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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Systematic Theology Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY

M.Div. Theology & Culture Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA

B.A. English & AAS Colgate University, Hamilton, NY

Academic Appointments

2022 Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Religion and African American Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
2021 Professor of Religion and African American Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
2021 Core Faculty, Institute of African Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
2005 Associate Professor of Religion and African American Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
2001 Assistant Professor of Religion and African American Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
2001 Associated Faculty, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
1998 Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA
1997 Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Africana Religious Studies; African North American and Anglophone Caribbean Christian Thought; Religion in Africa and the African Atlantic World/Diaspora; Womanist Thought; Gender and Religion; Religious Studies Theory/Method & Decolonial Perspectives

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Authored Books

2022 *Obeah, Orisa, and Religious Identity in Trinidad, Volume II, Orisa: Africana Nations and the Power of Black Sacred Imagination*, [Duke University Press](#) (340 pages)
2020 *Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage*, [Seal Press](#), (326 pages)
2005 *Three Eyes for the Journey: African Dimensions of the Jamaican Religious Experience*. New York: [Oxford University Press](#) (332 pages)

Co-edited Books

- 2026 Dianne M. Stewart and Theophus H. Smith, eds., *Art as Sanctuary: Conjuring an Africana Aesthetic*, by Michael D. Harris, [Duke University Press](#), (256 pages)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2016 “Rethinking Indigenous Africana Sources of Womanist-Feminist Activisms in the 21st Century,” *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion* Vol. 7, Issue 1.4 (July 2016): 1-29
- 2013 “Matricentric Foundations of Africana Women’s Religious Practices of Peacemaking, Sustainability, and Social Change,” *Bulletin of Ecumenical Theology* Vol. 25 (2013): 61-79
- 2013 “Africana Religious Studies: Toward a Transdisciplinary Agenda in an Emerging Field,” co-authored with Tracey E. Hucks, *Journal of Africana Religions* Vol. 1, no. 1 (January 2013): 28-77
- 2007 “Collecting on Their Investments One Woman at a Time: Economic Partnerships Among Caribbean Immigrant Women in the United States,” *International Journal of African Renaissance Studies* Vol. 2, no. 1 (July 2007): 35-57
- 2005 “African-Derived Religions in Jamaica: Polyvalent Repertoires of Culture and Identity in the Black Atlantic,” *Contours: A Journal of the African Diaspora* Vol. 3, no. 2 (Fall 2005): 74-112
- 2004 “Womanist God-Talk on the Cutting-Edge of Theology and Black Religious Studies: Assessing the Contribution of Delores Williams,” *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* Vol. 58, nos. 3-4 (Fall 2004): 65-83
- 2004 “Womanist Theology in the Caribbean Context: Critiquing Culture, Rethinking Doctrine and Expanding Boundaries,” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* Vol. 20, no.1 (Spring 2004): 61-82
- 2003 “Authenticity and Authority in the Shaping of Trinidad Orisha Identity: Toward an African-Derived Religious Theory,” co-authored with Tracey E. Hucks, *Western Journal of Black Studies*, Vol. 27, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 176-185

Peer-Reviewed Invited Articles

- 2025 “Kalunga Crossings: Waterscapes of Terror and ‘Teachment’ in the African Atlantic World,” co-authored with Tracey E. Hucks, *Yale Journal of Music and Religion*, Vol. 11, no 2 (Winter 2025): 58-67; 75-76
- 2023 “African Archives in the Caribbean: The Yoruba Tradition, Cultural Experts and the Unmaking of Religious Knowledge in Twentieth-Century Trinidad,” *History and Anthropology*, Vol. 34, no. 5 (2023): 779-800 (Special Issue on “Sites, Knowledge Exchange, and the Making of Religion in Southeast Asia and the Caribbean”)
- 2013 “Las religiones heredadas del África central en el contexto jamaicano: Del Myal al Kúmina” *Del Caribe* Vol. 60 (2013): 44-54 (Translated by Dr. Carlos Lloga)
- 2000 “Rethinking Gospel and Culture: A Womanist Theological Assessment of Methodist Evangelism in the Colonial British West Indies,” in *Quarterly Review* Vol. 20, no. 2 (Summer 2000): 140-154

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

- 2026 "Editors' Introduction: Michael D. Harris, Cultural Theorist of Africana Identity, Art, and Spirituality," *Art as Sanctuary: Conjuring a Black Aesthetic*, co-authored with Theophus H. Smith, xvii-xxv
- 2019 "The Orisa House that Afro-Catholics Built: Africana Antecedents to Yoruba Religious Formation in Trinidad," *Afro-Catholic Festivals in the Americas: Performance, Representation, and the Making of Black Atlantic Tradition*, edited by Cécile Fromont, 140-162. Africana Religions Book Series, The Pennsylvania State University Press
- 2018 "Kumina: A Spiritual Vocabulary of Nationhood in Victorian Jamaica," *Victorian Jamaica*, edited by Wayne Modest and Tim Barringer, 632-659. Durham, NC: Duke University Press
- 2015 "Orisha Traditions in the West," *African Indigenous Religious Traditions in Local and Global Contexts: Perspectives on Nigeria, A Festschrift in Honour of Jacob K. Olupona*, edited by David O. Ogungbile, 333-352. Lagos: Malthouse Press (reprinted from *The Hope of Liberation in World Religions*, edited by Miguel A. De La Torre, 239-256. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2008)
- 2014 "Religious Pluralism and African American Theology," *The Oxford Handbook of African American Theology*, edited by Katie Cannon and Anthony Pinn, 331-350. New York, NY: Oxford University Press
- 2013 "Visitation: The Legacy of African-Derived Religions in Jamaica," *Caribbean Cultural Thought: From Plantation to Diaspora*, edited by Yanique Hume and Aaron Kamugisha, 509-553. Kingston: Ian Randle Press (reprinted from Dianne M. Stewart, *Three Eyes for the Journey*, chapter four, 139-187)
- 2008 "Orisha Traditions in the West," *The Hope of Liberation in World Religions*, edited by Miguel A. De La Torre, 239-256. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press
- 2006 "Dancing Limbo: Black Passages Through the Boundaries of Place, Race, Class, and Religion," *Deeper Shades of Purple: Womanist Approaches in Religion and Society*, edited by Stacey Floyd-Thomas, 82-97. New York: NYU Press
- 2006 "Indigenous Wisdom at Work in Jamaica: The Power of Kumina," *Indigenous Peoples' Wisdom and Power: Affirming Our Knowledge Through Narratives*, edited by Ivy Goduka and Julian Kunnie, 127-142. London: Ashgate Publishers
- 2001 "Christian Doctrines of Humanity and the African Experience of Evil and Suffering: Toward a Black Theological Anthropology," *The Ties that Bind: African American and Hispanic American/Latino/a Theologies in Dialogue*, edited by Anthony Pinn and Benjamin Valentin, 169-183; "Response," 200-202. New York: Continuum Publishing Group

Intellectual Biographies, Pedagogical and Encyclopedic Essays, Entries

- 2026 "Delores S. Williams (1934-2022)," *T&T Clark Handbook of Modern Theology*, edited by Phil Ziegler and R. David Nelson, 877-82. London: [Bloomsbury T&T Clark](#)
- Accepted Entry on "Diaspora," *Africana Religions in America and the Challenge(s) of History*, Judith Weisenfeld, Alexis Wells-Oghoghomeh, Vaughn Booker, and Ahmad Greene-Hayes eds., University of Chicago Press, (Entire Volume Under Review)

- 2020 "[Communities as Classrooms](#)," (Excerpt from, Dianne M. Stewart, "A Feminist Pedagogical Vision," in ed., Christopher Vecsey, *Women and Religion, Philosophy and Feminism: The Colgate Heritage in Honor of Professors Marilyn Thie and Wanda Warren Berry*, Colgate University Press, 2019, 53-63)
- 2019 "A Feminist Pedagogical Vision," in *Women and Religion, Philosophy and Feminism: The Colgate Heritage in Honor of Professors Marilyn Thie and Wanda Warren Berry*, edited by Christopher Vecsey, 53-63. Colgate University Press
- 2018 Entry for George Baxter Print, "The Ordinance of Baptism as administered by the missionaries connected with the Baptist Missionary Society to 135 persons near Brown's Town, in Jamaica, 1843," *Victorian Jamaica*, edited by Wayne Modest and Tim Barringer, 71-74. Durham, NC: Duke University Press
- 2006 "Women in African Caribbean Religious Traditions," *Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America*, edited by Rosemary Skinner Keller and Rosemary Radford Ruether, 116-126. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press
- 2005 "African American Religion: History of Study," co-authored with Tracey E. Hucks, *Encyclopedia of Religion*, Volume 1, 2nd edition, edited by Lindsay Jones, 73-83. Detroit, MI: Macmillan
- 2001 "African-Derived Religions," in *Encyclopedia of African & African-American Religion*, edited by Stephen D. Glazier, 21-22. Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Reference Works/Routledge
- 2001 "African-Derived Religions in Jamaica," in *Encyclopedia of African & African-American Religion*, edited by Stephen D. Glazier, 165-169. Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Reference Works/Routledge

Works in Progress

-BOOKS

Under Preparation, "Local and Transnational Legacies of African Christianity in West-Central Africa and the Black Atlantic World," (Book Manuscript requested by Cambridge University Press)

-ARTICLES

Accepted/under revision, "She Never Had Time to Sing Spirituals: Discretion, Opacity and the Fallacy of the Christian Slave Past in African American Religious Studies Discourse," *Black Theology: An International Journal*, 39 ms pages

Accepted/under revision "Kimpa Vita and Kimbangu's Children: The Legacy of Resistance in Revealed Religions of the Lower Congo," *Journal of Religious Thought*, 36 ms pages

Under Preparation, "Parting with the 'Burden of Black Religion:' Cognitive Science and the Study of Africana Religious Cultures," 31 ms pages

Roundtables

- 2019 "The Matri-archive: A New Portal to Knowledge Production in African Studies," Roundtable on Laura Grillo's Book: *An Intimate Rebuke: Female Genital Power in Ritual and Politics in West Africa*, *Journal of Africana Religions*, Vol. 7, no. 2 (2019): 310-315

- 2010 “The Limits of Theology: Notes from a Theographer,” Roundtable Discussion on Anthropology and Theology, *Practical Matters: A Transdisciplinary and Multimedia Journal of Religious Practices and Practical Theology*, Issue 3: (Spring 2010): 7-9
- 2006 Roundtable Respondent to Andrea Smith, “Dismantling the Master’s Tools with the Master’s House: Native Feminist Liberation Theologies,” in *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* Vol. 22, no. 2 (Fall 2006): 103-107

Book Reviews

- 2008 Patrick Bellegarde-Smith, ed: “*Fragments of Bone: Neo-African Religions in a New World*,” in *New West Indian Guide*, Vol. 82, no. 1 & 2 (2008): 118-121
- 2000 “Wallace W. Zane: *Journeys to the Spiritual Lands: The Natural History of a West Indian Religion*,” in *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, Vol. 7 no. 5 (November 2000): 502-504
- 2000 “Nathaniel Samuel Murrell, William David Spencer and Adrian Anthony McFarlane: *Chanting Down Babylon: The Rastafari Reader*,” in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Vol. 68 no. 2 (Summer 2000): 433-436
- 1999 “Roger Sawtelle: *The God Who Relates*,” in *The African Methodist Episcopal Church Review* CXIV #373 (January-March 1999): 46-50

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, HONORS

- 2025 Guggenheim Fellowship (selected for the 100th class of 198 fellows out of nearly 3,500 applicants)
- 2024 Diamond Award, Recipient within the category of Education: Excellence in Higher Education [Academia-Professor], Philanthropic, Humanitarian & Community Engagement
- 2023 Faculty Award for Inclusive Excellence in the Humanities, Laney Graduate School, Emory University
- 2022 Black Interfaith Fellowship Program, Interfaith Youth Core/Funded by the Henry Luce Foundation
- 2021 Emory University Chronos Faculty Fellowship/Funded by the Abraham J. & Phyllis Katz Foundation
- 2021 [Kirkus, Best Books of 2020: Black Life in America](#)
- 2021 Martin Luther King, Jr. Collegium of Scholars at Morehouse College
- 2021 Longlisted, History Category, Georgia Writers Association Author of the Year Award, *Black Women, Black Love: America’s War on African American Marriage*
- 2020 [Kirkus Star](#), *Black Women, Black Love: America’s War on African American Marriage*
- 2020 [Library Journal Star](#), *Black Women, Black Love: America’s War on African American Marriage*
- 2020 [KQED Forum – Favorite Books of 2020](#), *Black Women, Black Love: America’s War on African American Marriage*
- 2019 Emory Center for Faculty Development & Excellence (CFDE), The OpEd Project Workshop – Write to Change the World
- 2019 Emory University Williams Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award
- 2017 The Bill and Carol Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry Senior Fellowship, Emory University
- 2016 PERS Grant, Emory College of Arts and Sciences (archival research Gullah Religious Traditions)
- 2016 Eleanor Main Graduate Faculty Mentor Award, Laney Graduate School, Emory University
- 2016 CFDE Engaged Learning Program Grant, Emory University
- 2016 Center for Creative Arts Grant, Emory University
- 2013 Emory College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Advising Award
- 2012 American Academy of Religion, Collaborative Research Assistance Grant (Trinidad & England)
- 2011 Woodruff Presidential Faculty Research & Travel Grant (DR Congo & England), Emory College
- 2009 Woodruff Faculty Resource Grant, Emory College

