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RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Church of God (Anderson, IND)
Ordained, May 1985; Licensed 1977

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Biblical Studies, Hebrew Bible concentration (New Testament cognate), Ethics minor, Baylor University Graduate Department in Religion, 2002
M.Div. Concentration: Biblical Studies, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1990
B.A. Double Major, Communication and Religion, Trinity University, 1986

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2014–2015 Visiting Associate Professor of Preaching & Hebrew Bible, Methodist Theological School of Ohio, calendar year.
2014 Adjunct Professor, New York Theological Seminary, January and June.
2013 Adjunct Professor, “Womanist Biblical Interpretation,” Memphis Theological Seminary, June 10-14, 2013.
2013 Legacy Scholar for the Black Church Studies Program, “Womanist Biblical Interpretation,” Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, Texas, May 20-24, 2013
2012 Adjunct Professor, D.Min. Theology & Arts Immersion, New York City, for Memphis Theological Seminary, July 16-27, 2012.
2010— Preaching Consultant, “One Body” Initiative, General Board of Global Ministries | The United Methodist Church, various venues throughout the USA.
2009— Founding President & CEO, WomanPreach! Inc.
2009–2013 Associate Professor, tenured, Hebrew Bible/Homiletics & Worship and Scholar in Theology and the Arts, Lancaster Theological Seminary.
2011–2012 Adjunct Professor, Introduction to Old Testament, Wesley Theological Seminary.
2007–2009 Associate Professor, Hebrew Bible/Homiletics & Liturgics, Memphis Theological Seminary (hereafter MTS).
2003–2007 Assistant Professor, Hebrew Bible/Homiletics and Liturgics, MTS.
2006— Adjunct Professor, Communication Department (Rhetoric), University of Memphis.
2005–2009 Director (Founder), Return Beat: Theology and Arts Institute, MTS.
2001–2003 Vice President of Programming, Alzheimer’s Association, Austin, TX.
1999–2001 Human Resource Manager/Executive Assistant, MarchFIRST, Austin, TX (Company defunct).
1994–1999 Assistant Professor of Religion, Huston-Tillotson College (now University), Austin, TX.
1990–1993 Communications Director, Austin Metropolitan Ministries, Austin, TX.

MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

2011— Preacher-in-residence, Emory Fellowship (United Methodist Church), Washington, D.C.
2009–2014 Associate minister and occasional preacher, St. Paul Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA
2006–2007 Interim Pastor, Everett United Methodist Church, Memphis, TN
1987–2003 Executive Pastor, Banah Full Community Church, Church of God (Anderson, IN), Austin, TX
1995–2001 Chaplain, Hospice Austin, Austin, TX.
1992–1995 Chaplain, Seton Medical Center.
1989–1991 Chaplaincy Training: Austin State Hospital and Seton Medical Center, Austin, TX.
1977–1985 Lay and licensed associate minister, Alabama and Texas congregations (Church of God).
Continuous Supply preacher, conference speaker, revival speaker, workshop leader (various)

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Chairs/Co-Chairs

- Women in the Biblical World, Society of Biblical Literature, 2011— (member of steering committee since 2010)
- The Bible in Racial, Ethnic and Indigenous Communities, American Academy of Religion, 2007-2011, member of the steering committee 2011—2014
- African American Biblical Hermeneutics Section, Society of Biblical Literature, 2001-2011, advisor to new co-chairs 2011-2013
- Installation service for Vice President of Academic Affairs/Dean at MTS, 2005

Society/Academy Memberships

- Society for Biblical Literature (SBL)
- Academy of Homiletics (nominating committee)
- American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- Womanist Consultation of the AAR
- Society for the Study of Black Religion (SSBR), inducted 2007
- Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies (SARTS), steering committee, 2010—2014
- Black Religious Scholars Group
- National Association of Baptist Professors, 2004-2006

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/EDITORIAL BOARDS/BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

- The Westminster/John Knox Homiletics Monograph Series (digital series), Advisory Committee, 2013—
- Faculty Development Advisory Committee, Association of Theological Schools, 2012—2014
- Y. A. Flunder Foundation Advisory Board, 2012 –
- Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference Board of Trustees, 2011—
- Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin Seminary Association (alumni/a board). Served as Vice President and President, Class of 2013; Past President term ends February 2015
- *Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies* Board of Directors, *Class of 2013*
- *Black Theology Journal* (London-based), editorial board member, 2012—
- *Journal for the Bible and Transformation*, editorial board member, 2010—
- *Homiletics Journal*, editorial board member, 2010—
- Out in Scripture Editorial Advisory Board, Human Rights Campaign, 2007-2010
- National Advisory Council for African American Ministries at United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH, 2008—
- *Horizons in Biblical Theology Journal*, editorial board, published by Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 2004-2007
- *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, Monograph Series of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, published by Baylor University Press, 2004-2006
- Austin International Poetry Festival, 1998-2005

