory and Redefinition of the Whole Black Church." Denver, Colorado: American Academy of Religion, November 17, 2018.
- "Deconstructing the Trumpian Politics of Hate: Militant Tiny Publics, Cultural Warfare, and the Destruction of Racial Progress." Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: American Sociological Association, August xx, 2018.
- "From Great Barrington to 'Middelotucky': W. E. B. Du Bois's Sociology of America and Thick Descriptions of Social Inequality." Baltimore, Maryland: Eastern Sociological Society, February 24, 2018.
- "New Nation, New Problems, and New Ways of Knowing: 'Your Country' and the Sociology of W. E. B. Du Bois." Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Eastern Sociological Society, February 24, 2017.

- "I Opened My Mouth to the Lord: Authoritative Women's Voices and Prophetic-Apocalyptic Biblical Discourse in Gospel Music." Atlanta, Georgia: American Academy of Religion, November 24, 2015.
- "A Ritual of Pouring Water: Speculation on the Cultural and Spiritual Capital of Phillis Wheatley (1753-1784)." Newport Beach, California: Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 23, 2015.
- "Three Great Revolutions: W. E. B. Du Bois, African American Women, and Social Change." Special Session: The Sociology of W. E. B. Du Bois." Chicago, Illinois: American Sociological Association, August 23, 2015.
- "Discovering Mommy's 'Scraps of Memory': A Case Study of Hoarding in Cultural Context." Boston, Massachusetts: Eastern Sociological Society, March 17, 2015.
- "The A. M.E. Church as a Broker Institution: The Historic Connectional Foundations of African American Culture." San Francisco, California: Association for Sociology of Religion, August 15, 2014.
- "Symbolic Leadership and Cultural Inclusion: Michelle Obama, Jacqueline Kennedy, and Their Invisible Work for Uplift and Connection." Baltimore, Maryland: Eastern Sociological Society, February 23, 2014.
- "Echoes, Resonances, and Kinships: Islam, Slavery and the Construction of Afro-Christian Tradition in the United States." Baltimore, Maryland: American Academy of Religion, November 24, 2013.
- "Dis-Culture, Racecraft, and the Obama Presidency: A Case Study in White Resistance to Black Political Leadership." Boston, Massachusetts: Eastern Sociological Society, March 22, 2013.
- "'I Am Mary's Baby': Seeing and Hearing Islam as an African Survival in African American Christianity." Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 29, 2011.
- "The Music Matters: Case Studies in Cultural Agency and Spiritual Capital. Chicago, Illinois: Social Science History Association, November 20, 2010.
- "Traditionally Universalist, Hegemonically Christian: A Womanist Approach to African American Agency." Atlanta, Georgia: American Academy of Religion, October 31, 2010.
- "Sociology as an American Social Science: W. E. B. Du Bois as Pioneer Sociologist in a Racialized Society." \_\_\_\_\_: American Sociological Association (Thematic Session-Progressive Traditions in American Sociology: Once Hidden, Then Lost, Now Recuperated), 8/14/07
- "I Attended One of These": W.E.B. Du Bois, Auto Ethnography, and the Sociological Imagination." Boston, Massachusetts: Eastern Sociological Society, February 25, 2006.
- "When Race Matters and Nobody Mentions It: Hurricane Katrina, the Superdome, and the Black People No One Mentioned." The Griot: The Official Newsletter of The Association of Black Sociologists (September, 2005), pp. 1-3. Presented at "Katrina Crisis Panel, Waterville ME: Colby College, 9/15/05.
- "When All God's Children Get Together: Exploring New Multiplicities and Meanings in African American Christianity." Louisville, Kentucky: Louisville Institute (Louisville Lunch), 1/20/05.
- "Resurrection in a Context: 'Poor Man Lazarus' and Prophetic Christian Agency." Boston, Massachusetts: Boston University School of Theology (Anna Howard Shaw Center), September 24, 2004.

- "The Gift of W.E.B. Du Bois: A Sociology of Vision and Spirit."  
Atlanta, Georgia: American Academy of Religion, November 24, 2003.
- "With My Face to the Rising Sun: Islam and the Construction of Afro-Christian Tradition in the United States." Norfolk, Virginia: Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 25, 2003.
- "The Gift of the Spirit: W.E.B. Du Bois's Sociology of Religious Knowledge." Atlanta, Georgia: Association for the Sociology of Religion, 8/17/2003.
- "Discourses of Psychic Survival: Women, African American Sacred Music, and the Politics of Voice." Atlanta, Georgia: Sociologists for Women in Society (2003 Feminist Lecture), 8/18/2003.  
Detroit, Michigan: Wayne State University, 9/15/2003.  
Clinton, South Carolina: Presbyterian College, 3/23/2004.  
Aiken, South Carolina: University of South Carolina, Aiken, 3/23/2004.
- "The Force of Faith: Black Women Community Workers' Religious Agency and Its Consequences." Princeton, New Jersey: Women and Religion in the African Diaspora (Princeton University, 200X)
- "The Gift of W.E.B. Du Bois: An American Sociologist and an American Sociology." Madison, Wisconsin: University of Wisconsin (Centennial Celebration of the Publication of The Souls of Black Folk), 4/11/2003.
- "The Spirituals as Cultural Theory: The Sociology of The Souls of Black Folk." Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Eastern Sociological Society, 2/28-2003.
- "A Lighthouse in the Community: The Evolution of a Church's Vision." Louisville, Kentucky: Louisville Institute (Vital Liberal Congregations Consultation), 12/9-10/2002.
- "Shirley Caesar and the Souls of Black Folk." Presented to the Women's Studies Conference, Colby College; Waterville, ME: November 3, 2001.  
Re-presented, University of Maine, Orono: April 10, 2002
- "Sociology as Community Work: Refocusing the Vision." Louisville, Kentucky: North Central Sociological Association, April 7, 2001.
- "Revival, Reorganization, and Social Change: The Sanctified Church and the African American Community, 1880-1968. New Haven, Connecticut: American Society for Church History, March 30, 2001.
- "Disciplined Voices/Disciplinary Translation: Womanist Reflections on Black Feminist Sociology." Nashville, TN: American Academy of Religion (To Be Womanist: Exploring Womanist Theory, Methodology, and Practices), 11/18/00.
- "Power Centers at the Margins: Religion, Race, Contested Humanities, and African American Christianity." Houston, TX: Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Race and Religion in the Americas: Toward a Critical Sociology), 10/20/00.
- "They Have Careers! Women, Class, and Families in the Sociology of E. Franklin Frazier." Washington, D.C.: American Sociological Association (E. Franklin Frazier's Contributions to Sociology), 8/14/00. (Waterville, ME: Colby College, Women's Studies Colloquium, 9/21/00).
- "The Virtues of Brotherhood and Sisterhood: The Biblical Dimensions of African-American Fraternal Organizations." New York, New York: Union Theological Seminary (African Americans and the Bible: Social-Cultural Formation and Sacred Texts -- A Multidisciplinary Arts-Expressive International Conference), 4/8-11/99.
- "A Little Marching Music Is in Order: Traditions, Organization, and the Culture of Giving in Black Churches." Atlanta, Georgia:



- Institute of Church Administration and Management  
(Interdenominational Theological Center/ Financing African  
American Churches Project) 1/23/99.
- "'Every Time I Feel the Spirit': Subverting Authority and Welding  
Diversity in an American Religious Tradition." Hartford,  
Connecticut: New England Religious Discussion Society (Hartford  
Seminary), 3/1/97.
- "I Want to Know Where I Am: Framing the Sacred in African American Life  
and Culture." Nashville, Tennessee: Society for the Scientific  
Study of Religion, 11/9/96.
- "The Race Card Yields a Full House: Racism, Police Violence, and the  
O.J. Simpson Case." New York, New York: Society for the Study of  
Social Problems, 8/16/96.
- "'Run, Mary, Run': Biblical Options, Cultural Tensions, and Women's  
Roles in the African American Religious Experience." St. Louis,  
Missouri: Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 10/28/95.
- "'A Conscious Connection to All That Is': The Color Purple as  
Subversive and Critical Ethnography." Chicago, Illinois:  
American Academy of Religion, 11/21/94.
- "In Season and Out of Season: Reading and Hearing in a Context of  
Commitment." Chicago, Illinois: Society of Biblical Literature  
and American Academy of Religion, 11/19/94.
- "There's Nothing Like Church Food: The Re-Membering of Community and  
the Embodying of the Spirit in the Afro-Christian Tradition in  
the United States." Chicago, Illinois: American Academy of  
Religion (Journal of the American Academy of Religion Conference,  
"Religion and Food"), 11/18/94.
- "Mis-Readings for Justice: The Bible and the African American Cultural  
Imagination." Albuquerque, New Mexico: Society for the  
Scientific Study of Religion, 11/5/94.
- "Theology, Feminism, and History: The Sermons of Florence Spearing  
Randolph." Atlanta, Georgia: Association for the Study of Afro-  
American Life and History, 10/14/94.  
Madison, New Jersey: Drew University (African American Heritage  
Month -- A Symposium: Shaping Community Life), 2/23/95.  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Temple University (Center for African  
American History and Culture Research Seminar, "Theology,  
Feminism, and History: Black Women's Church History"), 3/29/95.
- "Keeping Faith with the People: Reflections on Ethics, Leadership, and  
African American Women's Historical Experience." Chicago,  
Illinois: National Resource Center for the Development of Ethical  
Leadership from the Black Church Tradition (Kellogg Foundation),  
Colgate Rochester Divinity School, 1/10/94.
- "Old Songs, New Names, and New Rivers: Chancellor Williams's Subversive  
Sociology of the Sanctified Church." Raleigh, North Carolina:  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 10/29/93.
- "'Think on These Things': Culture and the Persistent Power of Racism."  
Johannesburg, South Africa: Ecumenical Association of Third World  
Theologians Consultation, "The Struggle for Full Humanity: A New  
Vision." 8/15-22/93.
- "Disentangling 'Race' in the United States: History, Law,  
Consciousness, and the Crisis of Diversity." Arlington,  
Virginia: Eastern Sociological Society, 4/4/92.
- "Womanist Ideals and the Sociological Imagination: Teaching About  
African American Women and Social Change." Kansas City,  
Missouri: American Academy of Religion, Womanist Approaches to  
Religion and Society, 11/ /91.