- 2008 ICIS Faculty International Travel Grant (England), Emory College
- 2006 Fulbright Scholar, Democratic Republic of Congo (17 months)
- 2006 ICIS Faculty International Research Grant, Emory College
- 2005 Massee-Martin Teaching Consultation Grant (with Dr. Regine Jackson), Emory College
- 2005 ICIS Faculty International Travel Grant, Emory University (Jamaica & Trinidad)
- 2003 ICIS Faculty International Travel Grant, Emory University (Trinidad)
- 2002 Massee-Martin Teaching Consultation Grant (with Dr. Frances Foster), Emory College
- 2001 University Teaching Fund, Emory University (Collaborative Gullah Project with Dr. Tracy Rone)
- 1999 American Academy of Religion, Collaborative Research Assistance Grant (Jamaica)
- 1999 Hewlett Mellon Grant, Holy Cross College (Trinidad & Tobago)
- 1999 Hewlett Mellon Grant, Holy Cross College, Educational Technology Web Site SETA Program
- 1998 Research and Publication Faculty Fellowship, College of the Holy Cross (Trinidad & Tobago)
- 1998 Wallace Faculty Research Grant, Macalester College (Nigeria)

Union Theological Seminary

- 1997-98 Robert Wood Lynn Fellowship
- 1996-97 Daniel Day Williams Fellowship
- 1994-97 The Roothbert Fund Fellowship
- 1994-95 The Fund for Theological Education Black North American Doctoral Fellowship: *A Troubling In My Soul* Womanist Award
- 1995-97 The Fund for Theological Education Black North American Doctoral Fellowship
- 1994-97 The United Methodist Women of Color Doctoral Fellowship

SELECT SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Plenary Addresses (Invited)

- 2025 “‘Flesh-and-Blood Theologies’ and *Nation-al* Legacies of African Heritage Religions in the Black Diaspora,” Plenary Speaker, Society for the Study of Theology, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK, April 9
- 2016 “Whispers of Obeah and the Intellectual Habit of *Listening*: One Scholar’s Path to Rethinking African Heritage Religions in the Diaspora,” National Conference on Undergraduate Research, University of North Carolina Asheville, Asheville, NC, April 7-9
- 2015 “From Syncretism to Social Belonging: Rethorizing Tradition and Innovation in African Heritage Religious Cultures of the Caribbean and the Americas,” XXI World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, Erfurt, Germany, August 23-29
- 2012 “Rethinking Indigenous Africana Sources of Womanist-Feminist Activisms in the Twenty-First Century,” African and Diasporic African Women in Religion and Theology Conference, Legon, Ghana, July 8-12

Keynote Addresses (Invited)

- 2024 “Kalunga Crossings: Waterscapes of Terror and ‘Teachment’ in the African Atlantic World,” Ecologies Environmentalisms, and the Black Sacred Arts, Institute of Sacred Music, Yale University, New Haven, CT, May 13-15 (Part II of a joint keynote address with Dr. Tracey E. Hucks)

- 2023 “Forbidden Black Love: My Quest to Understand America’s Unrecognized Civil Rights Issue,” Research Week, Howard University, Washington, DC, April 11
- 2022 “What’s Black Love Got to Do with It? Expanding the Terrain of Social Justice Activism, Howard University Social Justice Consortium,” Social Justice Week, Howard University, Washington, DC, October 21
- 2017 “‘The *Nationality* There is Methodist:’ The Black Church and Other Africana Religious Structures of *Nation-building*,” W. E. B. Du Bois Lecture, Africana and Latin American Studies Program, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY October 26
- 2017 “The Varieties of Black Women’s Spirituality: Africana Matricentric Consciousness and Practice,” James A. Gray Lecture, Winston-Salem State University, Winston Salem, NC, March 9
- 2001 “Many in One/Many and One,” Emory University, Candler School of Theology, Women’s Week Plenary Seminar, Atlanta, GA, October
- 1998 “From Africa to America and We are Not Saved,” 22nd Pan-African Student Leadership Conference, Mankato State University, Mankato, MN, February

Featured Scholar/Dedicated Scholarly Panels

- 2024 Distinguished Speaker, Ife Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS) International Women’s Day Symposium: “Women Scholars: Breaking Barriers, Changing Societies,” Ife, Nigeria, March 8
- 2023 “Africana Religious Studies” Ten Years Later: Reflections on a Field-Changing (and Field Defining) Essay, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio Texas, November 19

The phrase “Africana Religious Studies” invokes multiple things all at once. It raises the question of diaspora(s), calls our attention to the ways that blackness moves across the globe. But, in this case, “Africana” isn’t merely a modifier. It also articulates a different approach to what “religion” is or might be; it offers a different genealogy and calls for different questions. Enter Tracey Hucks and Dianne Stewart. Ten years ago, these two powerful thinkers set out to shape and develop a field. They wrote an essay entitled “Africana Religious Studies”; in this essay, they laid the groundwork for a new research agenda in ARS. On this ten-year anniversary of “Africana Religious Studies,” this roundtable panel seeks to consider the new directions of and for scholarship that Hucks and Stewart’s groundbreaking essay opened and opens. The panelists will provide brief reflections on how Stewart and Hucks’s article has helped to shape and expand their research.

- 2022 Respondent, “*Honoring the Scholarship, Sisterhood, and Scholastic Legacy of Dianne M. Stewart and Tracey E. Hucks*,” Sponsored by the African Diaspora Religions Unit and Cosponsored by the Women’s Caucus, the Critical Theory and Discourse on Religion Unit, the Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit, the Black Theology Unit, the Liberation Theologies Unit, the North American Religions Unit, the Women and Religion Unit, the Afro-American Religious History Unit, the African Religions Unit, and the Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching and Activism Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 21

Invited Lectures

- 2026 Book Talk: "The History of Forbidden Black Love in America," Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies, University of South Africa (UNISA), May 26, 2026
- 2025 Book Talk: "*Obeah, Orisa, and Religious Identity in Trinidad*: Genealogies of Lived Religion and Public Religion," The Africa Institute Faculty Seminar Series, Global Studies University, United Arab Emirates
- 2025 "Echoes of Black Theology and Womanist God-Talk in Trinidad's Yoruba-Orisa Religion, from Post emancipation to Post-Black Power," The James Cone Lecture, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, April 16
- 2025 "Race, Nation, and Belonging: The Public Life of African Religions in Trinidad, Part II," Jane Freeman Crosthwaite Lecture, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, March 31
- 2024 Book Talk: "Theoretical and Methodological Contributions of *Obeah, Orisa, and Religious Identity in Trinidad, Volume II, Orisa: Africana Nations and the Power of Black Sacred Imagination* to Africana Religious Studies," Forum on Religious Thought and the Religion, Ethics, and Law Lab, Harvard Divinity School
- 2024 "Yorùbá-Òrìṣà Spiritual Legacies and the Quest for Religious Freedom in Trinidad," Distinguished Lerner Lecture Series, Department of Religious Studies, New York University, October 28
- 2024 "Africana Religious Studies: Inquiries, Approaches, Theories," Yale Seminar in Religious Studies Series, Yale University, New Haven, CT April 1
- 2023 "The Making of Africana Religious Studies in the Era of Black Lives Matter," School of Criticism and Theory Public Lecture Series, Cornell University, June 26
- 2023 "Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage," Center for Diaspora and Transnational Studies, University of Toronto, March 9
- 2023 "Sensational Pedagogy: Lessons from the African Religious Studies Classroom," Twentieth Annual Religion Graduate Student Symposium, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, February 17-18
- 2023 "'The Nationality There is Methodist': Africana Nations and the Power of Black Religious Imagination," Distinguished Faculty Speaker, Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry Response Forum, January 25
- 2017 "I Am Not a Race or Color: Africana Religious Cultures and the Reconstitution of Humanity," Oblate School of Theology Sankofa Institute for African American Pastoral Leadership Lecture, San Antonio, TX, September 23
- 2015 "It's a Family Affair: The Logic of Kinship and the Legacy of 'Syncretism' in Trinidad's Yoruba-Orisa Religion," *The Dark Tower*, African American Studies Department Colloquium, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, April 14
- 2015 "Crossing the Color Line: Tracing Burdens of Religious 'Difference' from Africa to Appalachia," *Sam Hill Lecture Series*, University of North Carolina at Asheville, Asheville, NC, March 19 (co-presented with Meredith Doster)
- 2014 "Central African Influences upon African Diaspora Religious Formation during the 18th and 19th Centuries," Universidade Metodista de São Paulo (UMESP), São Paulo, Brazil, September 30

- 2013 “‘Matricentric’ Foundations of Africana Women’s Religious Practices of Peacebuilding, Sustainability, & Social Change,” Center for Africana Studies Lecture Series: Duquesne University, Pittsburg, PA, March 13
- 2013 “The Matricentric Factor in Africana Religious Cultures & Praxes of Public Engagement,” Ashland Theological Seminary Lecture Series: Created in God's Image: Voices from Africa, Part I: Detroit, MI, February 11
- 2013 “Landscapes and Legacies of Africana Spirituality: Re-membering Transatlantic Resources for Interreligious Dialogue,” Ashland Theological Seminary Lecture Series: Created in God's Image, Part II: Voices from Africa: Detroit, MI, February 10
- 2012 “From *Myal* to *Kumina*: The Central African Dynamic in Jamaican Religious Cultures” and “Women in the *Orisha* Religion of Trinidad: Prestige, Power and Performance in the Public Domain,” Distinguished Guest Lecturer, 2011-2012 International Studies Lecture Series, Albany State University, Albany, GA April 23-24
- 2012 “African Religious Cultures in the Caribbean: Obeah, Myal, Rastafari, Kumina, Orisa and Vodou,” *Annual Reggae Week Community Lecture*, Auburn Avenue Research Library, Atlanta GA, February
- 2011 “Seeing and Reading in the World of Spirits: Divination Practices in the African Diaspora,” Michael C. Carlos Museum Educational Program for the *Divine Intervention: African Art & Religion* exhibit, Atlanta, GA
- 2010 “Kimpa Vita’s Visible and Invisible Legacies in Prophetic Christianities of Africa and the African Diaspora,” New Directions in African Diaspora Studies Lecture Series, Boston College, Boston, MA, November
- 2009 “Parting with the ‘Burden of Black Religion’: A Cognitive Scientific Approach to the Study of African-Derived Religious Cultures,” Spelman College, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies Colloquium, Atlanta, GA, October
- 2009 “What Has Kimpa Vita to Do with James Cone? African Antecedents of the Black Church Movement and Black Liberation Theology,” Nannie Helen Burroughs Lecture Series, Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC, March
- 2008 “Before Christianity and Beyond Theology: African Foundations of Religious Imagination and Praxis in Jamaica,” Distinguished Guest Lecture Series in Comparative Religion, Haverford College, Haverford, PA, April
- 2007 “African-Derived Religious Traditions in the Caribbean and the Americas: Theoretical and Methodological Approaches,” Université Chrétienne de Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, November
- 2007 “The Image of Africa in Black Religious Thought and Activism,” Université Protestante de Kinshasa & Université Chrétienne de Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, February
- 2006 “Racism and Religious Conflict in the U.S. African American Experience,” University of Pretoria, African Political Science Department and Center for International Political Studies, Pretoria, South Africa, October (Fulbright Program)
- 2006 “Christian Doctrines of Humanity and the African Experience of Evil and Suffering,” University of Fort

Hare, Alice Campus, South Africa, October (Fulbright Program)

