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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Doctorate of Philosophy in Religion, Temple University, 1998  
Area of Concentration: Christian, Social and Womanist Ethics
- M.A. Master of Arts in Religion, Temple University, 1995  
Area of Concentration: Comparative Religious Ethics
- M.T.S. Master of Theological Studies, Emory University, Candler School of Theology, 1993  
Areas of Concentration: Christian Social Ethics and Black Church Studies
- B.A. Bachelor of Arts, Vassar College, 1991

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Ethics and Society, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, 2008-present  
Associate Professor of Ethics and Black Church Studies, Brite Divinity School, 2006-2008  
Director of Black Church Studies, Brite Divinity School, 2005-2008  
Assistant Professor of Ethics and Black Church Studies, Brite Divinity School, 2002-2006  
Assistant Chair, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, Virginia Tech, 2001-2002  
Assistant Professor, Religious Studies Program, Virginia Tech, 1998-2002  
Junior Scholar in Residence, Vassar College, Spring 1997  
Faculty, NJ Governor's School on the Environment, Stockton College, 1994-98  
Instructor, Department of Religion, Temple University, 1992-1998

## HONORS AND AWARDS

American Academy of Religion (AAR) Teaching Excellence Award, 2007  
Texas Christian University Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher and Scholar, 2007  
Brite Divinity School Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher and Scholar, 2007  
African American Educator and Role Model Award, Alpha Kappa Sorority, Fort Worth, TX, 2006  
Fort Worth Business Press and JPMorgan Chase "2005 Great Woman of Texas: Woman of Influence Award," 2005  
NAACP Leadership Award, Texas Christian University Chapter, 2005  
Catherine Saylor Hill Faculty Excellence Award in Scholarship, Teaching, and Service, Brite Divinity School, 2004  
Louise Clark Brittan Faculty Excellence Award in Teaching, Brite Divinity School, 2004  
Wabash Teaching and Learning for African American Religion Faculty Fellow, 2002-2003  
Wabash Teaching and Learning for Undergraduate Religion Faculty Fellow, 2001-2002  
Diggs Teaching Scholar Award, Virginia Tech, 2001

College of Arts and Science Diversity Award, Virginia Tech, 2001  
Staley Lecturer of the Year, Earlham College, 2000  
Reinhold Niebuhr Dissertation Award, 1998  
Future Faculty Fellow Dissertation Completion Award, Temple University, 1997-98  
Future Faculty Fellow, Temple University, 1993-1997  
Duward Cason Baptist Fellow, Georgia Baptist Commission, 1993-1997  
American Baptist Churches Graduate Fellowship, 1994-97  
The Fund for Theological Education (FTE) Doctoral Fellow, 1994-1997  
Jack Boozer Research Scholar, 1992-1993  
Dana Foundation Scholar, 1990-1991  
Ford Foundation Scholar, 1989-1990

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### General Series Editor (Two Series)

Stacey Floyd-Thomas and Anthony B. Pinn, series editors. *Religion and Social Transformation*, New York University Press. Three volumes contracted.

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Juan Floyd-Thomas, Stephen G. Ray, N. Lynne Westfield, and Carol B. Duncan, series editors, *Making It Plain': Approaches in Black Church Studies*, Abingdon Press. Seven volumes contracted.

### Books

*Beyond the Pale: Reading Ethics from the Margins* (co-edited with Miguel De La Torre), Westminster John Knox, 2011.

*Beyond the Pale: Reading Theology from the Margins* (co-edited with Miguel De La Torre), Westminster John Knox, 2011.

*Liberation Theologies: An Introduction* (co-edited with Anthony Pinn), New York University Press, 2010.

*Black Church Studies: An Introduction*, (co-authored with Juan Floyd-Thomas, Stephen Ray, Carol B. Duncan, and N. Lynne Westfield), Abingdon Press, 2007.

*Mining the Motherlode: Methods in Womanist Ethics*, (Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2006).

*Deeper Shades of Purple: Womanism in Religion and Society*, edited anthology, (New York: NYU Press, 2006).

### Books Under Contract

*Altars Where We Worship: The Religious Significance of American Culture* (co-authored with Juan Floyd-Thomas and Mark Toulouse), Westminster John Knox.

*Exodus in America: The Unlikely Alliance between White Jews and Black Christians* (co-authored with W. David Nelson), Fortress Press.

*Making It Plain: Approaches to African American Christian Social Ethics*, (co-authored with Darryl Trimiew), Abingdon Press.