- "'Their Eyes Were Watching God': Religious Lives, Ethnic Community, and Social Change." Cincinnati, Ohio: American Sociological Association, 8/23/91.
- "An Intersection of Gifts: Women, Culture, and the Sanctified Church." Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Temple University, Center for African American History and Culture Conference, 5/10-11/91.
- "Historical Strengths and Contemporary Crises: Church, Family, and Social Change in the African American Experience." Virginia Beach, Virginia: Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 11/9/90.
- "'Every Time I Feel the Spirit: The Quilt of African American Religious Tradition." Stony Point, New York: National Conference of Christians and Jews (Theology in a Pluralistic Setting), 4/2/90.
- "Movements of the Spirit: Women as a Cultic Force in African-American Religious History." Anaheim, California: American Academy of Religion, 11/18/89.
- "Ministry to Women: Hearing and Empowering 'Poor' Black Women." Washington, D.C.: Howard University; One Third of a Nation Conference: African American Perspectives; 11/10/89.
- "Exploring the Cultural Foundations of Social Change: Nannie Helen Burroughs and The Slabtown District Convention." San Francisco: American Sociological Association, 8/9/89.
- Blessed Be the Ties That Bind?: . . . Confronting the Sacred Spaces of Personal Experience. Orono, Maine: Orono Campus Ministries, University of Maine; Fifth Annual Conference on Religion and the Academic Profession, 5/8/89.
- "Pluralism, Conflict, and Conversion: African American Women Ministers and their Churches." Chicago, Illinois: Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 10/28/88.
- "Visions for the Welcome Table: Social Problems, Research, and the Mission of the Contemporary Black Church." Hartford, Connecticut: Hartford Seminary, 9/13/88.
- "The Margin as the Center of a Theory of History: Afro-American Women, Social Change, and the Sociology of W.E.B. DuBois." Atlanta, Georgia: American Sociological Association, 8/24/88.
- "Afro-American Women in Community: Gender as Institution and Subculture." Atlanta, Georgia: Society for the Study of Social Problems, 8/23/88.
- Perceiving the Prophets and Priests Among Us: Issues, Problems, Sources, and Strategies for Research on Women in the Sanctified Church and the Spiritual Movement." Washington, D.C.: Bethune Museum and Archives, Inc. ("Black Women in the Church: A History"), 8/88.
- "Race, Class, and Afro-American Women: The Community Connection." Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: North Central Sociological Society, 4/16/88.
- "Gender, Power, Peoplehood and Hope in an Afrocentric Biblical Tradition." Boston, Massachusetts: Society of Biblical Literature (Women in the Biblical World Section), 12/7/87.
- "Woman-Church in a Racist Society: Realities, Models, Cautions, and Hopes." Cincinnati, Ohio: The Second National Women-Church Conference, 10/10/87
- "'I Know It Was the Blood': Kinship, Community, and Leadership in Black Churches." Chicago, Illinois: Association of Black Sociologists, 8/14/87.

- "'Until My Change Comes': Faith and Social Ministry in the Afro-Baptist Tradition." Washington, D.C.: The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 11/14/86
- "Marching Saints and Rocking Sinners: Perspectives on Religion, Social Structure, and Popular Culture." Grainau/Zugspitzedorf, West Germany: Deutsche Gesellschaft Fur Americastudien "Amerikanische Alltagskultur"): 5/21/86.
- "Community Workers as Prophets: Afro-American Women, Religion, and Careers in Social Change." Savannah, Georgia: Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 10/25/85.
- "The Role of Women in the Sanctified Church." Washington, D.C.: Howard University Lecture Series, "The Feminine in Religious Traditions," 10/23/85.
- "A Mother to the Motherless, A Father to the Fatherless: Gender and the Afro-Christian Tradition." Washington, D.C.: Society for the Study of Black Religion, 10/18/85.
- "Dual Sex Political Systems and Traditions of Conflict: Afro-American Women and Religion." San Antonio, Texas: Sociologists for Women in Society and Association for the Sociology of Religion (joint session), 8/26/84.
- "Race Relations, Afro-American Church History, and the Contradiction of the Sanctified Church." Cambridge: Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College, 3/84.
- "Digging It Out and Keeping It Together: The Evolution of the Missionary's Role in the Sanctified Church." Knoxville, Tennessee: Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 11/83.
- "Cultural Constituencies in Conflict: Religion, Community Reorganization, and the 'Rise of the Saints' (1890-1925)." Detroit, Michigan: Association of Black Sociologists and the Society for the Study of Social Problems, 8/83.
- "The Sounds of Silence: An Interpretation of Black Women's Religious Roles and Traditions." Collegeville, Minnesota: Consultation of Black Theologians, Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, St. John's Abbey and University, 7/83 (Consultation participant: "Sexism in the Black Church," 1980-83).
- "Racial Ethnic Women and their Community Work." Memphis, Tennessee: Center for Research on Women, Summer Institute, 7/83.
- "Opposition By Example: The Dilemmas and Contradictions of the Roles of Black Churchwomen." Baltimore, Maryland: Eastern Sociological Society (Colloquium Paper), 3/83.
- "'A Wall of Fire Round About': The Sanctified Church and Black Community Structure, 1890-1950." Cambridge: Radcliffe College, Bunting Institute, 3/3/83.
- "'Tables of Stone': Women's Traditions in the Sanctified Church." Stanford, California: Communities of Women Conference, 2/83 (Expanded and Revised Edition).
- "Pedestals in Black Churches: Gender Relations in the Sanctified Church." Amherst: Massachusetts Sociological Association, 11/6/82.
- "Power Among the Powerless: The Sanctified Church and the Re-Organization of Black Religion." Providence, Rhode Island: Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 10/82.
- "Black Women in Urban Community Work: Multiple Commitments and Ideologies." Boston, Massachusetts: University of Massachusetts, Kirsch Center for Marxist Studies, 9/29/82.

- "Tables of Stone: Women's Traditions in Selected Afro-American Religions." Cambridge: Harvard Divinity School, Women's Studies in Religion Program, 2/82.
- "Community Work as Prophecy: Afro-American Women and Social Change." Boston: School of Theology, Boston University, Martin Luther King, Jr. Program, 10/81.
- "The Dynamics of Black Female Authority: The Case of the Sanctified Church." Toronto: Society for the Study of Social Problems (Colloquium Paper), 8/81.
- "Community By Any Means Necessary: An Interpretation of Revisionist Slave History." Toronto: Society for the Study of Social Problems and Association of Black Sociologists (Joint Session), 8/81.
- "From Slavery to Welfare: Racism and the Control of Black Women." New York: The Scholar and the Feminist Conference VIII -- The Dynamics of Control (Barnard College), 4/11/81.
- "The Third World Religious Experience in the United States: A Comparative Analysis." New York: American Sociological Association (Roundtable), 8/80.
- "Going Up for the Oppressed: The Career Mobility of Black Women Community Workers." Nashville, Tennessee: Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, 3/80.
- "Black Women's Work as Deviance: The Social Sources of Racial Antagonism within the Feminist Movement." Boston: American Sociological Association, 8/31/79. Wellesley, Massachusetts: Center for Research on Women, Working Paper No. 66, 1980-1982.
- "Community Commitment and Professional Survival: The Curious Career of the Black Woman Community Worker." San Francisco: Program for Women in the Health Sciences, University of California--San Francisco, 3/79. Conference Proceedings: The Minority Woman in America: Professionalism at What Cost?.
- "Successful Rebellious Professionals: Black Professional Women in Community Careers." Philadelphia: Eastern Sociological Society, 3/78.
- "Holding Back the Ocean with a Broom: Black Women and their Work for Community Survival and Social Change." Chicago: Association of Black Sociologists and Sociologists for Women in Society (Joint Session), 8/77.
- "Slavery in Perspective: The Institutional Context of the Life of Linda Brent (Harriet Brent Jacobs)." Cambridge: Goddard - Cambridge Feminist Studies Program, 4/77.
- "The Respondents Who Cried 'I am': The Sources of Conceptual Revolutions in the Field of Race Relations." Boston: Eastern Sociological Society, 3/76.

**Lectures, Institutes, Seminars, Keynotes, Special Programs**

- "Celebrating 40 Years of Womanist Thought in the Wilderness of America: Alice Walker, Our Transdisciplinary Pattern Master." Alexandria, Virginia: Virginia Theological Seminary (Womanist Conference: The Power of Narrative and Voice), April 29, 2023.
- "Three Points and a Hymn: Spirituals, Blues, and Music Making Movements and the Aframerican Cultural Tapestry." Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University (English 276LR, The New Negro Renaissance, Professor Henry Louis Gates), April 25, 2023.
- "Speaking Life in Difficult Places: The Ethnographic Charge to the Preacher." Atlanta, Georgia: Candler School of Theology/Emory University (Whiteside Distinguished Preaching Lecture--Bandy

- Preaching Conference—Theme: “Read the Room: Context Matters”),  
March 28, 2023.  
<https://vimeo.com/812935019?fbclid=IwAR2gb6DVLHAXkz0s3els9IvKd4xjCq6wdEPoSuvWdpKANe1WkAeFzYmMO0A>
- “From Sorrow Songs to Freedom Songs and Beyond: Celebrating Melodies of Resistance.” Canaan (Maine) Elementary School, February 7, 2023.
- “African American Women and Social Change: Stages of Liberation.”  
North Andover (Massachusetts) Historical Society, February 5,  
2023.
- “Mighty Causes are Calling: A Socio-Theological Meditation on Change.”  
ZOOM: National Council of Churches—Christian Unity Gathering,  
October 10, 2022.
- “Troubles in Mind Nobody Knows: James Cone’s Enduring Witness and the  
Spirituals, Sacred and Secular.” New York: Union Theological  
Seminary (2<sup>nd</sup> Annual James H. Cone Lecture), April 6, 2021.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRRFuGTQYYs>
- “Broadcasting and the Black Church and the Sanctified Church.” Guest  
Class Lecture. New Haven, Connecticut: Yale Divinity School.  
November 4, 2021.
- “Devotion: Meditating on the Black Gospel Tradition.” Celebrating the  
Launch of Book and Black Church Studies Program (with Braxton  
Shelley, Cornel West, and Others). New Haven, Connecticut:  
Institute of Sacred Music, Yale Divinity School. November 3,  
2021.
- “Preaching *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*.” New York, New York:  
Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary, October  
30, 2021.
- “W.E.B. Du Bois as a Public Intellectual.” Guest Lecture: “Religion,  
Ethics, and Public Intellectuals.” Atlanta, Georgia: Emory  
University, Candler School of Theology, September 21, 2021.
- “Faith, Voice, Labor, and Connection: A History of Women in the Black  
Church.” Boston, Massachusetts: Roxbury Presbyterian Church.  
February XX, 2021.  
Cambridge, Massachusetts: Union Baptist Church. February 25,  
2021.
- “From Great Barrington to Middletucky: W.E.B. Du Bois’s Call to a  
Sociology of U.S. Culture Still Matters.” Orono, Maine:  
University of Maine Honors College, Spring Semester,  
January, 2020.  
Video of Lecture presented in absentia due to COVID, January  
2021.
- “The Power of the Womanist Idea.” Continuing the Womanist Tapestry:  
Celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Womanist Consultation.  
Panel: Womanist Thought: Three Decades in Perspective.  
Washington, D.C. (Howard University Divinity School): March 30,  
2019.
- “Maine Matters: Black Americans’ Impact on Culture, Society, and  
Politics.” Augusta, Maine (Central Maine Power): February 27,  
2019.
- “From Great Barrington to Middletucky: W.E.B. Du Bois’s Call to a  
Sociology of U.S. Culture Still Matters.” Orono, Maine:  
University of Maine Honors College, Spring Semester, 2019.
- “Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow: Remembering My Bishop.”  
American Academy of Religion (Mining the Motherlode: The Life and  
Legacy of Rev. Katie Geneva Cannon, Ph.D.). Denver, Colorado:  
November 17, 2018.

