



## **CURRICULUM VITAE (Updated 2018)**

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## **Biographical Sketch**

***Clenora Hudson-Weems***, Professor, Author, Theorist, Producer, Film-Writer, Public Intellectual, received the PhD (U of Iowa), MA (Atlanta U), B.A. LeMoyne College) degrees, a Certificate of French Studies (L'Université de Dijon, France). She is author of *Africana Womanism: Reclaiming Ourselves* (1993); *Africana Womanist Literary Theory* (2004); *Africana Womanism & Race & Gender in the Presidential Candidacy of Barack Obama* (2008); *Emmett Till: The Sacrificial Lamb of the Civil Rights Movement* (1994 & 2006); *The Definitive Emmett Till: Passion & Battle of a Woman for Truth & Intellectual Justice* (2007); and *Emmett—Legacy, Redemption and Forgiveness* (2015). She is co-author of *Toni Morrison* (1990); editor of *Contemporary Africana Theory, Thought & Action: A Guide for Africana Studies* (2007) and *Plagiarism—Physical and Intellectual Lynchings: An Emmett Till Continuum* (2007). She served as guest editor for two (2) Special Issues on Africana Womanism and Malcolm for *The Western Journal of Black Studies*\* in which her article, “Africana Womanism: The Flip Side of the Coin” (Fall 2001), and on *Malcolm X*, in which her article, “From Malcolm Little to El Haii Malik El Shabazz: Malcolm's Evolving Attitude Toward Africana Women,” (Spring 1993), appeared.

In 1995, she was interviewed by *The American Audio Prose Library* on her Emmett Till and Africana Womanism books. She has published in several refereed journals, including *The Western Journal of Black Studies*, *The Journal of Black Studies*, *College Language Association Journal*, and *Phylon*. She contributed articles in *Call and Response: The Riverside Anthology of the African American Literary Tradition* (Houghton Mifflin 1997); “Amiri Baraka (Gale Publisher, 2017); *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* (2016); has written chapters for a number of books including *Literacy As Gendered Discourse: Engaging the Voices of Women in Global Societies* (2015); *Rediscovering African Womanhood in the Search for Sustainable Renaissance: Africana Womanism in Multi-disciplinary Approaches* (2012); *Environmental Justice in the New Millennium: Global Perspectives on Race, Ethnicity, and Human Rights* (2009); *State of the Race, Creating Our 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (2004); *Out of the Revolution: The Development of Africana Studies* (2003); *A Historiographical and Bibliographical Guide to the African American Experience* (2000), and *Sisterhood, Feminisms and Power* (1998). She is a recipient of numerous honors and awards including Ford Foundation Fellowships, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts; the CIC Internship, and a 1998 Toni Morrison Society Book Award. She was a distinguished Honoree for the 1<sup>st</sup> International Council of Africana Womanism Conference at the U of Zimbabwe, OCT 27-29, 2010, and a recipient of numerous Proclamations, Resolutions, and Keys to City. She was a 2011 honoree for *Catalyst for Change* (Wilmington, DE). She was appointed an advisor for the Molefe Kete Asante Institute, and the National Operations Chairperson for the King, Jr. American Dream Team Blue Ribbon Initiative. She wrote the film script for her current movie project, entitled *Liberating Emmett—Legacy, Redemption, Forgiveness*, mentored by Barry Marrow, Oscar Award-Winning Co-Writer of *Rain Man*. Also see **Emmett Till Blog**, which she did in 2016 for George Mason U, as one of their “experts,” which commemorates the 61th Anniversary of Emmett Till’s AUG 28, 1955 brutal murder -- [http://www.learnliberty.org/blog/emmett-till-was-murdered-61-years-ago-but-racism-lives-on/\(2016\)](http://www.learnliberty.org/blog/emmett-till-was-murdered-61-years-ago-but-racism-lives-on/(2016))

## **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

**Ph.D.**, University of Iowa—American/African American Studies  
 “Emmett Till: The Impetus of the Modern Civil Rights Movement”-- Dissertation, 1988

**M.A.**, Atlanta University--English  
 “The Political Implications in the Works of Imamu Amiri Baraka (LeRoi Jones)”—  
 Master’s Thesis

**B.A.**, LeMoyne College--English

**Certificat of French Studies** --L'Université de Dijon (France)

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION** -- English, Africana Studies and American Studies

## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCES**

Founding Director of Black Studies, Delaware State University, 1981 to 1985

Creator—Nation's 1<sup>st</sup> Graduate Degree (MA/PhD) in English with an Africana Concentration, U of MO, 2001

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCES**

- University of Missouri-Columbia, Professor of English (tenured), 1990-present
- Colorado State U., Special Visiting Professor of English, Spring 1995 (Invited)
- Bancker Honors College, Prairie View U., Assoc. Prof. of English, 1988-1990
- Delaware State U, Dir. of Black Studies, Assist/Assoc. Prof. of English 1980-1985

## **FELLOWSHIPS, ASSISTANTSHIPS, GRANTS**

- Faculty International Travel Award, MU, October, 2010 (U. of Zimbabwe)
- Faculty International Travel Award, MU, Spring, 1999 (London, England)
- Faculty International Travel Award, MU, Summer, 1992 (U. of Nigeria-Nsukka)
- Arts and Science Council of Chairs Grant, MU Summer, 1992
- Arts and Science Council of Chairs Grant, MU, Summer, 1991
- Ford Dissertation Fellowship, 1987-1988
- Ford Doctoral Fellowships, 1986-1987
- Graduate College Fellowships (University of Iowa), 1986-1987; 1987-1988
- University of Iowa, Teaching Assistant, 1985-86
- Committee on Institution Cooperation (CIC) 1983 Fellowship Ohio State U
- National Endowment for the Arts, 1980, DE
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) 1981 Summer Seminar, U of PA