*The Westminster John Knox Dictionary of African American Religion and Thought* (co-edited with Anthony Pinn), Westminster John Knox.

### Refereed Journal Articles

Stacey Floyd-Thomas and Laura Gillman, "The Whole Story is What I'm After': Womanist Revolutions and Liberation Feminist Revelations through Biomythography and Emancipatory Historiography." *Journal of Black Theology* 3:2 (July 2005): 176-199.

Ingrid Banks and Stacey Floyd-Thomas, "Feminist and Racial Formation in Three Waves." *Black Renaissance/Renaissance Noire*. 5.2 (2004): 32-44.

"A Womanist Model for Black Leadership." *International Journal of Africana Studies*. 9.1 (2003): 1-25.

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Katherine Allen and Laura Gillman, "Interdisciplinarity as Self and Subject: Metaphor and Transformation." *Issues in Integrative Studies*, 20 (2002): 1-26.

Stacey Floyd-Thomas and Laura Gillman, "Subverting Forced Identities, Violent Acts and the Narrativity of Race: A Diasporic Analysis of Black Women's Radical Subjectivity in Three Novel Acts." *Journal of Black Studies*, 32.5 (2002): 528-56.

Stacey Floyd-Thomas and Laura Gillman, "Facing the Medusa: Confronting the Ongoing Impossibility of Women's Studies." *The Journal of International Women's Studies*, 2.2 (May 2001): 35-52.

Katherine Allen, Stacey-Floyd-Thomas and Laura Gillman, "Teaching to Transform: From Volatility to Solidarity in an Interdisciplinary Family Studies Classroom." *Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Studies* 50.4 (2001): 317-25.

Laura Gillman and Stacey Floyd-Thomas, "Con un Pie a Cada Lado/With a Foot in Each Place: *Mestizaje* as Transnational Feminisms in Ana Castillo's *So Far from God*." *Meridians* 2.1 (Nov. 2001): 158-75.

### Book Chapters

"Womanist Theology," in *Liberation Theologies: An Introduction*, ed. Stacey Floyd-Thomas and Anthony B. Pinn, (New York: NYU Press, 2010), 37-59.

"From Embodied Theodicy to Embodied Theos: Black Women's Body and Pedagogy," in *Being Black/Teaching Black*, ed. Nancy Lynne Westfield, (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2008), 125-135.

Juan Floyd-Thomas and Stacey-Floyd-Thomas "Emancipatory Historiography as Pedagogical Praxis: The Blessing and the Curse of Theological Education for the Black Self and Subject," in *Being Black/Teaching Black*, ed. Nancy Lynne Westfield, (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2008), 95-105.

“I am Black and Beautiful, O Ye Daughters of Jerusalem...’: African American Virtue Ethics and a Womanist Hermeneutics of Redemption,” in *African American Religious Life and the Story of Nimrod*, Anthony Pinn and Allen Callahan, eds., (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2007), 35-51.

“The Church Here and Now: Critical Reflections,” in *U.S. Theologies of Liberation*, ed. Miguel de la Torre, (St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2004), 59-69.

“Seeing and Being Seen: Examining the Innervations Between Race, Relationality, and Research,” in *Working Equal: Collaboration among Academic Couples*, ed. Elizabeth Creamer, (New York: Routledge, 2001), 112-122.

### Essays

“Cultivating an Ethic of Black Preaching,” *The African American Lectionary* (2011)  
<http://www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org/clergy.asp>

“Teaching for Conflict Resolution: Metaethical Case Study Analysis as a Teaching Strategy,” *Teaching Theology and Religion*, 13: 3 (2010): 254-259.

“The Problem That ‘Lies’ Within: How ‘Collegiality’ Undermines the Academy,” *Religious Studies News*, 24:4 (October 2009): 31.

“Cultivating a Pedagogy of Possibility: The Moral Wisdom and Ethical Practice of Teaching as a Vocation,” *Spotlight on Teaching Publication of the American Academy of Religion*, 24:4 (October 2009): vi and viii.

“Redemptive Difference: What Can a Black Woman Teach Me?,” *Spotlight on Teaching Publication of the American Academy of Religion*, 22:4 (October 2007): iii, xi.

### Encyclopedia Articles

“Religious Thought: Womanist,” in *Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, (Washington, DC: CQ Press, forthcoming 2010).

Juan Floyd-Thomas and Stacey Floyd-Thomas, “African American Religions,” in *Encyclopedia of American Studies*, (New York: Grolier Publishing, 2001), 51-57.