- 2006 Charles B. Copher Distinguished Lecture Series, Respondent to Professor Riggins Earl, "Jesus-Spirit Possession Consciousness: Its Genesis and Development in African American Christianity" Interdenominational Theological Seminary, Atlanta, GA, April
- 2005 "When and Where They Enter...the Whole Race Enters with Them: Economic Partnerships among Caribbean Immigrant Women," Anna Julia Cooper Lecture Series at Candler School of Theology, Program in Black Church Studies, Atlanta, GA, February
- 2003 "Igbo Religious Thought and Practice," Haverford College, Haverford, PA, Spring
- 1999 "African Religion as Resistance Culture in the Caribbean," La Tercera Reunión Continental, Asamblea Del Pueblo de Dios, Havana, Cuba, November
- 1999 "African-Derived Religions and the African American Christian Denominations," Black Scholars in Religion Consultation, American Academy of Religion, Cambridge, MA, November
- 1999 "Religious Symbolism in the Spiritual and Shouter Baptist Traditions of Trinidad," CUFU Conference on Caribbean Religion and Emancipation, Port of Spain, Trinidad, July
- 1999 "Caribbean Theology and African-Derived Religions," National Council of Orisha Elders Annual Meeting, Port of Spain, Trinidad, March
- 1999 "Collective Memory and Caribbean Religions, Obeah and Other Jamaican Experiences," Colby College, Waterville, ME, February
- 1998 "Black Cultural Nationalism and Kawaida Theory," Haverford College, Haverford, PA, December
- 1997 "Christian Missionaries and African-Derived Religions in the Early British Colonial Period: A Documentary Analysis," Ursinus College, Collegeville, PA, November
- 1997 "Notions of the Trinity in African Jamaican Religious Thought," Tenth Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Somerville College, Oxford, Great Britain, August

Conference Papers/Panels/Colloquia/Symposia/Book Discussions (Invited)

- 2025 Co-Panelist, "Spiritual Movements and Flows in the 'Afrospora,'" *In the Flow: Religious Movements Through Space, Time and Power*, Department of Religion, Princeton University, October 3-4
- 2025 Co-Panelist, "Celebrating Black Love: Honoring the Promise of Black Love and Marriage," Black Female Fatherhood Scholars Network, Webinar, February 13
- 2024 Co-Panelist, "Building Communities of Practice: Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Academic Leadership in Africa," Annual Ife Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS), July 22
- 2024 Presenter, "Africana Nations, Religious Identity, and the Refusal of Race" *Black Possibility: Openings and Limitations*, Center for Theory & Research Symposium, Esalen Institute, Big Sur, CA, June 14-17
- 2024 Moderator, *From the Pages* - Featuring Alexis Wells-Oghoghomeh's *The Souls of Womenfolk*, Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD), April 29

- 2023 Presenter, "African Archives in Trinidad: Comparative Methods in Africana Religious Studies Research," School of Criticism and Theory Colloquium, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 2023 Presenter, "Africana Religion and the Critical Study of Religion," *What Does the Study of Black Religion Mean for the Critical Study of Religion*, American Society for the Study of Religion (ASSR) Annual Meeting, Yale University, New Haven, CT, April 28-30
- 2023 Presenter, "Theologies Opaque and the Study of Black Religion: A Tribute to Dr. Charles H. Long," Inaugural Symposium for the Codex Charles H. Long Papers Project, Harvard Divinity School, April 14
- 2022 Presenter, "Making Mother God: African Heritage Religions and the Human-Divine Continuum," *Black Superhumanism*, Center for Theory & Research Symposium, Big Sur, CA Institute, December 4-9
- 2022 Presenter, "Is Self-Promotion Selfish: Writing, Marketing and Selling Your Research," *STEAM as a Possibility: Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Multidisciplinary Approaches*, Annual Ife Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS), December 3
- 2021 Presenter, "Dreams, Visions and Other Modes of Knowing in Africana Religious Contexts" *Blackness and the Human*, Center for Theory & Research Symposium, Esalen Institute, Big Sur, CA, December 5-10
- 2021 Presenter, "Fusions and Diffusions of African Religions in the Americas and the Caribbean: Wyatt MacGaffey's 'Organic Cultural Integrity' and the Transformation of African Religious Studies," Kongo Academy, October 30, 2021
- 2021 Panelist, "Black Marriage and Black Love," KEY Session, Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) Annual Conference, September 23
- 2021 Presenter, "African Archives in the Caribbean: Transdisciplinary and Comparative Methods in Africana Religious Studies" Decolonial Collaborative Research Group (DCRG), Stanford University, March 4
- 2019 Panelist, "Piecing Together the Broken Calabashes of African Heritage Religions in the African Atlantic World: Comparative and Collaborative Approaches," Southern Historical Society, Louisville, KY, November 7-10
- 2019 "Systems for Which We Have No Name: African Religious Cultures in African American Memory, Ritual and Material Culture," Faith Journeys in the Black Experience: The Religious Context of Virginia 1619 and Its Implications: for 2019 and Beyond, Richmond, Virginia March 20-22
- 2019 Scholar in Residence, Colgate University, Alumni in Residence Program, February 17-March 2 (delivered three public lectures in addition to a host of other scholarly activities)
- 2018 Panelist, "The Kongo Cross and James Cone's 'Cross and the Lynching Tree:' A Roundtable Celebrating the Grawemeyer Award in Religion," Black Theology Unit and Grawemeyer Award in Religion, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 19
- 2018 Panelist/Reviewer, African Religions Group "Roundtable on Laura Grillo's, *An Intimate Rebuke: Female Genital Power in Ritual and Politics in West Africa*," African Religions Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 19
- 2018 Workshop Leader, "Beyond the Temple Door There is No Promised Land: Black Women and the Challenge of God Talk in the 21st Century," Trailblazers Conference Marking the 25th Anniversary of

the Publication of Delores Williams' *Sisters in the Wilderness*, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY February 24

- 2017 "The Yoruba-Orisa *Palais* in Trinidad and Other Symbols of Sovereignty in the Afro-Caribbean Religious Imagination," [Recovering the Bones: African American Material Religion and Religious Memory](#), The Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington, DC, October 27-28
- 2017 "Giving Allegiance to a God Possessed of One Cheek: Resistance Politics and Knowledges in the Study and Practice of Trinidad's Yoruba-Orisa Religion Since the Era of Black Power," *Unsettling Encounters and Difficult Histories*, KITLV - Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies, Leiden, The Netherlands, September 11-12
- 2017 "Undoing Race, Restoring Humanity: Insights from the Study of Global Africana Religions," *Cultivating Humanity on the Global Stage*, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, March 17-18
- 2017 Panelist, "'We Had the Women that Were Powerful: Matricentric Consciousness and Practice in Yoruba-Orisa Religious Culture,'" Black Feminist Methods and Methodologies Working Conference, Vanderbilt University, February 23-24
- 2016 Panelist, "Africana Spiritual Themes in Nina Angela Mercer's choreopoem, *Itagna Meji: A Road and A Prayer*," National Black Arts Festival Symposium, "Call and Response: Contextualizing African American Presence in the American Theater," Atlanta, GA, September 17
- 2016 "Confronting Challenges to the Study of African Religions in the Americas and the Caribbean: The Case of Trinidad," *African Religions in the Americas* Workshop, co-presented with Dr. Tracey Hucks, University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL, May 20-21
- 2015 "Afro-Catholic Ceremonies and Ritual Vocabularies of Sovereignty in Post-Emancipation Trinidad: Rethinking the Orisa Religious Heritage," *Afro-Christian Festivals of the Americas: Bridging Methodologies and Crossing Frontiers*, Yale Institute of Sacred Music, Yale University, New Haven, CT, February 21
- 2014 "Women of Color Scholars: Exposing Theological 'Untouchables' and Producing Knowledge for the Academy and Community," *25th Anniversary of The UMC Women of Color Scholars Program*, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 21
- 2014 "Rethorizing Approaches to Spiritual Power in the African Diaspora," *Religião & Poder: A Propósito Dos 50 Anos Do Golpe Militar*, Universidade Metodista de São Paulo (UMESP), São Paulo, Brazil, September 23-25
- 2014 "Africana Mothers: Symbolism and Social Activism," *Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race: Social Struggle and Faith-Based Activism in 'Black Empowerment Times'*, UNISA, Pretoria, SA, July 10-16
- 2014 "Retention of West African Traditions in African Diasporic Cultures: Epistemological & Matricentric Foundations," Emory University NEH Black Aesthetics Summer Institute, July 21 (co-presented with Dr. Marcus Harvey)
- 2014 "Can Custodians of African Heritage Religions Speak? Reading Ellipses in Colonial Archives of the Caribbean," *Can the Native Christian Speak: Discerning the Voices of Indigenous Christians in Missionary and Colonial Archives*, Emory University, Candler School of Theology, May 28

- 2013 “Beyond the Trope of Black Magic: Retheorizing Opaque Repertoires of African Heritage Religious Cultures in the Anglophone Diaspora,” *Magic & Mysticism in Indigenous Traditions*, The Ohio State University, Center for the Study of Religion, Columbus Ohio, February 28-March 1
- 2012 “African Grammars of the Spirit and ‘Daddy’ Sharpe’s Unarchived Religious Culture,” *Sam Sharpe on the Praxis of Religion: Revolt, Resistance & the Re-Ordering of Society*, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Kingston, Jamaica, October 12-14
- 2012 Panelist, Book Discussion and Signing of *Three Eyes for the Journey: African Dimensions of the Jamaican Religious Experience*, Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA, August 25
- 2012 *In Absentia*: “Central African Heritage Religions in the Jamaican Context: from Myal to Kumina,” (paper read by Professor Carlos Lloga), XXXII Festival del Caribe, Casa del Caribe, Santiago de Cuba, July 3-9
- 2012 Presenter, “Black Religious Studies and the Problem of Africa: Retheorizing African Spirituality in the Anglophone Diaspora,” XII International Scientific Conference on African and Afro-American Culture, (sponsored by the Fernando Ortiz African Cultural Center, the Provincial Direction in Santiago de Cuba, the UNESCO Chair of Afro-Iberian-American Studies from Alcalá de Henares University, the Afro-Caribbean Studies Chair Rómulo Lachatañeré, the Heredia Theater, the Applied-Linguistics Center in Santiago de Cuba City, and Oriente University), Santiago de Cuba, April 12-16
- 2011 Chair, Black Theology Panel, *Working the Spirits: Black Theology, the Holy Spirit, and Spirits in Dialogue*, Black Theology Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November
- 2011 Respondent, Global Christianity Series: “African Prophetic (Independent) Churches,” Keynote Speaker: Simon Kimbangu Kisolokele, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN, September 20
- 2011 Panelist, “Connecting Central African Prophetic Movements to Religious Cultures in the Anglophone African Diaspora: The United States and the Caribbean,” *Conference Internationale sur Simon Kimbangu (1887-1951): l’homme, son oeuvre et sa contribution au processus de liberation de l’homme noir*, Kinshasa, DRC, July 24-30
- 2010 Respondent, African Association for the Study of Religions Panel on *African Biblical Exegesis* Central Paper by Musa W. Dube, University of Botswana, “Exegeting the Darkness: The Botswana Colonial Bible,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November
- 2010 Chair, Black Theology Panel: African-Centered Thought and African Religions in Black Theology, Black Theology Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November
- 2010 Colloquium Presenter, African and African Diaspora Religious Studies: Current and Future Theoretical and Methodological Trends, Harvard University Department of African and African American Studies, Cambridge MA, November
- 2009 Paper/Panelist, “Some Plausible African Antecedents of the Zombie Phenomenon in Haiti,” Panel Theme: *The Zombie Perceived: Religion, Media, and Society*, The Atlanta Zombie Symposium, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, September
- 2009 Respondent, “Emma Cohen’s ‘Savage Thinkers and Soulless Psychology: The Cognitive Anthropology of Religious Experience,’” Panel Theme: *New Scientific Approaches to the Study of Religious Experience*, Emory Center for Mind, Brain, and Culture & American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, May

- 2009 Panelist, "Past and Present Methodological Issues in Black Theological Studies," *Black Theology: Past and Present*, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, April
- 2009 Panelist, "Tribute to Pioneering Womanist Theological Scholars: Jacquelyn Grant, Katie Cannon, and Delores Williams," The Fifth Annual Trailblazers Celebration, Union Theological Seminary, February
- 2008 "How to be Collegial," Panel Theme: *Making Room, Making Sense: Re-Visioning Our Fields, Re-Bordering Scholarship*, Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession & Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, November
- 2008 Panelist, "Middle Passages Conversations on Black Religion in the African Diaspora: An Interdisciplinary Conference at Yale University," *The Role of History and Memory in the Shaping of Identity in the African Diaspora*, New Haven, CT, April
- 2008 Respondent, "Religious Pluralism and Dialogue" in the African Diaspora, Panel Respondent, Society for the Study of Black Religion (SSBR) Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC, March
- 2007 Distinguished Participant/Presenter, "African Spirituality Transplanted and Translated: Another Look at Invisible Institutions within Empires of Christianity," at the *International Conference on Global African Spirituality, Social Capital and Self-Reliance in Africa*, sponsored by the Centre for Black and African Arts Civilization (CBAAC), Ouidah, Republic of Benin, November
- 2006 Panelist, "Theorizing African Diasporic Religions: An Aesthetic Approach," *Workshop on African and African Diaspora Knowledges*, Collaboratively Sponsored by Brown University, University of Cape Town and University of the West Indies, Cape Town, South Africa, October
- 2006 Book Discussion, *Three Eyes for the Journey: African Dimensions of the Jamaican Religious Experience*, University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria, South Africa, and University of Fort Hare, East London Campus, October (Fulbright Program)
- 2006 Book Discussion, *Three Eyes for the Journey: African Dimensions of the Jamaican Religious Experience*, Center for African and Amerindian Arts and Studies, Hamilton, Bermuda, July
- 2006 Panelist, Book Discussion and Signing of *Three Eyes for the Journey: African Dimensions of the Jamaican Religious Experience*, (with three other authors who discussed their recently released books), Broward Community College/Broward County Library Pan-African Bookfest and Culture Conference: African Americans and the Rhetoric of Identity, Fort Lauderdale, FL, April