PUBLICATIONS

Books

In Progress

- *From God and a Woman: Womanist Hermeneutic for Biblical Interpretation* (working title), Westminster/John Knox Press, under contract, in progress
- *Hip-Hop and the Preacher: A Cultural Reading of the Book of Ecclesiastes*, in progress

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Published

- Associate Editor (prophetic corpus) and contributor, “Jonah,” and “Nahum,” *The Africana Bible: Reading Israel's Scriptures from Africa and the African Diaspora*, Hugh Page, gen. ed. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2009.
- Contributing Editor, “African-American Women Preachers: 1795-1865,” in *Norton's Anthology of African American Preaching*, Martha Simmons and Frank A. Thomas, eds., W.W. Norton, 2010
- Ella P. Mitchell and Valerie Bridgeman [Davis], eds. *Those Preaching Women: A Multi-Cultural Collection*, co-editor, Judson Press, 2008
- Valerie Bridgeman [Davis] and Safiyah Fosua, eds. *Companion to the Africana Worship Book*, Discipleship Resources, Nashville, 2008
- Valerie Bridgeman [Davis] and Safiyah Fosua, eds. *Africana Worship Book*, Volumes 1, 2, and 3. Discipleship Resources, Nashville, 2006, 2007 and 2008

Commentaries, Anthologies and Journal Entries

- “Womanist Approaches to the Prophets,” in *The Oxford Handbook of the Prophets*, Carolyn J. Sharp, ed., Oxford University Press, under contract, due 2014.
- “Womanist Criticism,” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Gender Studies*, Vol. 2 (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014), pp. 431–439.
- “Homiletics,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretation*, Vol. 1 (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013).
- Homiletics Commentary Contributor, Year A (Proper 26-29, and All Saints' Day), in *Abingdon Theological Commentary on the Lectionary*, with J. Kameron Carter (Abingdon Press, 2013, Kindle Edition only).
- “Gifts of Sexuality and Gender,” Year A, B, C, in *Preaching for Social Justice and Transformation: A Lectionary Commentary* (Westminster/John Knox, 2012).
- “Homiletical Commentary,” *Abingdon's Theological Companion to the Lectionary*, Year A, Proper 26-29, All Saints' Day, and Thanksgiving Day, with theologian J. Kameron Carter (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2013).
- “Gifts of Sexuality and Gender,” in *Preaching God's Transforming Justice: A Lectionary Commentary, Year B*. (Westminster/John Knox, 2012).
- “Preaching on Homosexuality,” for The African American Lectionary, online resource, December 2010. <http://theafricanamericanlectionary.org/dialoguecorner.asp>
- Contributor, “Amos” and “Habakkuk,” in *The People's Bible*, Curtiss Paul Deyoung, Wilda C. Gafney, Leticia Guardiola-Saenz, George E. Tinker, and Frank M. Yamada, eds. (Fortress Press 2008).
- Homiletical Perspective on “Isaiah 43:1-7, Baptism of the Lord,” “Isaiah 62:1-5, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany,” “Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany,” in *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary*, Vol. 5 (Westminster/John Knox Press, 2008).
- Contributor, “Season of Lent,” *New Proclamation, Series B, Advent through Easter Vigil, 2008-2009* (Fortress Press, 2007).
- Contributor, *Lectionary Homiletics Journal*, sermon reviews, 2007
- “Buz,” “Beerl,” “Canaan,” “Beer-Lahai-Roi,” “Ben-Ammi,” in *New Interpreters' Dictionary of the Bible* (Abingdon Press, 2006).