“Feminism: An Overview,” in *Encyclopedia of American Studies*, (New York: Grolier Publishing, 2001), 2: 137-141.

### **GRANTS**

“Developing A Womanist Signature Pedagogy For Educating Black Clergy,” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theological Education Mid-Career Grant, \$20,000. Awarded: December 2011. Duration: : January-December 2012

‘Stitching in the Ditch’: The Art of Teaching Womanist Moral Wisdom in a Technological Era  
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theological Education Mid-Career Grant, \$1,000.  
Awarded: August 2010. Duration: September-May 2010.

“Womanists Making a Difference in Academy, Church, and Society,” The Sister Fund, primary investigator, \$25,000. Awarded: November 2009. Duration: December 2010-March 2011.

“Returning to the Source of Womanist Theological Wisdom,” Louisville Institute Project Grant for Researchers, project director, \$25,000. Awarded: January 2010. Duration: January-December 2010.

“What Manner of Woman is This?': Womanism for the Black Church,” The Sister Fund, primary investigator, \$7,500. Awarded: November 2009. Duration: November 2009-November 2010.

“Exploring Miseducation and Embedded Theologies: Demystifying The Theological Formations Of American Cultures,” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theological Education Grant, co-investigator, Mark Toulouse, \$2,500. Awarded: October 2007. Duration: October 2007-May 2008.

“Signature Pedagogy Research Stipend Proposal,” Brite Divinity School (funded by Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theological Education Funded Grant, co-investigator, Mark Toulouse, \$6,000. Awarded: October 2007. Duration: October 2007-December 2008.

“Saving Our Souls Without Losing Our Minds: Scholars and Pastors Working Together to Redeem the Social Teachings of the Black Church,” Louisville Institute General Grant, project director, \$30,000. Awarded: October 2007. Duration: November 2007-May 2008.

“Out of Egypt, Into the Wilderness: Jewish and Black Christian Experiences of Exodus in America Manuscript Research,” Brite Faculty Summer Research Stipend, \$5000 Awarded September 2006. Duration: Summer 2007.

“Making It Plain’: Doing Theology in Black Community,” Louisville Institute General Grant, project director, \$28,000. Awarded: April 2003. Duration: May 2003-August 2006.

“Being Black/Teaching Black: An African-American Dialogue Concerning the Influences of Blackness in Theological Education Teaching Practices,” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theological Education Grant, co-investigator, Lynne Westfield, project director, \$70,000. Awarded: April 2003. Duration: September 2003-August 2005.

“*Mining the Motherlode: Introducing Methods in Womanist Ethics* Manuscript Research,” Brite Faculty Summer Research Stipend, \$5000 Awarded: September 2003. Duration: Summer 2004.

Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School Initiative Grant, “Interdisciplinary African Research Initiative,” co-investigator with Terry Kershaw. \$30,000. Awarded: February 2001. Duration: February 2001- May 2002.

Lilly Endowment Grant, “Black Religious Leadership Initiative,” co-investigator and consultant with Duane Belgrave and Juan Floyd-Thomas. Earlham College, Richmond, IN \$500,000. Awarded: January 2001. Duration: January 2001-December 2006.

“Globalizing a Religious Studies Curriculum for an Interdisciplinary Perspective,” (a non-

competitive grant) principal investigator. 2001 Workshop on Teaching and Learning for Undergraduate Religion Faculty, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Crawfordsville, IN \$5000. Awarded: March 2002. Duration: Summer 2002.

Center for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching International Faculty Fellow Grant, "Developing an Area 7 course: Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies," co-investigator with Elizabeth Creamer and Terry Kershaw. \$5000. Awarded: November 2000. Duration: May 2001-December 2001.

Center for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching International Faculty Fellow Grant, Virginia Tech. "Developing Religion in American Life," co-investigator with Juan Floyd-Thomas. \$9000. Awarded: May 1999. Duration: May 2000-December 2001.

ASPIRES Grant, Virginia Tech. "Globalizing Interdisciplinary Studies," co-investigator with Terry Kershaw. \$55,000. Awarded: December 1999. Duration: January 2000-December 2000.

Center for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching International Faculty Fellow Grant, Virginia Tech. "Developing Critical Perspectives in Global Leadership: Policies, Protocol, and Practices," co-investigator with Laura Gillman and Jerry Robinson. \$9000. Awarded: May 1999. Duration: May 1999-December 2000.

