#### Curriculum Vitae 2019

# **Karen Elene Baker-Fletcher**

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PhD, Constructive and Historical Theology; Theology and Literature Graduate Program in the Study of Religion, Harvard University 1991

M.A., The Study of Religion, Harvard University, November 1990

Master of Divinity, Harvard Divinity School, Theology and Literature, June 1984

B.A., Wellesley, College, Philosophy and French, June 1981

# **Professional Teaching Experience**

Professor of Systematic Theology, Perkins School of Theology/Southern Methodist University, June 30, 2007 to present.

Associate Professor of Theology, Tenured, Perkins School of Theology/Southern Methodist University. June 30, 2001 to 2007.

Associate Professor of Theology and Culture, Tenured, Claremont School of Theology, Associate Professor of Religion, Claremont Graduate University, School of Religion, July 1997 - June 30, 2001. (2 courses a year for MDiv students and 2 courses a year for PhD students)

Associate Professor of Theology and Culture, non-tenured, Claremont School of Theology, Associate Professor of Religion, Claremont Graduate University, School of Religion, July 1995-1997. (2 courses a year for MDiv Students and 2 courses a year for PhD students)

Assistant Professor of Theology and Culture, Claremont School of Theology, July 19931995 (2 courses a year for MDiv students and 2 courses a year for PhD students)

Assistant Professor of Theology and Culture, Christian Theological Seminary, January 1991-1993.

Chair and Co-Chair, Theology, Ethics, and Culture PhD Program. Claremont School of Theology, 1997-2001. Responsible for creation and oversight of program, development of exams, oversight of dissertation and qualifying exam committees, admissions, and granting of scholarships with Garth Baker-Fletcher in consultation with department faculty. Admitted 5-8 students per year, working with TEC department of 5 core TEC faculty in cooperation with the Claremont Graduate School of Religion ( faculty of 20+ and several PhD programs. Oversaw dissertations and exams ranging from topics in Hindu Theology, Ethics and World Religions, Christian Theological Ethics, Feminist Theology, Feminist Ethics, Womanist Theology and Psychology, Theology of African Women, etc.)

# **Graduate Teaching Experience**

Fall 1987. Teaching Assistant for Margaret Miles, "Practicing Christianity."

Spring 1986. Teaching Assistant for Richard Reinhold Niebuhr. "Symbolizations of Christ."

Fall 1985. Tutor for Honor's Thesis on Black Women's Literature, Harvard, College.

### **Publications**

#### Published Books

Baker-Fletcher, Karen. *Dancing With God: A Womanist Perspective on the Trinity*, (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2006).

Baker-Fletcher, Karen. Sisters of Dust, Sisters of Spirit: Womanist Wordings On God and Creation. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1998.

Baker-Fletcher, Karen and Baker-Fletcher, Garth. My Sister, My Brother: Womanist and Xodus God-Talk. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1997.

Baker-Fletcher, Karen. A Singing Something: Womanist Reflections on Anna Julia Cooper. New York: Crossroad, 1994.

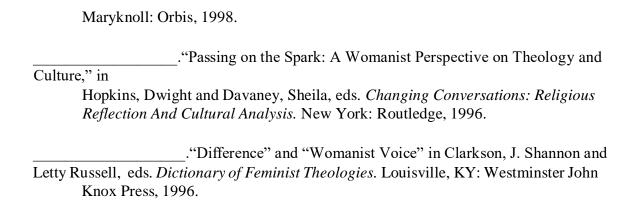
# Contributions to Anthologies, Collaborative Works, and Journals

Baker-Fletcher, Karen. "Inspired Mothering" in Bischoff, Claire, Gandolfo Elizabeth O'Donnell, Hardison-Moody, Annie, *Parenting as Spiritual Practice and Source for Theology: Mothering Matters*. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan/Springer Nature, 2017, pp. 41-57.

- Baker-Fletcher, Karen. "Bodies that Touch," in *Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality: Toward a Faithful United Methodist Witness*. Nashville, Tennessee: General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, 2018.
- Baker-Fletcher, Karen. "Good News" in "Toward a Womanist Ethic of Incarnation" in Christian Amandson, editor, *Syndicate: Theology*. Issue 3.4, July/August 2016.