## **HONORS/AWARDS**

- Africana Womanism Work Featured in Grazia Magazine--Paris, France, March 2017
- "Black Women Rock" Judge, 2016-17
- Mizzou Black Women's Initiate Award, 2016
- 25 Years (1990-2015)—MU Presents CHW
- Thriving 22 –Sojourner Truth Womanism Award--Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. 2014
- Catalyst for Change Honoree and City of Wilmington, DE Proclamation, June 4, 2011, Wilmington, DE

- Distinguished Honoree, 1<sup>st</sup> International Council of Africana Womanism Conference, U of Zimbabwe, October 29, 2010
- Africana Womanism Honoree, 1<sup>st</sup> National Africana Womanism Summit, Pittsburgh, PA, April 2009
- Key to the City (Wilmington, DE), February 2003
- Distinguished Lecturer Award, LeMoyne-Owen College, Memphis, TN, Feb 1999
- Toni Morrison Society Book Award for Toni Morrison (Co-authored with Wilfred Samuels)--Atlanta, Sept. 1998.
- City of Memphis, Certificate of Recognition, Mayor Herenton, May 1998
- Alumni Award, LeMoyne-Owen College, Memphis, TN, May 1998
- Carter G. Woodson Award, Shelby State, 1996
- Resolution, Memphis City Council, August, 1995
- *Western Journal of Black Studies* Scholarly Achievement & Leadership Award, Aug. 19, 1995
- Black Woman of the Year Award—Alpha Kappa Alpha, 1994
- Proclamation of Achievements, State of Tennessee House of Representatives, Dec. 22, 1994
- Key to the City, Memphis, TN, Dec. 22, 1994
- Resolution, Memphis City Council, Dec. 22, 1994
- Proclamation of Achievements, Missouri Legislative Black Caucus, Oct. 21, 1994

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/BOARDS

- The Molefi Kete Asante Afrocentricity Institute--Advisor
- The Dr. King, Jr American Dream Team Blue Ribbon Initiative-- Natl Operations Chairperson for the PhDs, Doctors, Other Doctorates and Associates Committee
- Council of Africana Womanism—Founding President, International
- *The Western Journal of Black Studies*—Editorial Board Member

## BOOKS

*Emmett—Legacy, Redemption and Forgiveness*, 2014

*Africana Womanism & Race & Gender in the Presidential Candidacy of Barack Obama*, 2008

*The Definitive Emmett Till: Passion and Battle of a Woman for Truth and Intellectual Justice*, 2007

*Plagiarism—Physical and Intellectual Lynchings: An Emmett Till Continuum* (Part III of Till Trilogy), Editor, 2007

*Contemporary Africana Theory, Thought and Action: A Guide to Africana Studies*, Editor. Africa World Press, 2007

*Africana Womanist Literary Theory*, Trenton, N.J.: Africa World Press, 2004; Translated into Portuguese

*Emmett Till: The Sacrificial Lamb of the Civil Rights Movement*, Bedford, 1st edition—1994 (2<sup>nd</sup> revised edition—2006)

*Africana Womanism: Reclaiming Ourselves*, Bedford, 1993; Translated into Greek

*Toni Morrison*. NY/Boston: Prentice-Hall, 1990. (Co-authored with Wilfred D. Samuels)

## **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

Screenwriter—“Liberating Emmett—Legacy, Redemption, Forgiveness,” 2012-5

Reviewer for Associate Professor for Full Professorship, Dr. Zifikile Mguni Makwavarara, U of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe, 2016

Adviser—“Ann & Emmett—The Other Moments”—Educational Game Project by *Spark Media*, 2015

International Conference on Africana Womanism--The Vice President of the Republic of Zimbabwe delivered the Welcome for the First International Africana Womanism Conf., organized and hosted by the U of Zimbabwe, South Africa, 2010. There were several hundred attendees and over 65 presenters from Universities in Zimbabwe, Botswana, U. of South Africa; the U. S including California State U; U of Oklahoma, Delaware State U, U of Missouri, etc.. The concept of Africana Womanism was introduced by the author in the late eighties; three books and numerous book chapters, articles, etc. followed. Plans are being made for the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Africana Womanism Conf. at the U of Zimbabwe in 2017, which now has a Graduate Program in Africana Womanism.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Africana Womanism books translated into Greek (2010), and Portuguese (2016)

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

*Manuscript--Africana-Melanated Womanism: Global Paradigm--Past/ Present/Future*—Currently under review with major press

***Film--Liberating Emmett—Legacy, Redemption, Forgiveness***—PRE PRODUCTION PHASE; Film Script written by Clenora Hudson-Weems; mentored by Barry Marrow, Oscar Award-Winning Co-Writer of *Rain Man* & Producer

**BOOK CHAPTERS, FORWARDS, ARTICLES, Etc.**

“Amiri Baraka (LeRoi Jones),” Gale Publisher, 2017

“Emmett: Still Center of Tragedy,” *Chicago Crusader*, February 16, 2017

“The Benefits of Campus Activism,” *Diverse Issue of Higher Education*, March 21, 2016

“The Link between Emmett Till and Black Lives Matter,” *Chicago Crusader*, November 21, 2015, p. 3

Closing Chapter--“Establishing Female Competency via Literacy: Reclaiming Our Communities: An Africana Womanist Mission,” in *Literacy As Gendered Discourse: Engaging the Voices of Women in Global Societies*, edited by Daphne W. Ntiri. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing, Inc., 2015, pp. 185-195.