Center for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Summer Faculty Fellow Grant, Virginia Tech. "Developing an Interdisciplinary Study of Families: Facing the Challenges of the New Millennium," co-investigator with Katherine Allen and Laura Gillman. \$7092. Awarded: April 1999. Duration: July 1999-May 2000.

Center for Excellence in Undergraduate Internationalizing Mini- Grant, Virginia Tech. "Internationalizing Women, Ethics and Religion." \$1500. Awarded: November 1998. Duration: January 1999-May 1999.

Ford Foundation Research Grant, Vassar College. "Appreciating Differences as a Model for a Multicultural Education." \$3500. Awarded: May 1990. Duration: May 1990-January 1991.

Dana Foundation Research Grant, Vassar College. "The Effects of Migration on Education: Cultural Identity and Conscious among Children (ages 6-15) in the Ivory Coast." Awarded: May 1989. Duration: May 1989-August 1989.

## **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

"'We Who Believe in Freedom': A Framework for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Womanist Ethic," 2013 Black History Month and Women's Month Keynote Lecturer, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, February 1, 2013.

"The Personal is Polemical: Carrie Mae Weems and the Camera's Depiction of Race, Gender and Class," The Frist Center for Visual Arts, Nashville, TN, January 12, 2013.

"America Eats its Young: The Cause and Effects of Social Sin in the 21st Century," The Percy and Eben Pyne Lectures, Groton School, Groton, MA, May 6, 2012.

"Race-ing Religion and Engendering Sin: The Western Imagination and the Colonizing of Black

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Bodies, Minds, and Scripture,” Hannover Institute for Philosophical Research, Hannover, Germany  
October 17, 2012.

“When the Word Becomes a Double-Edged Sword: Misappropriations of Scripture and the  
Colonization of Black Bodies and Minds,” The Ecclesiological Investigations International Research  
Network, Domus Pacis, Assisi, Italy, April 19, 2012.

“When Patience is No Longer a Virtue: *Sub Rosa* Amorality in a Postmodern Era,” Geddes W.  
Hanson Lecture, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, April 9, 2012.

“Sexual Ethics, Philosophical Traditions, and Prophetic Ethical Leadership,” American Baptist  
College, New Pastor’s Institute, Nashville, TN, October 17, 2011.

“‘Everybody Talkin’ ‘bout Heaven Ain’t Going There’: Faith-Based Anti-Intellectualism, Unfaithful  
Intelligentsia, and the Challenges of Black Faith,” Mordecai Wyatt Johnson Institute of Religion  
Lectureship, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Rochester, NY, March 22, 2011.

“Facing the Principalities and Powers in Our Midst: Womanist Social Ethics in an Era of Chaos,”  
Anna Julia Cooper Lectureship, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA,  
February 2, 2011.

“From Midwives to Midrash: Jewish Feminist and Christian Womanist Musings on Cultural  
Conveyance, Cultural Memory and Survival of Religious Holocausts,” American Academy of  
Religion, Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group and Black Theology Group, Atlanta, GA,  
October 31, 2010.

“Being Aware of Your God-talk in Making It Plain,” The African American Lectionary Symposium,  
Scarritt Bennett Conference Center, Nashville, TN, October 1, 2010.

“Finding Our Place in a White/Man’s World: Race, Religion, and the Crisis of Black Women in the  
Ivory Tower,” Third Annual Global Studies Conference, Pusan National University Busan, South  
Korea, June 12, 2010.

“‘In God We Trust’: Womanism and Christian Education,” Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York,  
NY, March 8, 2010.

“Prophetic Preaching: The Ethics of Bringing Good News to the Poor,” Samuel DeWitt Proctor  
Conference, Plenary Speaker, St. Petersburg, Florida, February 23, 2010.

“Pedagogical Praxis as Knowledge Production: Best Teaching Practices for the Interdisciplinary  
Intersections of African American Religion,” African American Religion Forum, Rice University,  
February 18, 2010.

“The Moral Philosophy of Black Culture: Race, Religion, and Education,” Zan W. Holmes, Jr.  
African Heritage Lecture Series, St. Luke Community United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas,  
February 1-3, 2010.

“The Religion Major and Liberal Education: A Theological Education Perspective,” American Academy of Religion, Academic Relations Committee and Teagle Foundation Chairs Workshop, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 6, 2009.

“Teaching for Conflict Resolution: Metaethics and Case Study Analysis as Teaching Strategy,” American Academy of Religion, Teaching and Learning Committee Special Topics Forum, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 7, 2009.

“There’s a Method to the Madness: The Moral Reasoning and Methodologies of U.S. Marginalized Communities,” American Academy of Religion, Ethics Section, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 9, 2009.

