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**Michigan State University**

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### **EDUCATION**

Warren Deem Institute for Educational Management, Columbia University School of Business, New York, New York.

**PhD** University of California, Berkeley, California, Sociology.

**MA** University of California, Berkeley, California, Sociology.

**BS** University of California, Berkeley, California, Social Sciences.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

**2005 – Present**

**Professor**, Department of Sociology, Graduate Program in African American & African Studies, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

**2011**

#### ***Sabbatical Year***

Writing, publishing, and fulfilled national and international consultation commitments.

**2003 – 2005**

**Professor**, Religious Studies Department, Graduate Program in African American & African Studies, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

**2002 – 2003**

**Distinguish John Hannah Visiting Professor**, Center for Integrative Studies in Arts and Humanities, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

**2002**

**Visiting Professor**, Women's Studies and African American Studies, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine: Spring Semester.

**1996-Present**

**Founding Director**, African Atlantic Research Team, University of Colorado and Michigan State University.

**1992 – 2002**

**Associate Professor**, Departments of Ethnic Studies, Religious Studies, and Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder.

**1999**

#### ***Off Campus Sabbatical***

**Visiting Professor** African American Studies, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

**1989-1990**

**Visiting Associate Professor**, Department of Sociology Hunter College, City University of New York, New York City.

**1990 – 1991**

**Senior Research Associate**, Center for Study of Race, Ethnicity and Culture: African American Studies Program, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

**1982 – 1988**

**Dean of Seminary Life**, Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

**1982 -- 1988**

**Associate Professor**, Department of Church and Society, Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*Diasporic Conversations: The Black Church in Cuba, book length manuscript.*

## **AWARDS and RECOGNITIONS**

**2016**

**Plenary Speaker**, Trans-Atlantic Roundtable on Religion & Race, Sixth Conference, Trinidad,

**Keynote Speaker**, Fourth Annual Walter Rodney Series, Atlanta University, sponsored by Kennesaw University, Kennesaw, Georgia.

**2015**

Editorial Board, SAGE Encyclopedia of Sociology of Religion

**2014 - Present**

**Elected** North American Representative, Board of Directors Research Committee #22 of the International Sociological Association.

**2012**

**Nominated**, University Distinguished Professor, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

**Keynote Speaker**, Annual Meeting of Society for Study of Black Religion, "Non-linear Sacrality of Time: Implications for Studies of African Descendants' Religiousness," New Orleans, Louisiana.

**2011**

**Keynote Speaker**, Annual Meeting, William E. B. Du Bois Lecture Series, African American Studies and Research Center, "Religion, the Americas, African Descendants: What Do We Truly Know," Purdue University, West Lafayette, Illinois.

**Keynote Speaker**, School of Social Transformation and Department African and African American Studies, "Studying Religion and the African Diaspora," Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona.

**2010**

**Recognition Award**, Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate, for program enhancement in the Social Sciences, Michigan State University Chapter. Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

**Nominee and National Semi-Finalist** for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education U.S. Professor of the Year Award, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

**Recognition Award**, Outstanding Mentoring with Non-Traditional Students, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

**2009**

**Keynote Speaker**, Annual Symposium, "African Diaspora in Spanish Speaking Caribbean: Cuba," Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio.

**Invited Presentation**, United Nation's Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization Conference on Sharing Cultures' Intangible Heritage, "Interacting With Spirits: Intangible Practices in Oriente Cuba." Pico Island, Azores, Portugal.

**Individual Recognition Award** for Advancing Global Competency, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

**2008**

**Keynote Speaker**, Symposium for Transnational & Global Assessment of Cultural Contact: Interdisciplinary, Historical, and Sociological Perspectives. "Spiritual Work in Oriente Cuba: Political Economy of Religion & Tourism," Växjö University, Växjö, Sweden.

**Excellence in Diversity Team Award** for demonstrated outstanding leadership and creativity as Director of the African Atlantic Research Team. Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

**2006**

**Outstanding Faculty Recognition Award**, Michigan State University Senior Class Council, East Lansing, Michigan.

**Invited Presenter**, Religion & Culture Colloquium, Religious Studies Department, "Madre Ñkisi: Power Not Seen Is No Less." Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

**2005**

**Keynote Speaker**, "Sacred Spaces: Afro Cuban Religious Traditions Today," Denison Goodspeed Lecture Series, Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

**2002**

**Distinguished Visiting Professor** John A. Hannah Award, Integrative Studies for Arts & Humanities, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

**Invited Speaker**, "On Matriarchy, Feminism, and African Women: Are We Sure the Essentials Are So Off-Base?" Women's History Month Convocation, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine.

**2001**

**Keynote Presentation**, "Race and Gender Intersections in Academia: Women Presidents as Leaders," Symposium on Outstanding Women: Recognizing Women in Academia. Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina.

**Keynote Address**, "Sociology: Grounding for Personal Participation," Department of Sociology Graduation. University of Colorado. Boulder, Colorado.

**2000**

**Academic Excellence in Teaching Recognition Award**, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

**Keynote Speaker**, "Religion and Empire," Africana Studies and Latin American Studies. University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

**1980**

Honorary Member Tuskegee Airmen, Atlanta, Georgia

## **BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

### **Books**

**2017**

*Religion, Culture and Spirituality in Africa and the African Diaspora*, Editors; William Ackah, Jualynne Dodson and Drew Smith editors. Routledge Press, Studies in Religion Series, In Press.

**2008**

*Sacred Spaces and Religious Traditions in Oriente Cuba*, Albuquerque, New Mexico: University of New Mexico Press.

*Nominated for Book Award, American Academy of Religion.*

*Presented at Book Launching, Caribbean Studies Association.*

**2002**

*Engendering Church: Women, Power, and African Methodism*, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield Publisher, Inc.

The time gap represents re-focusing my research agenda from human services.

**1983**

*Afro-Centric Education: Toward a Non-Deficit Perspective in Services to Families & Children*, Nashville, Tennessee: University of Tennessee Press.

**1982**

*A Sourcebook In Child Welfare: Serving Black Families and Children*, Sylvia Sims Gray and Lynn Nybell Curriculum co-editors, Ann Arbor, Michigan: University of Michigan Press.