  Baker-Fletcher, Karen. "Womanist Hebrew Biblical Hermeneutics" in Susanne Scholz, ed. *Feminist Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible in Retrospect. III. Method*Sheffield, United Kingdom: Sheffield Phoenix
  Press, LTD, 2016.
- Baker-Fletcher, Karen. "Holy Spirit and Womanism: from *Dancing with God: A Womanist Reflection on the Trinity,*" in Monica Coleman, ed. *Creating Women's Theology: A Movement Engaging Process Thought.* Eugene, Oregon: Wip & Stock Publishers, 2011.
- Baker-Fletcher, Karen. "A Womanist Perspective on Nature" and "More Than Suffering.," in *Womanist Theological Ethics: A Reader* (Library of Theological Ethics), eds. Katie Geneva Cannon, Emilie Townes and Angela Sims. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster/John Knox Press, October 27, 2011.
- Baker-Fletcher, Karen. "A Singing Something: Womanist Reflections on Anna Julia Cooper" in Kristin Waters and Carol B. Conaway, *Black Women's Intellectual Traditions: Speaking Their Minds*. Burlington, Vermont: University of Vermont Press, 2007.
- Baker-Fletcher, Karen. "Musings from White Rock Lake: Poems" in Laurel Kearns & Catherine Keller, eds. *Ecospirit: Religions and Philosophies for the Earth.* New York: Fordham University Press, 2007.
- Baker-Fletcher, Karen. "A Womanist Journey," in Stacey Floyd Thomas, ed. *Deeper Shades of Purple: Womanism in Religion and Society*, (New York: New York University Press, 2006).
- \_\_\_\_\_\_. "Jesus as Dust and Spirit." in Jones, Serene and Lakeland, Paul, eds. *Constructive Theology*. Minneapolis: Augsburg-Fortress Press, 2005.
- Baker-Fletcher, Karen, David Carr, Esther Menn, and Nancy Ramsey. "Taking Stock at Mid-Career." *Teaching Theology and Religion*. Volume 8, Issue One. January 2005.

Baker-Fletcher, Karen. "Moving at Mid-Career." <i>Teaching Theology and Religion</i> . Volume 8, Issue One. January 2005.
."Womanist Theology" in Taylor, Bron, and Kaplan, Jeffrey, eds Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature. Continuum International, 2005.
. "Alice Walker" in Taylor, Bron, and Kaplan, Jeffrey, eds. Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature. Continuum International, 2005.
"Black Passion: Womanist Relational Reflections" in Noel,
James A. and Johnson, Matthew V. <i>The Passion of the Lord: African American Reflections</i> . Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Press, 2005.
Hunt, Mary E. ed., with Alpert, Rebecca, Baker-Fletcher, Karen, et al. <i>A Guide for Women in Religion: Making Your Way from A to Z.</i> New York: Palgrave/MacMillan, 2004.
"Spirituality," in De La Torre Miguel, ed. <i>Handbook of U.S.</i> Theologies of  Liberation. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2004.
."The Erotic in Contemporary Black Women's Writings," in Hopkins, Dwight N. and Pinn, Anthony B., eds. Loving the Body: Black Religious Studies and the Erotic. New York: Pagrave MacMillan, 2004.
."Something or Nothing: An Eco-Womanist Essay on God,
Creation, and Indispensability" in Gottlieb, Roger S., ed. <i>This Sacred Earth: Religion, Nature, Environment</i> , Second Edition. New York and London: Routledge, 2004.
"Dust and Spirit" in Berquist, John, ed. Strike Terror No More. St.
Louis: Chalice Press, 2002.
"Cooper, Anna Julia" and Truth, Sojourner," in Hayes, John H., ed. Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation. Abingdon, 1999.
."God as the Strength of Life" in Townes, Emilie, ed. <i>Embracing the Spirit</i> .



# **Monographs**

Whiteheadian Metaphysics as a Resource for a Womanist, Relational Theology." *Process Thought and East Asian Culture: Process Theology.* Seoul, Korea: Whitehead Society of Korea and International Process Network, 2004.

"Why Womanist Theology? Process-Relational Reflections." *Process Thought and East Asian Culture: Keynote Lecture*. Seoul, Korea: Whitehead Society of Korea and International Process Network, 2004.

#### Writings in Journals and Lectionaries

August 15, 2016. Responseto Eboni Marshall Turman, *A Womanist Ethic of Incarnation: Black Bodies, the Black Church and the Council of Chalcedon Sydicate: A Generative Discursive Space*, An Online Symposium and Publication, Syndicate.Com, "Black List Symposia.