“Gender, Race, and Sexual Victimization: An Ethical Analysis,” Tennessee Sex Offender Treatment Board Annual Conference, Nashville, TN, August 11, 2009.

“Media Representations of Sexual Violence across Race-Class-Gender,” Tennessee Sex Offender Treatment Board Annual Conference, Nashville, TN, August 11, 2009.

“Prophecy Womanism!: The History of the Black Women Pioneers in the Academy,” Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, February 26, 2009.

“A Womanist Agenda for Sound Homiletics” Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference, St. Petersburg, FL February 18, 2009.

“Family Matters: The Ethics of Strengthening the Black Family,” Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference, St. Petersburg, FL February 17, 2009.

“Been Here, Done That: Sub-rosa Morality and the Remaking of Theological Education,” Scott Lectures, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, Texas, February 10, 2009.

“Making a Redemptive Difference: The Permanence of Racism, the Eradication of Education and the Relevance of Religion,” Scott Lectures, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, Texas, February 10, 2009.

“Where’s the Moral Outrage?: The Demise of Race, Religion, and Education in America,” Association of Clinical Pastoral Educators, Orlando, FL, January 31, 2009.

“Are We the Ones We’ve Been Waiting For?: A Womanist Response to the Ethics of US Government Power,” The Society of Christian Ethics and the Society of Jewish Ethics, Chicago, IL, January 10, 2009.

“Presidential Politics and Religious Rhetoric: The Identity Politics of Race, Gender and Class,” American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, November 1, 2008.

“Making Room, Making Sense: Re-visioning our Fields, Re-bordering Scholarship,” American Academy of Religion, Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession and the Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession Special Topics Forum, Chicago, IL, November 1, 2008.



“The Ethics of Black Liberation Theology: Black Theology and Black Women,” Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Forum Series, New York, NY, October 20, 2008.

“Ethical Methods Of Black Preaching: An Agenda For Strengthening Black Families,” Kelly Miller Smith Institute On Black Church Studies, and The African American Pulpit Journal Presents The African American Lectionary Project Homiletics Symposium, Vanderbilt Divinity School Plenary Session, Nashville, TN, October 16, 2008.

“A Call for Women Leaders: Learning Motherwit from the Dark Side,” Association of Theological Schools, Women in Leadership Conference, Pittsburg, PA, October 4, 2008.

“I Know It When I See It’: Theorizing the Reality of Our Times and Realizing the Promise of Our Ideals,” Harvard University Divinity School, Racial-Ethnic Studies Symposium, May 15, 2008.

“Making Meaning, Weaving Stories: Jews and Blacks in America,” Joint Commission of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) Convention and Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 2, 2008.

“Hitting a Straight Lick with a Crooked Stick: Metaethics and Conflict Resolution,” Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Third Annual Katie Geneva Cannon Lectureship, March 31, 2008.

“Why, In This Land?’: Unmasking, Debunking, and Disentangling the Interlocking Forces of Oppressive Institutions and Social Sin,” Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Third Annual Katie Geneva Cannon Lectureship, March 30, 2008.

“Saving Our Souls without Losing Our Minds: Redeeming the Social Teachings of the Black Church,” Brite Divinity School, State of the Black Church Summit, Fort Worth, Texas, March 28, 2008.

“Preparing Prophets to Exorcise the Enduring Evils of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” 2008 Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Series, American Baptist College, Nannie Helen Burroughs Lecture, March 26, 2008.

“Cultivating an Ethic of Preaching,” 2008 Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Series, American Baptist College, Renita Weems Lecture, March 25, 2008.

“Exodus in America,” Invited Lecture, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel, March 11, 2008.

“Mobilization for Prophetic Social Justice Ministry: A Womanist Approach to Global Justice,” Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference, Pastors and Lay Leader Conference, February 12, 2008.

“The Cutting Edge: Womanist Understandings of Religion and Social Change in Need of Scholarship,” Invited Lecture, Medgar Evers College, Brooklyn, NY, January 28, 2008.

“In Our Mother’s Garden: Best Teaching Practices for Religion Educators,” Invited Lecture, Medgar Evers College, Brooklyn, NY, January 26, 2008.

“A Pedagogy of Possibility: A Philosophy for Teaching Christian Social Ethics,” American Academy of Religion, AAR Excellence in Teaching Award Winner’s Special Topics Forum, San Diego, CA, November 18, 2007.