- "'Your Country' Is the Problem: America and the Sociology of W. E. B. Du Bois." Scholarship Above the Veil: A Sesquicentennial Symposium Honoring W. E. B. Du Bois (Panel 3: Theory and Method of Du Boisian Sociology). Cambridge, Massachusetts: October 26, 2018.
- "They Came Praying: An Historical Overview of the Complicated Reality of Sexism in the Black Church." Plenary I: Where It All Began: A Historical Overview. Atlanta, Georgia: Women in Ministry Conference (Digging Hard Ground: Unearthing and Overcoming Embedded Sexism in Church and Culture), September 18, 2018.
- "From Great Barrington to 'Middletucky': W.E.B. Du Bois and Thick Descriptions of Inequality." Atlanta, Georgia: Clark Atlanta University (2018 Du Bois/King Symposium: Examining Race Relations and Economic Inequality), February 23, 2018.
- "W.E.B. Du Bois's Call to a Sociology of U.S. Culture Still Matters." Orono, Maine: University of Maine Honors College, February 8, 2018.
- "'Your Country' Is the Problem: America and the Sociology of W.E.B. Du Bois." Orono, Maine: University of Maine Honors College, February 2, 2017.
- "We Shall Overcome." Keynote Address: Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. Hollis, New Hampshire: New Hampshire Outreach (OBU), 1/19/2015.
- "'At the River I Stand': African American Sacred Music as a Therapeutic Resource." Waterville, Maine: Maine-Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency Twenty Seventh Annual Nevola Symposium on Spirituality and Health, 6/11/2013.
- "Seizing Our Graduation Gifts" (Baccalaureate Sermon). Johnson C. Smith University. Charlotte, North Carolina, 5/4/2012.
- "The Origins of Race as a Social Construct." Keynote Address: Campus Conversations on Race: Best Practices Conference. Boston, Massachusetts (Wheelock College), 4/16/11.
- "'Worlds in their Mouths': The Mighty Anthropology of Zora Neale Hurston's Novels." Maine Humanities Council Conference: Looking for Zora: The Many Lives of Zora Neale Hurston. Lewiston, Maine: Bates College, 10/17/09.
- "Prophetic Excellence" (Baccalaureate Sermon). Atlanta, Georgia: Spelman College, May, 2009.
- FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM: AN AMERICAN ODYSSEY. Ninth Annual Visiting Lecture Series. Michigan State University. East Lansing, Michigan: February 26, 2009. (Available on Youtube).
- "Practices of Loving Neighbor"—Baptist Presenter. Baptist-Muslim National Dialogue. Andover Newton Theological School. Newton Centre, Massachusetts, January 9-11, 2009.
- ". . . ." Wright State University, Symposium on Race and Social Change. Dayton, Ohio: Wright State University, March 4, 2008.
- ". . . ." (Special Women's Program) Samford University. Birmingham, Alabama: April 7, 2008.
- "Symbiosis, Cooperation, and Community: The Politics of Black Women's Faith." Adrenee Glover Freeman Memorial Lecture in African American Women's Studies. University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina: November 8, 2007.
- MARTIN LUTHER KING LECTURE AND SERMON. Boston College, Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Boston MA: Boston College, 1/26/06.
- "See God's People Again for the First Time: Womanist Theology as a Tool and Angle of Vision." Study Group on the Episcopacy, The Full

- Gospel Graduate School of Episcopal Studies. Cambridge MA:  
Harvard University Divinity School, 9/6/05.
- "'Tell the Women to Stand Together': Women and Their Community Work in the African American Experience." Boston, Massachusetts: National Park Service/Old Massachusetts State House (Primary Source Seminar/"Making Freedom"), 12/3/04, 12/10/04.
- "My Mother's God Is Mine: Women's Voices and the Creation of the African American Sacred" ("My Mother's Song Is Mine: Sacred Musics as Discourses of Psychic Survival"; "A Case Study in Cultural Narrative and Critique: The Music of Shirley Caesar"). Madison, Wisconsin: University of Wisconsin (Havens Center for the Study of Social Structure and Social Change), 10/18-20/2004.
- "African American Women and the Process of Community Empowerment" ("Making Freedom: African Americans and the Making of America, 1650-2000"). Cambridge, Massachusetts: Tufts University (Primary Source, National Endowment for the Humanities Institute), 7/21/2004.
- "Gospel Pearls." Annual Black History Month Banquet ("Make A Joyful Noise: Power and Provocation in African American Music"). Providence, Rhode Island: Providence College, 2/28/2004.
- "The Bible and the African American Cultural Imagination." Course: African American Literature and the Bible. Lewiston, Maine: Bates College, 2/3/2004.
- "Working to Remember, Remembering to Work." Interfaith Martin Luther King, Jr. Program. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: University of Pennsylvania, 1/21/2004.  
Twentieth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Breakfast. Amherst, Massachusetts: Amherst Regional Middle School, 1/17/2004.
- "The Gift of Black Folk." Symposium Celebrating Centennial of W.E.B. Du Bois's The Souls of Black Folk. Lewiston, Maine: Bates College, 10/10/2003.
- "The Gift of W.E.B. Du Bois and The Souls of Black Folk: An American Sociologist and an American Sociology." Oxford, Ohio: Miami University, September 12, 2003.
- "W.E.B. Du Bois and the Woman Question: Appreciating and Appropriating the Inclusive Vision of Souls." Hamilton, New York: Colgate University, 4/13/2003.
- "The Souls of Good Folk." Boston, Massachusetts: Northeastern University (Combating Prejudice and Hate on Campus: National Student Symposium/Luncheon Keynote), 3/22/2003.
- "Still He Speaks: The Enduring Relevance of the Life and Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr." Chicago, Illinois: McCormick Theological Seminary, 1/13/2003.  
Boston, Massachusetts: Wentworth Institute, 1/21/2003.
- "The Black Church in the United States: History, Culture, and Community." Watertown, Massachusetts: Primary Source, 1/11/2003, 1/22/2003.
- "Lifting as They Climb: African American Women and the Work of Social Change." Watertown, Massachusetts: Primary Source, 7/9/2002 (Lecture and all day Workshop).
- "Gendered Realities in the African American Religious Experience: Issues for the 21st Century." Cambridge, Massachusetts: Episcopal Divinity School (Feminist Liberation Theologies Luncheon Series), March 11, 2002.

- "Certain Women and the Culture of Black Communities." Anna Julia Cooper Lecture, Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Atlanta Georgia: February 20, 2002.
- "The African American Religious Experience." Watertown, Massachusetts: Primary Source, January 12, 2002. (Lecture and all-day Workshop).
- "When I Fall on My Knees: Re-Inventing Tradition and Reconstructing Community in Contemporary African American Churches." Newark, DE: University of Delaware (Department of Sociology), September 20, 2001
- "Jarena Lee" (Performance Piece). Boston, MA: African Meeting House ("Preachers, Prophets, and Healers"; Museum of Afro-American History), September 21, 2001.  
Jamaica Plain, MA: United Baptist Church, March 22, 2002.
- "African American Women and Faith Based Activism." New York, New York: Audrey Cohen College, June 12, 2001.
- "Power Centers at the Margins: Race, Religion, and the African American Experience." Lexington, Kentucky: University of Kentucky (Topical Lecture Series: Religion and Race in America), February 1, 2001.
- "We Shall Overcome!" New London, Connecticut: Connecticut College (Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Service), January 29, 2001.  
Guest Presentation/Religious Studies Course (Women in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam), January 29, 2001.  
New London, Connecticut: Madry Temple Church of God in Christ (Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Committee Service of Remembrance), January 28, 2001.
- "We Have Class: Rethinking Class Relations from Inside the African American Religious Experience." Lewiston ME: Bates College (Spiritual Journeys--Stories of the Soul Series), 11/2/00.
- "And I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray: Religion and Cultural Discovery in the 21st Century." Bloomington, IL: Illinois Wesleyan University (Symposium: The Role of Religion in the 21st Century), 10/25-26/00.
- "'If It Wasn't for the Women...': Toward a Sociology of Indispensable Black Women." Rochester NY: University of Rochester (Frederick Douglass Institute, Distinguished Visitors Seminar), 9/28/00.
- "Revival, Reorganization, and Social Change: The Sanctified Church and the Reconstruction of Community, 1880-1960." Hartford, Connecticut: New England Religious Discussion Society/Hartford Institute for Religion Research, 9/8/2000.
- "The Bible and the African American Cultural Imagination." Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Divinity School (Course: African American Biblical Hermeneutics), 4/13/2000.
- "'Where Be All These Miracles': Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Ongoing Struggle Between Chaos and Community." Burlington, Vermont: University of Vermont (Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration; ALANA Studies Program), 2/1/2000.
- "Contested Humanities and Disrupted Cultures: The Elementary Forms of Racialized Societies." Birmingham, United Kingdom: University of Birmingham (Conference: "Black Communities and Racial Attacks: A Contemporary Biblical and Cultural Analysis"), 2/19/99.
- "Coming Up Shouting: The New Black Middle Class in the Old [Time] Black Church." (Eastern Sociological Society: The Robin M. Williams Distinguished Lecture). Harford County, Maryland: Harford Community College, 2/4/99.



- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Chestnut Hill College, 2/11/99.  
Boston, Massachusetts: Eastern Sociological Society, 3/6/99.
- "Oh, Mary, Don't You Weep: Women, Spirituals, and the African American Religious Tradition." Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania: Bryn Mawr College, 2/12/99.
- "A Total God for Total Liberation." "We Shall Overcome!" (Sermons). Bangor, Maine: Bangor Theological Seminary (Annual Convocation: "Living a Triune Faith"), 1/25-27/99.
- "If It Wasn't for the Women. . .: Class, Gender, and Identity in a Changing Black Church." Honolulu, Hawaii: University of Hawaii, Manoa; University of Hawaii, West Oahu (Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black History Month Speaker), 1/20-21/99.
- "Bearing Balm in Gilead: Human Diversity, Pastoral Care, and the Search for Common Ground." Portland, Maine: Maine Medical Center (Pastoral Care: Diversity of Cultures -- Pastoral Care Week), 10/22/98.
- "'Baaad' as God Wants You to Be: (A Sermon)." Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Lutheran Theological Seminary (Urban Theological Institute Annual Forum on Preaching in the Black Church), 3/17/98.
- "'Plenty Good Room': Revolution, Revival, and Adaptation in a Changing Black Church." Washington, D.C.: Howard University School of Divinity (81st Annual Convocation: "Breathing New Life! Revitalizing the Churches! Forging New Alliances!"), 11/5/97. Cambridge, MA: Center for Literary and Cultural Studies at Harvard University (Conference: "One Nation Under God?": Religion and Contemporary American Culture) 11/15-16/97. Philadelphia, PA: Eastern Sociological Society (Thematic Session: "Diversity Within and Between American Religious Traditions"), 3/19/98.
- "The Black Church: An Introduction and Overview." Waltham, Massachusetts: Primary Source (at Bentley College), 7/17/97.
- "Doing Theology: A Ministry to Self." "Doing Theology: A Ministry to Others." "Doing Theology: Building Community." New York, New York: New York Theological Seminary (Women Doing Theology in an Urban Context Conference), 6/26, 27, and 28, 1997.
- "'Every Time I Feel the Spirit': Subverting Authority and Welding Diverse Traditions in African American Christianity." Bangor, Maine: Bangor Theological Seminary, 4/17/97.
- "Deep Roots and Broken Branches: Visions for the Twenty First Century." College Station, Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania State University (Martin Luther King Memorial Lecture), 4/3/97.
- "Hearing Voices: Understanding the Histories of Black Americans." Boston, Massachusetts: Suffolk County House of Correction, 3/2/97.
- "'Not to Ignore the Suffering of Others': African American Women's Community History as a Model for Others. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Cambridge Forum (Beloved Community Series), 1/15/97.
- "Century of Challenge, Century of Change: African American Women and Their Organizations, 1896-1996." Orange City, Iowa: Northwestern College, Ronald Nelson Visiting Scholar, 1/22/96. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Cambridge Public Library and Cambridge Black Cultural and Historical Association, 2/25/96. Orono, Maine: Women in the Curriculum Luncheon Series, 2/28/96.

- "A Shouting People: Culture, Imagination, and the Birth of the African American Religious Experience." Bangor and Portland, Maine: Bangor Theological Seminary, 2/2/96 and 2/3/96.
- "Go and Tell Mary and Martha: Women and the African American Biblical Tradition." Chicago: Loyola University of Chicago, Sociology of Religion Speaker Series (Department of Sociology and Anthropology), 3/22/95.  
Roanoke, Virginia: Hollins College, Beardslee Lectures in Philosophy and Religion, 3/13/95.  
Waterville, Maine: Colby College, Women's Studies Colloquium Series, 3/2/95.
- "Culture, Community, and the Struggle for Integrity and Partnership." Dayton, Ohio: United Theological Seminary, Doctoral Intensive Seminar, 1/25/95.
- "Tree, Stone, Blood, and Fire: The Sanctified Imagination in African American Life and Culture." New Britain, Connecticut: Central Connecticut State University, 1/24/95.
- Sociology and Religion Lecture Series: "Clothed in My Right Mind: The Construction of Culture and Community," "The Healing of the Nations: Culture, Community, and Social Change," and "Mighty Causes Are Calling: Contemporary Crises and the Reconstruction of Community." Hampton, Virginia: Hampton University Ministers Conference, 6/7,8,9/94.
- "Observed Community, Imagined Community: Zora Neale Hurston's Subversive Theory of African American Life and Culture," "Black Feminist Theory." Toronto, Canada: York University, Founders College, 3/21,22,23/94.
- "Observed Community, Imagined Community: Subversive Theories about Black Folks." Garden City, New York: Adelphi University (The James Baldwin Lecture on Literary and Social Criticism), 3/16/94.
- "Observed Community, Imagined Community: Subversive Social Science in the African American Experience." Waterville, Maine: Colby College, Social Science Colloquium, 3/15/94.
- "Watching God at the River: Zora Neale Hurston, Chancellor Williams, and the Sanctified Church" Cambridge, Massachusetts: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (The Dr. Kenan E. Sahin Lectures), 3/17/93.
- "Changing Concepts of Black Womanhood." Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University, Graduate School of Education ("Enriching the Humanities Through the Study of African-American History: The Great Migration, 1900-1939"), 7/17/92.
- "Disentangling Race and the Crisis of Diversity." Storrs, Connecticut: Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, 4/29/92.
- "Diversity, Academia, and Sacred Spaces." Chicago, Illinois: The 1992 William Henry Hoover Lecture, The Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, 4/21/92.
- "Hold Back the Tears: Womanist Religious Ideologies in Gospel Music." Waterville, Maine: Colby College Women's Studies Program Colloquia, 4/9/92.
- "When Women Move." Boston, Massachusetts: League of Women for Community Service (558 Massachusetts Avenue), 4/5/92.
- "'We Have a Beautiful Mother': Womanist Responses or Musings on the Afrocentric Idea." Washington, D.C.: Howard University School of Divinity, Feminine in Religious Traditions Lecture Series, 3/19/92.
- "See My Saviour Face to Face: Death, Dying, and the Therapeutic as Theology in African American Christian Traditions." Dayton,

- Ohio: Theology in a Pluralistic Setting -- Interseminary Workshop, National Conference of Christians and Jews, 3/15-18/92.
- "The Unfinished Quest for Social Justice" (Third Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Lecture, Lee Chapel). "Womanist Approaches to the Study of Religion" (Religion 282: Approaches to the Study of Religion). Lexington, Virginia: Washington and Lee University, 1/22/92.
- "Religion, Ethnicity, and Social Change: The Case of the Sanctified Church." Waterville, Maine: Colby College, Bixler Dana Convocation, 11/1/91. New York, New York: The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, 5/29/92.
- "The Discovery of Racism, The Rediscovery of Experience: Wrestling with the Contradictions of Race, Class, and Post-Civil Rights Consciousness." Delaware, Ohio: Ohio Wesleyan University, The National Colloquium, 10/16/91.
- "Choosing Hope, Choosing Justice: A Charge That We Still Have." Boston, Massachusetts: Suffolk University, Martin Luther King, Jr. Program of Celebration, 1/15/91.
- "W.E.B. DuBois, African American Women, and the Science of Social Change." Chicago, Illinois: Loyola University, Social Science Division, 10/26/90.
- ["Religion, Social Control, Social Cohesion."] Dallas County Community College District, Telecourse: The Sociological Imagination. Recorded in Washington, D.C.: 8/11-15/90.
- "Blessed Be the Ties That Bind? The Politics of Experience." Annual Martin Luther King Lecture. Galesburg, Illinois: Knox College, Religious Studies Program, 5/22/90.
- "The Politics of Silence: African-American Women, Religion, and their Traditions of Conflict." Salt Lake City, Utah: University of Utah (African-American Christianity Lecture Series, Department of History), 5/4/89.  
Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard Divinity School (Symposium on the History of African American Christianity), 12/9/89.
- "Biblical Text and Cultural Imagination in the African-American Prayer Tradition." Cleveland, Ohio: McCreary Center for Theological Studies (African-American Religious Experience Lecture Series), 4/14/89.
- "African American Women Connecting Church, Community, and Change: A Socio-Historical Overview." Charlottesville, Virginia: University of Virginia (Office of Afro-American Affairs, Conference: "And They Shall Rise: Afro-American Women Scholars in Religion"), 4/6/89.
- "The Burdens and Visions of Black Women: W.E.B. DuBois's Theory of History." (Documenting Black Women's History Lecture Series) Newark, Delaware: University of Delaware, 3/1/89.
- "Womanist Responses to Racism: Black Women, Religion, and Social Change." (Research on Racism) Newark, Delaware: University of Delaware, 3/1/89.
- "Cultural Conflict and the Sanctified Church: The Construction of an Afro-American Religious Tradition." (Evening Lecture) Columbia, Missouri: University of Missouri, 2/1/89.
- "Afro-American Women and W.E.B. DuBois's Theory of History." (Luncheon Seminar) Columbia, Missouri: University of Missouri, 2/1/89.
- "The Treasure in Earthen Vessels." Washington, D.C.: 1989 Afro-American History Month Kickoff Workshop; "The Role of Afro-American Churches in Economic, Political, and Social Development at Home and Abroad"; The Associated Publishers; 1/27/89.

- "Afro-American Women and Social Change: The Historical Lessons of Community Work." Waterville, Maine: American Association of University Women (Colby College), 1/18/89.
- Martin Luther King, Jr./Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks Visiting Professor: "Afro-American Women and the Sociology of W.E.B. DuBois." (Also 2 classroom lectures) Mt. Pleasant Michigan: Central Michigan University, 10/17/88.
- "The Crisis in the Family and its Impact on Schooling: City, Suburb, Town." Chicago, Illinois: Chicago Theological Seminar (Conference-- "Educating for a Public Vision: The Churches, the Public Schools, and Moral Education."), 10/1/88.
- "Community Work, Crisis, and Social Change: Interpreting Philanthropy and Voluntarism in the Black Community." Medford, Massachusetts: Tufts University, 9/26/88.
- "Women and Minorities." Fitchburg, Massachusetts: Fitchburg State College (Discrimination Awareness Conference), 4/11/88.
- "Cultural Conflict and the Sanctified Church: The Construction of Afro-American Religious Tradition." Providence, Rhode Island: Brown University, 3/15/88.
- Seminar Lecturer, Women's Studies Senior Seminar: "Afro-American Women and Religious Tradition." Waterville, Maine: Colby College, 3/7/88.
- "Seeing the Invisible: Afro-American Women and Rituals of Church Power." Brunswick, Maine: Bowdoin College (Boothby Memorial Lecture Series), 11/10/87.
- "Urgent Tasks and Critical Connections: A Feminist Reconstruction of Historical Studies." New York: Auburn Theological Seminary (What Women Theologians Are Saying--Conference), 10/29/87.
- "Managing the Lifelines: Black Women and their Cultures of Resistance, Survival, and Influence." New York: CUNY, The Graduate Center (Basic Lecture Series: "A Revolution in Knowledge: Feminist Scholarship Transforming the Disciplines), 5/8/87.
- "Implications of the Chicago Tradition for Sociology." Boston, Massachusetts: Boston University Department of Sociology Colloquium, 5/6/87.
- "Strategies of Empowerment: Lessons from Black Women Community Workers." Binghamton, New York: State University of New York (Conference -- "Empowerment in the '80s: Women, Work, and Family), 4/24/87.
- "Women as Minorities: Omissions and Distortions in the Curriculum." Fitchburg, Massachusetts: Fitchburg State College (Discrimination Awareness Conference), 4/13/87.
- "The Politics of Gender: Afro-American Women and their Churches." Claremont, California: Pomona College (Honors Seminar), 4/6/87.
- "Learning to See Women in Social Institutions: The Case of Afro-American Women and Religion." Claremont, California: Pomona College (Faculty Seminar: Gender and Race in Hierarchies of Power), 4/7/87.
- Lecturer and Morning Preacher: Mordecai Wyatt Johnson Institute of Religion ("The Economic Missions of Black Churches"). Rochester, New York: Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary (Program of Black Church Studies), 3/25-27/87.
- Lecturer and Consultant: Women's Resource Center. Public Lecture: "'Lots of Small Pieces': Afro-American Women and Social Change." Undergraduate Seminar: "'Nothing's Going to Happen Without the Women': Afro-American Women in Social Movements." Faculty