#### **Articles (peer reviewed)**

**2016**

“Church Women’s Legacy of Power: U.S. African Methodist Episcopal Church,” in *Religion, Culture and Spirituality in Africa and the African Diaspora*, Editors; William Ackah, Jualynne Dodson and Drew Smith. Accepted for publication by Routledge Press Studies in Religion Series.

**2015**

Dodson, Jualynne E., “Contextualizing Women And Distinct Religious Practices In Oriente Cuba.” to Oxford University Symposium, Oxford University, UK, Accepted for publication, *Journal of Academic Perspectives, Vol 2015 no2*.

Dodson, Jualynne E. “Cuba’s Distinct Religious Traditions.” In *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, 2nd edition*, edited by George Ritzer. Maiden, Oxford: John Wiley and Sons, Ltd.

Dodson, Jualynne E., Transforming Research & Academic Thinking Harriette Pipes McAdoo (1940-2009): An Intellectual Biography, *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, 2nd Edition*, accepted for publication.

\*Dodson, Jualynne E., “Cuba’s distinct religious traditions: better social changes come oh soo slowly,” *The Changing World Religion Map: Sacred Places, Identities, Practices and Politics*, Stan Brunn editor, Springer Press: 199-209.

\*Dodson, Jualynne E. “On Roy Bryce LaPorte, Women, Power and Church: A Research Scholar Meets the African Diaspora in the Caribbean.” Submitted for publication to *Wadabagei, Journal of the Caribbean*, October.

\*Dodson, Jualynne E., “Qualitative Field Research – Methods and Theory,” *Method(e)s African Social Sciences Methodology/Revue africaine de méthodologie des sciences sociales, Journal, Council Development Social Science Research in Africa*: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/23754745.2015.1017292>.

**2014**

\*Montgomery, BL, Dodson, JE, and Johnson, SM (2014). Guiding the Way: Mentoring Graduate Students and Junior Faculty for Sustainable Academic Careers. SAGE Open (October-December), doi: 10.1177/2158244014558043.

**2013**

Dodson, Jualynne E., “Sociological Study of the African Diaspora,” Proceedings of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Sociology, Athens, Greece: Athens Institute for Education and Research, #423.

**2012**

Dodson, Jualynne E. and Shanti Ali Zaid, "Collective, Long-Term, Intermittent Immersion for Religion Research in Cuba," *Innovative Methods in the Study of Religion*, Linda Woodhead, editor, London, United Kingdom: Oxford University Press.

**2011**

Dodson, Jualynne E., "African Diaspora Studies and Religion," *OFO: Journal of Transatlantic Studies*, vol.1, no 1: 3-26.

"U.S. African American Denominations in Cuba," *El protestantismo en la isla de Cuba*, Compendio histórico desde sus orígenes hasta principios del siglo xxi, auspiciada por la Cátedra de Filosofía e Historia del Seminario Evangélico de Teología y la Editorial Caminos del Centro Memorial de Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Havana, Cuba.

**2009**

Dodson, Jualynne E. and Sonya M. Johnson, "Interacting With Spirits: Intangible Practices of Oriente Cuba," *Conference Proceedings of UNESCO Conference on Sharing Cultures*, "Intangible Heritage," Pico Island, Azores, Portugal, pages 187-192.

Dodson, Jualynne E., Beronda Montgomery-Kaguri, and Lesley Brown, "'Take the Fifth:' Mentoring Students Whose Cultural Communities Were Not Historically Structured Into U.S. Higher Education," *Innovative Higher Education*, vol. 34:3, pages 185-199.

**2004**

Dodson, Jualynne E., "An African Core to Cuba's Humanitarian Programs: 'What You Get Is Beyond What You See'," *Sage Race Relations Abstracts*, vol. 28 (2): 5-31, Great Britain: Institute of Race Relations.

**2002**

"English-Speaking Caribbean Migrants in Cuba: The Case of Mount Sinai Church in Banes," *Proceedings of Second Seminar on Intra-Caribbean Migration*, Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies: University of the West Indies Press.

### ***Invited and Published Writing***

**2015**

Editing Author, "African American Theologians, Religious Scholars, Pastors and Activists Endorsement Statement" of United Nation's Resolution 68/237 and Demanding Shurches, Seminaries, and International Ecumenical Bodies Break Silence on Matters Pertaining to the Well-being of Peoples of African descent." San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Francisco, California, December.

**2012**

"Charles H. Long (1926)," *Encyclopedia of Global Religion*, Marj Juergensmeyer and Wade Clark Roff, editors, Los Angeles, California: Sage, pages 715-716.

"Abakuá Secret Society," *Encyclopedia of Global Religion*, Marj Juergensmeyer and Wade Clark Roff, editors, Los Angeles, California: Sage, pages 2-3.

**2010**

Dodson, Jualynne E. and Sonya M. Johnson, "Indigenous Religious Traditions," *Introduction To World Religion Communities And Cultures*, Jacob Neusner, editor, Nashville, Tennessee: Abington Press, pages 283-290.

**2009**

Dodson, Jualynne E., "African Descendant Women and Religion: Diaspora in Oriente Cuba," *Women and New and Africana Religions*, Lillian Ashcraft-Eason, Darnise C. Martin, and Oyeronke Olademo, editors, Santa Barbara, California: Praeger Publishers, Imprint of Greenwood Publishing Group, Inc., pages 167-190.

**2007**

“On Thinking About and Research of African American Family Life in the United States,” *Black Families Fourth Edition*, Harriette Pipes McAdoo, editor. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage Publications Inc., pages 51-68.

“*Madre Nkisi*: Power Unseen is No Less: Exploring Women of African Descent, Power, and Religious Participation: The Case of Cuba,” *Women and Religion*, Michaela Moravcikova, editor, Slovakia: The Bratislava Institute for State-Church Relations, pages 59-79.

**2005**

“Jarena Lee,” *Black Women in America, Second Edition*, volume 2, Darlene Clark Hine, editor, New York, New York: Oxford University Press, page 236.