Conference Papers/Panels/Colloquia/Symposia

- 2022 "The Intellectual Contributions of Rachel Harding to Africana Religious Studies," African Diaspora Religions Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 21
- 2021 Panelist, "Did Black Religious Studies Throw the Baby Out with the Baptismal Water"? Moving Beyond Reductive Readings of Melville J. Herskovits's Scholarship, African Diaspora Religions Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 20
- 2019 Chair and Panelist, *Orixás and Hemispheric Syncretism: The Yoruba Diaspora in the Americas* Panel, "The Logic of Kinship and the Legacy of Syncretism in Trinidad's Yoruba-Orisa Religion," Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD), Williamsburg, VA, November 5-9

- 2018 Presenter, "The Orisa House that Afro-Catholics Built: Africana Antecedents of Yoruba Religious Formation in Trinidad" The Bill and Carol A. Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry Response Forum, Emory University, January 31
- 2018 Presenter, "The Orisa House that Afro-Catholics Built: Africana Antecedents of Yoruba Religious Formation in Trinidad" The Bill and Carol A. Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry Fellows' Colloquium, January 24
- 2013 Panelist, Critical Examination of Tracey Hucks' *Yoruba Traditions and African American Religious Nationalism*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, November 25
- 2013 Panelist, "Womanist Theory and the Study of African Heritage Religious Cultures," Womanist In-Gathering, Preconsultation Meeting, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore
- 2012 "Theorizing *Matricentricity* and *Motherhood* in Africana Women's Religious Practices of Peacemaking, Sustainability, Community Building & Social Change," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 18
- 2010 Critical Reviewer/Panelist, "Samuel Murrell's *Afro-Caribbean Religion*," American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting: Bible and Modern Culture IV Theme: *Caribbean Religions: The Historical, Cultural, and Sacred Traditions*, Atlanta, GA, March
- 2009 "Invisible Institutions in African Christianity," African Association for the Study of Religions in conjunction with the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, LA, November 8
- 2009 "Sacred Incarnations and Embodied Revelations: Womanist Motifs in the Life and Legacy of Kimpa Vita, Kongo's Female St. Anthony," Panel Theme: *Decoding Embodiment: Womanist Thought, Identity and Engagement of Culture*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, November
- 2008 "Weapons of the Spirit: Distilling the "Science" of *Obeah* and Other Powers of Engagement," *Obeah and Other Powers: The Politics of Caribbean Religion and Healing* at Newcastle University, Newcastle, England, July
- 2006 "Dynamics of African Religion, Gender and Christianity in the Caribbean," Africa Institute of South Africa: Panel on Human Security and African Renaissance from a Gender Perspective, Pretoria, South Africa, October
- 2005 "Room Enough to Pray: A Somatic Theology and Aesthetic Theory of African American Expressive Religion in the Nineteenth Century," The Society for Ethnomusicology, Atlanta, GA November
- 2005 "*Exchanging our Country Marks* and Exchanging Cultural Knowledge: Making the Case for Intersectional Research Agendas in African Diaspora Studies," Collegium for African American Research, Tours, France, April
- 2003 "The Preservation of African-Derived Religion in the Caribbean: Toward a Theory of Masquerading," at Taller Puertorriqueno, Inc. & Grupo Encuentro, Inc., Seventh Annual Arturo A. Schomburg Symposium, *Carnival: From the Religious to the Secular*, Philadelphia, PA, March
- 2002 "Sisters in the Wilderness: Grappling with Delores Williams' Womanist God-Talk," American Academy of Religion Womanist Panel Organizer and Panel Respondent with Delores Williams; Panel

Presenters were six Emory University Graduate Division of Religion Students, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON, November

- 2001 "Dancing Limbo: Black Passages Through the Boundaries of Place, Race and Class," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November
- 2001 "Eldership, Conflict and Change in African Trinidadian Religions," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November
- 1999 "Between Theology and Anthropology: Rethinking Theoretical Models, Approaches and Patterns in Scholarship Pertaining to the Study of African-Derived Religions," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November
- 1999 "Potential Directions in Womanist Theological Methodology: The Case of Women in African Jamaican Religions," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November
- 1998 "The Kumina Religion in Jamaica: Women and the Cross of Recurring Incarnation," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, November
- 1998 "Reinterpreting and Representing African-Derived Religious Traditions in Jamaica," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, November
- 1998 "Beyond the Question of Origins and Authenticity: Toward a New Theory of African Diasporic Religions," American Academy of Religion, Upper Midwest Region, St. Paul, MN, April

EMORY UNIVERSITY, COURSES TAUGHT

Co-Taught Cross-School - Laney Graduate School & Theology: Africana Religious Studies: Foundations of Black Life and Thought in Africa and the Diaspora (with Dr. Emmanuel Larney); African Religious Traditions and Healing (with Dr. Emmanuel Larney)

Undergraduate: Antiracism, Religion and "Myth America" (crosslisted with African American Studies); Introduction to Religion: African Religions and African American Christianity; Introduction to Religion: African Religions and Buddhism; Black Love (crosslisted with African American Studies); Black Women, Black Love and the Pursuit of Happiness (crosslisted with African American Studies and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies); African American Religion: African Religious Cultures in the Caribbean and the Americas (crosslisted with African American Studies); African American Religion: The Black Church in the African American Experience (crosslisted with African American Studies); African American Religion: Black Religions of Protest (crosslisted with African American Studies); Spiritual Dynamics of Afro-America (crosslisted with African American Studies); Black Christian Thought (crosslisted with African American Studies); Gender and Religion: Global Black Feminisms & Womanisms: Epistemology, Spirituality and the Politics of Representation (crosslisted with African Studies, African American Studies and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies); Gender and Religion: Black Feminism and Black Religion (crosslisted with African American Studies and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies)

Graduate: Theorizing Africana Religions; Comparative Africana Womanisms (crosslisted with Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies); New Directions in Africana Religious Studies; African American Women: Religious Thought and Practice (crosslisted with Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies); Theoretical Issues in the Study of Black Religion; The Phenomenological Method: Charles Long and His Interlocutors; African Religions in the Americas: Knowledge, Place and Performance; Global Feminisms and the Study of Women and Religion in America (crosslisted with Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies); Theoretical Issues in the Study

of Black Religion: African Atlantic Religious Studies; Global Feminisms and the Study of Women and Religion in the Americas: Theological Perspectives (crosslisted with Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies); Womanist Theology

OTHER INVITED DISTINGUISHED TEACHING

2023 Cornell University, School of Criticism and Theory, "The Ties That Bind: Global Black Feminisms and Womanisms," (Ithaca, NY June-July)

SELECT CLASS PRESENTATIONS (EXTERNAL)

2026 Harvard Divinity School, "Sources and Method in Black Liberation and Womanist Theologies," HDS 3134/Theories and Methods in the Study of Black Religions, taught by Ahmad Greene-Hayes, Cambridge, MA, April 21

2025 Harvard Divinity School, "Transdisciplinary Methods and Theoretical Innovations in *Obeah, Orisa, and Religious Identity in Trinidad, Volume II, Orisa: Africana Nations and the Power of Black Sacred Imagination*," HDS 3689/African Religions in the Diaspora, taught by Tracey Hucks, Cambridge, MA, September 30

2025 Georgia State University, "Afro-Jamaican Religious Cultures," Religion, Roots, and Resistance, taught by Dr. Monique Moultrie, Atlanta, GA, July 9

2025 Texas Christian University, "Insights on Black Religion, Freedom, and Liberation," TCU Justice Journey: The Religious Roots of Black Freedom, taught by Dr. Shari Mackinson (and colleagues), Atlanta, GA, March 14

2024 Harvard University, "Archival and Ethnographic Methods and the Study of the Afro-Trinidadian Orisa Sacred Poetics and Religious Cultures," RELIGION 2925/Historical Anthropology and the Supernatural, taught by Dr. Teren Sevea, Cambridge, MA, April 5

2024 Princeton Theological Seminary, "Africana Religious Studies," RS 4013/African Indigenous Religions and the Literary Imagination, taught by Kwabena Sarfo-Panin, February 19 and 26

2023 The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education, Centre for Black Theology, "The Geography of Womanist Theology: Some Key Themes and Practitioners: the Caribbean, Africa, US, and UK," Birmingham, UK, October 14

2023 Pomona College, *Obeah, Orisa, and Religious Identity in Trinidad, Volume II, Orisa: Africana Nations and the Power of Black Sacred Imagination*, (via Skype), Claremont, CA, March 23

2020 Guest Lecturer, "African-Heritage Religions in the Anglophone Caribbean: Womanist Legacies in Trinidad's Yoruba-Orisa Tradition," Harvard University, Department of African and African American Studies/Harvard Divinity School, Dr. Jacob Olupona's *African Religion in the Diaspora, AFRAMER 181X/HDS 3689* course, September 24

2013 Haverford College, *Three Eyes for the Journey: African Dimensions of the Jamaican Religious Experience*, Haverford, PA, November 27

- 2013 UNC, Asheville, *Three Eyes for the Journey: African Dimensions of the Jamaican Religious Experience*, Asheville, NC, October 21

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS DIRECTED

- Pending Monique Wimby (African American Studies, Ph.D. degree expected 2027)
 2024 Marcelitte Failla (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.) *North Carolina State University*
 2023 Elaine Penagos (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.) *Trinity University*
 2021 Timothy Rainey (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.) *St. Olaf College*
 2019 Abidemi Fasanmi (Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Ph.D.) *Cape Breton University*
 2017 Meredith Coleman-Tobias (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.) *Mount Holyoke College*
 2017 Alphonso Saville (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.) *Union Presbyterian Seminary*
 2015 Alexis Wells (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.) *Stanford University*
 2014 Shani Settles (Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Ph.D.) *Growing Home Inc.*
 2013 Susannah Laramee Kidd* (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.) *Metris Arts Consulting*
 2012 Marcus Harvey (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.) *UT-Knoxville*
 2010 Veronice Miles* (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.) *Wesley Theological Seminary*
 2008 Jawanza Clark (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.) *Manhattan College*
 2007 Lerhonda Manigault (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.) *UNC-Chapel Hill*

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS CO-DIRECTED

- 2025 Andrew Kaplan (Comparative Literature, Ph.D.) *University of Denver*
 2023 Shari Madkins (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.) *Morehouse College*
 2018 Georgette Ledgister (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.) *Universal Music Group*
 2016 Elana Jefferson-Tatum (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.) *Tufts University*
 2006 Carlton Waterhouse (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.) *Howard University*

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS, COMMITTEE MEMBER

- Pending Joshua Howard, (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D. degree expected 2028)
 Pending Oliver Terngu Agbile (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D. degree expected 2027)
 Pending Isabelle Meyer-Ensass (Comparative Literature, Ph.D. degree expected 2027)
 2026 Danny Ballon-Garst (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2025 Corwin Davis, (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2025 Alexis Mayfield (English, Ph.D.)
 2024 Brenton Boyd (English, Ph.D.)
 2024 Tala AlRaheb, (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2024 Nick Peterson (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2023 Jennifer Aycock (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2022 Michelle Ledder (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2022 Lahrona Little (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2021 Joi Orr, (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2020 Kelly Gannon (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2019 Charles Barber (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)

* Directorship assumed after departure of doctoral candidate's original advisor.

2019 Asha French (English, Ph.D.)
 2019 Joshua Cohen (English, Ph.D.)
 2018 James Worthy (English, Ph.D.)
 2018 Nicole Morris (English, Ph.D.)
 2017 Kenneth Smith (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2017 Meredith Doster (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2016 Ashley Coleman (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2015 Jermaine McDonald (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2013 AnneMarie Mingo (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2013 Tiffany Pogue (Educational Studies, Ph.D.)
 2012 Darryl Roberts (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2012 Keme Hawkins (English, Ph.D.)
 2011 Lerone Martin (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2010 Kristine Suna-Kora (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2010 Mari Kim (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2008 Emily Holmes (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2008 Yanique Hume (ILA, Ph.D.)
 2007 Stephanie Sears Louder (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2007 Meghan Sweeney (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2007 Stacy Boyd (ILA, Ph.D.)
 2007 Robert Patterson (ILA, Ph.D.)
 2006 Renee Harrison (Graduate Division of Religion, Ph.D.)
 2004 Keith McNeal (Anthropology, Ph.D.)
 2003 Elizabeth Morton (Art History, Ph.D.)