“Forward”—*Rediscovering African Womanhood in Search for Sustainable Renaissance: Africana Womanism in Multi-disciplinary Approach*, Itai Muwati and Zifikile Gambahaya, editors. College Press Harare, Zimbabwe, 2012, xii-xv.

Opening Chapter--“Ending De-Womanization, De-Feminization and De-Humanization via Self Naming, Self-Definition and Genuine Sisterhood “ in *Rediscovering African Womanhood in Search for Sustainable Renaissance: Africana Womanism in Multi-disciplinary Approach*, edited by Itai Muwati and Zifikile Gambahaya, College Press Harare, Zimbabwe, 2012, pp. 1-7.

Closing Chapter--“Environmental Racism--Black Landowners and Katrina in the Making of a New Hilton Head: A Emmett Till Continuum” in *Environmental Justice*, edited by Filomina Chioma Steady. New York: Palgrave-Macmillan Publishers, 2009—Delivered as Keynote Address for the International Conference at Wellesley College, 2007, pp. 253-265

“Africana Thought-Action: An Authenticating Paradigm for Africana Studies,” *The Western Journal of Black Studies* (Fall 2006)—Banquet Address for conference at U of Pittsburgh

“Africana Womanism: Entering the New Millennium,” Opening Chapter in *State of the Race, Creating Our 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Where Do We Go From Here?* Jemadari Kamara and T. Menelik Van Der Meer, editors, 2004, pp. 7-26.

“Africana Womanism: The Flip Side of the Coin.” Special Issue on Africana Womanism (Clenora Hudson-Weems, Guest Editor), *The Western Journal of Black Studies* (Fall 2001).

“The African American Literary Tradition,” in *A Historiographical and Bibliographical Guide to the African American Experience*, Arvarh E. Strickland and Robert E. Weems, Jr., eds. Greenwood Publishers, 2000, pp. 116-143.

“Africana Womanism: An Overview” in *Out of the Revolution: The Development of Africana Studies*, Delores Aldridge, Editor, Lexington Books, 2000, pp. 205-217.

“Africana Womanism, Black Feminism, African Feminism, Womanism,” in *Sisterhood, Feminisms and Power: From Africa to the Diaspora*, Obioma Nneameka, Editor, New Jersey: African World Press, 1998, pp.149-162.

“Self-Naming and Self-Definition: An Agenda for Survival,” in *Sisterhood, Feminisms and Power: From Africa to the Diaspora*, Obioma Nneameka, Editor, New Jersey: Africa World Press, 1998, pp. 449-452.

“Resurrecting Till: The Catalyst of the Civil Rights Movement,” *Journal of Black Studies* (Sage Publication), Nov. 1998, pp. 179-188.

“Africana Womanism: An Historical, Global Perspective for Women of African Descent,” *Call and Response: The Riverside Anthology of African-American Literary Tradition*, Patricia Liggins Hill, General Editor, Houghton Mifflin, Spring 1997.

“Africana Womanism and the Critical Need for Africana Theory and Thought,” *The Western Journal of Black Studies* (WJBS), Summer 1997, pp. 70-84.

“From Malcolm Little to El Haii Malik El Shabazz: Malcolm's Evolving Attitude Toward Africana Women,” Special Issue on Africana Womanism (Clenora Hudson-Weems, Guest Editor), *The Western Journal of Black Studies*, Spring 1993, pp. 26-31.

“Africana Womanism,” *Voice: The Caribbean International Magazine*, December 1992, pp. 37-8, 46.

“Claude McKay: Black Protest in Western Traditional Form,” *The Western Journal of Black Studies*, Spring 1992, pp. 1-5.

“Cultural and Agenda Conflicts in Academia: Critical for Africana Women’s Studies,” *The Western Journal of Black Studies*, Winter 1989, pp. 185-189.

“The Tripartite Plight of Black Women as Reflected in *Their Eyes Were Watching God* and *The Color Purple*,” *Journal of Black Studies* (Sage), December 1989, pp. 192-207.

“The Unearthing of Emmett Till: A Compelling Process,” *The Iowa Alumni Review*, October 1988, pp. 18-23.

Book Review--Toni Morrison's *Beloved*, *The Daily Iowan*, September 22, 1987.

Book Review--Edith Blichsilver's *Ethnic American Women*, The Iowa Council of Teachers of English, Spring, 1987.

“Toni Morrison's World of Topsy-Turveydom: A Methodological Explication of New Black Literary Criticism,,” *WJBS*, Fall 1986, pp. 132-6.

“The Plights of Historical and Predominantly Black Institutions,” Quarterly Newspaper of the Wilmington DE Branch NAACP, Spring 1985. Reprint in *Soul Force* (MS), AUG 1992..

“The Legitimacy of Violence in Richard Wright's Fiction: An Anthropological Perspective,” *Umoja Journal*, Summer 1982, pp. 35-6.

## OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

- Interview (March 2015) on Emmett Till work by Jonathon Van Maren, Bridgehead in Toronto, Canada (Access via website and You Tube)
- Interview (February 2014) on The Civil Rights Movement by Jonathon Van Maren, Bridgehead in Toronto, Canada (Access via website and You Tube)
- Adviser – Several National/International Doctoral Students, etc., including people & universities like the U of Rio de Janeiro and the U of South Africa-Cape Town, 2015
- Reviewer for several journals, including the *South African Journal of African Languages (SAJAL)*, 2011-12
- Jacket Blurb—*Separate but Unequal: Black Faculty in Predominately White Space* (2011) by Mark Christian (Chair of African & African American Studies, Lehman College, City U of NY)
- National/international promotion/tenure & Nominations/Ref Letters—U. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2011); Cal. State U-Long Beach (2011); Texas Southern U (2011); Virginia State U (2010); U. of Zimbabwe (2009); Florida State U (2009); Temple U (2008); Cornell U (2007); Wayne State U (2007), etc.
- Interview (with Kay Bonetti) on “Africana Womatism” and “Emmett Till,” for *The American Audio Prose Library Inc.*, Spring 1995.
- Reviewer for proposed book (1993) and Jacket Endorsement for *The Apocalypse in African-American Fiction*, U. Press of Florida, 1996.



- Reviewer for proposed book (1992)-- *Glorifying in Tribulation: A Biography of Sojourner Truth*, MI State University Press, 1993.
- Consultant for proposed anthology (1991)--*Call and Response: The Riverside of the African American Literary Tradition*, Houghton Mifflin, 1997.
- Reviewer for proposed book (1990)--*Toni Morrison Developing Class Consciousness*, Susquehanna University Press, 1991.
- Interviews with many Television Stations, including *The Tony Brown Journal* (NY), *Democracy Now* (NY), *Mid-Day News* (UT), *Our Times—TV 12* (CT)

## SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Panelist—College Language Association National Conference, “Africana-Melanated Womanism: Reflected in Literary Texts—Morrison, Hurston and Souljah,” Chicago, Illinois, 2018

Featured Event Speaker, “Africana-Melanated Womanism and the King Connection,” Women’s History Month, Gregory School Lecture, Houston, Texas, 2018

Panelist (with Dr. Maulana Karenga (creator of *Kwanzaa*)—National Council of Black Studies, “Africana-Melanated Womanism: A Global Paradigm,” Atlanta, GA, 2018

Guest Speaker, “Africana Womanism and Emmett Till: A Case for Family-Centrality,” Lincoln U, 2018

Guest Speaker, “Evolution from Africana Womanism to Africana-Melanated Womanism,” U of Houston, October 2017

Guest Speaker, “Liberating Emmett: ‘Hidden Figure’ Chronicles 30 Year Commitment—From Stigma to Catalyst of the Civil Rights Movement,” for Emmett Till Symposium, U of Utah Black History Month Symposium, February, 2017

Guest Speaker, “Emmett Till—Legacy and Redemption,” Windsor Village United Methodist Church (Kirbyjon Caldwell, Senior Pastor), Houston, TX, October 2016

Keynote Speaker—“Africana /Womanism,” Portland Community College, End of the Year Celebration, Oregon, May 2016

Guest Speaker—“Emmett Till, Black Lives Matter, and the King Connection,” William Woods University, January 2016

Forum Speaker, “As in 1955, All Eyes Are on Us—Black Plight Unresolved: An Emmett Till Continuum, UMC, November 2015

Guest Speaker, “Feminisms, Womanism and Africana Womanism,” U of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, September 2015

Guest Speaker, " Africana Womanism: A Global Paradigm for Women of African Descent,” Bowdoin College, Maine, September 2015.

Guest Speaker, “Africana Womanism” and “Emmett Till,” University of Nebraska-Omaha, March 2015

Guest Speaker, “Folkways & Wisdom of Our Foremothers: Communal Sources of Africana Womanist Theory,” Cal State U-Long Beach, April 11, 2011

Guest Speaker, “Africana Womanism: An Authentic Paradigm,” Cal State U-Dominguez Hills, April 7, 2011

Guest Speaker, “Africana Womanism: Cal State U-Los Angeles, April 7, 2011

Keynote Speaker, Opening Plenary & Awards Ceremony for the 1<sup>st</sup> International Council of Africana Womanism Conf., U of Zimbabwe, “Africana Men & Women—In It Together: Ending De-Womanization, De-Feminization & De-Humanization,” Oct 2010

Keynote Speaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> National Africana Womanism Summit, Charlotte, NC March 2010

Invited Speaker/National Co-Chair, Kean University Tribute to Scholar Dr. Barbara Wheeler, Feb ‘10

Keynote Speaker, 1<sup>st</sup> National Africana Womanism Summit, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 2009

Invited Speaker, Africana Womanism, Virginia State U, March 2009

Invited Speaker, Black Student Organization, UMC, February 2009

Invited Speaker, “Africana Womanism and Emmett Till”: Howard University, January 2009

Invited Panelist (with Cornell West; Molefi Asante as Moderator) for The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, PA, September 2008

Invited Speaker at the NBA 83rd National Bar Association Convention for Atty. Alvin O. Chambliss’ Symposium and Roast, Houston, TX, July 2008

Keynote Speaker, “Emmett Till, Martin L. King, Road Parks: A Trinity,” Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado, January 2008.