**2004**

“The (C. Eric) Lincoln Legacy: Challenges and Considerations,” *How Long This Road: Race, Religion and the Struggle for Freedom*, Alton B Pollard and L H Whelchel, editors, New York, New York: Palgrave Macmillan Press, pages 77-87.

**2001**

“Cuba, African-Derived Religions,” *Encyclopedia of African and Africa-American Religions*, Stephen D. Glazier, editor, New York, New York: Routledge, pages 107-110.

**2000**

“African-Derived Religions of Cuba,” *Encyclopedia of African and African American Religions*, Larry Murphy, J. Jordan Milton, and Gary L. Ward, editors, New York, New York: Garland publishers.

**Book Reviews**

**2017**

Black Labor, White Sugar: Caribbean Bracerors and Their Struggle for Power in the Cuban Sugar Industry by Philip A. Howard for *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Latin American History*; July.

**2016**

Review Essay “Neighborhood, Festival, and Ethnography: The African Diaspora in the Americas,” for *Transforming Anthropology* of:

*Inside El Barrio: A Bottom-Up View of Neighborhood Life in Castro’s Cuba*. Henry Louis Taylor, Jr. Sterling, VA: Kumarian Press, 2009; *Kings for Three Days: The Play of Race and Gender in an Afro-Ecuadorian Festival*. Jean Muteba Rahier; and *The Cooking of History: How Not to Study Afro-Cuban Religion*. Stephan Palmié. Chicago, IL, and London, UK: The University of Chicago Press, 2013.

*Transnational Transcendence: Essays on Religion and Globalization*. Edited by Thomas J. Csordas. Berkeley, CA, and London, UK: University of California Press, 2009. xiii + 230 pp. for *Transforming Anthropology*.

**2015**

“Citizens in the Making in Post-Soviet States” by Olena Nikolayenko, Routledge: New York, for *Journal International Sociology Reviews*; 4-6.

**2014**

*Wild Religion: Tracking the Sacred in South Africa* by David Chidester, for *Journal of Religion*: December.

*The Sociology of Religion: A Canadian Perspective*, by Lorne L. Dawson and Joel Thiessen for *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*.

*Invisible Agents Spirits in a Central African History* by David M. Gordon, Ohio University Press, for *Journal of Religion*, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/0048721X.2014.980168>.

*Citizens in the Making in Post-Soviet States* by Olena Nikolayenko, for the *Journal of Religion*.

**2013**

"Black Church Giving: An Analysis of Ideological, Programmatic, and Denominational Effects" for Sage.

*Blacks, Whites in Christian America: How Racial Discrimination Shapes Religious Convictions*, by Jason E. Shelton & Michael O, Emerson, for *Journal for African American History*.

**2012**

*Eric Williams & the Making of the Modern Caribbean* by Colin A. Palmer, Caribbean Studies Association Gordon K. & Sybil Lewis Prize.

*Atlantic Creoles in the Age of Revolutions* by Jane G. Landers, Gordon K. & Sybil Lewis Prize, Caribbean Studies Association.

*Forging Diaspora: Afro-Cubans and African Americans in a World of Empire and Jim Crow* by Frank Gurdy, *Journal of African American History*.

**2011**

*Religion Crossing Boundaries: Transnational Religious and Social Dynamics in Africa and the New African Diaspora*, Afe Adogame and James V. Spickard editors.

*Family Configurations: A Structural Approach to Family Diversity* by Eric D. Widmer, *Journal Religion*.

**2010**

*God and Race in American Politics: A Short History* by Mark A. Noll, *Journal Religion*.

**2009**

*The Burden of Black Religion* by Curtis Evans, *Journal Religion*.

**2008**

*Cuban Convents in the Age of Enlightened Reform, 1761-1807*, John J. Clune Jr., *Journal of International Women's Studies* Vol. 10 #2 November.

**2007**

*Beyond Christianity: African Americans in a New Thought* by Darnise C. Martin, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*.

**2006**

*Around the Family Altar: Domesticity in the African Methodist Episcopal Church 1865-1900*, Julius H. Bailey, *Journal of African American History*.

*Priest, Parish, and People: Saving the Faith in Philadelphia's "Little Italy,"* Richard N. Juliani, *Contemporary Sociology*, vol. 36; no.6.

*Racialization: Studies in Theory and Practice*, Karim Murji & John Solomos editors, *Journal of Inter-Cultural Studies*.

**2005**

*Wizards & Scientists: Explorations in Afro-Cuban Modernity & Tradition*, Stephan Palmié, *Religion: An Academic Press Journal*.

**2004**

*Santería Enthroned: Art, Ritual, and Innovation in an Afro-Cuban Religion*, David Brown, *North Star: A Journal of African American Religious History*.

*AfroCuban Religions* by Miguel Barnet, *North Star: A Journal of African American Religious History*.

*The Quest for the Cuban Christ: A Historical Search* by Miguel A. De La Torre for *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Winter.

**2002**

*Race Woman: The Lives of Shirley Graham Du Bois*, Gerald Horne. *AME Review*, January-March.

**2001**

*Strangers and Pilgrims: Female Preaching in America, 1740-1845* by Catherine A. Brekus, *The Journal of Religion* 82, no.1.

*Black Judas: William Hanibal Thomas the American Negro*, John David Smith, *Kayden Book Prize*, Boulder, Colorado.

*Varieties of African-American Religious Experience*, Anthony B. Pinn, *North Star: Journal of African American Religious History*.

**2000**

*Amanda Berry Smith: From Washerwoman to Evangelists*, Adrienne Israel, *Journal of Religion*.

### **Professional Reports**

**2015**

Reviewed for publication "A Final Chapter in the life of Jarene Lee (178-1864), First Woman Preacher in the AME Church" for the *Historical Society of Pennsylvania*, written report accepted

Reviewed for publication, *Contemporary Perspectives on Religions in Africa and the African Diaspora*, Edited by Ibigbolade S. Aderibigbe and Carolyn M. Jones Medine, Palgrave Macmillian Publisher, written report accepted.

**2014**

Reviewed twenty-one (21) research proposals submitted for funding from the American Council of Learned Societies, December, written report submitted.