- Seminar: "Racial-Ethnic Perspectives and the Transformation of Social Science Disciplines." Lewisburg, Pennsylvania: Bucknell University (Center for the Study of Race and Gender in the Curriculum), 3/22-23/87.
- "Soldiers in the Army of the Lord: Power, Status, and Black Women's Rituals." Waterville, Maine: Colby College, 3/9/87.
- "Black Women's Community Work." Bridgewater, Massachusetts: Bridgewater State College (Undergraduate Lecture: "Social Work Practice with Women, Minorities, and the Poor"), 3/13/87.
- "Seeing the Invisible: Power, Status, and Women's Work in Black Churches." Granville, Ohio: Denison College (Goodspeed Lecturer), 2/27/87.
- "The Persistence of Challenges (Sermon)." Denison College (Swasey Chapel), 2/26/87.
- "Enemies Without Memories." Cambridge, Massachusetts: Sonesta Hotel (Y.W.C.A., Tribute to Women Luncheon), 10/8/86.
- "Women, Tradition, and Social Change: The Afro-Christian Experience." Claremont, California: The Claremont Colleges, 4/16/86.
- "Black Churches and the Beloved Community." Mahwah, New Jersey: Ramapo College (The Master Lecture Series: "Religion and Social Change"), 4/9/86.
- "Women and Religion and Tradition: A Womanist Perspective." Newark, New Jersey: Rutgers University (College Honors Program: Honors Colloquia), 4/7/86.
- Seminar Lecturer, Women, Word, and the Church. Seminar Session: "God of the Motherless: Women's Biblical Vision in African-American Religious Tradition." Hartford, Connecticut: Hartford Seminary, 11/8/85.
- "Women and Religion and Tradition." New Brunswick, New Jersey: Rutgers University (Keynote Address: Third Annual New Jersey Research Conference on Women, Institute for Research on Women), 5/21/85.
- "If It Wasn't for the Women, You Wouldn't Have a Church: The Politics of Gender in Black Churches." Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard Divinity School (Lecture; Theological Opportunities Program), 5/10/85.
- "The Best of Your Service: Afro-American Women and their Sacred Work." Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard-Radcliffe Colleges (Working Paper: The Conference on the Study of Black Women in American History--Department of Afro-American Studies), 4/26/85.
- "Voices from the Periphery: A Prophetic Perspective on Grounded Theory." Boston: University of Massachusetts (Lecture: Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society, Eta Chapter), 4/12/85.
- "Afro-American Women and Religion: Traditions of Conflict and Autonomy." Madison: University of Wisconsin (Public Lecture), 3/5/85.
- "'Something Within': Afro-American Women, Religion, and Social Change." Waterville, Maine: Colby College (Black History Month Celebration), 2/13/85.
- "Afro-American, Women and Religion: Traditions of Conflict and Autonomy." Middletown, Connecticut: Wesleyan University (Proseminar and Public Lecture Series in Religious Studies), 2/12/85.
- "Religion and The Dilemmas of Black Women's Experience." Ithaca, New York: Ithaca College (Feminist Studies Lecture Series), 12/11/84.

- "Women in the Black Christian Tradition." Tulsa, Oklahoma: Canterbury Center for United Ministry (Women and Religion in America Conference), University of Tulsa, 11/17-18/84.
- Lecturer, Annual Seminar: "The Black Family and the Black Church" (5 Public Lectures). Cincinnati, Ohio: Bethel Baptist Church, 11/5-9/84.
- Institute Lecturer, Black Women, Church, and Society Program Summer Institute. Public Lecture: "In a Prophetic Voice: Black Women Claiming Power and Authority." Atlanta: Interdenominational Theological Center--Atlanta University, 7/18/84.
- "The Alarms for Today's Sleeping Prophets." Portsmouth, New Hampshire: United Baptist Convention of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire (Keynote Address, Annual Meeting), 7/12/84.
- "The Bush Is Still Burning." Boston: Multi-Disciplinary Training Program, Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center (Keynote Address, Tenth Anniversary Banquet, Parker House), 6/16/84.
- Lecturer and Consultant, Black Women's Studies Project. Seminar Lecture: "Black Women and Community Work: Going Up for the Oppressed." Hanover, New Hampshire: Dartmouth College (Fund for the Improvement of Secondary Education Grant), 5/18/84.
- "Changing to Keep the Faith: The Dialectics of Feminism and Spirituality." New York: Union Theological Seminary (Lecture, Spirituality and Feminism Seminar), 4/17/84.
- "Black Women and their Community Work: Going Up for the Oppressed." New York: Barnard College (Morning Forum, The Scholar and the Feminist XI), 4/14/84.
- "The Black Church: Through Slavery to Freedom." Boston: Twelfth Baptist Church (Lecture Series, School of the Bible), 4/3/84.
- "The Black Church: Freedom, Betrayal, and New Communities." Boston: Twelfth Baptist Church, (Lecture Series, School of the Bible), 4/10/84.
- "Structural Dualism and Cultural Resistance: The Role of Slavery in American Society." Springfield, Massachusetts: Elms College (Guest Lecture), 3/8/84. Boston: Hillside Pre-Release Center (Public Service Lecture), 3/20/84.
- "The Black Church and Race Relations." Salem, Massachusetts: Salem State College (Public Lecture), 2/24/84.
- "The Historical Roles of Black Women in the Church." Newark, New Jersey: Essex County College (Black Women's History Conference) 4/23/83.
- "The Dynamics of Moral Revolution: Afro-American Religion, 1890-1950." Worcester, Massachusetts: Clark University (Black Cognizance Lecture Series, Department of Sociology), 4/19/83.
- Distinguished Scholar, Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women. Public Lecture and Post-doctoral Seminar: "Black Women's Community Work as Critique and Counter-culture." Providence, Rhode Island: Brown University, 3/10/83.
- "The Troubles We've Seen -- the Troubles We See: The Struggles of Afro-American Women." Paramus, New Jersey: Bergen Community College (Women Scholars Lecture Series), 2/23/83.
- "The Reorganization of Religion and Community: An Interpretation of the Sanctified Church, 1890-1950." New York: Union Theological Seminary (Symposium on the Black Religious Writer), 2/10/83.
- Visiting Scholar, Social Science Research Center. Public Lecture: "Going Up for the Oppressed: The History of Black Women's Community Work"; Undergraduate Lecture: "Issues and Problems in Research on Black Women"; Graduate Seminar: "Research in

- Sociology and Religion." Starkville, Mississippi: Mississippi State University, 2/1-2/83.
- "Unity and Diversity in Black Women's Urban Struggles." Gambier, Ohio: Kenyon College (Distinguished Lectureships Series), 1/25/83.
- "Walls, Mountains, and Gardens: The Foundations of a New Endurance." Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton Theological Seminary (Keynote Address, Conference on Black Women in the Ministry), 5(?) /20/83.
- "Fragments and Visions of Equality: Women's Role in the Traditional Black Churches." Memphis, Tennessee: Memphis State University (Conference on Women and Religion), 10/30/82.
- Institute Lecturer, Great Lakes Colleges Association, Women's Studies Institute ("Toward a Feminist Transformation of Curriculum"). Public Lecture: "Shreds, Shards, and Fragments: Racial Oppression and Afro-American Women"; Institute Seminar: "An Outline of Afro-American. 'Herstory'." Ann Arbor: University of Michigan, 6/24/82.
- "Black Women and Black History." Boston: Simmons College (Department of Afro-American Studies, Special Program for the Elderly), 2/28/82.
- Lecturer, "Black Women's Role in Religion: A One Day Seminar." Springfield, Massachusetts: St. John's Congregational Church, 2/20/82.
- "Qualitative Research in the Black Community." South Hadley, Massachusetts: Mount Holyoke College (Black History Month Lecture Series, Departments of Sociology and of Afro-American Studies), 2/17/82.
- Mellon Visiting Professional. Public Lecture (Black History Month Convocation): "Dangerous Women and Deviant Mothers: Black Women's Legacy of Struggle"; Undergraduate lectures: "Black Women's Role in the Feminist Movement," "Myths About Black Women in the Labor Force." Granville, Ohio: Denison University, 2/2-3/82.
- "History Makes a Difference: Black Women in America." Norton, Massachusetts: Wheaton College (Student Forum), 11/5/81.
- "Survival and Change in a Racist Society: The Dynamics of Black Women's Struggles." Ann Arbor, Michigan: University of Michigan (Great Lakes Colleges Association, Women's Studies Institute), 7/28/81.
- "Going Up for the Oppressed: Black Women and their Community Work." New York: New York University (Summer Institute in Women's Studies), 6/29/81.
- "From Slavery to Welfare: The Control of Black Women." Providence, Rhode Island: Sarah Doyle Women's Center, Brown University (Public Lecture), 4/22/81.
- "Understanding the Afro-American Religious Experience: The Realities of Slave Religion." Milton, Massachusetts: Curry College (Public Lecture), 12/4/80.
- "Adult Life Cycles and Black Women: Family, Work, and Social Change." Boston: Boston State College (Title XX Educational Program), 6/20/80.
- "The Legacy of Slavery, Revisited and Revised: The Sources of Black Family Strengths." Cambridge: Foster Grandparent Program (Black History Month Celebration), 2/21/80.
- "The Special Roles of Third World Women in the Workplace and Social Movements." Brookline, Massachusetts: Brookline High School (Seminar Day), 2/14/80.

"Black Women in American Society." Worcester, Massachusetts:  
Worcester State College (Title XX Educational Program), 5/16/79.