Articles/Essays/Reviews (by field)

Bible

- “Dancing My Way Home: Reflections On Bible and Embodied Ritual Remembrance(s),” Society for the Study of Black Religion Volume, forthcoming. Submitted Sept. 2013.
- “A Perspective on the David Narratives (Rizpah)” and “A Perspective on the Teachings of Jesus (Syrophenician Woman/Mark 7:24-30)” in *Global Perspectives on the Bible* (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2011).
- “Healing Words/Harming Words: Reading the Hebrew Bible for Black Women's Mental Health,” in *Clothed and in our Right Mind*, Monica Coleman, ed. (publisher pending) submitted to editor, 2009.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles/Essays/Reviews (by field)

Bible (continued)

- “Retribution as First Response: Did God Punish New Orleans?” in *the Sky is Crying: Scholars Respond to Hurricane Katrina*, Cheryl Kirk Duggan, ed., Abingdon Press, in the same volume, Poem, “I Wept on a Slanted Roof” (2006).

Preaching

- “Celebration Renewed: A Response,” in *The Renewed Homiletic*, O. Wesley Allen, Jr., editor. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010.
- “A Sermon for my Mother,” in *Transforming Power: Stories from Transformational Leaders for Encouragement and Inspiration*, Hugh Ballou, ed., Nashville: Discipleship Resources, May 2008
- “Know Before Whom You Stand,” in *The Future of Preaching*, Vashti McKenzie, ed.; also sermon, “Touch” and poem, “Desperate”; submitted to editor, 2007.
- “Plagiarizing Sermons is a Growing Problem,” *The Cumberland Presbyterian*, Vol. 178/No. 10, 2006
- “Faithfulness or Failure: A Reflection of 25 years in Ministry,” *African American Pulpit* (Summer): 2004
- “The Woman as Preacher,” *Insights: A Journal of Austin Seminary*, (Spring): 2004

Worship

- Various Litanies for the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, 2009—
- “Letting Go: A Lenten Devotional,” Austin Seminary, December 2013.
- “Present in the Hard Times,” in *Sister to Sister: Devotions for and from African American Women*, Linda Hollies, ed. Judson Press, 1999

Arts

- Ongoing poetry on my blog, “Valerie’s Poetry and Other Stories,” <http://valeriespoetryandlifestories.blogspot.com>.
- “Marathon,” “My Heart Beats for You,” “Free,” “The Soul’s Source,” and “When I Am Asked;” commissioned poetry and personal essay in *Risk, Courage, and Women: Contemporary Voices in Prose and Poetry*, edited by Karen A. Waldron, Janice H. Brazil and Laura M. Lablatt, University of North Texas Press, September, 2007
- “A Smile Forced Upon You,” 125; “So Many Deaths Unnecessary,” 103; “Reclaimed,” 87; “I No Longer Bleed,” 55; “Falling,” 9, in *The Journal of the Interdenominational Theological Center* 34, numbers 1-2, fall-spring, 2006-2007
- “A Decision Not To,” “Your Most Precious Possession,” and “The Soul’s Source” in *Communitas: Publication of the College of Pastoral Leaders*, Vol. 2 Austin: Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 2005
- “Connecting Loneliness, Connecting Creativity,” in *Communitas: Publication of the College of Pastoral Leaders*, Vol. 2, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 2005
- Poetry in anthology *Red Boots and Attitudes: The Spirit of Texas Woman Writers*, Eakin Press, 2001
- Poetry, in anthology, *Everywhere is Someplace Else*, Austin: Plain View Press, 1998
- Lead poet in anthology, *Coming Full Circle*, Austin: Plain View Press, 1997
- Poetry, in anthology *Kente Cloth: Southwest Voices of the African Diaspora*,
- 1997
- Commissioned poetry and essay in *Taking It Personally: Autobiographical Criticism, Semeia: An Experimental Journal for Biblical Criticism*, Scholars Press, Atlanta, 1995

Articles/Essays/Reviews (by field)

Academy

- “Resistance is Poetic:” A Review of Hugh Page’s *Israel’s Poetry of Resistance: Africana Perspectives on Early Hebrew Verse* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013) in *Interpretation* (forthcoming).
- “In Other Business’: A Review of Dr. Keri Day’s *Unfinished Business: Black Women, the Black Church, and the Struggle to Thrive in America* in *Black Theology: An International Journal*, in production, September 2014.
- Peer Review, “(Emb)Racing the Bible: Pedagogical Challenges, Curricular Opportunities,” for *Teaching Theological and Religion*, October 2011.
- Valerie Bridgeman Davis, review of Judith E. Mckinlay, *Reframing Her: Biblical Women in Postcolonial Focus*, *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2007).
- Valerie Bridgeman-Davis, review of Jacqueline E. Lapsley, *Whispering the Word: Hearing Women’s Stories in the Old Testament*, *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2006).
- Valerie Bridgeman Davis, review of Charles H. Cosgrove, ed., *The Meanings We Choose: Hermeneutical Ethics, Indeterminacy and the Conflict of Interpretations*, *Review of Biblical Literature* (Clark, 2004) (2005).
- Review of *A Joyful Passion for Teaching* for *Theology and Religion Journal*, submitted and accepted; 2009
- “Beyond Privilege,” *Memphis Theological Seminary Journal*, summer, 2004
- “A Womanist/Feminist Lives with a Promise Keeper and Likes It,” in *Standing on the Promises: The Promise Keepers and the Revival of Manhood*, The Pilgrim Press, 1999