Tenure Review for University of Massachusetts, Amherst, September, extensive report submitted.

*African American Studies Program Review* for Purdue University, written jointly by Sandra Adell, Jualynne Dodson and James Stewart, April, written report accepted.

**2012**

Completed External Review, Ph.D. dissertation, Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University, Mississippi: December, written report submitted.

Completed report as the single expert evaluator for the African Religions Group of the American Academy of Religion; November, written report accepted.

Completed External Review for Promotion and Tenure, Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University, Mississippi: September, written report accepted.

Completed External Review for Promotion and Tenure, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri - August, written report accepted.

Research Panels of the Annual Conference Research Committee #22, International Sociology Association, Buenos Aires, Argentina, written report submitted the Newsletter of the International Sociological Association; August.



Wrote Report for The Graduate Program in African American & African Studies of MSU on the potential of students participating in The Las Piedras Project, which assists Haitian Refugees in the Dominican Republic; June.

Dodson, Jualynne E., Eileen Julien, and Mikell Pinkney, External Review, Department African American & African Studies, Division Dean of Arts and Humanities, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio – May, written report submitted.

*This Program Review was jointly conducted and written by all three evaluators.*

**2011**

Dodson, Jualynne E., External Review, Department of African American Studies, Dean, Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois: May, written report submitted.

Promotion Review, Assistant Dean for Interdisciplinary Studies, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina: August, written report submitted.

Program Review, African Religions Section, *American Academy of Religion*, Atlanta, Georgia: December, written report submitted.

**2010**

Promotion and Tenure Review, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas: March, written report submitted.

Full Professor Review, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, North Carolina: September, written report submitted.

Promotion and Tenure Review, Department of Sociology, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana: November, written report submitted.

**2009**

“Strategic Academic Exchanges Travel: Peruvian African Descendants, Strategic Partnership,” Funding Report, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies: Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan: May, written report accepted.

MSU-UFBA Partnership: A Response Report, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan: March, written report accepted.

External Review of African American Studies Program for Dean of Liberal Arts, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. Jointly written by Adell, Sandra, Jualynne E. Dodson, and Sundiata Keita Cha-Jua: November, written report accepted.

**2007**

Full Professor Review, Department of History, Bowling Green University, Bowling, Ohio: October, written report submitted.

**2002**

Program Review, African American Studies, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine: February, written report submitted.

**2000**

Promotion and Tenure Review, Black & Hispanic Studies, Baruch College, New York, New York: June, written report submitted.

***PRESENTATIONS at PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS***

**2016**

Mentoring Delaware  
AME Women  
Cuba, Georgia

**2015**

**Invited Presenter**, “Proverbial Global Question in the African Diaspora: What to do with/for African Descendants?,” Fifth Forum of Chinese Urban Management: Risk Management in Urbanization, Center for Chinese Public Administration Research, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China, December.

**Invited Organizer** - “Mentoring for Our Future, 2 Sessions: Graduate Students and Post-Docs & Junior Faculty,” Association for Worldwide Study of African Diaspora, Charleston, South Carolina, November.

“Charles H. Long: Intellectual Godfather to the African Atlantic Research Team,” American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, November.

“Broader Than Location: The African Diaspora,” Black Special Relationship: African American Scholarship Impact on Black Intellectual Life in Britain, Birmingham City University, Birmingham, England, October.

**Invited Session Chair & Rapporteur**, 33<sup>rd</sup> Conference International Sociological Association, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, July.

“*On Roy Bryce Laporte, Women, Power and Church: Remarks Made at His Memorial*,” **Invited Keynote Presenter**, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Megar Evers College and Memorial to Roy Bryce La Porte, Megar Evers College, Brooklyn New York: March.

**2014**

“Contextualizing Women and Distinct Religious Practices in Oriente Cuba,” **Invited Panel Presenter**, Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies, University Church of St Mary, Oxford University, London, England: December.

The Art/s of Interpretation Interpret the Arts Session II, Respondent; Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, California: November.

“Studying Religion in the African Diaspora: Cross-Cultural Research Methods,” Session **Organizer**, Annual Meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion: Indianapolis, Indiana: October.

“Not Forgetting Who You/We Are: Positioning for The/A Job,” **Invited Presenter**, Annual Meeting of National Academy of Science’s Ford Foundation’s Fellows’ Program, Beckman Center, Irvine California: September.

“Lessons Learned for Studying the African Diaspora: Charles Long, Ruth Simms Hamilton,” Round Table Presentation for XVIII World Congress, International Sociological Association, Yokohama, Japan, July.

“Politics of Religion – Modernity and Religious Framework: Ruth Simms Hamilton,” Session paper presentation for Fourth International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society, Universidad Nacional Costa Rica, Heredia, Costa Rica, April.

**2013**

“Church Women’s Legacy of Power: Case of U.S. African Methodist,” **Invited Plenary Presentation**,

Conference on The Black Church in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Captivities, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana, July.

“Culture, Identity, And Cuba’s Distinct Religious Practices: Caribbean Crossroads,” Paper Presented, First Latin America Conference Ireland, Dublin, Ireland, May.

“On Sociological Study Of The African Diaspora,” Panel Presentation, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference On Sociology, Athens, Greece, May.

“More Than Jargon or a Sound Bite,” Theoretical Propositions for Studying the African Diaspora, Annual Meeting of the National Council Black Studies, Indianapolis, Indiana, March.

**2012**

“Activist Scholarship in Our Backyards Phase II: International Outreach, Making and Keeping Them,” *Invited* Presenter, Annual Meeting of Ford Foundation’s Fellows, Beckman Center, Irvine California: October.

“The African Diaspora: Challenges to Research in the Field,” Migration Without Boundaries Conference, International Studies Center, Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan: October.

“Religion and Politics in Cuba: The Distinct Religious Traditions,” Panel presentation, Annual Meeting of Association Sociology of Religion, Denver, Colorado: August.

“Justice and Democracy for Cuba’s Distinct Religions: An Assessment,” Panel presentation at Second International Sociology Association Forum, Buenos Aires, Argentina: August.

“Mentoring & Teaching: Pedagogical Experiences with the African Atlantic Research Team,” Panel presentation at 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of National Council of Black Studies. Atlanta, Georgia: March.