Essay and liturgy recommendations, including for music and with emphasis on Holy Communion for *The African American Lectionary 2012*, 2012. In the words of the Senior Editors, "The African American Lectionary is an online resource for pastors, worship leaders, Christian educators, and laity. It highlights some of the traditional moments of the lectionary cycle, liturgical moments of significance to most African American congregations, and moments that express the joy, freedom, and the challenges of being both African American and Christian."

Essays on Mark 7:24-37, Mark 8:27-38, Mark 9:30-37, Mark 9:38-50, for *Homiletics Lectionary* 2009, 2009.

"Creation, Environmental Justice, and God: A Personal Reflection." *Earth Letter:* Earth Ministry, Caring for All Creation. March 2004.

- "Heart Kiss." Earth Letter: Earth Ministry, Caring for All Creation. March 2004.
- "Providence, National Destiny, and the Knowledge of Good and Evil," in Quarterly Review: A Journal Of Theological Resources For Ministry. Volume 23, Number 3, Fall 2003.
- "The Difference Race Makes: Sexual Harassment and the Law in the Thomas/Hill Hearings." *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion, Spring* 1994, vol.10, no. 1.
- "Historical Materials as a Resource for Womanist Ethics" in Andolsen, Barbara ed., Annual for the Society of Christian Ethics, 1994.
- "Dusting Off the Texts: Historical Materials as a Resource for Womanist Ethics" In Fiorenza, Elisabeth Schussler, ed. *Searching the Scriptures: A Feminist Ecumenical Bible Commentary*. New York: Crossroad, 1993.
- "Soprano Obligato: Black Women's Voices and American Conflict," in Townes, Emilie, ed. *A Troubling in My Soul: Womanist Perspectives on Evil and Suffering*. Maryknoll: Orbis, 1993.
- Tar Baby and Womanist Theology." Theology Today, vol. L, no. 1, April 1993.
- "A Womanist Ontology of Freedom and Equality." *The Journal of Religions Thought.* Winter-Spring 1993.
- "Violence and American Crisis." *The Encounter*, vol. 54, no. 1, Winter 1993.
- "Whose Responsibility?" in Hoots, Allegra. Prophetic Voices: Black Preachers
  Speak on Behalf of Children. Children's Defense Fund, Black Family Ministry
  Project, March 1993.
- "An Irresistible Power Not Ourselves." *The Encounter*. Summer 1992.
- "Thinking God's Thoughts After God." *The Encounter*, vol. 53, no. 2. Spring 1992.
- Madsen, Catherine; Baker-Fletcher, Karen, et al. "Roundtable: If God is She, She is Not Nice." *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, Spring 1989, vol. 5. no. 1.

# Service to the Academy: Distinguished Lectures and Keynote Lectures

### February

January 30, 2018. "Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Way of the Cross." Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, California.

December 5, 2006. "Breath of God, Winds of Nature," Lutheran School of Theology, Philadelphia; Philadelphia, PA

April 20, 2006. "Dancing With God in A World of Crucifixion," William James Lecture, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

February 2006, "Overview of Womanist Theology and Dancing With God," "The Doctrine of God," "The Trinity: A Womanist Perspective," "Your Brother's Blood and Dancing With God in a World of Crucifixion," and "Christ and the Holy Spirit," Four Lectures for Colloquium on Comparative Black Theology, School of Theology at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey

May 27, 2004. "Why Womanist Theology?" Keynote Lecture, International Whitehead Conference, Seoul, Korea.

May 7, 2004. "Whiteheadian Metaphysics as a Resource for Womanist Theology," Keynote Lecture, Conference on Process-Relational and Women's Theologies." Center for Process Studies, Claremont, California.

May 8, 2004. Dialogical Lecture with Monica Coleman on "Whiteheadian and Hartshornian Metaphysics in Womanist and Black Feminist Discourse.", Center for Process Studies, Claremont, California

March 12, 2004. Bluffton College in Bluffton, Ohio. Keynote Lecture: "The Call to Ministry: A Womanist Perspective."

March 1992. Eastern Michigan University. Poetry Reading and Keynote Lecture on "Anna Julia Cooper: Freedom and Equality."