Keynote Speaker, Wellesley College International Environment Justice Conference, “Environmental Racism--Black Landowners and Katrina in the Making of a New Hilton Head: A Till Continuum,” Africana Studies Department, November, 2007

Keynote Speaker, Wellesley College International Environment Justice Conference, “Environmental Racism--Black Landowners and Katrina in the Making of a New Hilton Head: A Till Continuum,” Africana Studies Department, November, 2007

Organizer/Speaker, “Plagiarism,” Till & Africana Theory Symposium, UMC, October 2007

Keynote Speaker, Education for Life Workshop, “Emmett Till”—Springfield, IL, August 2007

Guest Seminar Speaker, Emory University, “Africana Womanism,” Atlanta, Georgia, April 2007

Convocation Guest Speaker, Southern Utah U., “Africana Womanism and Emmett Till,” February 2007

Guest Speaker, Missouri Valley College, “Emmett Till: The Child of the Movement,” February 2007

Inaugural Keynote Banquet Speaker, Department of Africana Studies Conference, “Authentic Theorizing for Africana Studies,” University of Pittsburg, March 2006

Guest Speaker, San Diego State U., “The Africana Womanist: Co-Partner in the Struggle,” March 2006

Guest Speaker, Indiana University, “The Plight of Black Farmers in the Katrina Aftermath: An Emmett Till Continuum,” March 2006

Guest Speaker, University of Missouri-Saint Louis, “Emmett Till and Africana Womanism,” February 2006

Guest Speaker, Longwood University, “Emmett Till and Africana Womanism,” February 2006

Organizer and Plenary Speaker, Nat’l Conf. for Plight of Black Farmers, “Land Legacy and the Future of Our Children,” Memphis, TN, January 2006

Guest Speaker, Student Leadership Conf., “The Plight of Black Farmers and Land Owners,” Rust College, January 2006

Guest Speaker, Northern Illinois U, “The Katrina Disaster: Another Wake-Up Call, Another Catalyst: An Emmett Till Continuum,” Oct. 2005

Guest Speaker, University of Mass, Emmett Till and Africana Womanism: Counter Spirits, September 2005

Guest Speaker, University of Louisville, Emmett Till: The Catalyst, September 2005

Keynote Speaker, University of Hamburg (Germany), "Africana Womanism and Emmett Till, July 2005

Guest Speaker, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Africana Womanism, April 2005

Guest Speaker, Africana Womanism & Emmett Till, Saganaw Valley State University, March 2005

Guest Speaker, University of CA-Long Beach, "Africana Womanists: Our Culture Bearers," March 2005

Guest Speaker, University of California-Domingus Hills, "Africana Womanism," March, 2005

Guest Speaker, Swarthmore College, "Africana Womanism and Emmett Till," February 2005

Guest Speaker, Student Leadership Conference, "Emmett Till," Rust College, January 2005

Keynote Luncheon Speaker, Africana Womanism Symposium , Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 2004

Plenary Speaker, African Heritage Studies Association Conference, "Africana Womanism," OCT 2004

Guest Speaker, Texas Southern University, "Africana Womanism," June, 2004

Speaker, National Council for Black Studies, Emmett Till and Africana Womanism, Atlanta, GA, March 2004

Guest, *Tony Brown's Journal* (TV), "Did History Miss Emmett Till," February 2004

Guest Speaker, University of Pennsylvania-Bloomingsbury, "Emmett Till," January 2004

Guest Speaker, Temple University, "Africana Womanism,": June 2003

Presenter, College Language Association, Slide Presentation on Emmett Till, May 2003

Guest Speaker, State Fair Community College, "Emmett Till," May, 2003.

Speaker, College Language Association Conference, “Africana Womanism and Emmett Till, April 2003.

Invited Speaker for the Equiano International Conference, London, England, “The Role of the Africana Woman in Olaudah Equiana’s World,” March 2003 (I cancelled my flight due to the outbreak of War in Iraq)

Guest Speaker, University of Pittsburg, Africana Womanism, March 2003

Opening Women’s History Guest Speaker, Africana Womanism, California State University-Long Beach, March 2003

Co-coordinator for Outstanding Black Missourian, University of Missouri-Columbia, February 2003

Keynote Speaker, Kean University, Outstanding Black New Jerseyans, February 2003

Guest Speaker, The College of New Rochelle, Africana Womanism and Emmett Till, February 2003

Guest Speaker, University of Pittsburg, “Emmett Till,” February 2003

Guest Speaker, Allegheny Community College, “Africana Womanism and Emmett Till,” February 2003

Opening Keynote Speaker, Black Students Leadership Conference, “Africana Womanism,” Rust College, January 2003

Closing Plenary speaker, Diop Conference, Africana Womanism, Philadelphia, Oct 2002

Roundtable Speaker. College Language Association (CLA) Annual Conference, Africana Womanism, April 24-27, 2002, Memphis, TN.

Roundtable Speaker. National Council for Black Studies (NCBS) Annual Conference, Africana Womanism, March 7-10, 2002, San Diego, CA.

Invited Guest Speaker. Miami University- Hamilton, The Africana Womanist: An Authentic Agenda, March 5, 2002, Hamilton, OH.

Opening Women's History Month Speaker. Central State University, “The Authentic Africana Womanist” March 4, 2002, Xenia, OH.

Invited Guest Speaker, Drew University, Africana Womanism: The Authentic Agenda for Women of African Descent, Madison U, March 2001.

Opening Black History Month Speaker, Southern Utah University, Africana Womanism and Emmett Till, February 1, 2001.

Guest Speaker, George Wythe College, Africana Womanism and the Movement, February 2001.

Round Table Speaker, African American Literature and Culture Society Conference, Africana Womanism: The Authentic Agenda for Women of African Descent, University of Utah, October 27, 2000.

Plenary Speaker, Annual Diop Conference, Africana Womanism: The Authentic Agenda for Women of African Descent, Temple U., OCT 13, 2000

Opening Plenary Speaker, 2<sup>nd</sup>. National Conference on Civil/Human Rights of Africanans, From Emmett Till, to James Byrd, Amadou Diallo & Shaka Sankofa: When Will It Stop? The Till Continuum, Memphis, TN September 2000

Guest Speaker, The Fifth National DuBois Conference, Africana Womanism: The Authentic Agenda for Women of African Descent, Philadelphia, April 29, 2000.