**2011**

“Music, Letter, and Religion as Performance, Protest, and Protection in Columbia and Cuba,” Session Chair, Afro-Latin Symposium, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana: December.

“Studying the African Diaspora: Synthesis, Research, Pedagogies, and Dissemination,” Panel Organizer and Chair, Bi-Annual Meeting Association for Study of Worldwide African Diaspora, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: November.

Dodson, Jualynne E., Sonya Johnson, Crystal Eddins, Alexandra Gelbard, “Implementing Study of the African Diaspora: Taking Ruth Hamilton’s Paradigm to Practice: Pedagogical Guide Posts for Teaching African Diaspora Within African American Studies,” Panel Organizer and Chair, Bi-Annual Meeting Association for Study of Worldwide African Diaspora, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: November.

Dodson, Jualynne E., Sonya Johnson, Alexandra Gelbard, “Studying Religion in the African Diaspora: Lessons from Ruth Simms Hamilton,” *Invited* Research Panel Organizer by Society President Sir James Beckford, Annual Meeting of Society for Scientific Study of Religion. Milwaukee, Wisconsin: October.

“Religion in Cuba After the Fall of the Soviet Union,” *Invited* Presenter, Max Planck Institute’s Center on Religious Diversity, Göttingen, Germany: May.

“Implications from Work in the African Diaspora: Interdisciplinary Global Research,” **Invited** Presenter, International Conference on “Visions and Perspectives: Global Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Nanjing University in Nanjing, China: May.

Panel Chair, Annual Conference, National Council of Black Studies. Cincinnati, Ohio: March.

“Pedagogical Experiences: Teaching African Diaspora Within African American Studies,” Panel presentation, Conference on the State of African American and African Diaspora Studies, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York, New York: January.

Dodson, Jualynne E., Crystal Eddins, Sonya Johnson, and Alexandra Gelbard, 2011, “Research & Pedagogy Within African American & African/Black Studies and The African Diaspora,” Panel presentation, Conference on State of African American and African Diaspora Studies, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. New York, New York: January.

“Caribbean Religious Multiplicity: The Case of Oriente Cuba,” Panelist, Conference of Former Schomburg Fellows, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York, New York: January.

**2010**

“Religions Multiplicities from Africa Inspired Ethnicities: African Diaspora in Oriente Cuba” Panelist, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California: November.

“Martin Luther King in Cuba,” Panelist, Annual Meeting of the Society for Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, Maryland: October.

“On Religion and Multiple Practices in Cuba,” Panelist, Conference of North American and Cuban Researchers, Havana, Cuba: June.

“Religious Multiplicity in Oriente Cuba,” Panelist, Annual Meeting, Caribbean Studies Association, Barbados, West Indies: May.

**2009**

“Religion and the African Diaspora: African Diaspora Studies and Religion,” Panelist, Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Canada: November.

“Moving Our Collective Work Forward, The Field of African Diaspora Studies,” Panelist, Association for Study of WorldWide African Diaspora, Accra, Ghana: August.

“On **Sensing** Religion in the African Diaspora: Religion in Oriente Cuba,” Panelist, 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting, International Society for Sociology of Religion, Santiago de Compostela, Spain: July.

“On **Seeing** Cuban Religions in Oriente Cuba,” Panelist, 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Society for Sociology or Religion, Santiago de Compostela, Spain: July.

**2008**

“African Americans & Race In The United States,” Panelist, Trans-Atlantic Teaching Forum, Växjö University, Växjö, Sweden: March.

**2007**

Dodson, Jualynne E. and Sonya Maria Johnson, “*Ñsambe, Somos y Somos*: Toward Expanded Understandings of ‘Indigenous’ Religions,” Co-panelist, Indigenous Religious Traditions’ Session, Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C.: November.

**2006**

“Dear Orula, How’s the Universe? Inter-actionist Perspective on Religion in Cuba.” Panelist, American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C.; November.

Session Chair, Annual Conference of Ford Fellows, Washington D.C.: October.

“Social Transformation and Religion: The Case of Cuba,” Panelist, Association Black Sociologists, Montreal, Canada: August.

“Sociology of Religion,” Panelist, American Sociological Association Roundtable Session, Montreal, Canada: August.

“Madre Ñkisi: Power Not Seen Is No Less,” Panelist, XVI World Congress of Sociology, Durban, South Africa: July.

“African Atlantic Research Team Roundtable: Team Research and Publishing Reports,” Panel Organizer and Chair, 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival del Caribe, Casa del Caribe. Santiago de Cuba, Cuba: July.

“African descendants and African-based Religious Traditions in Cuba,” Seminar Co-coordinator and Discussant, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar, Cuban and North American Philosophers and Social Scientists, Havana, Cuba and Santiago de Cuba, Cuba: June & July.

“Conducting Cross-cultural International Research,” Panel Moderator, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Latin American & Caribbean Connections: Legacies & Transformations Undergraduate Student Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan: April.

“The Professoriate and Academe,” Panelist, Second Annual Black Scholars Symposium, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan: February.

“Madre Ñkisi: Women, Power, and Religious Community: Report from Field Research,” Panelist, Annual Winter Meeting, Sociologist for Women in Society, San Juan, Puerto Rico: January.

**2005**

“The African Methodist Episcopal Church and Africa,” Respondent, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: November.

“Cuba’s International Humanitarian Programs: An African Core? “What You Get Is Beyond What You See,” Panelist, Annual Meeting, Society for Scientific Study of Religion, Rochester, New York: November.

“Andean Voices, African Roots: A Discussion on Blackness, Community and Culture.” Chair, Inter-Agency Consultation on Race in Latin America, Inter-American Foundation, and the National Council of La Raza. Washington, D.C.: October.

“Conceptualizing Beyond a Colonial Mentality: Religions in Oriente Cuba,” Panelist, Twenty-Fifth Annual Festival del Caribe, Casa del Caribe, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba: July.

“Representations of Death and Dying in Caribbean History,” Convener, Association of Caribbean Historians 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Cartagena, Colombia: May.