February 1992. Franklin College. Keynote Lecture: Franklin, Indiana. "Keeping the Dream Alive."

Service to the Academy: Professional Papers, Presentations, Conferences and Panels Monday, March 16, 2018. "Womanist Theology and Jewish Liberation Theology: Where is the Dialogue?" Marc Ellis Jewish Liberation Theology Fetschrift. Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX.

Saturday, March 14- Monday, March 16 2018. Discussion Participant. Marc Ellis Jewish Liberation Theology Fetschrift. Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. Dallas, TX.

Monday, November 21, 2016. 9:00-10:30 AM. Panel Discussion. Karen Baker-Fletcher "Response to Thomas Jay Oord, *The Uncontrolling Love of God.* Five-page paper, 10 minutes, with three other respondents and discussion with Oord and audience.

Sunday, November 20, 2016. 1:00-2:30 PM. Presider. Wild Card Session. "Revolutions of Love: The Politics and Flesh of Religion."

Friday-Saturday, April 22-24, Nashville, Tennessee. Workgroup on Constructive Theology Annual Meeting. Participant in workshops and creating video with theologians on moving beyond fear for public viewing.

March 2012. Panel Discussion on "Womanist Mentoring," Womanist Legends Conference, Manhattan, New York. Madison, New Jersey.

November 20, 2011. "A Womanist Perspective on Nature" and "More than Suffering" on Panel of womanist senior scholars, editors and authors of chapters in Emile Townes, Angela Sims, et al. eds., *Womanist Theological Ethics: A Reader*, Louisville: WJKP, 2011. Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, American Academy of Religion.

April 28-May 1, 2011. Participant and one of a dozen discussion members and discussion leaders for "Compassion and Justice: Buddhist Resources for Womanist Reflection Consultation" with Alice Walker and Theravada Buddhist Scholars from Harvard April 28 - May 1, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas. We had small and large group discussions with Alice Walker on classical Theravada Buddhist writings concerning women.

April 2008, "Womanist Theology and Process Theology," Universidad Pontifica Javeriana, Bogota Columbia.

March 4, 2009. "Dancing with God Dancing in the Spirit.

November 20, 2006. "Loves the Spirit," Paper for Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, American Academy of Religion.

"September 30-October 2. 2005. "Poetic Reflections," Eco-Sophist Conference. School of Theology at Drew University.

November 2004, AAR, San Antonio, TX. Paper: "Religion, Ecology, and the Politics of 2004."

May 28, 2004, Sungkonghoe University, Korea. Lecture; Whiteheadian Metaphysics as a Resource for a Womanist, Relational Theology.

May 28, 2004. Methodist Theological Seminary of Korea. Lecture: Whiteheadian Metaphysics as a Resource for Womanist Theology.

May 28, 2004. Yonsei University. Seoul, Korea. Sermon: "The Goodness of God in the Land of the Living."

April 23-25, 2004. Constructive Theology Group. Respondent to panels on Post-Colonial Theology re: planning. Scarrett-Bennet Center, Nashville, Tennessee.

March 14, 2004. Bluffton College in Bluffton, Ohio. Sermon: "The Call to Ministry, Male and Female." Text: Isaiah 6:5.

March 12-March17, 2004. Bluffton College in Bluffton, Ohio. Guest Lecturer on Womanist Theology, Eco-Theology, and Liberation Theology in Religion and Theology classes.

June 14-15, 2003, Conference on *Gaia and the Sacred* with Rosemary Ruether, Carolyn Merchant, John Cobb, and Carol Christ. Workshop on "Sisters of Dust, Sisters of the Spirit," and discussion panelist.

25<sup>th</sup> Annual Brown Symposium, "Spiritualities of Resistance," Southwestern University, February 2-4, 2003 with James Cone, Winona LaDuke, and Roger Gottlieb. Lecture: "Resisting as Dust and Spirit" and Panel Discussion.

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, Mid-Career Faculty Workshop, June 6-13 2002, Wabash, Indiana. Presentation on "Theological Imagination" for pedagogy panel.

March 2002. AAR Committee Meeting Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession.

February 21-24, 2002. School of Theology at Drew University, *God-Talk with Black Thinkers*. Keynote Lecture: "What is Womanist Theology?"

February 21-24, 2002. School of Theology at Drew University. Sermon, "The Goodness of God in the Land of the Living," for *God-Talk With Black Thinkers*.

Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, November 6, 2001, Rochester, NY. Lecture, "A Theology of Dust and Spirit Post-9/11" and poetry reading.

AAR Annual Meeting, November 2001. Lecture on "Dust and Spirit: Post 9/11," Constructive Theology Section.

March 21-23, 2001. Resurrecting Whole Selves in Community" and poetry reading. Boston University School of Theology, Conference on "Women and the Word."

AAR Additional Meeting, "A Womanist Analysis of Paul Tillich's *The Courage to Be.*" North American Paul Tillich Society, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2000.

AAR, Nov. 1999. "A Womanist Perspective on Race and Ancestry," Special Topics Forum sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession.

October 19<sup>th</sup> 1999. Drew Divinity School, Lecture on "Greening the Church: A Womanist Perspective," delivered *en absentia* by Lynne Westfield.

Hendrix College, Feb. 1997. Lecture, "People of the Land, People of the Spirit: Womanist Wordings on God and Creation."

Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA, Feb. 2-3, 1997. Lecture, "Environmental Racism as a Public Health Issue."

Disciples Seminary Foundation, January 14, 1997. Dialogue and Workshop on Karen and Garth Baker-Fletcher, *My Sister, My Brother*. University of Southern California, January 1997. Dialogue with Garth Baker-Fletcher, "Womanist and Xodus God-Talk.

AAR, Nov. 1996. Lecture: "A Womanist Concept of Spirit and Creation," Womanist Group.

Nov. 3-4, 1996, "Sisters of Dust, Sisters of Freedom: Womanist Reflections on Freedom and Creation," Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska.

April 1996. Episcopal Women's Conference. Stockton, California. Keynote Lecture: "A Womanist Vision of Creation, Nativity, and Freedom."

February 24, 1996. Pilgrim Place, Claremont, CA. Lecture and discussion, "God as the Strength of Life."

AAR, Nov. 1995, Women's Caucus, Philadelphia, PA. Presentation on "Interviews and Mentors."

AAR, Nov. 1994. Lecture: "Womanist Reflections on Anna Julia Cooper."

Claremont School of Theology, April 1995. Morton/Smith Lectureship with Rosemary R. Ruether. Keynote Lecture: "Eco-womanist Reflections on Creation, Freedom, and Wildness."

Concordia College, Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, Jan 1993. Keynote Lecture: "Is the Dream Still Alive?"

AAR, Nov. 1993, Panelist for "Womanist Perspectives on Evil and Suffering." Paper: "Soprano Obligato."

AAR, Nov. 1992. Keynote Lecture, "The Difference Race Makes," Women's Caucus.

October 1992. University of Missouri, Columbia. "A Womanist Vision of Nativity and Wildness."

### Service to the Academy: Leadership and Participation in Professional Groups

March 9-12, 2017. Plenary and small-group participant at a "Colloquy on the Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality," sponsored by the United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) and the Association of United Methodist Theological Schools (AUMTS) at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA.

November 19-21, 2016. San Antonio, Texas. American Academy of Religion. Presider of Wild Card Session of paper presenters on "Revolutions of Love," Sunday, November 20. Panel respondent to Thomas Jay Oord, *Uncontrolling Love*, Monday, November 21.

April 22-24. Nashville, Tennessee. Participant and member in Workgroup on Constructive Theology Annual Meeting. Produced and later digitally distributed video "Fear Not" for academic and liturgical use.

Visited Havana, Cuba and The Evangelical Seminary at Mantanzas with Perkins School of Theology, Global Theological Education: Faculty Immersion Trip to Cuba, March 816, 2014.

Visited El Salvador with Perkins School of Theology, Global Theological Education: Faculty Immersion Trip to El Salvador, Spring Break Week, March, 2013.

I continue to attend AAR Meetings every two-three years as a member and mentor to junior colleagues. The next meeting I attend will be in November 2014. I like mentoring younger scholars these days.

Status of Women in the Profession Retreat and Planning Session, American Academy of Religion, Nashville, Tennessee, June 7-9, 2013. We are working on a website on Women and Gender in the Profession, the initial results which are already up. I am one of the editors for the project.

March 4-6, 2005. Committee on the Status for Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Meeting, American Academy of Religion. Atlanta, Ga. Regular planning meeting + meeting with 8 additional participants to plan style, format, organization, and content for a handbook for Racial Ethnic Minorities in the Profession of Religious Studies.