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS, EXTERNAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

2026 Elise Barnett, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Department of Afro-American Studies
 2026 Yoknyam Dabale, Fuller Theological Seminary
 2024 Lynne Washington, Antioch University, Graduate School of Leadership and Change
 2020 Khytie Brown, Harvard University, Graduate Department of African and African American Studies
 2017 Kyrh Daniels, Harvard University, Committee on the Study of Religion & Graduate Department of African and African American Studies
 2008 Gerard Reid, Graduate Theological Union, Theological Studies

DOCTORAL EXAMINATIONS, EXTERNAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

2025 Graduate Theological Union, Department of Theology and Ethics, Ayanna Grady-Hunt
 2017 Harvard University, Graduate Department of African and African American Studies, Khytie Brown
 2013 Harvard University, Committee on the Study of Religion & Graduate Department of African and African American Studies, Kyrh Daniels
 2003 Graduate Theological Union, Theological Studies Comprehensive Exam, Gerard Reid

MASTERS THESIS COMMITTEES

2024 Faculty Director, Sara Augustin, MTS Thesis, Candler School of Theology
 2015 Committee Member, Jeania Ree Moore, MDiv Honors Thesis, Candler School of Theology
 2003 Committee Member, Eric Jawanza Clark, Th.M. Thesis, Candler School of Theology
 2002 Committee Member, BaSean Jackson, Th.M. Thesis, Candler School of Theology

2002 Committee Member, Maria Mallory, Th.M. Thesis, Candler School of Theology

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS THESIS COMMITTEES

2026 Director, Cequyia York, Philosophy & Religion/International Studies (expected 2027)
 2025 Member, Dawnya Green, African American Studies, Highest Honors
 2025 Member, Courtney Fitzgerald, Sociology, Highest Honors
 2022 Director, Gisell Rondon, African American Studies, Highest Honors
 2021 Director, Vanessa Perez, African American Studies, Highest Honors
 2010 Member, Christina Welsch, History, Highest Honors
 2005 Member, Adele Paz, African American Studies, Highest Honors
 2005 Member, Stephanie Greanlea, African American Studies/Sociology, Highest Honors
 2004 Director, Alicia Adkins, Religion/International Studies, Highest Honors
 2004 Member, Allison Morris, Religion/History, Highest Honors
 2003 Member, Jacinta Williams, Sociology, Highest Honors
 2002 Member, Eizabeth Esposito, Religion, Highest Honors

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Scholarly Presentations:

South Africa 2026 (University of South Africa (UNISA))
France 2026 (*Black Women Black Love* Book Talk)
Sharjah, United Arab Emirates 2025 (Global Studies University, Africa Institute)
England 2025 (Society for the Study of Theology)
Nigeria 2022, 2023, 2024, 2024 (Ife Institute of Advanced Studies, Faculty Mentor/Presenter)
The Netherlands 2017 (KITLV - Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies)
Germany 2015 (International Association for the History of Religions)
Brazil 2014 (Universidade Metodista de São Paulo, Brazil)
Nigeria 2013 (Tenth Orisa World Congress, The Orisa Tradition and Poverty Eradication)
Jamaica 2012 (Samuel Sharpe on the Praxis of Religion, Revolt, Resistance & the Re-ordering of Society)
Ghana 2012 (African and Diasporic African Women in Religion and Theology Conference, Legon, Ghana)
Cuba 2012 (XII Conferencia Internacional Cultura Africana y Afroamericana)
Democratic Republic of Congo 2011 (Université Protestante au Congo)
Canada 2009 (American Academy of Religion)
England 2008 (Newcastle University)
Benin 2007 (Centre for Black and African Arts Civilization)
Democratic Republic of Congo 2007 (Université Protestante au Congo & Université Chrétienne de Kinshasa)
South Africa 2006 (University of Cape Town, and other institutions)
Bermuda 2006 (Center for African and Amerindian Arts and Studies)
Trinidad 2005 (CUFU Conference on African Religion and Emancipation)
France 2005 (Collegium for African American Research)
Canada 2002 (American Academy of Religion)
Cuba 1999 (Asamblea Del Pueblo de Dios)
England 1998 (Oxford Institute, Trinity College)

Facilitator/Coordinator of Study Abroad Programs:

South Africa 2020 (Faculty Coordinator Team Member with the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program)

Ghana 2008 (Co-Director, Emory University Graduate Division of Religion Travel Seminar “African Religious Traditions and Healing”)

South Africa 2005 (Co-Director, Undergraduate Summer Internship Program, Emory University)

Jamaica 2000 (Organizer/Faculty Supervisor, Semester Study Abroad at University of the West Indies for College of the Holy Cross student, Jeanine Broadnax)

Study Abroad Programs/Internships:

Panama, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico 1995 (Union Theological Seminary Travel Seminar)

Nigeria 1991 (Intern, Human Rights Africa International & Harvard M.Div. Self-initiated Fieldwork Placement: Catholic Secretariat, Lagos)

Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua 1990 (Undergraduate Study Abroad Program, Colgate University)

Nigeria 1988 (Undergraduate Study Abroad Program, Colgate University)

EMORY UNDERGRADUATE SERVICE**College Departmental Service - Religion**

Chair, Religion Department Lecture Series/Search Committee: “Africana Approaches to African American Religious History,” 2018-2019

Member, Religion Department Annual Review Committee, Spring 2017

Member, Latin American/Latinx Christianity Search Committee, Religion Department, 2016-2017

Member, Advisory Committee to the Religion Department Chair 2008-2012, 2014-2015

Member, Curriculum Committee, Religion Department, 2012-2014

Faculty Host, Religion Department, Visiting Fulbright Scholar (Dr. Modeste Malu, DR Congo), 2008-2009

Secretary, Religion Department Business Meetings, 2001-2003

African American Religion Initiatives in Atlanta, Religion Department 2001-2002

Presenter, “Examining Racism as a Religious Conflict,” Religion and Conflict Group, Religion Department Committee on Intellectual Life, Fall 2002

Convener, “Teaching Writing Summer Workshop,” Departments of Religion and African American Studies, Summer 2004

Committee on Intellectual Life, Religion Department 2000-2003

Presenter, “The Orisa Religion in Trinidad: The African Dynamic in a Southern Caribbean Religion,” Religion Department Colloquium, Spring 2003

College Departmental Service - African American Studies

Member, 20th-Century Civil Rights History Search Committee, 2019-2020

Member, Ph.D. Proposal Development Committee, 2019-2020

Co-chair, African American Studies/ECAS Latinx Cluster Hire Search, 2018-2019

Interviewer, Oxford/ECAS Asa Griggs Candler African American Studies Professor Search

Department Representative, Emory Expo, Emory Orientation, Fall 2018

Member, Department of African American Studies, Leadership Team, Fall 2016-2018

Member, Department of African American Studies Lecture Series/Search Committee: “Diaspora, Gender and Identity: New Perspectives on the 18th and 19th Century Black Experience,” 2016-2017

Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of African American Studies, 2014-2015
 Department of African American Studies Review Committee, 2005-2006
 Presenter, "Probing the Intersections between African American Studies and Religious Studies," Department of African American Studies Retreat, Summer 2004
 Department of African American Studies, Committee on Caribbean Studies and the Diaspora, 2001-2004

EMORY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (Faculty Initiatives)

Invited Participant, Art Circles Virtual Summer Seminar, Hosted by Dr. Susan Gagliardi, June 2-11, 2021
 Invited Participant, Academic Learning Community, "Wellbeing," Hosted by Dr. Susan Gagliardi, Fall 2022

EMORY GRADUATE SERVICE

Graduate Division of Religion Service (GDR-Laney Graduate School)

Member, Graduate Division of Religion Admissions Committee, 2004-2005, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2010-2011, 2016-2017, 2020-2021
 Presenter, Between Facts and Norms: Description and Prescription in the Study of Religion, Graduate Division of Religion, Jones Program in Ethics, March 2017
 TATOO Teaching Conversation, "Navigating Race, Class and Power in the Classroom." Spring 2016
 Moderator, Ethnographic Forum, *Pentecostalism across Borders: Religion, Migration and Conversion in and beyond Brazil*, Fall 2015
 Guest Lecture, "Africana Religions and Ecology/Environmental Systems," in Religion and Ecology Collaborative Graduate Seminar, Professors Bobbi Patterson and Lance Gunderson, Fall 2015
 Laney Colloquium in Religion (with CST & Department of Religion), Co-organizer/Panelist, *Yemanjá: Wisdom from the African Heart of Brazil*, Film Screening and Panel Discussion, Fall 2015
 Pedagogy Colloquy, Presenter, "Assessment and Writing Intensive Course Development," Fall 2013
 Admissions Subcommittee on Interdisciplinary Applications, Spring 2013—
 Admissions Committee, Spring 2005, 2008, 2009, 2011
 First-Year Colloquy, Presenter, "Preparing for a Career in the Academy," April 2009, 2010
 First-Year Colloquy, Presenter, "Interdisciplinarity in the Study of Religion," March 2009, 2010
 Ethnography and Theology Colloquium, Panelist, "The Implications of Ethnography and Ethnographic Practice," March 2009
 Chair, Fourth Session, "Religious Experience: A Special Case?" *What's At Stake in the Ethnography of Human Experience: Phenomenological and Psychoanalytic Perspectives*, September 2008
 Faculty Panel on Research Practices, Pitts Theological Library, February 2009
 Respondent, Seminar Series in Jewish Studies, January 2009
 Chair, Program in American Religious Cultures, 2003-2004
 Advisory Committee to GDR Chair, 2003-2005
Sankofa, screening and discussion facilitator, (GDR Film Series), Spring 2003
 "Some Dos and Don'ts in Preparing for Your First Professional Scholarly Presentation," (GDR Workshop for Students Presenting at the American Academy of Religion), Fall 2002
 "Reflections on How to Prepare for a Successful Interview," (GDR Student Workshop, Fall 2001)

Laney Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (Wider Service)

Faculty Mentor, James Thomas, Laney Graduate School Summer Opportunity for Academic Research Program, 2025
 Faculty Mentor, Sachelle Sterlin, Laney Graduate School Summer Opportunity for Academic Research Program, 2025
 Participant, External Review, Department of Environmental Sciences, Proposed Doctoral Program, Spring 2023

Faculty Mentor, Audra Davison, Laney Graduate School Summer Opportunity for Academic Research Program, 2020
 Black Graduate Student Association Presentation, “Developing My Undergraduate Course: *Black Love*,” Spring 2016
 Chair, “What Saith the Church? Clerical Perspectives and Responses to Local and Global Alienation the African Diaspora,” *Alien Bodies: Race, Space and Sexuality in the African Diaspora* Conference (hosted by the African American Studies Collective—GSAS cross-disciplinary graduate student organization), Spring 2013
 Faculty Co-Facilitator, Intensive Grant Writing Workshop, Spring 2012, Fall 2013
 Mock Interviewer, Graduate Department of English, Fall 2011
 Language Examiner, Jamaican Creole, Gabrielle Mahabeer, Ph.D. program, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Fall 2024; Claudette Anderson, Ph.D. program, Institute of Liberal Arts, Fall 2004; Veerle Poupey, Ph.D. program, Institute of Liberal Arts, Fall 2002; Eldon Birthwright, Ph.D. program, Institute of Liberal Arts, Spring 2002; Brenton Boyd, Graduate Department of English, 2019
 Emory Graduate Diversity Fellowship Selection Committee 2005, 2006

EMORY UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Co-chair, Hosting Committee, College Language Association 81st Annual Convention, 2022-2023
 Reviewer, University Research Committee (URC), Interdisciplinary Intramural Funding Competition, 2023
 Invited Guest, President Greg Fenves’s Hosting Dinner for South African activist Dr. Mamphela Ramphele, Fall 2022
 Member, Faculty Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) Advisory Committee, 2016-2021
 President’s Commission on the Status of Minorities, 2002-2003