**Workshops, Panels**

- Presenter, "An Overview of Black History in Maine" for Black Travel Maine and Colby College. Waterville, Maine (Greene Block Studios), July 28, 2023.
- Panelist, Black Women, Community, and Black Church. Atlanta, Georgia (Remote): Celebrating the Black Church Tradition of Sankofa (Emory University/Candler School of Theology), March 11, 2021.
- Panelist, Making Sense of Chaos: A Discussion of the Political, Economic, and Social Concerns of America. Prairie View, Texas (Remote): George R. Woolfolk Division Lecture Series (Prairie View A&M University), October 20, 2020.
- Panelist, Presidential Session: Scholars Denied. Baltimore, Maryland: Eastern Sociological Society, 2/24/18.
- Panelist, "Marion Osborne Matheson: Organizations and Community." Waterville, Maine: Colby College Miller Library ("The Osborne Family of Waterville"), 2/20/18.
- Panelist, American Political Economy and the Politics of Producing Vulnerable Populations (Ethics Unit and Religion and the Social Sciences Unit). Boston, Massachusetts: American Academy of Religion, 11/20/17.
- Critic, Author-Meets-Critics: The Holocaust Across Generations: Trauma and Its Inheritance among Descendants of Survivors. Montreal, Quebec, Canada: Association for the Sociology of Religion, 8/13/17.
- Critic, Author-Meets-Critics: The Scholar Denied: W. E. B. Du Bois and the Birth of Modern Sociology. Seattle, Washington: American Sociological Association, 8/22/16.
- Critic, Author-Meets-Critics: Red State Religion: Faith and Politics in America's Heartland. New York, New York: Association for the Sociology of Religion, 8/11/2013.
- Panelist, Anthology Overview: *If I Do What Spirit Says Do*. Atlanta, Georgia (Spelman College, W.I.S.D.O.M. Center): A Legacy of Women in Transformational Ministry, 2013.
- Panelist, "Birthing Freedom: Women and the Civil Rights Movement. Chicago, Illinois: American Academy of Religion (Afro-American Religious History Group and Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr., Group), 11/19/12.
- Panelist, "Freedom Riders": Exhibition and Film Preview. Cambridge, Massachusetts (Cambridge Public Library): December 18, 2011.
- Panelist, Womanist Theological Ethics: A Reader (Ethics Section and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group). San Francisco, California: American Academy of Religion, 11/21/11.
- Panelist, Obama Administration Panel. Harlem Book Fair-C-SPAN-2 (<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/AdministrationPa>). New York, NY: 7/23/11.
- Critic, Author-Meets-Critics: Jesus, Jobs, and Justice: African American Women and Religion. Raleigh, North Carolina: Association for the Study of African American Life and History, 9/30/2010.
- Panelist. Presidential Panel-Through the Lens of Gender, Race, Sexuality, and Class. San Francisco, California: American Sociological Association, 8/9/2009.
- Panelist, "When Will We Be Able to Stop Pleading Our Case That We Are Humans?" Middle Passage: Conversations on Black Religion in the



- African Diaspora. New Haven, Connecticut: Yale University, April 4, 2008.
- Worship Leader/Liturgist, "Prophetic Voices: Celebration and Remembrance." Marquand Chapel. Yale University. New Haven, Connecticut April 3, 2008.
- Panelist, Special Interest Session: "Religious Liberty and the Separation of Church and State." Celebration of a New Baptist Covenant. Atlanta, Georgia (World Congress Center): January 31, 2008.
- Hearing Commissioner, Katrina Justice Commission, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference. Washington DC: 6/15-16/06. Houston TX: 7/27-28/06.
- Panelist, Confronting the Stained Glass Ceiling: Gender Justice in the Black Church. Harambee Student Organization and the Harvard Divinity School Black Alumni/Alumnae Network, Third Annual Charles G. Adams Lecture Series (Theme: Let Justice Roll). Cambridge, MA: Harvard Divinity School, 4/8/05.
- Moderator, Panel: African American Pentecostalism. (Symposium) Into All the World: African American Pentecostalism in Global Contexts. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Divinity School, 3/18/05.
- Critic, Author-Meets-Critics: Streets of Glory: Church and Community in a Black Urban Neighborhood. San Francisco: Association for the Sociology of Religion, 8/13/04.
- Panelist, Career Workshop: Advice on Making the Transition from Associate to Full Professor. San Francisco: American Sociological Association, 8/xx/04.
- Panelist [Faculty Panel: What Is Race? ("Race: A Human Invention With A Purpose"), Colby/Bates/Bowdoin Diversity Conference ("Mosaic: What Do You See?")]. Waterville, Maine: Colby College, 3/6/2004.
- Panelist (For Such a Time as This: The Black Church at the Crossroads), Samuel DeWitt Proctor Pastors Conference. Atlanta, Georgia: Grand Hyatt Atlanta in Buckhead (Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago IL), 2/10/2004.
- Panelist (The Re-Opening of Bessie Strong Hall and the Launching of Sisters Center for WISDOM). Atlanta, Georgia: Spelman College, 1/31/2004.
- Plenary Panelist ("Contours of Black Religious Thought and African American Political Practice"), The Faith of a Race: African American Religion and Contemporary U.S. Public Policy: A Mini-Conference. Chicago: University of Chicago (The Center for Study of Race, Politics, and Culture), 6/27/2003.
- Panelist ("Tavis Smiley Presents State of the Black Union IV, The Black Church: Relevant, Repressive or Reborn"). Detroit, Michigan: Cobo Center (Nationally Televised, C-SPAN), 2/8/2003.
- Critic, Author-Meets-Critics: Divided By Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America. Chicago: Illinois: American Sociological Association, 8/16/2002.
- Discussion Leader, Luce Fellows Conference, Association of Theological Schools; Princeton University (Center for Theological Inquiry), November 9, 2001.
- Reviewer/Respondent: Church Rebuilding Project (A Research Conference). Philadelphia, PA (Lutheran Theological Seminary), January 16-18, 2002.
- Moderator/Discussant, The Pew Program in Religion and American History: Spring Fellows Conference. New Haven, Connecticut: Yale University ("Illness, Healing, and Death"; "Ritual and Iconography"), 5/4-6/2000.

- Panelist, "Revolution, Revival, and Adaptation in a Changing Black Church." New Haven, Connecticut: Yale University (A Colloquy on Religion and Race in America), 10/7/99.
- Facilitator, "Race, Gender, and Class: Connections in the Classroom." New York, New York: New York Theological Seminary (Faculty Development Workshop), 6/25/97.
- Panelist, "The Great Divide: Race and Response to the O.J. Simpson Verdict." Cambridge, Massachusetts: Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center and the Ten Point Coalition, 10/22/95.
- Moderator, "Gender and African American Religious Studies." Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard Divinity School ("Human Rights and African-American Religious History: A Conference in Honor of Preston N. Williams"), 9/30/94.
- Reader: "The Souls of Black Folk: A Public Celebration of W.E.B. Du Bois." Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University (Department of Afro-American Studies and the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for Afro-American Research), 10/17/93.
- Respondent: "Ethical Leadership from the Black Church Tradition and Its Relation to New Religious Movements" and "Ethical Leadership and Women in the Black Church Tradition." Sermon: "Enemies in the Valley." Rochester, New York: Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Mordecai Wyatt Johnson Institute of Religion, 4/1-2/92.
- Panelist: "Careers in Teaching and Consulting in Social Science." Cambridge, Massachusetts: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, New England Board of Higher Education Role Model Network, 11/2/91.
- Focus Group Leader: "Easing the Pain: Mobilizing Religious Communities of Color to Address HIV/AIDS." Cambridge, Massachusetts: Episcopal Divinity School: Multicultural AIDS Coalition, 5/18/91.
- Workshop Leader: "Womanism and Feminism." Spirit Renewed: Women Envisioning New Directions in Covenanting. Lake Junaluska, North Carolina: Women's Conference of the Consultation on Church Union, April 28, 1990.
- Panelist: "Risking the Contradictions: Troubling the Waters." Boston, Massachusetts: Women's Theological Center Conference, April 21, 1990.
- "Traditions of Education: A Response." Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton Theological Seminary (Conference: "Educating for Justice: Three Religious Perspectives"), 5/22/89.
- Colloquy Participant: "Womanist Theology." Washington, D.C.: Howard University School of Divinity, 10/7/88.
- "'The Impossible Revolution': The Civil Rights Movement and the Public Politics of Social Change." Panelist: "1960s: It's Continuing Influence." Middletown, Connecticut (Wesleyan University): The Colby Club of Hartford, 10/15/88.
- "Family as Community Metaphor: Kinship, Political Ideology, and Afro-American Churches." Atlanta, Georgia: American Sociological Association (Luncheon Roundtable), 8/24/88.
- "Speaking of Faith and Tradition: A Response." Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton Theological Seminary (Conference-- "Gender, Race, Class: Implications for Interpreting Religious Texts"), 5/16/88.
- "Feminism, Humanism, Post Modernism: An Evaluation of the Feminist Revolution." New Brunswick, New Jersey: Rutgers University (Center for the Critical Analysis of Contemporary Culture), 3/4/87.

- Moderator and Discussant: "I Heard the Angels Singing: The Black Church in American Political History ." Boston, Massachusetts: National Council of Black Studies (Annual Conference), 3/14/86.
- Symposium Moderator: "Women's Life Stories and the Oral Tradition." Cambridge, Massachusetts: Radcliffe College (Harvard's 350th), 9/5/86.
- "Towards A Racially Equal Society and World." Providence, Rhode Island: Brown University (Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration), 4/4/85.
- "Black Women's Oral History Project: An Exhibit." New York: Schomberg Center for Research in Black Culture ("Our Lives in New York" -- Moderator), 12/13/84.
- "Celebrating Women's Lives: The Home." Cambridge: Radcliffe College, Schlesinger Library (40th Anniversary Celebration Conference-- Moderator and commentator), 3/9/84.
- Panelist: ["Thinking about the Holocaust."] Boston, Massachusetts: Seventh National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations, Spring, 1983.
- "The Parameters of Ministry: The Therapeutic." Cambridge: Harvard Divinity School (Panel--National Conference of Black Seminarians), 4/1/82.
- "Black Women's Historical Traditions." Cambridge: Cambridge Public Library (Panel--Cambridge Black Cultural and Historical Association), 2/25/82.
- "Black Women and Community Survival." Boston: University of Massachusetts (Symposium--"The Issue of Survival: The Black Community") 2/19/82.
- "Work in Progress: The Inter-University Working Group on the Intersection of Gender and Race." Wellesley: Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, 10/81.
- "Black Women's Social Movements." Framingham: Massachusetts Sociological Association (Workshop--"Women in Society"), 4/25/81.
- "Black Women and the Women's Movement." Boston: New England Women's Studies Association ("A Working Conference on Women and Racism"), 2/7/81.
- "Images of Black Professional Women." Cambridge: Black Women in Ministry (Forum--"How Shall She Preach?"), 12/6/80.
- "Black Women in the Sanctified Church." Cambridge: Black Women in Ministry (Research Report), 10/4/80.
- "Toward a Sociology of Black Women." Wellesley: Wellesley College Center for Research on Women (Seminar--"Research on Black Women: Issues and New Perspectives"), 5/22/80.
- "The School and the Family." Cambridge: Harvard University (Civic Unity Committee--Annual Seminar), 4/77.
- "Researching the Black Woman's Experience." Cambridge: The Second Berkshire Conference on the History of Women (Workshop), 10/74.
- "Special Problems of Third World Women." Boston: Northeastern University (Special Conference), 9/74.