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS (BY FIELD)

Bible

- “Torn Asunder: Pieces of a Woman as Witness (On Judges 19-21),” for 30th Annual Women’s Conference [The Power of the Gospel: Women Embodying Jesus as Radical Transformation] at Shaw University’s Divinity School, Raleigh, NC, October 5, 2013.
- “Black Mama Trauma: Managing Ongoing Grief in the Work of Justice (A Reading of Rizpah’s Story)” The Jeremiah Wright, Jr. Lecture Series for The Center for African American Theological Studies of the Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education, September 20, 2013.
- “Why Should It Be Thought Impossible, Heterodox, or Improper for a Woman to Preach?’ Jarena Lee’s Scripture Interpretive Lens Against Paul and Culture,” Society for Biblical Literature, 2010
- “When you Have Forgotten Sunday’: Biblical and Religious References in the Poetry of Gwendolyn Brooks and Other African American Women Poets,” American Academy of Religion, November 2008
- “Joseph, the Master Slave: A Reading of Genesis 47:17-28,” presented to the African-American Biblical Hermeneutics Section, Society of Biblical Literature, November 2004
- “The Handmaiden’s Tale: Sex, Service, and Silence in the Pentateuch,” presented to the Women in the Biblical World Section, Society of Biblical Literature, November 2004
- “Law, Ethiopians, and Becoming a Tupac Shakur Fan: A Response to Harold V. Bennett’s *Injustice Made Legal* and Gay Byron’s *Symbolic Blackness and Ethnic Difference in Early Christian Literature*,” Presented to the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2003
- “Leaving Egypt with no Place to Go: Problematic Appropriation of the Exodus Story in African-American Consciousness,” Society of Biblical Literature, November 1997
- “Gran Gran Talk Fire out my Hand: Amalgamated Faith in the Southern United States and the Biblical Prohibitions against Divination, Augury, Foretelling and Sorcery,” Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, November 1996
- “Like a Woman in Labor: Toward a Womanist Reading of Micah,” Society of Biblical Literature, November 1995
- “Loving the Whole Folk: Toward a Womanist Understanding of Leviticus 19,” Religion and Literature Conference, Baylor University, February 1995

Preaching

- “Violence and Preaching: Resisting Esther 8 and 9 as an Acceptable Response,” Academy of Homiletics, November 2008
- “It Ain’t (Necessarily) So’: Womanist Thought and Resistance Preaching,” Contextual Hermeneutics and Preaching Section, SBL, November 2008

LECTURES – KEYNOTES

Bible

- “So the Bible Says: Womanist Thought, Biblical Interpretation and the Preaching Task, The Anna Julia Cooper Lecture Series, Candler School of Theology’s Black Church Studies Program, February 13, 2013
- “Womanist Ways and Biblical Interpretation,” Swandler Lecture Series @ Lancaster Theological Seminary, March 11, 2010
- “Impoverishment, Racism and Sexism—Exegeting the Text” during “Reawakening the Sleeping Giant: Mobilization for Prophetic Social Justice Ministry,” Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, February, 2008