Guest Speaker, The 4th. Conf. on Africology, Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Africana Womanism: Comparative Research, April 20-22, 2000.

Guest Speaker, Alma College, Reassessing Africana Womanism, MI, March 23, 2000.

Guest Speaker, Africana Womanism and the New Millennium, University of MI-Flint, March 22, 2000.

Guest Speaker, National Council for Black Studies Conference, Africana Women's Pre-Conf., Africana Womanism, Atlanta, GA, March 16, 2000.

Guest Speaker, University of Gwolph, Women's History Month, Africana Womanism: An Overview, Gwolph, Canada, March 2, 2000.

Guest Speaker, Keans University, Africana Womanism: Entering the New Millennium, Union, New Jersey, February 24, 2000.

Panelist, MU, The True Story of Emmett Till and the Civil Rights Movement, Columbia, February 22, 2000.

Panel Organizer and Speaker for African Heritage Studies Association National Convention on forthcoming edited book, *Contemporary Africana Theory and Thought*, Cornell University, October 15, 1999.

Panel Organizer and speaker for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History National Convention on forthcoming edited book, *Contemporary Africana Theory and Thought*, Detroit, MI, October 8, 1999.

Specialist and Guest Speaker on Emmett Till for the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, Texas Southern U, Houston, TX, Summer 1999.

Distinguished Guest Lecturer, LeMoyne-Owen College, "Africana Womanism and Collectivism vs. Individualism: Black Leadership in the New Millennium," Feb. 1999.

Guest Speaker, "Black Male/Female Relationships: Making Them Work," California State University-Long Beach, December 5, 1998.

Guest Speaker, "Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God*: An Africana Womanist Novel," Stephen College, September 1998.

Plenary Speaker, "Emmett Till," LeMoyne-Owen College Alumni Reunion, May 1998.

Plenary Speaker, "Africana Womanism: Its Impact on the Black Community," 20th Annual Black Studies Conf., Olive-Harvey College, Chicago, April 1998.

Plenary Speaker, African Heritage Studies Annual Conference, "Reparation, Aesthetic, Thought," New Orleans, March 1998.

Guest Speaker, "Emmett Till: A Spiritual Binding Force in the Black Community," Delaware Community Center, February 1998.

Guest Speaker, "Genuine Sisterhood and Black Male-Female Relationships," Northern Illinois University, February 1998.

Guest Speaker, "Martin Luther King and the Mothers of the Civil Rights Movement," DePaul University, January 1998.

Keynote Speaker, "Africana Womanism: Mate, Mother and Revolutionary," California State University-Long Beach, November 1997.

Guest Speaker, "Africana Womanism: An African Centered Paradigm in an African Centered Discipline," Temple University, November 1997.

Guest Speaker, Africana Womanism and Black Male-Female Relationships, Rust College, November 1997.

Speaker, "Resurrecting Emmett Till," The Association for the Study of African American Life and History, LA, CA, October 1997.

Opening Plenary Speaker, Emmett Till, African Heritage Studies Association National Conference, Richmond, VA, April 1997.

Keynote Speaker, "Africana Male/Female Relationships," University of California-Long Beach, March 1997.

Guest Speaker, "Africana Male/Female Relationships," The African-American Cultural Center--Los Angeles, March 1997.

Keynote Speaker, Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Emmett Till and Africana Womanism, March 1997.

Guest Speaker, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Emmett Till and Africana Womanism, February 1997.

Guest Speaker, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, Emmett Till and Africana Womanism, February 1997.

Guest Speaker, Africana Womanism, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, Feb 1997.

Guest Speaker, Westinghouse High School, "Emmett Till" and "Africana Womanism," February 1997

Guest Speaker, 6th Annual Black Writers Conf. Chicago State University, Africana Womanism, October 24-26, 1996.

Plenary Speaker, Africana Womanism, Ninth Annual Black Studies Conference, Olive-Harvey College, Chicago, April 1996.

Opening Plenary Speaker, Africana Womanism, African Heritage Studies Association National Conference, Ohio State University, March 1996.

Guest Speaker, California State University-Long Beach, Women's History Month on Africana Womanism, March 1996.

U.S. Army Ft. Leonard Wood (Missouri) Black History Month Keynote Luncheon Speaker, Africana Womanism, February 1996.

Guest Speaker, Dept. of Mental Health (MO) Black History Missouri, Emmett Till, Jefferson City, MO, February 1996.

Guest speaker and recipient, Carter G. Woodson Award, Africana Womanism, Shelby State (Memphis), February 1996.

Guest Speaker, North Carolina A&T University., "Emmett Till" and "Africana Womanism," February 1996.



Guest Respondent, African Heritage Studies Assoc. Student Conference, Ohio State University, "Feminism/Africana Womanism," November 1995.

National Conference, Association for the Study of African-American Life & History Africana Womanism and Emmett Till, October 1995.

Luncheon Keynote Speaker, First National Conf. on Civil/Human Rights of African-Americans (in commemoration of Till) Memphis, August 1995.

Toni Morrison Symposium, "An Africana Womanist Writer," College of the Bahamas, Nassau, June 1995.

Guest Speaker, U. of Utah, "Africana Womanism and the Destiny of Africana People," African History Week, May 14, 1995.

Guest Speaker, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, on Emmett, Ft. Collins, CO, April 1995.

Plenary Speaker, Africana Womanism and Emmett Till, African Heritage Studies Assoc. Conference, Philadelphia, March 1995.

Third World Conference, "The Reassessment of Emmett Till and the Civil Rights Movement," Chicago, IL, March 23, 1995.

Guest Speaker, Speaker for Women's History Month on Africana Womanism, Central Missouri State University, March 1995.