**Professional Associations/Memberships, Activities, and Offices**

- American Sociological Association, 1971-present
- Cox, Johnson, Frazier Award Committee, 2012-2015.
- Author Meets Critic Session, The Cosmopolitan Canopy. Denver, Colorado: August 19, 2012.
- Author Meets Critics Session, God Needs No Passport: Immigrants and the Changing Religious Landscape. San Francisco: August 8, 2009.

Panelist, Presidential Panel: Through the Lens of Gender, Race, Sexuality, and Class: The Obama Family and the American Dream. San Francisco: August 9, 2009.

Organizer, Regular Session, Gender. 2008 Annual Meeting.

Du Bois, Johnson, Frazier Award Committee, 2006-2008.

Committee on Nominations, 2004-2005.\*

Religion Section Council, 2003-2005.\*

Presider, Regular Session ("Policing the Boundaries of Whiteness"), 8/6/99.

Presider, Gender, Race, and Class Regular Sessions (Identity, Nationality, and Justice; Contradictions and Controlling Images in Black Women's Lives; Crises and Conflicts at the Intersections). San Francisco, California, 8/21, 25/98.

Organizer, Regular Sessions, Gender, Race, and Class, 1998 Annual Meeting.

Council, 1995-1998\*

Committee on Professional Ethics (Council Liaison), 1995-1998.

Participant, Informal Presidential Session on the Religious Right (Amitai Etzioni, Organizer), 2/15/95.

Award Committee, Section on Sex and Gender, 1994-95.

Organizer, Regular Session, Sociology of Religion, 1995 Annual Meeting

Discussant (Women's Movements in Formal and Informal Organizations) and Presider (Culture and Historical Sociology). Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 8/23/92.

Minority Fellowship Program Committee, 1992-94.

Council Member, Section on Sex and Gender, 1989-1992\*

DuBois, Johnson, Frazier Award Committee, 1988-91 (Chair, 1990-91).

Council Member, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, 1985-88.\*

Organizer and Chair. Washington, D.C.: "Voluntary Associations," 8/85.

Discussant. San Francisco, California: "Racial Stratification and the Dynamics of Gender," 9/6/82.

Discussant. Toronto: "Research Hiatuses in Minority Relations," 8/24/81.

Participant. Los Angeles, California: Research Skills Development Institute (UCLA), 7/7-18/80.

Committee on Committees, 1984-86.\*

Dubois, Johnson, and Frazier Award Committee, 1980-82.

Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1972-2008

C. Wright Mills Award Committee, 2003-4.

Lee Founders Award Committee, 1996-98 (Chair, 1997-98).

Minority Scholar Committee, 1995-96

Vice President, 1990-91\*

Vice President-Elect, 1989-90.\*

Editorial and Publications Committee, 1987-89.\*

Discussant. San Francisco, California: "Social Networks: Racism and Sexism," 9/6/82.

Annual Meeting Program Co-Chair. Toronto, Canada: "National Issues, International Dilemmas, and the Reconstruction of Social Policy," 1980-81.

Organizer. Boston: "Roundtables on Intergroup Relations," 8/79.

Organizer and Chair. Chicago: "She Who Would Be Heard: Dilemmas of Minority Women Leaders," 8/77.

Discussant and Chair. New York: Research on Civil Rights, 8/76.

Committee on Standards and Freedom of Research, Publications, and Teaching, 1979-81.\*

Local Arrangements Committee, 1979.

Chairperson. Intergroup Relations Division, 1978-80.\*  
Eastern Sociological Society, 1971-present  
Charles V. Willie Dissertation Award Committee, 2013-14.  
Critic: Author-Meets-Critics Session. Embracing Sisterhood: Class, Identity, and Contemporary Black Women. New York: 2/22/2008.  
Presider: Paper Session -- "Racial and Ethnic Networks as Sources as Social Capital" New York, NY: February 21, 2004.  
Critic: Author-Meets-Critic Session; Panelist: "Women of Color in the Profession" (Session co-sponsored by Committee on the Profession and Committee on the Status of Minorities), Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA: March 8, 2002.  
Executive Committee (Member-at-Large), 2001-2004.\*  
Book Award Committee (Chair), 1998-99  
Vice President, 1996-97\*  
Vice President-elect, 1995-96\*  
Committee on Undergraduate Education, 1992-95.  
Nominations Committee, 1990-91  
Colloquium Papers Organizer, Baltimore: 3/89.  
Executive Committee, 1983-86.\*  
Discussant: The Socialization of Women in Religious Communities.  
Panelist: Researching the Experience of Women of Color. New York, New York, 4/4-6/86.  
Colloquium Papers Organizer, Baltimore: 3/83.  
Discussant. Philadelphia: "Contributions of Black Sociologists," 3/82.  
Discussant. Philadelphia: "Recent Research on the Black Family," 3/32.  
Panelist. Boston: "The Dilemmas of Change: Problems and Prospects for Emerging Sociologies" (Joint session--Committees on the Profession and on the Status of Minorities), 3/80.  
Discussant. New York: Contributed Papers Session, 3/77.  
Workshop Organizer and Chair. Boston: "Minority Community Research Issues," 3/76.  
Oral History Committee, 1979-80.  
Local Arrangements Committee, 1979-80.  
Committee on the Status of Minorities, 1974-77.  
Co-Chair, Committee on the Status of Minorities, 1975-76.  
Committee on the Status of Women, 1971-72.  
Massachusetts Sociological Association, 1970-1987.  
Member-at-Large (Executive Board), 1974-75.\*  
Secretary, 1975-76.\*  
Association for Humanist Sociology, 1977-1985  
Organizer, Chair, Discussant. South Bend, Indiana: "Socio-Historical Research," 10/78.  
Eastern Region Representative, Executive Board, 1980-81.\*  
Committee on Internal Structures, 1979-80.  
Association of Black Sociologists, 1971-present  
Panelist: "A History of the Association of Black Sociologists." Town Meeting. New York, New York: August 10, 2019.  
Presider, Author-Meets-Critics: Aldon Morris, *The Scholar Denied: W. E. B. Du Bois and the Birth of Modern Sociology*. Chicago, Illinois: August 21, 2015.  
Panelist, Opening Plenary: "Engaging the Global Community Through Research Teaching, and Service." Association of Black Sociologists. Las Vegas, Nevada: August 18, 2011.

Panelist, Closing Plenary: "Repositioning Race through Prophetic Research, Teaching, and Service: Race in the *Obama Era*." Atlanta, Georgia: August 13, 2010.

Awards Committee, 1999-2003.

Presider. San Francisco, California: The Church in the African American Community, 8/20/98.

Chair and Discussant. New York, New York: Organizations and Social Change, 8/17/96.

Panelist. New York, NY: "Issues of Race and Gender: Career Challenges for African American Women Faculty," 8/17/96.

Member-at-Large, Executive Committee, 1992-94\*

Discussant, Plenary Session. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: "Structural and Physical Violence," 8/20/92.

Member-at-Large, Executive Board, 1982-85.\*

Eastern Region Representative, Executive Board, 1980-81.\*

Sociologists for Women in Society, 1971-2006

Panelist. Boston: "Minority Women: What Do We Know, What Do We Need to Know?" 8/79.

Associate Editor, *Newsletter*, 1975-77.

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, 1974-86.

Panelist. Toronto, Canada: "Using Fieldwork Experience to Teach Qualitative Research," 8/25/81.

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1981-present

Nominations Committee, 2021-2022.

Convener (2 sessions): Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 28, 2011.

Organizer and Presider: Plenary Session—"The African-American Church of What's Happening Now: A Conversation with Baltimore Pastors." Baltimore, Maryland: 10/30/2010.

Executive Council, 2004-2007

Respondent: Author-Meets-Critic Session (Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, *If It Wasn't for the Women*), Columbus, Ohio: October 19, 2001

Discussant: Houston, TX: Transnational Issues in the Management of Religious Diversity: Gender, Ethnicity, and Class in the Construction of Cooperation and Conflict (Plenary Session), 10/20/00.

Panelist: Montreal, Quebec, Canada: "African American Women: The Reconstruction of Power in Religious Organizations, A Panel Discussion," 11/8/98.

Panelist: St. Louis, Missouri: Toward the Year 2000: Trends Shaping America's Religious Future, 10/27/95.

Executive Council, 1994-1997\*

Panelist: Albuquerque, New Mexico: Social Science and History Look at Mainline Religion ("Braiding and Weaving: Models Without Mainlines in African American Religious Research"), 11/5/94.

Panelist: Albuquerque, New Mexico: A Passion for Justice: The Life and Work of Marie Augusta Neal, S.N.D. ("Calling Evil by Its Right Name: Sociology as Prophecy"), 11/6/94.

Discussant. Raleigh, North Carolina: "Religion and Racial Integration: South Africa and the United States," 10/30/93.

Nominating Committee, 1991-92.

Discussant. Pittsburgh: "The Black Church: Past, Present, and Future," 11/8/91.

Respondent. Chicago: Plenary Session: "Conflict and Change in the Latin American Catholic Church" by Pedro A. Ribeiro de Oliveira, 10/29/88.

Chair and Discussant. Washington, D.C.: "Religion in Africa," 11/15/86.

Discussant. Savannah, Georgia: "Prophetic Religion in Africa," 10/26/85.

Chair and Discussant. Chicago: "Religious Belief and Experience," 10/84.

Annual Meeting Program Chair. Knoxville, Tennessee: "Religion and Justice," 11/4-6/83.

Organizer and Chair. Providence, Rhode Island: [Social Change and the Black Religious Experience], 10/27/82.

Society for the Study of Black Religion, 1981-1995\*  
Member-at-Large, Executive Committee. 1990-1994.

Reviewer (Righteous Discontent: The Women's Movement in the Black Baptist Church, 1880-1920), Atlanta, Georgia: 3/24/94.

Moderator. Chicago: "A Critical Review of Afro-American Religious Studies," 4/6/90.