Preaching

- “Developing a Prophetic Voice,” at the Festival of Young Preachers, Academy of Preachers, Indianapolis, IN, January 2-5, 2014.
- “Saying a ‘Yes’ that Leads to Integrity in Preaching,” at “Write the Vision” Women in Leadership, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, April 12, 2013.
- “Enlarging our Vision of Worship & Preaching,” Women in Leadership, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, March 23, 2012.
- Keynote Preacher, “Following the Mystery,” Genesis 12:1-4, Women in Leadership, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, March 23, 2012.
- “Resisting Violence Against Women and Children in Biblical Texts: A Critical Look at Genesis 19 (Sodom and Gomorrah), Judges 19 (Levite’s concubine), 2 Samuel 13 (Tamar/Amnon), and 2 Samuel 21 (Rizpah),” Sophie’s Table: Conversations with our Brothers in conjunction with Vanderbilt Divinity School and Kelly Miller Smith Institute on Black Church Studies, March 17, 2012
- “Catch the Fire: Preaching to Empower Faithful Action,” Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, February 2012.
- “Listening for the Prophetic in Scripture and Culture,” WomanPreach! Inc.’s Chloe’s Circle: A Gathering of Women Preachers, co-sponsored by Chicago Theological Seminary and Styberg Preaching Institute, August 2011
- “Preaching for Liberation,” Plenary Lecture for Senior and Associate Pastors, Fellowship of Affirming Ministries (Bishop Yvette Flunder, Presiding), Las Vegas, NV, July 3-10, 2011
- “Preaching in the Present Tense,” African American History Month, Boston University, February 15, 2011
- “The Poetic Nature of Good Preaching,” Four-Day Lecture Series, Styberg Preaching Institute @ Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2009
- “It Ain’t Necessarily So’: Biblical Hermeneutics, Womanist Thought, and Resistance Preaching,” The Gardner C. Taylor Lecture Series, lecturer and preacher, Duke Divinity School, October 2008
- “Keynote sermon, “The Dangerous Grace of Forgetting,” The Gardner C. Taylor Lecture Series, Duke University Divinity School, 2008

Worship/Spirituality

- “Implementing the Vision: Put Your ‘Yes’ on the Table,” Women in Leadership, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, April 2013.
- Featured Poet for Project Chapel, “A Service of Spoken Word & Jazz,” @ Wake Forest Divinity School, January 26, 2012.
- Workshop Leader, “Spoken Word as Window into Worship Renewal,” Wake Forest Divinity School, January 26, 2012.
- “What Happens When a Woman Really Walks with God,” The Retreat for Women who Do Too Much, convened by Dayspring Community Church, September 30-October 1, 2011.
- Lecturer, “Passionate Spirituality: Global Context, Bold Witness,” five lectures for Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation (Upper Room), Biddeford, ME, October 2008.
- Lecturer, “Session Three, Academy #26,” five lectures for Two Year Academy for Spiritual Formation (Upper Room), San Antonio, TX, August 2007.
- “Worship in the Body: Living and Worshiping Incarnationally,” Los Angeles Pastor’s Conference, Presbyterian, also served as preacher for the conference, January 2006.
- Delivered keynote lecture and final sermon, “This Holy Mystery” conference, United Methodist Church, General Board of Discipleship Center for Worship Resources, 2005.
- Facilitator, “Designing and Developing Africana Worship for the 21st Century,” United Methodist General Board of Discipleship, 2004-2006

Church/Community

- “Leading without Bullying: A Sheep Herder not a Cattle Driver,” Women in Leadership, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, April 2013.
- Plenary Speaker, “Preaching Matters,” Women’s Work Mini Preaching Workshop, WomanPreach! Inc., at Emory Fellowship (UMC) in Washington, D.C., December 2012.
- Plenary Speaker, “Indecent and Out of Order: Ethics for Women in Ministry,” Women in Ministry Interdenominational Conference, Ray of Hope Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), August 2007.
- “Who is Really my Neighbor: Toward Justice and Reconciliation (the Good Samaritan),” Rhodes College, March 2007.
- “Pacifism: Historical, Biblical, Ongoing,” for A Day of Biblical and Theological Reflection on the War in Iraq, Memphis School of Servant Leadership and Memphis Theological Seminary, April 2006.
- “Healing Words/Harming Words: Using the Bible for Black Women’s Mental Health,” Black Women’s Mental Health and Spirituality Conference, Bennett College, North Carolina, April 7-8, 2006.
- “A New Day, A New Way,” 3 lectures, Biennial Gathering, National Association, Disciples of Christ (Christian Church), Indianapolis, IN, 2004.

WORKSHOPS • CONSULTATIONS • PANELS • TEACHING INTENSIVES • COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Bible

- “A Taste of Seminary,” Old Testament Lecturer, Weeklong Intensive for Prospective Seminarians, Common Ground @ McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, July 9-16, 2011.
- Bible Professor-in-Residence, Southeast Asian Lay Academy, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, one-week summer intensive, 2006 excluded 2003–2009.