Opening Speaker for Woman's History Month on Africana Womanism, Shelby State, March 6, 1995.

Guest Speaker for Black History Month on Emmett Till, University of IL Springfield, February 16, 1995.

Guest Speaker, Unity Breakfast, "Dr. Martin Luther King: From Civil Rights to Human Rights," Miami U. Ohio, January 17, 1995.

Guest Speaker, National Civil Rights Museum, Emmett Till, Memphis, TN, December 22, 1994.

Opening Speaker at the Women of Color Week, Africana Womanism, Wesleyan University, October 7, 1994.

Banquet Speaker for the Fourth Annual Black Culture Center, Conference, Kent State University, Africana Womanism, November 1994.

Speaker, Association for the Study of African-American Life and History (ASALH) Annual Conference, "Mamie, The Mother of Emmett Till--A Model Africana Womanist," Atlanta, October 1994.

Guest on St. Thomas T.V. talk show *The Issue Is*, speaking on Africana Womanism, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, June 1994.

Opening Plenary Speaker on Africana Womanism, African Heritage Studies Assoc. Annual Conf. in Chicago, April 1994.

Invited Plenary Speaker for the Third World Conference, Africana Womanism, in Chicago, April 1994.

Guest Speaker, Northern Kentucky State U., Africana Womanism, March 1994.

Guest Speaker on Africana Womanism, regional T.V. Talk show, "Our Times Today," Highland, Kentucky, March 1994.

Guest Speaker, Kentucky State Univ. Africana Womanism, March 1994.

Guest Speaker, Sangamon State U. (U. of Illinois at Springfield), "Africana Womanism," February 1994.

Guest Speaker on Africana Womanism, T.V. Talk Show, February 1994, Springfield, Illinois

Guest Speaker, Big Eight Conference, "Africana Womanism," February 1994.

Guest Speaker, U. of Rhode Island (Providence and Kingston Campuses), "Africana Womanism," February 1994.

Guest Speaker, "Africana Womanism," the regional T.V. Talk Show, Shades, Providence, Rhode Island, February 1994.

Guest Speaker, Winston Salem State University (N.C.), "Africana Womanism," February 1994.

Guest Speaker, The African-American Cultural Center, LA, CA, Africana Womanism, co-sponsored by Senut Society International Black Women's Congress), Nov. 1993.

Speaker, The Association for the Study of African-American Life and History Convention, Africana Womanism, Baltimore, October 1993.

Guest Speaker, Wayne State University, and the Museum for African American Culture & History, Africana Womanism, June 1993.

T.V. Interview with Barbara Christian on Africana Womanism at Virginia Woolf International Conference at Lincoln University, June 1993.

Guest Speaker, U. of the West Indies in Barbados, Africana Womanism, June 1993.

Guest Speaker, Cornell University, State of Black American Conference, Africana Womanism, April 1993.

Speaker, Third World Conference, Africana Womanism, Chicago, April 1993

Guest Speaker, Illinois State U., Africana Womanism, March 24, 1993.

Guest Speaker, Illinois Wesleyan U., Africana Womanism, March 24, 1993.

Guest Speaker, Cornell University, Africana Womanism for the International Scholars' Conference, March 22, 1993.

Guest Speaker, Mary Washington University, Africana Womanism, March 18, 1993.

Guest Speaker, Bryn Mawr College, Africana Womanism, March 16, 1993.

Guest Speaker, Central Methodist College, Africana Womanism, February 17, 1993.

Speaker, Association for the Study of African-American Life & History, Annual Conference, Emmett Till, October 1992.

Invited Speaker on Africana Womanism at the International Conference on Women in Africa and the Diaspora, U of Nigeria-Nsukka, June 1992.

Guest on T.V. Talk Show, Africana Thought on Africana Womanism, Chicago, Nov. 1991 and March 1992.

Guest Speaker, Lincoln University. Black History Month, Emmett Till, February 17, 1992.

MU Last Lecture's Series, Honor's College, International Scholars Conference and Black Studies Program, Toni Morrison and Africana Womanism, Fall 1993, Spring 1993, Spring 1991, Summer 1991, Fall, 1991.

Invited Speaker, The Emmett Till Street-Naming Ceremony in Chicago, July 25, 1991.

Speaker, College Language Association Conference, Africana Womanism, Columbia, N.C. April 1991.

Speaker, National Council for Black Studies Annual Conference, Africana Womanism March 1991.

Scholar in Residence at Texas Southern University on Emmett Till, Toni Morrison and Africana Womanism, March 1991.

Speaker, College Language Association Conference, Ohio State University, "Ripping the Veil:" *Beloved*, April 1990.

Guest Speaker, University of Utah, Emmett Till and Toni Morrison, October 1989.

Specialist and Guest Speaker for The Harlem Renaissance Writers for Ford Foundation, Summer Institute, Indiana U--Bloomington 1989.

Speaker, African Heritage Studies Association Convention, Emmett Till New Orleans, LA, April 29, 1989.

Invited Speaker, University of Mississippi Conference on Civil Rights, Emmett Till, April 21, 1989.

Speaker, National Council for Black Studies Annual Convention, Emmett Till, Nashville, TN, April 7, 1989.

Speaker, Southern Conference on Afro-American Studies, Emmett Till, Baton Rouge, LA, February 25, 1989.

Guest Speaker, U. of Utah, Toni Morrison and Emmett Till, Black History Month, February 6, 1989.

Guest Speaker, Southern Utah State College, Emmett Till, February 7, 1989, Prairie View Univ., "Emmett Till," Black History Month, Feb. 19, 1989.