“Womanist Epistemologies: A Process in the Making,” American Academy of Religion, Womanist Consultation, San Diego, CA, November 17, 2007.

“What’s Going On?: The Permanence of Racism, the Eradication of Education, and the Relevance of Religion,” Willson Lecture, Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, Texas, October 16, 2007.

“What Happens When All the Blacks are Men and All the Women are White...And Some of Us Aren’t Brave: Race, Religion, Education, and the Crisis of New Black Women’s Leadership,” Gender and Beyond Conference, Gender Awareness in Language education- Japanese Association for Language Teaching (GALE-JALT), October 7, 2007.

“Every Breath You Take....I’ll Be Watching You: Modernization and the Making of Racialized Minds and Forsaken Souls,” Biennial Meeting of the Collegium for African American Research (CAAR), Madrid, Spain, April 18, 2007.

“Womanist Ethics Re-imagining a World of Hope and Justice,” Invited Lecture, Women’s Week, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, March 27, 2007.

“The Genealogy of Womanist Thought,” Society for the Study of Black Religion, Fort Worth, Texas, March 22, 2007.

“The Study of Religion and Diversifying Our Knowledge Production,” Second Annual Black Church Studies Forum, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN, February 2, 2007.

“Why Bother?: Making a Redemptive Difference as Marginalized Black Religious Scholars,” American Academy of Religion, Status of Racial Ethnic Minorities Special Forum, Washington DC, November 18, 2006.

“Publishing for Posterity: Debunking the Myths of Publishing,” American Academy of Religion, Womanist Approaches on Religion and Society Consultation, Philadelphia, PA, November 16, 2006.

“Redeeming Our Past and Restoring Our Hope: The Future Trajectory of Ethics,” Invited Lecture, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, October 3, 2006.

“The Contours of Black Church Studies: An Interdisciplinary Enterprise,” Inaugural Black Church Studies Forum, Emory University, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA, February 1, 2006.

“From Embodied Theodicy to Embodied Theos: Black Women’s Body and Pedagogy,” American Academy of Religion, Womanist Approaches on Religion and Society Group, Philadelphia, PA, November 20, 2005.

“The Tales We Tell and the Blues We Live: Mannish and Womanish Insights in Hurston’s *Their Eyes Were Watching God*,” 2005 Humanities Symposium, Loyola College, Baltimore, MD, March 2, 2005.

“*I am Black, and Beautiful, O Ye Daughters of Jerusalem...*: African American Virtue Ethics and Womanist Biblical Interpretation,” Biennial Meeting of the Collegium for African American Research (CAAR), University of Tours, France, April 24, 2005.

“Reading and Writing Even When the Lights Are Out’: Womanist Mentoring from an Assistant Professor’s Perspective,” American Academy of Religion, Womanist Approaches on Religion and Society Group, San Antonio, Texas, November 19, 2004.

“Emancipatory Historiography as Pedagogical Praxis: The Blessing and the Curse of Theological Education for the Black Self and Subject,” American Academy of Religion, Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section, San Antonio, Texas, November 23, 2004.

“Cultivating an Ethic and Identity of Christian Freedom,” Inaugural Speaker, Claremont School of Theology, Fall Ministry Convocation and Inaugural Service of Lincoln Galloway, Asst. Professor of Homiletics and New Testament Studies, Claremont, CA, October 27, 2003.

“Race-ing Forward and Engendering Justice: The Teachings of Womanist Christian Social Ethics,” Inaugural Address, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, Texas, October 14, 2003.

“The Role of Education in the Black Church,” Invited Panelist, Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) Certificate in Theology Program, New Bethel Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, September 11, 2003.

“The Whole Story is What I’m After’: Womanist Revolutions and Liberation Feminist Revelations through Biomythography and Emancipatory Historiography,” National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA), New Orleans, Louisiana, June 17, 2003.

“Unspeakable Things Spoken: A Review of Marcia Riggs’ *Plenty Good*, Society for the Study of Black Religion, Washington D.C., March 27, 2003.

“Delving Deeper Shades of Purple: Second Generation Womanists Negotiating Stranger to Stranger Hospitality,” American Academy of Religion, Womanist Approaches to Religion Group, Toronto, ON, Canada, November 24, 2002.

“Black Feminism as Politics of Location versus Identity Politics: The Integration of Black Consciousness into Family Science Research on Black Women,” National Council of Family Relations, Houston, Texas, November 19, 2002.

“Towards an Inclusive Women’s Studies: Unpacking Institutionalized Racism,” National Women’s Studies Association 2001 Conference, Minneapolis, MN, June 15, 2001.