Preaching

- Consultation of African American Homileticians Regarding African American Preaching as an Academic Discipline, Dr. Frank A. Thomas, host at Christian Theological Seminary, April 29-30, 2014.
- Plenary Leader & Convener, Jarena Lee Preaching Academy II, WomanPreach! Inc., held at Lancaster Seminary, August 5-11, 2012.
- Preacher-in-Residence and Workshop Leader for the Southern Region of The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, Atlanta, GA, November 6-10, 2012.
- Workshop Leader & Preacher, St. John’s Downtown (UMC) Women’s Retreat, Houston, TX, September 28-30, 2012.
- Consultant, Mentor, and Sermon Evaluator, National Festival of Young Preachers (Academy of Preachers), Louisville, KY, January 2-5, 2012.
- Preacher, Ordination for Theologian Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Moravian Seminary, October 2011.
- “Still We Rise: Surviving the Storm” Preaching Clinic, Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, Las Vegas, NV, July 6, 2011.
- Preacher, “Leaving Exile Dancing,” The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, Las Vegas, NV, July 8, 2011.
- “Finding Your Prophetic Voice,” Weeklong Intensive for Southern Conference Preachers of the United Church of Christ, held at Lancaster Theological Seminary, June 20-24, 2011.
- Preacher and workshop leader, Daughters of Thunder’s “Those Preaching Women” Workshop, held at Palmer Theological Seminary, June 24-25, 2011.
- “Preaching from Hosanna to Hallelujah! Planning Easter Sermons.” Workshop for the Catskills-Hudson District of the New York Conference, United Methodist Church, February 11, 2011.
- Preacher, NAACP city-wide celebration for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Lancaster, PA, January 2011.
- Preacher, Ordination Service for Rev. Michelle E. Armster, Blossom Hill Mennonite Church, Lancaster, PA, October 24, 2010.
- Preacher, Ordination Service for Rev. Craig Henderson, Phoenix, AZ, August 2010.
- Plenary leader, Jarena Lee Preaching Academy (5-day event, two sessions daily), LTS, 2010.
- Panelist for discussion on “The Preaching in Southern Fiction,” Bowen Lectures, MTS, October 2008.
- “Come to the Water” keynote preacher, Church of the Brethren Older Persons Retreat, Junalaska, NC, September 2008.
- Faculty, “The Sacred Rhetoric of African American Women,” with Emilie Townes, Cathedral College, Washington, D. C., May 2008.

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Preaching (Continued)

- Preaching: Daughters of Thunder All Women's Revival, Gifts of Life Ministries, March 2008.
- Workshop Leader, Creativity and Preaching, College of Pastoral Leaders, Austin, TX, March 2008.
- Conferee and small group leader, Cathedral College, Women of Color Festival of Preaching, Washington, D. C., May, 2007
- Workshop leader, preaching practicum, and closing preacher, Inaugural Women in Ministry Retreat, 13th Episcopal District, AME, Bishop Vashti Murphy-McKenzie presiding, August, 2006
- Workshop leader, Creativity and Preaching, College of Pastoral Leaders, Lake Caspian Vermont, July, 2006
- Consultant, Cathedral College, Women of Color Preaching Festival Planning Consultation, Washington, D.C., June, 2006
- Workshop leader, Creativity and Preaching, College of Pastoral Leaders, Austin, TX, May 2006

Academy

- "Liberating Theologies: Social Justice in the Black Church Today," Black Theology and Leadership Institute at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. Served as Theologian-in-Residence, July 12-19, 2014.
- Consultation of African and African Diasporan Women in Religion and Theology, Ghana, July 4-11, 2014.
- Trip on Africana Religious Traditions (Candomblé) in Brazil, with the Society for the Study of Black Religion (SSBR), June 21-July 3, 2012.
- FTE Leaders in the Academy Conference, Conference faculty, "Dissertation Writers: Job Market/Interviewing and "Power, Pedagogy & Professoriate," and "Community & Crossroad: Exploring Vocational Journeys." Also served as Liturgist and Ritualist and final Preacher, June 7-10, 2012.
- Consultation on Mentoring, Fund for Theological Education, March 11-13, 2012.
- Workshop leader and worship leader, Conference for Scholarship Recipients, Fund for Theological Education, Durham-Raleigh, NC, June 2007.
- Worship leader and round-table discussion leader, "Strengths and Strategies: A Consultation on Student and Faculty Diversity in Theological Education," hosted by the Association of Theological Schools and the Fund for Theological Education, 2006.
- Women in Leadership seminar, "Racial/Ethnic Women and White Women Building Alliances in Theological Education," Association of Theological Schools, October 2005.
- Seminar for Racial/Ethnic Women in Theological Education, Association of Theological Schools, October 2004.
- Led roundtable of newly appointed faculty, Association of Theological Schools, October 2004.
- Worship leader and round-table discussion leader, "Strengths and Strategies: A Consultation on Student and Faculty Diversity in Theological Education," hosted by the Association of Theological Schools and the Fund for Theological Education, 2006

