

Curriculum Vitae 2019

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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 1993-1995 (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 disser>

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* in Monica Coleman, ed. *Creating*

Baker-Fletcher, Karen. "Moving at Mid-Career." *Teaching Theology and Religion*.

Maryknoll: Orbis, 1998.

_____. "Passing on the Spark: A Womanist Perspective on Theology and Culture," in

Hopkins, Dwight and Davaney, Sheila, eds. *Changing Conversations: Religious Reflection And Cultural Analysis*. New York: Routledge, 1996.

“Heart Kiss.”

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 /

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 Festschrift. Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX.

Saturday, March 14- Monday, March 16 2018. Discussion Participant. Marc Ellis Jewish Liberation Theology Festschrift. 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,” Woman

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-March 17, 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
and discussion panelist.

25th 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-

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

Visited Havana, Cuba and The Evangelical Seminary at Mantanzas with Perkins School of Theology, Global Theological Education: Faculty Immersion Trip to Cuba, March 8-16, 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 21-22nd, 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.

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.

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

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)

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