OTHER SERVICE AT EMORY UNIVERSITY

Faculty Director/Member, MTS and ThM Thesis Committees, Candler School of Theology, 2002—
 Mentor/Instructor, Treasure Welle, Recipient of the Pellom McDaniels Undergraduate Research Award, Fall 2023
 Keynote Speaker, Emory NAACP, Image Awards Ceremony, April 18, 2021
 Preacher, Beloved Community Christian Worship, Office of Spiritual and Religious Life, August 23, 2020
 Chair, “Individual Lives and the Problem of Experience,” *Archival Lives: The Violence of History and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade*, Emory University, December 5-7, 2019
 Faculty Mentor, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program 2003-2006 (Daniel Green, Elana Jefferson, Marcus Jerkins); 2008-2012 (Khytie Brown, Henry Love); 2019-2021 (Vanessa Pérez); 2020-2022 (Gisell Rondón)
 Faculty Mentor, for Lindsey Burton-Anderson, Undergraduate Research Partners Program/SIRE, 2019-20
 Faculty Mentor, for Liz Rivera, Undergraduate Research Partners Program/SIRE, 2018-19
 Co-Facilitator, “Difficult Conversations in the Classroom: Black Faculty in Conversation with Black Students about Race and Other Challenging Topics in Classroom Settings,” April 18, 2019
 Mock Interview Panelist for Rhodes Scholar Finalist, Camilla Reed-Guevara, Fall 2018
 Keynote Speaker, Modupe Dayo Commencement Ceremony, Emory University, May 6, 2017
 Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Faculty Response Forum, “Contesting the Nation: The Humanities Engage,”
 Co-host of Roundtable on “Uncivil Religion,” January 25, 2017
 Judge, Emory NAACP, “Amateur Night at the Apollo,” November 4, 2016
 Presenter, “Africana Womanist Thought,” for Feminists in Action/African Students Association, October 26, 2016
 Featured Presenter, *Prof Chat*: “Spiritual Conversations of Meaning-Making, Career, and Spirituality,” Office of Religious Life, March 23, 2016
 Writing Across Emory Roundtable, “Writing in Undergraduate Research,” Spring 2016
 Faculty Participant, OMPS & Men of Distinction at Emory (MODE), “Black Ties,” October 27, 2015
 Panelist, NAACP’s “Meet the Black Professors,” (presented my research and upcoming African American Studies/Religion courses, October 26, 2015
 Teaching Consultant, Center for Faculty Development and Excellence Teaching Consultation Program (Mentor to Dr. Andrea White, Candler School of Theology) 2009-2010

Presenter, “Understanding African Religions from a Diasporic Perspective” SANKOFA (Emory’s Ghana Immersion Student Group) Spring 2002

Presenter, “African Religious Traditions in the Caribbean,” ACES (Emory’s Association of Caribbean Educators and Students), Spring 2002

Presenter, “Religious Themes and Womanist Ideas in *The Color Purple*,” screening and discussion, Harlan Cinema, Spring 2002

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Society for the Study of Religion (Elected 2024—)

African American Intellectual History Society (2022—)

Southern Conference on African American Studies, Incorporated (2022)

Association for the Study of African American Life and History (2021—)

Kongo Academy (2021—)

Black Women’s Studies Association (2020)

Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD) (2018—),

Member, ASWAD Executive Board (2023—)

Officer, (Interim Treasurer), ASWAD (2025—)

Caribbean Studies Association (2018—)

Caribbean Philosophical Association (2020—)

African and Diasporic Religious Studies Association, Board Member (2012—)

American Academy of Religion (1995—)

Black Theology Group, Steering Committee, American Academy of Religion (2008-2011)

African Religions Group, Steering Committee, American Academy of Religion (2002-2008)

Indigenous Religions Group, Steering Committee, American Academy of Religion (1998-2001)

Society of Biblical Literature, (1995-1999)

Society for the Study of Black Religion (1999—)

African Association for the Study of Religions (2002—)

African Studies Association (2005-2009)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Book Series

Co-founding Series Editor with Jacob Olupona & Terrence Johnson, *Religious Cultures of African and African Diaspora People*, Duke University Press, 2012—

Titles Released:

Cachita’s Streets: The Virgin of Charity, Race and Revolution in Cuba
by Jalane Schmidt, 2015

Gesture and Power: Religion, Nationalism, and Everyday Performance in Congo
by Yolanda Covington-Ward, 2015

Hope Draped in Black: Race, Melancholy and the Agony of Progress
by Joseph Winters, 2016

Religion and the Making of Nigeria,
by Olufemi Vaughan, 2016

Passages and Afterworlds: Anthropological Perspectives on Death in the Caribbean
by Maarit Forde and Yanique Hume eds., 2018

An Intimate Rebuke: Female Genital Power in Ritual and Politics in West Africa
by Laura Grillo, 2018

Spirit on the Move: Black Women and Pentecostalism in Africa and the Diaspora
by Judith Casselberry and Elizabeth Pritchard eds., 2019

Queering Black Atlantic Religions: Transcorporeality in Candomblé, Santería and Vodou
by Roberto Strongman, 2019

Affective Trajectories: Religion and Emotion in African Cityscapes
by Hansjörg Dilger, Astrid Bochow, Marian Bucharadt and Matthew Wilhelm-Solomon, 2020

Kincraft: The Making of Black Evangelical Sociality
by Todne Thomas, 2021

Chosen Peoples: Christianity and Political Imagination in South Sudan
by Christopher Tounsel, 2021

Embodying Black Religions in Africa and Its Diasporas
by Yolanda Covington-Ward and Jeanette Jouili, eds., 2021

Rage and Carnage in the Name of God
by Abiodun Alao, 2022

Obeah, Orisa, and Religious Identity in Trinidad, Volume I, Obeah: Africans in the White Colonial Imagination
by Tracey Hucks, 2022

Obeah, Orisa, and Religious Identity in Trinidad, Volume II, Orisa: Africana Nations and the Power of Black Sacred Imagination
by Dianne Stewart, 2022

In and Out of This World: Material and Extraterrestrial Bodies in the Nation of Islam
By Stephen Finley, 2022

Black Quare and Then to Where: Theories of Justice and Black Sexual Ethics
by Jennifer Susanne Leath, 2023

Kingdom Come: The Politics of Faith and Freedom in Segregationist South Africa and Beyond
by Tschepo Masango Chéry, 2023

The Gospel of John Marrant: Conjuring Christianity in the Black Atlantic
by Alphonso Saville IV, 2024

The Noise Silence Makes: Secularity and Ghana's Drum Wars
by Mariam Goshadze, 2025

Archival Irruptions: Constructing Religion and Criminalizing Obeah in Eighteenth-Century Jamaica
by Katharine Gerbner, 2025

Art as Sanctuary: Conjuring an Africana Aesthetic

by Michael D. Harris (co-edited by Dianne M. Stewart and Theophus H. Smith), 2026

Afroindigenization: A Theory of Grassroots Cultural Practice

By Catherine John, 2026

Scholarly Journals

Editorial Advisory Board Member, The Emory University Rose Library's UGA Press Imprint 2022—

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa (JTAK)* 2022—

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 2019—

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 2017—

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Africana Religions* 2011—

Faculty Advisory Board, *Practical Matters: A Transdisciplinary and Multimedia Journal of Religious Practices and Practical Theology*, Issue 3, Spring 2010

Advisory Committee, *Bulletin of African Theology* 2007—

Scholarly Peer Reviewer For

Presses

New York University Press, 2025

Columbia University Press, 2024

Oxford University Press, 2023

University of North Carolina Press, 2019, 2020, 2022

Cambridge University Press, 2009, 2014

Duke University Press, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2023, 2023, 2025

Temple University Press, 2008

Blackwell Publishing, Oxford UK, 2006

Palgrave Macmillan, 2005, 2008, 2014

University Press of Florida, 2004

Journals

Small Axe, 2026

Journal of Black Studies, 2025

Journal of Africana Religions, 2020

[Religions](#), 2020

Journal of the American Academy of Religion, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2022

Journal of Law and Religion, 2007

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion, 2000, 2011, 2025

The North Star, 1999

External Reviewer

University of Minnesota, Promotion Review

Northeastern University, Tenure and Promotion Review

Stanford University, Tenure and Promotion Review

Clark Atlanta University, Tenure and Promotion Review
 Harvard University, Tenure and Promotion Review
 University of Chicago, Tenure and Promotion Review
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Tenure and Promotion Review
 Brown University, Tenure and Promotion Review
 Colorado College, Third-Year Review
 Haverford College, Promotion Review
 Kenyon College, Promotion Review
 University of Colorado Denver, Fourth-Year Review
 University of West Georgia, Tenure and Promotion Review
 Florida International University, Tenure and Promotion Review
 Saint Paul School of Theology, Tenure and Promotion Review
 Kenyon College, Tenure and Promotion Review
 San Francisco Theological Seminary, Promotion Review
 Haverford College, Tenure and Promotion Review
 Haverford College, Fourth-Year Review

National Fellowships Reviewer

American Council of Learned Societies, 2019
 National Humanities Center, 2013

Book Award Juries

Jurist, American Academy of Religion, Best First Book in the History of Religions, 2021
 Jurist, *Journal of Africana Religions*, Albert J. Raboteau Book Prize, 2021

Program Unit Reviewer

African Diaspora Religions Group, American Academy of Religion, 2014

Academic Department External Reviewer

Case Western Reserve University, Department of Religious Studies, 2023

International Service to the Professoriate (Invited)

Member of the Jury, University of Simon Kimbangu, Doctorate Degree, Honoris Causa, conferred upon Dr. Martial Sinda, Kinshasa, DRC, July 28, 2011

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Articles/Op-eds

- 2024 "[This is No Ordinary Anti-Blackness—The Racist History of the Pet-eating Conspiracy](#)," *Religion Dispatches*, September 30 (co-authored with Kyrah Malika Daniels)
- 2021 "[We've Finally begun to Confront White Christian Nationalism; But What about Its Source Text?](#)," *Religion Dispatches*, August 2
- 2021 "[The Wedding Tradition of Jumping the Broom Didn't Actually Derive from Africa](#)," *Oprah Daily*, June 25
- 2019 "[2019 Marked 400 Years of 'Forbidden Black Love' in America](#)," *The Washington Post*, "Made by History," December 26
- 2010 "[The Myth of 'Voodoo': A Caribbean American Response to Representations of Haiti](#)," *Religion Dispatches*, January 21
- 2010 "[Le Vodou N'est Pas Responsable du Tremblement de Terre à Haïti](#)," *Africultures: Les Mondes en Relation*, January 26 (Translated by Dr. Didier Gondola)
- 2004 "My Reflections on the Current Racial Climate at Emory," *Update: A Newsletter of Emory's Department of Religion* (Spring 2004): 11-13

Courses/Instruction

- 2022 Instructor, *Black Love*, Ire Ase Communiversity, February
- 2021 Guest Panelist, "Loving While Black," *Black Mobility and Safety*, taught locally and virtually by Professor Ekene Ijeoma, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, April 9
- 2019 Instructor, Great Works Seminar: *African American Thinkers on Black Love and Learning to Love Blackness*, Bill and Carol Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, March-April
- 2015 Volunteer Teacher, "African Heritage Religions: Part III," Lee Arrendale State Prison for Women, Georgia Department of Corrections, Alto, GA, December 4
- 2015 Volunteer Teacher, "African Heritage Religions: Part II," Lee Arrendale State Prison for Women, Georgia Department of Corrections, Alto, GA, January 30
- 2013 Volunteer Teacher, "African and African Diaspora Religions: A Seminar," Lee Arrendale State Prison for Women, Georgia Department of Corrections, Alto, GA, June 21

Lectures/Speeches/Panels/Talks

- 2026 Book Talk, *Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage*, Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa Centurion, Pretoria, South Africa, May 24

- 2026 Book Talk, *Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage*, Co-sponsored by Kiburi Africa, Ngolo Shop, Djèl Brilé, La Cour D'or, Afro Moja, and Sawtche Afrofem, Wassai Café, Lyon, France, March 21
- 2024 Book Giveaway, *Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage*, Eat and Read at Melba's Literacy Project, Melba's Restaurant, New Orleans, LA, May 25
- 2024 Book Talk, *Obeah, Orisa, and Religious Identity in Trinidad, Volume II, Orisa: Africana Nations and the Power of Black Sacred Imagination*, Gwinnett County Public Library, February 22
- 2023 Presenter/Co-panelist, "De-stigmatizing African Beliefs: Understanding the Origins of Black Faith and Beliefs," Black Employee Resource Group, Lululemon Apparel Company, February 27
- 2022 Guest Speaker and Book Signing, "Elevating and Celebrating Black Women...Black Love," Shrine of the Black Madonna of the Pan African Orthodox Christian Church, Women's Day Program, Detroit, MI, October 16
- 2022 Featured Panelist with Tiffanie Drayton, in Conversation with Melanie F. Hart, "Visions of a Post-Neoliberal Future," Henry Cohen Lecture Series, The New School, New York, NY, March 3
- 2021 Panelist, "Stabilizing and Advancing Community: A National Convening on Equity-Based Revitalization" NeighborWorks, Virtual, June 17
- 2021 Featured Panelist, "Black Women, Black Love: A Conversation on Marriage, Religion, and Black Families," Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, April 29 (Aired on C-SPAN, June 19, 2021)
- 2021 Presenter, "Black Women, Black Love," Black Power Book Club, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA, Virtual, April 15
- 2021 Presenter, "Black Women, Black Love," Black Women's Caucus, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, Virtual, April 8
- 2021 Presenter, "Forbidden Black Love: America's Hidden Civil Rights Issue," *Minds Matter*, Emory University Emeritus College, Atlanta, GA, Virtual, March 15
- 2021 Presenter, "Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage," Rubi Read Book Club, Rubidoux SDA Church, Riverside, CA, Virtual, February 27
- 2021 Featured Speaker, "Forbidden Black Love: America's Hidden Civil Rights Issue," in Conversation with Dr. Andrea White, Riverside Church, New York, NY, Virtual, February 4
- 2020 Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance, Reader Meet Writer Series, *Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage*, Virtual, October 8
- 2020 Panelist, Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference: Hosted by Senator Cory Booker, Topic: "Baby Bonds," Virtual, August 27
- 2019 A Conversation with Jacquelyn J. Holness, Author of *Destination Wedding*, and Dianne M. Stewart, author of *Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage*, Auburn Avenue Research Library, Atlanta, GA, December 11