Art/Spirituality

- "The Poet Writes the Vision," Women in Leadership Conference, sponsored by Ecumenical Theological Seminary, April 11-13, 2013.
- "The Power of the Poet's Pen: Writing Poetry for Prophetic Witness," Workshop for Women in Leadership Conference, Sponsored by Ecumenical Theological Seminary, March 22-24, 2012.
- "Creative Writing as Spiritual Discipline," Leadership Now @ Lancaster Theological Seminary, May 1, 2011.
- Panelist, Howard Thurman Group, Palmer Theological Seminary, Winwood, PA, September 11, 2010.
- Workshop participant, Teaching Theology with the Arts, Wabash Center for Theological Teaching, American Academy of Religion, 2010.
- Presenter, "Poetry and Journal Writing for End-of-Life Soul Care," Mid-South Comfort Care Coalition, Creative Passage: Honoring Life, Encouraging Hope, Hope & Healing Center, Memphis, TN, March 2008.
- Conferee for the Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought, Highlands, NC, June 2007.
- Workshop leader: Women in Ministry Creative Writing for Preaching, College of Pastoral Leaders, Vermont, July 2006.

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Art (Continued)

- Co-Plenary presenter, “The Artist’s Response to Violence,” Colloquium on Violence and Religion (COV&R), Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, May 2006.
- Workshop leader on creative writing for the College of Pastoral Leaders’ Conference, “Living with Loneliness in Search of Creativity,” Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, April 2005.
- Generative leader of a multi-disciplinary, cross-cultural, and intergenerational group, The Tribe, a collective of artists committed to ending violence by using the arts to explore themes of self-identity, spirituality, biblical interpretations, cultural expectations, and empowerment, founded 2004.

Church/Community

- “Preaching to Build a Multicultural Congregation,” The School of Congregational Development for the United Methodist Church, August 14-17, 2014.
- “Hymns and Hip Hop,” panelist, hosted by The Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA, March 2014.
- “Creating Worship that Leads to Justice,” Wesley United Methodist Church, Springfield, MA, August 2013.
- “Preaching from an Integrated Life,” for the Black Women Clergy of the United Methodist Church, Dallas, TX, August 5-8, 2013.
- Theologian-in-Residence, The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries (TFAM) Biennial Conference, Las Vegas, NV, July 2013.
- “Learning Again to Read the Bible,” Educational Congress for the Tennessee Baptist Association, July 23-25, 2013.
- “Race in a Post-Racial World,” Keynote for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Lebanon Valley College, January 17, 2011.
- MC, NAACP Scholarship Fund Banquet, held at Millersville University, November 2011
- Plenary leader and participant, Pax Christi, “Dealing with Racism in the Church,” held at Memphis, TN, May 2008.
- Presenter, “A Day Apart: Self-Care for Women Preachers,” Women in Ministry, Samford University, Birmingham, AL, February 2007.
- Memphis School of Servant Leadership, discernment team member, 2004-2010.
- “Come to the Water” keynote preacher, Church of the Brethren Older Persons Retreat, Junalaska, NC, September 2008.
- Plenary leader, Pax Christi’s “Dealing with Racism in the Church,” May 2008.
- “Paradise,” a Spoken Word Performance for “Witnesses at the Cross: The Seven Last Words,” Freedom Chapel Christian Church, 2008.
- Preaching: Daughters of Thunder All Women’s Revival, Gifts of Life Ministries, March, 2008