“Bounded Cultures: Racial Alibis, Illusive Identities, and the Politics of Desire,” National Women’s Studies Association 2001 Conference, Minneapolis, MN, June 15, 2001.

“A Womanist Model for Black Leadership,” 21<sup>st</sup> Century Black Studies Symposium, Virginia Tech, Roanoke, VA, May 26, 2001.

“Subverting Forced Identities, Violent Acts and the Narrativity of Race: An African Diasporic Analysis of Black Women's Experiences in Literary Texts,” Collegium for African American

Research: 2001 Biennial Conference, "Crossroutes: The Meanings of Race for the 21st Century," Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy, March 24, 2001.

"Metaethical Subversions: Race, Gender, and Women's Studies in a Postmodern Era," Centre for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies, "Gendering Ethics/The Ethics of Gender: An International Interdisciplinary Conference," University of Leeds, Leeds, UK, June 22, 2000.

"With Head and Heart: What Should Our Response Be to the Health Crises in Africa," Earlham College, Richmond, IN, February 17, 2000.

"God, Race, and Generation X: Race, Gender, and the War Between Religion and Education," Earlham College, Richmond, IN, February 16, 2000.

"*Para la Lucha* and for the People: Merging the Consciousness of Womanist and Mujerista Moral Discourses," American Academy of Religion, Womanist Approaches to Religion Group, Boston, MA, November 19, 1999.

"Who's Zoomin' Who?': A Womanist Unmasking of Mas(k)ulinity in Drag," Popular Culture/American Cultural Association, Mid-Atlantic Annual Meeting, Valley Forge, PA, November 7, 1999.

"My Soul Looks Back and Wonders: Ethical Reflections of a Post-Civil Rights Generation," Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Detroit, MI, October 8, 1999.

"Doing Ethics: Metaethical Ethnography as a Means to an End," American Academy of Religion, Social Science Section, Orlando, FL, November 18, 1998.

"Postmodern Theory and Womanist Religious Discourse: An Uneasy Intersection," Northeast Feminist Ethics Consultation, Cambridge, MA October 17, 1998.

"Finding the Goddess in the Masses: A Formative Meta-ethnography Methodology for Women Scholars in Religion," American Academy of Religion, Women and Religion Section, San Francisco, CA, November 1997.

"Racial Bodies and Forsaken Souls: A Womanist Ethical Investigation of Black Women at Seven Sister Colleges," American Academy of Religion, Ethics Section, San Francisco, CA, November 1997.

"Romancing the Body: Investigating Alice Walker's Challenge to the Hegemonic Legacy of Mammies and Whores," Seventh National American Women Writers of Color Conference, Salisbury State University, Salisbury, MD, October 1997.

"Consumerizing Souls, Spiritualizing Bodies: The Auspicious Nature of Postmodernity," Body and Soul Graduate Student Conference, Emory University, March 1997.

"Redeeming Rage: Black Women's Writings on Domination, Location, and Representation," Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, February 1997.

"The Ethics of Responsibility," National Black Graduate Student Conference, Claremont, CA, May 1996.

“Divergent Contexts in Shared Spaces: A Womanist Methodology for Comparative Philosophy of Religion,” the Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD, March 1996.

“The Metaethics of Black Religiosity,” 1995 Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Philadelphia, PA, October 1995

“The Narrativity of Blackness in Biblical Texts,” 1995 Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference, Philadelphia, PA, October 1995.

“Womanist Constructive Ethics and Literary Tradition: The Lifework of Alice Walker,” Zora Neale Hurston Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, June 1994.

“An Invisible Solidarity: A Womanist Ethical Response to Female Genital Circumcision in Africa,” Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New York, NY, March 1994.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### Vanderbilt University Divinity School

Ethics and Society  
 Feminist-Womanist-Mujerista Theological Ethics  
 Womanist Theological Ethics  
 Womanist Literature as a Resource for Constructive Ethics  
 Theology and Ethics in America  
 African American Social Ethics  
 Ethics in Theological Perspectives  
 Moral Philosophy of Black Popular Culture  
 Liberation Ethics  
 Senior Integrative Seminar  
 Womanist Theology and Ethics in Praxis