November 2004, AAR, San Antonio, TX. Respondent to Stephanie Mitchem, "A Real Woman With A Dollar In Her Shoe," Womanist Group Session on Prosperity Churches.

October 1-3, 2004. Participant, ATS Conference on Women of Color in Theological Education.

March 2004. AAR Standing Committee Meeting. Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession.

January 21-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004, Writing Workshop participant for Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Midcareer Faculty Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. Meeting for a journal on teaching and learning for Mid-Career faculty.

March 2003. AAR Committee Meeting. Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession.

AAR Annual Meeting, November 2001. Presider, Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession, Plenary Session.

March 2001. AAR Committee Meeting, Atlanta, Ga. Status on Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession.

October 21. 2000. WECSOR (Western Regional Conference of the AAR), Teaching Workshop, "Teaching in A Multicultural Context: Teaching Theology and African American Religions," Claremont School of Religion, Claremont, CA.

September 22-24, 2000, AAR Representative, Recruitment 2000, Minority Recruitment Conference jointly sponsored by SBL, AAR, FTE, ATS, and Hispanic Theological Initiative, GTU, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA. 

Undergraduate Workshop

- AAR Faculty Representative
- Facilitator for George Tinker's session on New Testament Theology and Native American Tradition

March 2000. AAR Committee Meeting. Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession.

AAR, February 2000. Minority Recruitment 2000 planning Meeting.

September 1999. AAR representative for Recruitment 2000 planning committee, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA.

May 1998, Participant, Buddhist/Christian Encounter, Indianapolis, IN. (Lilly-funded)

April 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 1999. Respondent, Buddhist Christian Encounter, Indianapolis, Indiana.

March 1999. AAR Committee Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia. Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession

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March 1997. AAR Committee Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia. Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession.

#### Church

January 28, 2018. "The River: Living Streams of Water." Guest Speaker, 11:00 am service. Holman United Methodist Church. Claremont School of Theology/Holman United Methodist Church Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Conference. Los Angeles, CA.

January 29, 2019. "And Still We Rise: Black Women in the Age of Trump." Community Teach In. McCarthy Memorial Christian Church. Los Angeles, California.

Dallas, Texas. Member. St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church.

Highland Park, Texas. Affiliate Member. Highland Park United Methodist Church.

July 14-July 19th. Bible Study Lecturer on "God and Creation," Baptist Peace Fellowship, Ontario, Canada.

March 7-March 17, 2014. Faculty Immersion Trip to Cuba, visiting Churches and Religious Organizations in Havana and Mantanzas.

March Spring Break, 2013. Faculty Immersion Trip to Cuba, visiting Pilgrimage sites.

February 2011. "Sojourner Truth and Freedom". Black Scholars Lecture. St. Luke Community UMC.

June 6th-10, 2009. Adult Vacation Bible School. Lecture/discussion for "Reelizing the Vision: *The Color Purple* and *Hotel Rwanda*. St. Luke "Community" Church, Community Life Center. Dallas, TX.

April 20, 2005. Two Lecture/ Workshops, Morning and Evening. "On Earth As it Is in Heaven." The Ursuline Spirituality Center. Dallas, TX.

February 2005-present. Children's Church Ministry. Grace Outreach Center. Two Saturday evenings per month. Plano, TX.

February 2005. National Council of Churches Theological Statement on the Environment. Co-signing theologian with John Cobb, Sallie McFague, and other leading theologians.

March 6, 2004. Perkins School of Theology for the Laity, Dallas, TX. Lecturer for all-day course: "On Earth As It Is In Heaven."

February 21, 2004. Dallas School of Theology for the Laity. Keynote lecture and workshop. "A Relational Approach to Spirituality."

August-September 2004. Reader: National Council of Churches Documents on the Environment. (Invited to participate in drafting of NCC Theological Statement on the Environment with other leading theologians, but chose to participate as co-signer instead).

March 9, and March 11-April 8, 2003. St. Luke "Community" UMC. African American Heritage Bible Study, Women's History Month, Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00. Weekly Bible Study on "Sisters of Dust, Sisters of Spirit."

Sunday March 9, 2003. St Luke Community United Methodist Church. Book Signing, Sisters of Dust, Sisters of Spirit: Womanist Wordings on God and Creation.