- 2017 Panelist, "The History of Forbidden Black Love," *LISTEN. ideas that resonate*, Auburn Avenue Research Library, Atlanta, GA, November 15
- 2015 Panelist, United Negro College Fund (UNCF)/Mellon Programs Conference, "Graduate School Admissions and Experiences of Students of Color," Atlanta, GA, October 9
- 2013 Workshop Leader, "Preparing for the Ministry of Scholarship" The National Black Women in Ministry & Leadership Conference, Interdenominational Theological Center/Black Women in Church and Society Office, Atlanta, GA, May 24
- 2012 Colloquium Facilitator, Howard Thurman Day, "*Is the Howard Thurman Legacy of Interfaith Cooperation Flexible Enough to Include African Spiritual Tradition?*" A discussion between the Queen Mothers of Ghana and the Morehouse College Community, Atlanta, GA, November
- 2012 Career Day General Assembly Keynote Address, Fountain Elementary School, Atlanta, GA, April
- 2011 Panelist & Workshop Leader, "Preparing for Doctoral Studies: Researching Institutional Options" *The Ministry of Scholarship*, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA, March
- 2011 Presenter/Workshop Leader, Educational Lectures and Workshops, *Bumuntu* Peace Institute, University of Kamina, University of Kabongo, Democratic Republic of Congo, June
- 2011 Lecturer, *Women at the Cross Easter Week Series*, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA, April 13
- 2010 "The Disaster in Haiti and the Image of African Spirituality," Invited Lecturer, Ile Ori Temple, Atlanta, Georgia, March
- 2008 "Was Reverend Jeremiah A. Wright *Wrong?* An Examination of Black Liberation Theology, Race, and Politics in America," Invited Panelist, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta GA, April 21
- 2004 "The Challenges of Diversity in the Classroom," and "From the Front Lines: Theory and Praxis in the Academy, Church and Society," Fund for Theological Education Mentorship Weekend, Presenter and Mentor, South Bend, IN, June 11-14
- 2004 "Crafting a Scholarly Identity: The Importance of Thinking about What and How We Write," Fund for Theological Education Dissertation Fellows Workshop, Atlanta, GA, August
- 2004 "Deconstructing Black Nationalist Essentialisms through Black Feminist Theory and Praxis," Pan-African Orthodox Church/Shrine of the Black Madonna, Atlanta, GA, Summer
- 2004 Workshop Leader, "Womanist Theology for the Healthy City," Annual Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Metro-Urban Institute, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, April
- 2004 Guest Speaker, Black History Month Service, "SANKOFA: A Celebration of the Religious Expression and Souls of Black Folks" at Trinity African Baptist Church, Mableton, GA, February
- 2003 Guest Speaker, "Caribbean Independence Service," First African Presbyterian Church, Lithonia, GA, August
- 2002 Workshop Leader, "Strategies for Pursuing Higher Education," Community Workshop for Women of Color, Americorps, New York, NY, September

- 2002 Keynote Speaker, “Womanist Theology: A Resource for ‘Addressing the Needs of the Total Woman Spiritually, Emotionally and Physically,’” First Baptist Institutional Church, First Annual Women’s Conference, Detroit, MI, August
- 2001 Lecturer, African Liberation Day Celebration, Aranguez Junior Secondary School, Aranguez, Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies, May
- 2000 Lecturer, “Black Religion and Constructive Theological Reflection: Resources for Positive Spiritual Development,” Osborn Correctional Institute, Somers, CT, June and July

Think Tanks

Member, [Closing the Women’s Wealth Gap](#) (CWWG), a national initiative to advance policies and strategies that build wealth for low-wealth women and women of color, 2020-2021

Consulting, Mentoring, Organizing Committees & Public Intellectual Forums

Expert Witness, Center for Constitutional Rights, *Inclusive Louisiana, Mount Triumph Baptist Church, RISE St. James v. St. James Parish*, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, No. 23-987, April 2026–

Consultant, Law Offices of Lisa A. Modecker, David Bryan Glascock, Esq., Boston, MA (for expertise in Rastafari beliefs and practices in child custody case), June 25, 2025

USA Commissioner and Member of the Collective, *The Spirit of the Fight: The 50th Anniversary of the Ali-Foreman fight in Kinshasa*, Democratic Republic of Congo and Other International Venues, October 2024–September 2025

Consultant, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture/The New York Public Library Lilly Planning Grant, “How the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture Can Engage the Idea of Black Religious and Spiritual Practice in the 21st Century,” April 25, 2023

Conversation/Interview, with Christina Joy, Sankofa Books and Café, Book Discussion: *Black Women, Black Love: America’s War on African American Marriage*, April 10, 2023

Participant, *Blackspace*, an annual public intellectual form hosted by Dr. Erna Brodber, Woodside, St. Mary, Jamaica, July 28-30, 2022

Moderator, Keynote Session with Author Beverly Jenkins, Black Readers Conference, October 30, 2021

Panelist, *The Divestment Movement*, Black America Summit II, August 6, 2021

Facilitator, Table for Thirteen, Colgate University Alumni Discussion of *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates, Virtual, July 20, 2021

Reader Meets Writer, Eat and Read at Melba’s, Community Literacy Program featuring *Black Women, Black Love: America’s War on African American Marriage*, Melba’s PoBoys, New Orleans, LA, June 25, 2021

Interview, Dean Carla Freeman, “Black Women, Black Love with Author Dianne Stewart,” Emory Alumni Book Club, Emory College of Arts and Sciences, Virtual, February 21, 2022

Mentor, “Doctoral Forum,” Forum for Theological Exploration, Fall 2021

Member, Black Interfaith Working Group, Interfaith Youth Core, 2021-2022

Presenter, “Black Women, Black Love,” Americorps, Miami Conference of Christians and Jews, February 25, 2021

The Carter Center, Human Rights Defenders Forum, Planning Team: Consultant & Participant, *Beyond Violence: Women Leading for Peaceful Societies*, Atlanta, GA, February 7-10, 2015

Scholarly Consultant, Interdenominational Theological Center Presidential Committee on the Religious Heritage of the African World, 2011-2013

The Carter Center, Human Rights Defenders Policy Forum, Planning Team: Participant, “Family Laws and Norms” Group, *The Role of Religion in Protecting and Advancing Women’s Rights*, Atlanta, GA, June 27-30, 2013

The Carter Center, Human Rights Defenders Policy Forum, Planning Team, Workshop Facilitator and Moderator: Facilitator, “The Power of Sacred Literatures in Advancing Human Dignity” & Moderator, “Shifting Dogma and Tradition: Affirming Human Dignity through Sacred Literatures,” *Daughters of Heaven and Earth: A Forum on Faith, Belief, and the Advancement of Women’s Human Rights*, Atlanta, GA, April 3-6, 2011

The Carter Center, Consultant for ongoing projects concerning women’s rights and religion, 2011-2016

Workshop Leader, “The Ministry of Teaching and Scholarship,” *Living Stones in Sacred Waters: A National Black Women in Ministry Leadership Conference*, Black Women in Church and Society Program of the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA, May 23-25, 2013

Advisory Board Member, *Bumuntu* Peace Institute for Education and Development in Africa, (Headquarters in Los Angeles (USA), Kinshasa, and Kamina (DRC)), November 2010–

Faculty Resource Consultant, Black Women in Ministerial Leadership Fellowship Program, Interdenominational Theological Center/Black Women in Church and Society, 2008-2011

“Black Religious Studies and the Black Church,” Kelly Miller Institute, Scholarly Think Tank, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN, September 9-11, 2004

Consultant, Canadian Department of Immigration and Naturalization, Deliberating a Case for Canadian Asylum (consulted for expert knowledge on the phenomenon of Obeah in Trinidad), Summer 2003

United Methodist Church, Women of Color Doctoral Scholarship Program, Mentor and Selection Committee Member, Spring 2003—2006

Mellon Scholar Consultant, Haverford College, Summer 2002, 2005, 2007

Member, Education for Liberation: an association of educators of African descent with a focus on improving the quality of education for Black children in the American public school system, 1999—2001

Member and Participant, Benjamin E. Mays Institute: a boys’ academy at Lewis Fox Middle School, Hartford, CT, 1999-2001

Scholarly Interviews

Host, "[Dispossession: The Price of Progress](#)," First Fridays at 4, *Emory Scholars on Race: A Conversation with Tayari Jones*, Emory College of Arts and Sciences/James Weldon Johnson Institute, March 16, 2021

Host, "[Candomblé Reconsidered: A Sacred Matters Interview](#)," (with Dr. Rachel Harding and Donna Roberts (filmmaker/producer – *Yemanjá: Wisdom from the African Heart of Brazil*)) for *Sacred Matters*, October 9, 2015

Interviewee, "[On Academia and Empathy: In Conversation with Award-Winning Scholar, Dianne M. Stewart, MDiv '93](#)," *Harvard Divinity School Dean's Report 2025*

Media Consultations/Interviews: Print & Online

2026 Precious Nwosu, "[Why Some Black Southern Women Keep Their Maiden Names after Marriage](#)," *The Lighthouse Black Girl Projects*, February 25, 2026

2023 Bria Overs, "[Married Black Women Are More Likely to Be Breadwinners. That's Not a Bad Thing](#)," *WordinBlack*, April 28

2023 Jonquilyn Hill, Vox Media, for developing story on "Real Housewives of Potomac and How Marriage Serves as a Status Marker for Black Women," March 3

2022 Meagan Jordan, "[Black Women's 'Sex and the City' Is Back to Make Us Feel Seen](#)," *Rolling Stone*, February 8

2022 Minda Honey, "[Single Black Women and the Lies about Our Love Lives](#)," *ANDscape*, February 14

2022 Tracy Thompson, "[Meet the Entrepreneurs Using African Spirituality to Create Businesses](#)" CNBC, January 31

2021 Meredith Landry, "[Family Reboot: Q&A - Black Women, Black Love](#)" Family Story, January 12,

2021 Eartha Hopkins, "[Black Love or War? A Comprehensive Look into the Impact of Racism on Dating Relationships](#)," *Ebony*, November 10

2021 Eartha Hopkins, "[Black Love or War? How Racism Hinders Black Dating and Relationships](#)" *The Grio*, August 1

2021 John Blake, "[Kamala Harris' Marriage Could Challenge a Racial Taboo](#)," CNN, February 15

2020 Interview, James Bruggers, "[In Georgia Senate Race, Warnock Brings a History of Black Faith Leaders' Environmental Activism](#)," *Inside Climate News*, December 31

2020 Janelle Harris Dixon, "[New Book Claims the Destruction of Black Relationships Is America's Unrecognized Civil Rights Issue](#)," *The Root*, November 17

2020 Charlene Muhammad, "[Black Marriage Day 2020: A Celebration of Love and Commitment](#)," *The Final Call*, March 18,

2019 Shari Rudavsky, *Indianapolis Star*, "[DNA Test Can Break Down 'Brick Wall' of Slavery for African Americans Tracing Their Roots](#)," October 29

- 2019 Nneka Okona, *The Highlight by Vox*, “[‘Heritage Travel’ is Surging in the Era of DNA Testing. It Has a Special Significance for Black Americans](#),” September 25
- 2019 Bouchra Ouatik, *Canadian Broadcast Corporation/Radio-Canada*, “[Voici pourquoi des manifestants s’opposent à une exposition sur Toutankhamon](#),” April 23
- 2019 Meagan Jordan, *Broadly*, “[Nipsey Hussle’s Memorial Was a Celebration of African Spirituality](#),” April 12
- 2018 Richard Schapiro, *New York Daily News*, “[Brooklyn Religious Store Owners’ Mysterious Murders Leaves Hole in the Lives of Those the Couple Counseled](#),” May 18
- 2014 Pauline Dolle, *A Journey Through NYC Religions*, “[Powerful Pulpit Women of the Caribbean in NYC](#),” November 5
- 2012 Mashaun Simon, *The Grio*, “Black Americans Lament the Commercialization of Christmas,” December 25, (<http://thegrio.com/2012/12/25/black-americans-lament-the-commercialization-of-christmas/>)
- 2012 Alexis Shaw, ABCNews.com, “West African Spiritual Traditions,” June 8
- 2011 Chica Oduah, “[Are Blacks Abandoning Christianity for African Faiths](#),” *The Grio*, NBC News, October 19