“Sacred Spaces Of Oriente Cuba: New Ways Of Conceptualizing?” Panelist, Bi-Annual meeting, Collegium for African American Research, University of Tours, Tours, France: April.

**2004**

“Sacred Spaces of Oriente, Cuba: Illustrated Presentation,” Panelist, Annual Conference, Association of American Geographers, Howard University, Washington, D.C.: September.

“On Doing Research Cross-Culturally: Religions in Cuba.” Panelist, Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologist. San Francisco, California: August.

““Mama, Look Wha’ Dey Done To My Song:” Rhythms of Reified Wrong.” Panelist, Caribbean Soundscapes Conference, Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute. Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana: March.

**2002**

“Vistas for Healing: African-based Traditions.” Panelist, Healing in Urban America Symposium, Harvard University Divinity School. Cambridge, Massachusetts: September.

“Martin Luther King Jr. and Cuba,” Panelist, Annual Conference of Cuban and North American Social Scientist, Havana, Cuba: June.

“Sacred Spaces of Cuba: African-Based Traditions,” Panelist, Department of Sociology, Colby College, Waterville, Maine: April.

“Mama, Look What ‘Dey Don’ To My Song: Reification and Santeria.” Panelist, Invitational International Symposium, University of Maryland. College Park, Maryland; April.

**2001**

“The Omissions of C. Eric Lincoln,” *Invited* Panelist, C. Eric Lincoln Annual Symposium, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia: November.

“Social Significance of Martin Luther King Jr. in Cuba,” Panelist, Annual Meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Columbus, Ohio: October.

“Gendered Identities: Can We Have a History of U.S. Religion,” Panelist, Annual Meeting of Society for Scientific Study of Religion, Columbus, Ohio: October.

“Sacred Spaces: African-derived Religious Traditions of Cuba,” Panelist, Religious Workshop, Annual Festival del Caribe, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba: July.

“How Far Have We Come,” *Invited* Panelist, Annual Conference of North American & Cuban Philosophers & Social Scientists, Havana, Cuba: June.

“The Spirituality of African American Women,” *Invited* Panelist, Annual Symposium, Black Women of Action, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado: March.

“What is the African Atlantic Research Team,” Recruiting Seminar, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado: March.

“Voices of the Movement: Martin Luther King Jr. in Cuba,” *Invited* Panelist, Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observances, Bates College Lewiston, Maine: January.

**2000**

“African-Derived Traditions in the Americas: Vistas for Healing Oppression,” Panelist, Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, Nashville, Tennessee: November.

“Cuba and International Humanitarian Projects,” Panelist, Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies. Miami, Florida: October.

Chair, Religious Workshop, Annual Festival del Caribe. Santiago de Cuba, Cuba: July.

“Cuba, African Traditions and Social Transformation: Bringing Good to the World.” Panelist, New England/Maritimes Spring Regional Conference. Boston, Massachusetts: April.

“African-based Religions in Cuba: Report from the Field,” Panelist, Annual Meeting, Society for the Study of Black Religion, Atlanta, Georgia: April.

“Field Research Activities in Cuba,” Panelist, Annual Campus Diversity Summit, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado: February.

## **CREATIVE WORK**

**2016**

**Project Creator**, MSU Museum Exhibition – The African Diaspora through Pioneering Ideas of Ruth Simms Hamilton, to open Fall 2019.

Project Creator, MSU Teachers’ Summer Seminar – Developing Curricula to Include the Socio-Historical African Diaspora, to convene Summer 2019.

**2014**

**Executive Editor**, Shanti A. Zaid and Sonya Maria Johnson co-Editors; CubaOriente Web Site, [cuboriente.matrix.msu.edu](http://cuboriente.matrix.msu.edu)

**2012**

**Executive Editor**; Sonya Maria Johnson, Crystal Nicole Eddins and William Escalante, Co-Editors; and Alyce C. Emory, Layout and Design. *Re-conexões – Special Anniversary Edition: Official Newsletter of the African Atlantic Research Team*, Winter, vol. 3, issue #4. East Lansing, Michigan, April.

**2010**

**Editor**, *Re-conexões: Official Newsletter of the African Atlantic Research Team*, spring/fall, vol. 2. issue #3, East Lansing, Michigan, December.

**2007**

Dodson, Jualynne E. and Alyce C. Emory, editors *Diaspora Visions, Global Poetic Perspectives*, A Volume of Poetry and Photographs, East Lansing, Michigan: African Atlantic Research Team.

**Editor**, *Re-conexões: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Newsletter of the African Atlantic Research Team*. Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, *January*.

**2006**

**Curator**, Museum exhibition “*Lest We Forget: The Triumph Over Slavery*,” Michigan State University Museum, East Lansing, Michigan, October—March.

**Executive Producer**, AART images in MATRIX, a data based system for visual research.

**2002-2006**

**Mistress of Ceremonies**, Annual “Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Celebration: Jazz Spirituals, Prayer & Protest,” Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, January.

**2004-Present**

**Producer Designer**, Academic Webpage, and DVD, African Atlantic Research Team, Michigan State University, Department of Sociology East Lansing, Michigan.

**2003**

*This Far by Faith*, Television Documentary Interview, "Women and the African Methodist Episcopal Church," Washington, D.C: Blackside Production, Inc.

**2001-2000**

**Producer Designer**, Academic Webpage, African Atlantic Research Team, University of Colorado Department of Ethnic Studies, Boulder, Colorado.

### **FELLOWSHIPS and GRANTS**

**2012**

Travel Grant from the Society for Scientific Study of Religion to conduct research in the Dominican Republic; Summer.

**2010**

Travel Research Grant from University of Florida, Gainesville to conduct research in their Caribbean Collection; Summer.

**1998**

Post-doctorate Fellow, Womanist Institute, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

**1997**

Lilly Foundation Teaching Fellowship, Ogden, Utah.

**1991-1992**

Lilly Foundation Research Fellowship, Center for Study of American Religion, Princeton University. Princeton, New Jersey.

**1990**

Ford Foundation Post-Doctorate Research and Writing Fellowship, Schomburg Center, New York, New York.