### Brite Divinity School

Christian Social Ethics  
 Contemporary Theological Ethics  
 Feminist Theology and Ethics  
 African American Experience in Social Ethics  
 Womanist Theology and Ethics  
 God-Talk with Black Thinkers  
 The Ethics of Black Theology  
 African American Sacred Moral Rhetoric and the Ethics of Black Preaching  
 Introduction to Black Church Studies  
 Biblical Ethics: Jewish/Black Biblical Interpretation of Exodus  
 Sociology of the Black Family (Graduate Independent Study)  
 Theology and Ethics of Anger (Graduate Independent Study)  
 Feminist Biblical Ethics (Graduate Independent Study)  
 Virtue Ethics and Reconciliation(Graduate Independent Study)

Utopianism and Constructive Theological Ethics (Graduate Independent Study)

Virginia Tech

Religious Ethics  
Religion and the Modern World  
Women, Ethics, and Religion  
Religion in American Life  
The Black Church in America  
Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies  
Critical Perspectives in Global Leadership  
Black Women in the U.S.  
Interdisciplinary Study of Families  
Metaethics and Conflict Resolution  
Exploring the Liberal Arts: Research Methods in Interdisciplinary Studies

Temple University

Racial Justice: Obedience and Revolt  
Feminist Liberation/Womanist Ethics  
Women in Religion and Society  
World Religions  
African American Religion(s)  
Religion in America

New Jersey Governor's School

Geopolitics of Space: Environmental Ethics

Emory University, Candler School of Theology

History of Christian Thought (Teaching assistant)

**RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Theologian-in-Residence, Friendship West Baptist Church, 2008-present  
Pastoral Counselor, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA, 1997-98  
Pastoral Counselor, Society for Helping (Deaf & Hearing), Philadelphia, PA, 1993-95  
Multicultural Trainer, Atlanta, GA, 1992-93  
Clinical Chaplain, Crawford Long Hospital, Atlanta, GA, 1991-92  
National Youth Director, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Corpus Christi, Texas, 1987-91

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Executive Director, Society of Christian Ethics, 2011-present  
Co-founder, Society of Race, Ethnicity and Religion (SRER)  
Co-chair, AAR, Ethics Section, 2009-present  
Editorial Board, Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Religion (JRER) 2010-present

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Editorial Board, Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics, 2009-2011  
Facilitator, African American Lectionary Team Member, 2008-present  
Member, AAR Centennial Celebration Committee, 2008-2009  
Programming Committee, Society of Christian Ethics, 2008  
Steering Committee, AAR Status of Women in the Profession, 2005-2011  
Nominations Committee, Society of Christian Ethics, 2005  
Steering Committee, Society of Christian Ethics, African American Interest Group, 2004-2011  
Steering Committee, Society of Christian Ethics, African American Working Group, 2004-2011  
Executive Director and Co-founder, Black Religious Scholars Group, 1996-present  
Co-Chair, AAR, Ethics Section, 2007-present  
Co-chair, AAR, Black Theology Group, 2002-2008  
Steering Committee, AAR, Black Theology Group, 1999-2008  
Editorial Board, *International Journal of Africana Studies*, 2001-2006  
Steering Committee, Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society, 2000-2008  
Religious Studies Book Reviewer, Routledge Press, 2001

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### Vanderbilt University

Academic Programs, 2013  
Lilly Theology and Practice Steering Committee 2010-2011  
University Senate, 2009-2011  
Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Faculty Senate Subcommittee, 2009-2010  
VDS Admissions Committee, 2008-2009  
Black Church Studies Advisory Board, 2008-present

### Brite Divinity School

Member, Ph. D. Committee, 2006-2008  
Member, Ad-hoc Curriculum Coordinating Committee, 2004-2008  
Member, Racial, Ethnic, and Global Studies Committee, 2002-2006, 2008  
Advisor, Black Seminarians Union, 2002-2008  
Member, Dean's Inauguration Planning Committee, 2005  
Member, Dean's Search Committee, 2004-2005  
Member, Master's Committee, 2002-2004  
Member, Presidential Inauguration Planning Committee, 2003

### Virginia Tech University

Chair, Women's Studies Faculty Development Workshop, 1999-2002  
Chair, Dean's Task Force on Interdisciplinarity, 1998-2002  
Member, Black Studies Executive Committee, 1998-2002  
Member, Women's Studies Advisory Committee, 1998-2002  
Member, CIS Diversity Committee, 1998-2001

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Academy of Religion(AAR)  
Black Religious Scholars Group (BRSG)  
Society of Christian Ethics (SCE)  
Society of Race, Ethnicity and Religion (SRER)  
Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group  
Collegium of African American Research (CAAR)  
Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASALH)  
National Council of Black Studies (NCBS)  
Society for the Study of Black Religion (SSBR)