Media Interviews/Consultations: Television, Documentaries, & Social Media

- 2025 Featured Scholarly Expert, Nikki Chai, [Santería: Unveiling, Exploring Faith Docuseries](#), AIB Network/AIB Studios, June 24
- 2025 Featured Scholarly Expert, Nikki Chai, [Santería: Character, Exploring Faith Docuseries](#), AIB Network/AIB Studios, June 24
- 2025 Interview, Carmela Monk Crawford, “The Threat to Black Love,” *Message Magazine*, June 24
- 2023 Interview, Anietie Antia Obong, Shaken World Screenworks, for documentary that will be based on my book, *Black Women, Black Love: America’s War on African American Marriage*, May 3
- 2023 Marcie L. Thomas, “Live Well Sister!” (a weekly broadcast of Brown Girl Collective), Book Discussion: *Black Women, Black Love: America’s War on African American Marriage*, May 10
- 2023 Interview, “Not Your Mammy” Clubhouse Room, Book Discussion: *Black Women, Black Love: America’s War on African American Marriage*, April 16
- 2023 Interview, Book Discussion: *Obeah, Orisa, and Religious Identity in Trinidad, Vol II, Orisa: Africana Nations and the Power of Black Sacred Imagination, The Sisterhood*, Urban Information Network, January 27
- 2022 Guest Speaker/Discussant, with Ijeoma Opara, MD, Antiracism in Medicine Action Roundtable (AIMART), “Praise the Lord & Pass the Violence: The Role of Religion in Perpetuating AntiBlackness in Healthcare,” October 22
- 2022 Aaleah McConnell, “The Significance and Veneration of the Deceased in African Diasporic Cultures,” October 13

- 2022 Interview, “Black Women, Black Love: America’s War on African American Marriage,” *Black in the Day in the 313*, hosted by Kefentse Chike, Detroit MI, October 8
- 2022 Interview, “Black Women, Black Love,” *The Sisterhood*, Urban Information Network, September 30
- 2022 Instagram Live, Atlanta Black World, “Bridging the Gap Between Black Immigrants and African Americans,” March 10, and March 24
- 2022 Interview, Taylor Musgrave and Val Warner, “Jumping the Broom,” *Our Chicago: Building Black*, February 26
- 2022 Interview, Audrey Galex, *Exploring Ifa*, AIB Network, August 16
- 2022 Interview, Dr. Andra Gillespie, “Black Women, Black Love,” *JWJ Faculty Spotlight: Emory Faculty Publishing on Race and Difference*, James Weldon Johnson Institute, February 14
- 2021 Consultant, Expertise on African Heritage Religions in the Diaspora, Walt Disney Animation Studios, September 3
- 2021 Interview, Areva Martin, *The Special Report*, July 14
- 2021 Guest, *Black Love*, FaceBook Live Audio Room with Deray McKesson, July 26
- 2021 Guest Appearance, Lauren Johnson, “[Could Vice President Kamala Harris’ Marriage Affect views on Interracial Relationships](#),” *Good Day Philadelphia*, Fox 29 Philadelphia, February 28
- 2021 Interview, Jayla Whitfield, “[Coronavirus Pandemic Forces Black Churches to Adapt to New Ways of Worship](#),” Fox News Atlanta, February 19
- 2021 Guest Panelist, “Black Love,” *Basic Black*, WGBH, February 9
- 2020 Interview, “Let’s Chat with the Author of *Black Women, Black Love*,” Mocha Girls Read & Black Men Read, December 13
- 2020 Interview, Aiyla Williamson, “[Black Women, Black Love: An Interview with Dianne M. Stewart](#),” November 29
- 2020 Interview, Dr. Sean MacMillan, *The Book of Sean: Black Women and Love*, Fox Soul, October 19
- 2018 *A Seat at the Table*, Georgia Public Broadcasting television program, hosted by Monica Pearson, Denene Millner, and Christine White (produced by Keocia Howard) - Consultant for show theme: “African Americans and Christianity,” March 17
- 2015 *Black Sails* (Television Series, Starz Television Network), Consulted on Season 3, Episodes 6 and 9, for expertise in 18th-century Obeah religious practices in the Caribbean, Fall
- 2010 Featured Scholar, [Living Thinkers: An Autobiography of Black Women in the Ivory Tower](#) (documentary about the intersection of race, gender, and class in the lives of African American women in American colleges and universities, produced by Dr. Roxanne Walker-Canton, Fairfield University, CT) August 10

Podcasts

- 2026 Dr. Langston Clark, Entrepreneurial Appetite, Black Book Discussion: Michael D. Harris's *Art as Sanctuary: Conjuring an Africana Aesthetic*, February 17
- 2026 Dave DeSteno, [How God Works: The Science Behind Spirituality](#), "[What Women Want](#)," Season 10, Episode 2, March 29
- 2026 Yndia Lorick-Wilmot, [Belonging to Blackness](#), "[Black Spiritual and African Heritage Traditions, and the Sacred Lives We Carry](#)," Season 7, Episode 066, April 21
- 2025 Lawrence Hunter, Dr. L's Podcast, "Are Black Women Being Denied Marriage," March 2
- 2024 Lawrence Hunter, Dr. L's Podcast, "Why Can't Black Women Find Love? Part 2," December 8
- 2024 Julie Kohler, White Picket Fence, "[The Mess Moynihan Made](#)," April 11
- 2024 Anietie Antia-Obong, Love and the Marriage Squeeze, February 28
- 2024 Jonquilyn Hill, The Weeds, "Black women And...Love," February 14
- 2023 Mikell Carter, New Books Network, Book Discussion: *Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage*, February 2
- 2023 Roman Johnson, The Freedom Doctor, "Obeah and other African Sacred Healing Traditions in the Diaspora," January 23
- 2023 Shantae Charles, Black Table Talk, *Daring Dialogues* series, Book Discussion: *Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage*, February 28
- 2022 Julian Walker, PushBlack, Book Discussion: *Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage*, June 24
- 2022 Drs. La Drea Ingram and Langston Clark, Entrepreneurial Appetite, Black Book Discussion: *Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage*, February 17
- 2021 Marc Sims, "Black Women, Black Love," *400 Plus*, June 20
- 2021 Marc Sims, "America's War on African American Marriage," *Just a Few Questions*, June 20,
- 2021 Dr. Joy Harden Bradford, "Exploring African Traditional Religions," *Therapy for Black Girls*, June 2
- 2021 Kiana and Jasmine Brooks, "We Had the Talk about Black Love," *We Had the Talk*, May 30
- 2021 JR, "Theologian or Savior: Social Technology or Religion," *Bandwidth Coast to Coast*, May 14
- 2021 JR, "A Uniquely American Love Story," *Bandwidth Coast to Coast*, February 4
- 2020 Tulaine Montgomery, "Black Women and Black Love," *Say More*, November 18
- 2020 Deray Mckesson, "Ask All the Questions," *Pod Save the People*, November 16

Media Interviews/Consultations: Radio

Interracial Relationships in the Media: A "Non-violent" Tool of White Supremacy?

- The WVON Afternoon Show with Atiba Buchanan and LaDonna Raeh, WVON 1690 AM Radio, March 24, 2026

Jamaica Memory Bank

- African Caribbean Institute of Jamaica, Interviewed by Marsha McLean, Kingston, Jamaica, March 7, 2025

The Crisis of the Black Family

- The WVON Afternoon Show with Atiba Buchanan and LaDonna Raeh, WVON 1690 AM Radio, December 11, 2024

Exploring the Meaning of Love and Applying a Love Ethic

- The WVON Afternoon Show with Atiba Buchanan and Darlene Hill, WVON 1690 AM Radio, September 12, 2024

Can a Sexless Marriage Be a Happy One?

-[KBLA Talk](#), *Areva Martin In Real Time*, April 18, 2024

Are Nice Guys Irrelevant?

-[KBLA Talk](#), *Areva Martin In Real Time*, March 28, 2024

The Benefits of Getting Married at an Advanced Age

- The WVON Afternoon Show with Kimberley Egonmwan and Atiba Buchanan, WVON 1690 AM Radio, February 14, 2024

"Brickgate" and Misogynoir in the Black Community

-[KBLA Talk](#), *Areva Martin In Real Time*, September 26, 2023

Married Black Women Lead as Breadwinners

- The WVON Afternoon Show with Kimberley Egonmwan and Atiba Buchanan, WVON 1690 AM Radio, May 11, 2023

The Challenges and Triumphs of Black Love

-[KBLA Talk](#), *Areva Martin In Real Time*, February 14, 2023

Debt, Marriage, and Divorce in the Black Community

- The WVON Afternoon Show with Kimberley Egonmwan and Atiba Buchanan, WVON 1690 AM Radio, March 25, 2022

Can a Relationship Work When a Woman Makes More Money Than her Male Partner?

-The WVON Afternoon Show with Kimberley Egonmwan and Atiba Buchanan, WVON 1690 AM Radio, October 6, 2022

Debt, Marriage, and Divorce in the Black Community

- The WVON Afternoon Show with Kimberley Egonmwan and Atiba Buchanan, WVON 1690 AM Radio, March 25, 2022

Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage

-[KBLA Talk](#), *Tavis Smiley*, February 14, 2022

Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage

-The Buchanan and Seaton Show, Atiba Buchannan and Kimberly Egonmwan, WVON 1690 AM Radio, January 23, 2022

Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage

-What's the 411 with Sharon Kay, February 2, 2022

Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage

-The Buchanan and Seaton Show, Atiba Buchannan, WVON 1690 AM Radio, December 16, 2021

Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage

-[KBLA Talk](#), Areva Martin Out Loud, October 9, 2021

Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage

-WPFW 89.3 FM Radio, *On the Margins* with Ethelbert Miller, June 24, 2021

Black Love, Black Men and Marriage

-Africa 400 Radio, June 16, 2021

The Roadblocks to Love for Black Women

-[KERA Think](#), Courtney Collins, April 9, 2021

Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage

-Africa 400 Radio, June 16, 2021

Marriage and Marital Opportunities for African American Women

-Blue Ridge Public Radio, *The Waters and Harvey Show* with Drs. Darryl Waters and Marcus Harvey, November 25, 2020

Why Are So Few Black Women Married in America

-NPR, [Marketplace](#), from American Public Media, with Kai Ryssdal, October 6, 2020

The History of Forbidden Black Love

- WAOK, 1380 AM Radio, Morning Show: *The Movement*, with Dr. F. Keith Slaughter, November 15, 2017

Teaching The Power of Black Self-Love – discussion with Donna Troka & Gretel Nabeta

-GPB News/NPR 88.5 FM Radio, *On Second Thought* with Celeste Headlee, January 11, 2017

Between and Beyond Colonial Imaginations: Obeah, Orisa and Religious Identity in Trinidad – book project discussion

-WRES 100.7, FM Radio, *The Waters and Harvey Show* with Drs. Darryl Waters and Marcus Harvey, April 8, 2015

Teaching "Crossing the Color Line: African and Appalachian Religious Others in the American Imagination"

-WRES 100.7 FM Radio, *The Waters and Harvey Show* with Drs. Darryl Waters and Marcus Harvey, March 19, 2015

Parliamentary Debates about Decriminalizing Obeah in Jamaica

-BBC London, 94.9 FM Radio, *Dotun Adebayo Show*, London, July 14, 2013

African Religious Cultures in the Caribbean

-IRIE 105.5 FM Radio, *Running Africa* with Andrea Williams, Ocho Rios, Jamaica, October 7, 2012

- IRIE 107.5 FM Radio, *The Cutting Edge* with Mutabaruka, Kingston, Jamaica, October 10, 2012
- WRFG, 89.3 FM Radio, *Caribbean Runnings*, Atlanta, GA, February 3, 2013
- WRFG, 89.3 FM Radio, *African Experience Worldwide*, Atlanta, GA, February 4, 2013
- WRFG, 89.3 FM Radio, *Sunday Night Fire*, Atlanta, GA, February 5, 2013
- WAOK, 1380 AM Radio, *Too Much Truth*, Atlanta, GA, February 6, 2013
- WRFG, 89.3 FM Radio, *Night Watch Expressions*, Atlanta, GA, February 7, 2013

The January 2010 Earthquake in Haiti & Public Conceptions about Vodou

- Scholarly Consultant, “Misconceptions of Vodou/Voodoo” in the wake of the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti, *National Public Radio*, January 20, 2010

Black Theology and the Barack Obama/Jeremiah Wright Presidential Election Controversy

- WAOK, 1380 AM Radio, *Shelley Wynter Talk Show*, April 18, 2008

LANGUAGES

- French: (proficient) reading, speaking, (elementary), writing
- Spanish: (competent) reading, (elementary) speaking, writing
- Kikongo: (elementary) reading, speaking, writing
- Jamaican Creole: (fluent) reading, speaking