May 2002, Hamilton UMC, poetry reading and book signing for Women's Day Service.

October 14, 2000, Laverne Church of the Brethren, Laverne, CA. Sermon on Matt. 21:31-46, "When Did We See You?" and Workshop on AIDS Orphans in Africa.

September 10, 2000, Wesley UMC, Long Beach, CA. Sermon, "Radicals for Jesus."

May 6, 2000. Workshop Presentation on "Reproductive Choice and the Black Family." Conference for Black Church Coalition on Reproductive Choice, Holman United Methodist Church, Los Angeles, CA.

April 1999. Guest Preacher, Barnes UMC, Indianapolis, IN.

1997-1999. Occasional preacher and liturgist at Grace UMC, Pasadena, CA.

January 1996, Pilgrim Congregational Church, Pomona, CA. Featured King Speaker, "Living the Dream."

January 1996, First New Christian Fellowship, South Los Angeles. Sermon, "We Have Overcome."

October 1995, Scott United Methodist Church, Pasadena, CA. Sermon, "God's Arithmetic of Love."

October. 24, 1993, Altadena, UMC, Altadena, CA. Guest Preacher.

November 1992, Mount Zion Baptist Church. Sermon, "The Power of Prayer."

#### **Service to the Community**

March 10, 2017. Dallas Public Library Juneteenth Celebration. Keynote Speaker. Poetry and prose reading of "The River," drawing on the poem "The Negro Speaks of Rivers" by Langston Hughes and "Yes, You Are" by Superia Parham Fletcher. Original poetry and prose reading influenced by known and unknown black literary and historical figures.

### Service to Perkins/SMU

Spiritual Formation Facilitator, Fall 2014-May 2017

Committee on Faculty, Fall 2014-June 2015.

Various standing committees 2002-2016.

Perkins Chapel. Preacher. Sermon commemorating Emmett Till and Mamie Till Bradley. October 12, 2005.

Perkins Theological School for the Laity, March 6 2004. Laity Course: "On Earth As It Is in Heaven," 9:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (See "Church," above)

Perkins School of Theology, Fall 2002. Sermon, "Renewing Our Minds."

Perkins School of Theology, November 2002. Guest Lecturer on "Sisters of Dust, Sisters of Spirit," for Theodore Walker's class, "Intro to Theology."

Perkins School of Theology, October 2002. Respondent to Urban Ministry Panel.

Perkins School of Theology, January 2002. Respondent to Joerg Rieger, Faculty Symposium.

Perkins School of Theology, April 2002. Sermon: "The Goodness of God in the Land of the Living."

Perkins School of Theology, March 2002. Team-Sermon with Marjorie Procter-Smith, Jaime Clark-Soles, and Isabel Docampo.

SMU Spring 2002. Discussion participant for Maguire Ethics luncheon featuring the work of Rebekah Miles.

### **Grants**

Perkins School of Theology Scholarly Outreach Grant (for 2004-2007)

Wabash Center For Teaching and Learning Mid-Career Faculty Institutional Grant: Multicultural Pedagogy (2003-2005, \$5,000.00)

SMU University Research Travel Grant, For Korea International Process Studies Conference on Alfred North Whitehead, May 2004

# Fellowships, Scholarships, and Honors

William James Lecturer, Harvard Divinity School 2006

FTE Doctoral Fellow 1985-1991

Harvard Scholar 1985-1991

Wellesley College Scholar 1981

Indiana University Honors Abroad, St. Brieux, Bretagne, France and Paris, France, 1976

# **Professional Organizations**

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

American Theological Society

International Process Studies Network (IPN)

Society for the Study of Black Religion (SSBR)

Editor of SSBR Newsletter 2001-2004

Buddhist/Christian Encounter (1990s)

# **Faculty Development**

OIT Workshop/Lecture on Power Point, January 2013
Faculty Immersion Trip to Cuba Participant, March 2013
Learning Center On-Line Pre-Course Assignment on Improving Lecture Presentations, 2013

#### **Professional Committees**

AAR Standing Committee Member. Status on Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession. 1997-2005.

AAR Steering Committee Member. Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group. 1994-1998.

Journal for Feminist Studies in Religion. Reader and Reviewer for submitted articles. 1994-1996.

**References:** John Cobb, Marjorie Suchocki, Sharon Welch, Emilie Townes, Dwight Hopkins