**1980**

Research Fellow for Applied Sociology, American Sociological Association. Atlanta, Georgia.

**1977**

Spencer Foundation Research Fellowship. Atlanta, Georgia.

### ***Mentored Students' Funding, Awards, Fellowships, & Scholarships***

**2016**

Johnson, Sonya M., post-Graduate Fellowship, CIC

Lotarski, Gabriel, Sociology Department's Ruth Simms Hamilton Award.

Manaia, Alec, Finalist in Udall Foundation's Udall Scholarship.

Zaid, Blair Rose, Research Assistantship, African American & African Studies, Michigan State University.

Zaid, Shanti, PhD Candidacy Award, Graduate School, Michigan State University.

**2015**

Zaid, Shanti, Graduate student received the State of Michigan and Michigan State University Martin Luther King, Cesar Chavez, Rosa Parks Future Faculty Fellowship, stipend and benefits.

**2012**

Eddins, Crystal, Graduate student received a *Conference Travel Grant*, from the African Atlantic Research Team, a *Graduate Office Fellowship*, from the Department of Sociology.

Escalante, William and Crystal Eddins, Two graduate students each received travel grants from the National Science Foundation, MSU Chapter, Alliance in Graduate Education and the Professoriate.



**2011**

Eddins, Crystal and Sonya Johnson, two graduate students each received research travel grants from the National Science Foundation, MSU Chapter, Alliance in Graduate Education and the Professoriate.

**2010**

Eddins, Crystal, Sonya Johnson, and Shanti Zaid, three graduate students each received research travel grants from the National Science Foundation, MSU Chapter, Alliance in Graduate Education and the Professoriate.

Johnson, Sonya, First MSU graduate student to receive the TIAA-CREF Ruth Simms Hamilton Research Fellowship for Study of the African Diaspora.

**2009 & 2011**

Starnes, Blair, Graduate student received the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for each year.

**2009 – 2014**

Zaid, Shanti, Graduate student received the five year MSU University Enrichment Fellowship, tuition, stipend and benefits.

**2009**

Johnson, Sonya, Graduate student received the MSU King, Chavez, Parks Future Faculty Fellowship, stipend and benefits.

Eddins, Crystal, Shanti Zaid, and Sonya Johnson, Three graduate students each received research travel grants from the National Science Foundation, MSU Chapter, Alliance in Graduate Education and the Professoriate.

**2008**

Odamtten, Harry, Graduate student received the MSU Compton Africa Peace Fellowship Award for dissertation research.

Johnson, Sonya and Beranda Fermin, Two graduate students each received a research travel grant from the National Science Foundation, MSU Chapter, Alliance in Graduate Education and the Professoriate, Spring.

All members, African Atlantic Research Team, received the Excellence in Diversity Award for demonstrating outstanding leadership and creativity.

Woodson, Andrew, Undergraduate student received the Dean's Research Award.

**2007**

Fermin, Beranda and Sonya Maria Johnson, two graduate students each received research travel grants from the National Science Foundation, MSU Chapter, Alliance in Graduate Education and the Professoriate.

**2007 – 2009**

Zaid, Shanti, undergraduate student who received a Marshall Scholarship for 2 years of study in London, United Kingdom, tuition, fees, travel, and living stipend, Spring; @\$80,000 per award year.

**2006**

Gradilla, Alejandro, Mellani Mays, and Sonya Maria Johnson, three graduate students each received the MSU Summer Retention Fellowship for Pre-dissertation Research.

Johnson, Sonya, a graduate student received the Tinker Field Research Grant for Pre-dissertation Research.

**2005**

Johnson, Sonya Maria, graduate student received the Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship.

Escalante, William and Shanti Zaid, two undergraduate students each received Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Scholarships, Spring.

**2004**

Johnson, Sonya Maria, graduate student received the National Science Foundation—"Culture, Resources and Power" Pre-dissertation field research Fellowship.

**2003**

Johnson, Sonya, a graduate student received the Tinker Field Research Grant for Pre-dissertation Research.

**2002-2007**

Johnson, Sonya, graduate student received the five year MSU University Enrichment Fellowship, tuition, stipend and benefits.

**GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

**2011 – 2012**

**Principal Investigator**, "Geo-Circularity in the African Diaspora of the Americas: Religious Workers. Jack Rand Research Grant," Society for Scientific Study of Religion.

**2010**

**Principal Investigator**, "Geo-Circularity in the African Diaspora of the Americas: Religious Workers. Travel Research Grant," University of Florida.

**2009**

**Principal Investigator**, "Strategic Academic Exchanges: Peruvian African Descendants, Strategic Partnership." Travel Grant, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies; Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan: May.

**2007**

**Principal Investigator**, "Madre Ñkisi.," Comparative Research, American Sociological Association.

**2006**

**Principal Investigator**, "Timely Reflections—Plessy vs. Ferguson 110 Years Later: Implications in the Americas." Symposium funded in part by MSU Office of the Provost Inclusive Excellence Grant, and Creating Greater Diversity Grant, Michigan State University. East Lansing, Michigan.

**2001**

**Principal Investigator**, "Religious Healing Encounters." A Research Symposium, funded by the Center for Humanities of University of Colorado. Boulder, Colorado.

**2000**

**Principal Investigator**, "African Religious Encounters in the Americas." President's Support for Recruitment and Retention of Minority and Women Faculty, University of Colorado. Boulder, Colorado.

**Principal Investigator**, "African-Derived Religious Traditions of Cuba: Undergraduate Experiential Field-Research Travel." Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Grant, University of Colorado. Boulder, Colorado.

**Principal Investigator**, "African Religious Encounters in the Americas." Implementation of Multicultural Perspectives and Approaches in Research and Teaching, University of Colorado. Boulder, Colorado.

**1996**

**Principal Investigator**, "Implications in the Americas: Centennial Considerations of *Plessy vs. Ferguson*, Research, Museum Exhibition, and Academic Symposium." Council on Research and Outreach Council Grant, University of Colorado. Boulder, Colorado.

**1995**

**Principal Investigator**, "African Religions of the Caribbean." Office of Vice Chancellor of Faculty Affairs Research Grant, University of Colorado. Boulder, Colorado.