Discussant. Chicago: "The Bible as Foundation for Future Meaning of the Black Religious Experience," 10/20/84.

Association for the Sociology of Religion, 1999-present  
Panelist, Abortion Legality, Morality, and Ambiguity: A Panel Discussion. Los Angeles, California: August 8, 2022.

Author Meets Critic Session: *Worship Across the Racial Divide: Religious Music and the Racial Divide* by Gerardo Marti. Denver Colorado: August 18, 2012.

Presider, Exploring Religion and Race in the New World. Washington, D.C.: 8/12/00.

(Invited Guest): Discussant and Chair, African American and Native American Issues in Religion. New York, New York: 8/16/96.

(Invited Guest): Panelist, Author Meets Critic (Nancy Ammerman, Congregation and Community), Toronto, Ontario (CANADA), 8/9/97.

United Baptist Convention of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, 1983-present  
Member, Commission on the Ministry, 2007-2018.  
Advisory Board, Congress of Christian Education, 2000-2010.  
Workshop: The Theology of the Negro Spiritual.  
Workshop: African Americans and their Bibles.  
Resolutions Committee, 1984, 1991-96 (Chair 1993-1996).  
Parliamentarian, Parent Body, 1987-2021.  
Assistant Dean, Congress of Christian Education, 1986-1994.\*  
President's Address Committee, 1988.  
Time, Place, and Preacher Committee, 1987.  
Constitution Committee, 1985.  
Instructor, Congress of Christian Education, 1984, 1985, 1991, 1995, 1996, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015.  
Keynote Speaker: "The Alarms for Today's Sleeping Prophets." Women's Auxiliary, 7/11/85.

American Academy of Religion, 1985-present  
Presider: Delores Williams' *Sisters in the Wilderness* (Orbis, 1993): Celebrating 25 Years. Denver, Colorado: November 18, 2018.  
Presider: Religion and Politics Section—International Irruptions. Atlanta, Georgia: October 31, 2010.  
Respondent: Author-Meets-Critic (Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, If It Wasn't for the Women), Denver, Colorado: November 18, 2001.  
Presider: Author Meets Critic (Andrew Manis, A Fire That You Can't Put Out: The Civil Rights Life of Birmingham's Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth), Nashville, TN: 11/20/00  
Panelist: San Francisco, CA: African Americans and the Bible, 11/23/97.

Respondent: San Francisco, CA: (Society for Biblical Literature)  
"African American Approaches to the Exodus Text or Theme,"  
11/22/97.

Panelist: Washington, D.C.: Discussion of Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham's  
Righteous Discontent: The Women's Movement in the Black Baptist  
Church, 1880-1920, 11/20/93.

Panelist: Kansas City, Missouri: "Metalogues and Dialogues: Teaching  
the Womanist Idea," 11/24/91;

Presider, (Authors Meet Critics) The Black Church in the African  
American Experience, 11/23/91.

Chair: Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, 1990-94.

Chair: Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Consultation, 1988-  
90.

Co-Chair: Afro-American Religious History Group, 1988-90.

Panelist: Anaheim, California: "Word and Women--Discussion of Feminist  
Interpretation of the Bible," 11/24/85;  
"Women's Issues in the Development of Black Religion," 11/26/85.

American Society of Church History (Invited Guest)  
Respondent: Pioneering and Leadership Efforts by Black Pentecostal and  
Holiness Women." San Francisco, California: 1/7/94.

Panelist: The Interplay of Sociology and History in the Understanding  
of Religion. 1/8/94.

American Association of University Professors, 1978-82, 1997-1999.

Advisory Board, Center for Research on Women, Memphis State University, 1981-  
1991.

Advisory Committee, Bethune Archives and Museum, Inc. Research Project  
("Black Women and the Church, A History), 1987-1990.

New England Regional Advisory Committee, Black Women's Educational Policy and  
Research Network, Center for Research on Women, Wellesley  
College, 1980-82.

Institutional Review Board, Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center, 1980-  
87.

International Advisory Board, Plowshares Institute, 1983-present.

Advisory Board, The Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History  
of Women in America, 1984-1986.

Selection Committee, The Fund for Theological Education, 1984-1995.

Affiliates Selection Committee, Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College, 1984.

Fellows Selection Committee, Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College, 1984-85.

Invited Participant, Wellesley College Center for Research on Women,  
Wellesley, Massachusetts (Minority Women's Research Seminar),  
5/14/86.

General Conference Participant, Interdenominational Theological Center,  
Atlanta, Georgia ("Research and the Black Church"), 2/23-25/88  
and 5/22-24/91.

Advisory Board, "Higher Ground," WNEV-TV, Channel Seven. Boston,  
Massachusetts, 1986-1989.

Social Science History Association: Discussant (Race, Ethnicity, and  
Feminism). Chicago, Illinois, 11/5/88.

Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History: Discussant  
(Black Clergywomen...and the African American Church). Chicago,  
Illinois, 10/27/90.

Steering Committee, Black Women in the Academy: Defending Our Name, 1894-  
1994, A National Conference (1/13-15/94).

Moderator: "Survival Strategies, Communities, and Careers: The Personal  
as Political," 1/13/94.



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- Research Advisory Committee, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation: Black Churches and Day Care Services Pilot Study Project. Washington, D.C.: 6/1/94.
- Advisory Council, Hartford Institute for Religion Research (formerly Center for Social and Religious Research), Hartford Seminary. Hartford, Connecticut: 1995-1998.
- Advisory Board, Womanist Scholars Program, Interdenominational Theological Center; Atlanta, Georgia: 1999-2000.
- Advisory Board, Sisters Chapel W.I.S.D.O.M. Center. Atlanta GA: Spelman College, 2003-2007. (Global Conference Planning Subcommittee, 9/21-24/06).
- Conference Faculty Member: Professional Development Conference ("The Scholarly Vocation and the Common Good"), Fund for Theological Education (Expanding Horizons Partnership Program), Cambridge, MA (Harvard University): June 14-16, 2002. (This activity involved two panel presentations as well as interaction with doctoral students in an advisory capacity for an entire weekend.)
- \* indicates elective office or membership

### **Current Research and Writing-In-Progress**

- The Role of Muslims in Shaping African American Christianity During Slavery
- For the Healing of the Nations: W. E. B. Du Bois and His Sociology for the American Experience
- Blessed Be the Ties that Divide? Religion, Race, and the American Story
- The Importance of the Sanctified Church in Afro-American Life, Culture, and History--1890-1960
- The Social Construction of a Religious Tradition: African-Americans and their Bibles (Book Manuscript in Progress under contract with Orbis Books - That Blessed Book: The Bible and the African American Cultural Imagination).
- Black Women and their Community Work (Book manuscript revision in progress)
- The Social Science of W.E.B. Du Bois, Zora Neale Hurston, Chancellor Williams and others (Re: Readings: Subversive Sociologies of African American Life and Culture)
- Gender, Class, and Spirituality in Contemporary Black Churches (Research Grant from Louisville Institute: 2000-2001)

### **Teaching Areas**

- Social Change and the African-American Experience (African-American Women and Social Change; African-American Women and Religion; African American Culture in the United States; African American Elites and Middle Classes; African American Religious Experience; Civil Rights, Black Power, and Social Change)
- "African American Women and Social Change" (A Syllabus). Pp. 107-117 in Virginia Powell, Editor, The Sociology of Sex and Gender: Syllabi and Instructional Materials. Washington, D.C.: The American Sociological Association, Teaching Resources Center, 1990.
- Race, Ethnicity, and Society (Sociology and the Race Problem; Civil Rights, Black Power, and Social Change)
- The Sociology of W.E.B. Du Bois
- The Sociology of Slavery
- Deconstructing Daughters of the Dust: An Exploration of African American Origins
- Sociology of Religion

Deviance and Social Control  
Social Problems  
Sociology of Work  
The Sociology of Alice Walker  
The Sociology of Martin Luther King, Jr.

**College Service (Colby College)**

Delegate, Knox College Presidential Inauguration (C. Andrew McGadney).  
Galesburg, Illinois: May 6, 2022.  
Cultural Events Committee, 2015-2020  
Delegate, Harvard University Presidential Inauguration (Larry Bacow).  
Cambridge, Massachusetts: October 5, 2018.  
Colby Undergraduate Summer Research Retreat 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015,  
2017, 2018  
Departmental Promotion Committees (Department of Government; Department  
of Art), 2018-2019  
Delegate, Swarthmore College Presidential Inauguration (Valerie Smith).  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania: October 3, 2015.  
Delegate, Fisk University Presidential Inauguration (H. James  
Williams). Nashville, Tennessee: April 11, 2014.  
Chair, Department of Sociology, 2013-2015  
Departmental Tenure Committee (Department of Art), 2013-14  
Chair, Chemistry Department Promotion Committee, 2011-2012  
Search Committee, Goldfarb Director, 2011-2012  
Committee on Standing, 2011-2012, 2013-2017  
Administrative Committee, 2011-2012  
Convenor, CBB Mellon Imagining Diaspora Group Meeting, August 25, 2011.  
Posse Retreat, February, 2011  
Tenure Reconsideration Committee, 2010-2011  
Selection Committee, Oak Institute, 2009-2011  
Committee on Promotion and Tenure, 2009-2010  
Committee on Promotion and Tenure, 2006-2007  
Diversity Oversight Committee, 2004-2007  
Chair, Interdisciplinary Studies Division, 2004-2007  
Dismissal Proceedings Committee, 2002-2005.  
Cultural Events Committee, 2002-2005  
Delegate, Brown University Presidential Inauguration (Ruth Simmons).  
Providence Rhode Island: October 14, 2001.  
Committee on Promotion and Tenure, 1995-98  
Campus Community Committee, 1994-1999  
Commission on Special Housing, 1995-1996  
Cultural Events Committee, 1997-98  
Education Program Advisory Committee, 1988-1991  
Faculty Associate, 1987-1992, 1993-1999  
Library Committee 1987-1989  
Grievance Committee, 1989-1992  
Chair, 1991-92  
Senior Scholars: Reader, 1996-97 (Heather Bend); Reader, 1995-96  
(Andrew Rice), Reader; Michelle-Nicolle Rahmings, Reader  
Sixth Semester Review, Promotion, and Departmental Tenure Committees  
Departmental Search Committees  
American Studies Program Advisory Committee, 1987-present  
Women's Studies Program Advisory Committee, 1987-1995  
Interdisciplinary Studies Programs Division, 1987-present  
Judge, Louise Coburn Prize Speaking Contest, November 30, 1995.

**Biographical Listings**

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Who's Who in the East; Who's Who Among American Women; Outstanding Young Women of America; Who's Who Among Black Americans; Who's Who in Science and Engineering; Who's Who in America.

Tuesday, May 2, 2023.