Guest Speaker, M.L. King Celebration, Regency, Houston, TX, Jan. 15, 1989.

Invited Speaker, University of Utah, Africana Conference, Toni Morrison, November 1988.

Speaker, National Council for Black Studies Association Conference, "Africana Womanism," (Wash., D.C.), April 1988

Speaker, African Heritage Studies Assoc. Annual Conference, Africana Womanism, Philadelphia, April, 1988.

Guest Speaker, Winston-Salem State University--Black History Month, Africana Womanism, February 22, 1988.

Plenary Speaker for the Ford Foundation Annual Conference on "Emmett Till: The Impetus of the Civil Rights Movement," November 5-6, 1987, Washington, D.C.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Advisor--the Molefe Kete Asante International Institute, 2011 to Present
- National Operations Chairperson for the PhDs, Doctors, Other Doctorates and Associates Committee--the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- American Dream Team Blue Ribbon Initiative, 2011 to Present
- International Council of Africana Womanism—Honoree at 1<sup>st</sup> International Africana Womanism Conference, U of Zimbabwe, 2010, with Vice President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, the *Honorable Joice Mujuru*, delivering Opening Welcome
- Honorary Chair--Tribute for Dr. Barbara Wheeler, Former (Founding) Chair of Africana Studies (20 years), Kean U, 2010
- Initiator, Founding Coordinator for Nation's 1<sup>st</sup> MA Ph.D. with an Africana Concentration in English--Africana Literature, Literary Criticism and Theory, 2001-2 (UMC)
- National Chairperson, 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference on Black Farmers and Land Owners, Memphis, TN, January 2006
- Co-Chair, Mistress of Ceremonies and Organizer, 1<sup>st</sup> Outstanding Black Missourians, 2003
- Initiator, Founding Coordinator for Nation's 1<sup>st</sup> MA Ph.D. Africana Concentration in English--Africana Literature, Literary Criticism and Theory, 2001-2 (UMC)
- National Chairperson, Second National Conf. on Civil/Human Rights of Africanans, SEPT 7-10, 2000.
- National Chairperson, First National Conf. on Civil/Human Rights of African Americans, AUG 17-20, 1995.
- Organizer, Emmett Till Day in Court, 1994: A Civil Rights Forum, MU, October 21, 1994.
- Guest Editor for Special Issue on Malcolm X for WJBS, 1993.
- NEH Consultant/Speaker on the Harlem Renaissance and "Africana Womanism" at Texas Southern U, AUG 1992.
- Resource Person/Guest Speaker (conducted workshop on "Africana Womanism" and "Emmett Till") for the 1st National Council for Black. Studies Summer Institute (Ford Foundation), Ind. U., June 23, 1989.

## SELECTED SERVICE ACTIVITIES AT UMC

- Doctoral/Dissertation Committee Member for Janet Tsahiridis, 2013-2014
- Special Honor's Project for student, Brittany Smotherson, 2009
- Doctoral Committee Member for Malachi Crawford, up to PhD, 2008
- Chair of Doctoral Committee for Linda Johnson, up to PhD, 2006
- Doctoral Committee Member for Lydia Arguelles, 2004
- Doctoral Committee Member for Christina Rodriguez, 2003
- Doctoral Committee Member for Stephanie Watts, 2002
- Doctoral Committee Member for Antonio Tillis, 2000

- Co-Chaired Dissertation; Hooded Doctoral Student, Lawrence Potter, Jr., 1997-99
- Doctoral Committee Member for Lynn Lewis, 1999
- Doctoral Committee Member for Sherron Benson, 1999
- Conducted two (2) Honors Theses, including Christine Muck, 1998
- Doctoral Committee, Comprehensive Exam--Felicia Beckman, 1997
- Doctoral Committee, Comprehensive Exam--Misung Chung, 1996
- Doctoral Committee Member for Ann Harris-Williams, PhD, 1995
- Conducted two (2) Capstone Essays-1994-1996
- Organizer for Till Conf., bringing to MU national scholars/attorneys as non honorarium speakers, including Atty. Alvin Chambliss, Tony Martin, and William Nelson, and the Mother of Emmett, Mamie Till Mobley, 1994
- Doctoral Committee Member, Robert Woods, Communication/Journalism), 1994
- Brick Lecture Committee Member, 1992-1993
- UMC Lectures Committee-Chair, 1992-1993
- UMC Lectures Committee Member, 1991-1992
- Doctoral Committee Member for Mary Pat Viguerie, PhD, 1992
- Chair of the Black History Month Speakers for the Dept. of English (1991-3)
- Doctoral Committee Member for Brenda Smith (Romance Languages), 1991

**References (National and International Scholars; Creators of Concepts/Paradigms; A Former Student):**

**Dr. Delores Aldridge—Grace T. Hamilton Professor (Emerita) of Sociology and Founding Chair of Africana Studies, Emory U**

**Dr. Molefi Kente Asante—Founding Chair and Professor, Department of Africology (created *Afrocentricity*), Temple U**

**Dr. Maulana Karenga--Founding Chair and Professor, Department of Africana Studies (created *Kwanzaa*), Cal State U-Long Beach**

**Dr. Doreatha Drummond Mbalia--Former Chair (3 terms) and Professor (Emerita), Dept. of Africology, U of Wisconsin Milwaukee**

**Dr. Itai Muhwati--Dean of Faculty, U of Zimbabwe (coordinated 1<sup>st</sup> International Africana Womanism Conf., hosted by the U of Z.)**

**Dr. Anne Steiner, Vice President-- Former Chair and Professor of English (Emerita), Central State U**