Performances

- Featured poet, Inauguration for Carol Lytch, president of Lancaster Theological Seminary, April 26, 2012.
- Featured poet, “Sanibaat and Other Poems,” at Women in Leadership Conference, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, March 22-24, 2012
- Featured poet, “Not on my Watch!” Poetry Event, for Sophie’s Table: Conversations with our Brothers, in conjunction with Vanderbilt Divinity School, Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church, and WomanPreach! Inc., March 16, 2012
- Featured poet, “My Mother’s Tongue,” St. Paul Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA, May 2010
- Featured poet, “My Mother’s Tongue,” for WomanPreach! Inc., Lancaster Theological Seminary, fall 2009.
- “Paradise,” a Spoken Word Performance for “Witnesses at the Cross: The Seven Last Words,” Freedom Chapel Christian Church, Memphis, TN, 2008
- “Plenty Good Room: Welcome,” written and performed for the Church Health Center, September, 2006 and 2007
- “Tears in Blood and Oil,” as performance member of The Tribe for Word & World Community Conference, Memphis, July, 2006
- Featured poet, Austin International Poetry Festival, April 2005
- Finalist in the “*My South Speaks Tour Poetry Contest*,” Turner South, Tim Warner, May, 2004
- “My Mother’s Tongue,” one-woman performance, School of Servant Leadership, 2004
- “My Mother’s Tongue,” one woman performance, Austin Community College, 2003
- Featured Poet, “KLRU Presents,” An Evening of Poetry with Judith and Bill Moyer,” Austin, 1999

COURSES TAUGHT

Huston-Tillotson College (now University) Austin, TX

- Introduction to World Religions
- Martin & Malcolm
- Introduction to the Bible
- Wisdom Literature

Memphis Theological Seminary, TN

- Introduction to the Old Testament
- Prophetic Literature
- Ruth and Esther
- Introduction to Preaching and Worship
- Preaching from the Prophets
- Preaching the Lectionary
- Hebrew Reading

Lancaster Theological Seminary, PA

- Biblical Interpretation
- Hebrew Language
- Introduction to Worship
- Introduction to Preaching
- Preaching from the Prophets
- Prophetic Preaching
- Introduction to Old Testament

LTS Faculty Responsibilities and Leadership

2009-2013 Academic Standards Committee, chair
 Doctor of Ministry Committee
 Faculty Tenure, Development, and Review Committee
 Worship and Community Life Committee, 2009-2011

MTS Faculty Responsibilities and Leadership

2008-2009 Planning & Evaluation Committee Member
 Curriculum Committee
 M.Div. Subcommittee

2007-2008 Wesleyan Studies Search Committee member
 Planning & Evaluation Committee member

2006-2008 Curriculum Committee member

2004-2008 Chair, Education Development Committee

2006-2007 Accreditation Self-Study Committee member, "Policy, Integrity and Governance"

2004-2006 Advisor, Black Students' Fellowship; Chapel

2005-2006 Chair, Vice President of Academic Affairs installation service
 Biblical Studies search Committee member
 Directed several independent studies

2004-2005 Advisor, Chapel

AWARDS AND HONORS

Honors

- Portrait of Excellence Award, given by William J. Harvey III Malawi Memorial Mission, Philadelphia, PA, November 2012.
- Womanist Legend Honoree, in honor of 25 Years of Womanist Theological Scholarship, Black Religious Scholars' Group, March 2012.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Collegium of Scholars, Inductee, The Twenty-Fourth Annual Martin Luther King Jr. College of Ministers and Laity, Morehouse College, 2010.
- University Scholar, Baylor University, 1992-1997.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Honors (Continued)

- Doctoral Scholar, Fund for Theological Education, 1992-1996
- Austin Book Award for: *In Search of Warriors, Dark and Strong, and Other Poems*, 1995
- Excellence in Religious Broadcast Award, Austin Area Inter-Religious Ministries, 1994
- Charles L. King Senior Preaching Excellence Award, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1990
- Jean Brown Scholarship Award, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1987-1990
- Student Representative and Observer at *Encuentro*, World Council of Churches Meeting on Evangelization, San Antonio, TX, 1986

Grants

- The Sister Fund Grant in Feminism and Faith, 2009-10
- Wabash Center, Colloquy on Fostering Effective Teaching & Learning in Racially and Culturally Diverse Classrooms, 2006-2007
- Yale University Theological Education Renewal Award, 2006
- Renewal grant, Lilly Foundation Inc., mediated through Calvin Institute for Christian Worship, 2006
- Lilly Foundation Inc. grant mediated through the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship, Worship Renewal Grant (used to seed Theology & Arts Institute), 2005
- Sam Taylor Fellowship faculty grant, Huston-Tillotson College, 1995
- Pile-Morgan postgraduate fellowship, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1990
- Benjamin E. Mays Fellowship, Fund for Theological Education, 1987-1990

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

Interdisciplinary approaches to bible and preaching; Cultural criticism and contemporary engagement with multiple sites of interpretation; interdisciplinary approaches to bible and arts; hermeneutics and meanings in understanding biblical texts; Womanist and feminist thought and biblical interpretation; postcolonial interpretations of texts; Hermeneutics and rhetoric for preaching

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