**1994**

**Principal Investigator**, "After the Fall: Race and Religion in Cuba." 20th Century Humanities Research Grant, University of Colorado. Boulder, Colorado.

**Principal Investigator**, "Ceremonies and Leaders: Palo Monte of Cuba." Graduate Committee on the Arts and Humanities Grant, University of Colorado. Boulder, Colorado.

**Principal Investigator**, "Independent Religious Associations of Cuba." Graduate Committee on the Arts and Humanities, University of Colorado. Boulder, Colorado.

**1993**

**Principal Investigator**, "Social Production of Knowledge & Racial Ethnic Communities of the U.S." Implementation of Multicultural Perspectives and Approaches in Research and Teaching, University of Colorado. Boulder, Colorado.

**1992**

**Principal Investigator**, "Church Independence and Social Action: Case of Blacks in South Africa." Committee on Arts and Humanities' Travel Grant, University of Colorado. Boulder, Colorado.

**1991**

**Principal Investigator**, "Religion and Social Change in Cuba: The Protestant Traditions." Moderator, Presbyterian Church (USA).

**1987**

**Site Project Director**, "The Black Church as Social Institution in the History of New York City." The Museum of the City Of New York.

**1980-1982**

**Principal Investigator**, "Child Welfare Curriculum Development Project." National Child Welfare Resource Training Center. Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**1977-1979**

**Project Director**, "Training of Personnel for Services to Black Families." Public Administration, HEW Grant #84-P-95670/4-01.

**1976-1977**

**Principal Investigator**, "Toward Reflective Analysis of Black Families." Office of Child Development, Washington, D.C., Grant #OW-W-252 (75).

**1975-1978**

**Principal Investigator**, "Black Stylization and Implications for Child Welfare." Office of Child Development, Washington, D.C., Grant #OCD-CB-422 (C2).

## **LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

**2015**

Organizing Committee and Rapporteur, International Sociological Association.

Organizer, Two Mentoring Sessions, Association for Study of Worldwide African Diaspora.

**2014 to 2019**

Elected North American Representative to the Board of Directors, Religion Research Committee #22 of the International Sociological Association.

**2014**

Session Organizing Committee for International Sociological Association.

**2013 to Present**

Editorial Committee, World Association of Global Diaspora Studies, Chonnam National University, South Korea

**2012 to 2016**

Executive Board, Association for Study of Worldwide African Diaspora.

**2012**

Executive Board, *OJO Journal of Trans-Atlantic Studies*.

**2010**

Chair, Selection Committee, Ruth Simms Hamilton Research Fellowship, TIAA-CREF Academic Awards Program, East Lansing, Michigan.

**2005 -2010**

Selection Committee, Scholars in Residence Fellowship Program. Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York, New York.

**2002**

Fellowship Review Panel, National Research Council's Ford Foundation Post-doctorate Awards. Washington, D.C.

**EDITORIALSHIPS**

**2013**

Chief, Research Committee of African Diaspora, World Association of Global Diaspora Studies (WADIS), Chonnam National University, South Korea, continuing to the Present.

Review Editor, *Spectrum: A Journal on Black Men*

Reviewed, "Gender and Kinaesthetics in Jamaican Dancehall."

Review Editor, *SAGE Open*, Sage Publications.

Reviewed, "Black Church Giving: An Analysis of Ideological, Programmatic, and Denominational Effects."

**2012 to Present**

Editorial Selection Committee, Gordon K. & Sybil Lewis Prize for the Caribbean Studies Association.

**2011 to Present**

Board of Directors, *Journal of Africana Religions*, Penn State University Press, continuing to the Present.

Editorial Board, *OJO, Journal of Trans-Atlantic Studies*.

**2009 to Present**

Editorial Board Publication Series, "Religions of the Americas: Passages, Rim, and Borders." University of New Mexico Press.

**2007**

Reviewer, for *Human Ecology Review*.

**1995-1996**

Book Review Editor, *Journal American Academy of Religion* for the American Academy of Religion.

**SERVICE**

**2015**

Editing Author, San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Francisco, California.

**2014 to 2015**

Research Project Consultant, Centennial Celebration, Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church: Lansing, Michigan.

**2013**

Invited *Brown Bag Lecture* for Department of Food and Agriculture titled, "An organization problem does not a research project make: Qualitative Field Research," Michigan State University: East Lansing, Michigan.

**2007 to 2012**

Member and Chair, Academic Committees, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

**2010 to 2011**

Advisory Committee, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University: East Lansing, Michigan.

**2009**

Program Advisory Committee, Cross-Campus Asian Studies Program, Michigan State University: East Lansing, Michigan.

**2003 to 2005**

Women's Advisory Committee to the Provost, Michigan State University: East Lansing, Michigan.

### ***PUBLIC DISCOURSE***

**2015**

"Our Time" Letter to the Editor, Time Magazine, April 4, 2015.

**2012**

"Blazing Trails in Sociology," *Footnotes*, Newsletter of American Sociological Association- July/August.

**2010,**

"20 Years Attending Festival Del Fuego," Video Interview, Casa del Caribe Anniversary, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba - July.

**2009**

"Religious Tradition," Interview with High Priest of *Palo Monte/Mayombe* Santiago de Cuba: *Rebelde* Newspaper, July.

**2008**

"North American and Cuban Philosophers and Social Scientists Research Network," *Radio Rebelde* Interview, Havana, Cuba, June.

**2002**

A response to "Seeing Syncretism in Cuba", a Letter to the Editor of *Religious Studies News*, American Academy of Religion Edition, May.

**2001**

"Pluralism and the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the University of Colorado," Letter to the Editor, *Colorado Daily*, March.

**2000**

"Religious Traditions and Performance of Cuba," Radio Interview, Exhibition, and Book Launch, Compostella, Spain, October.

### ***PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS***

American Academy of Religion; American Sociological Association; Association for Sociology of Religion; Association for Study of Worldwide African Diaspora; Caribbean Studies Association; International Sociological Association; International Society for Sociology of Religion; National

Council of Black Studies; Society for Study of Black Religion; Society for Scientific Study of Religion;  
Association of Black Sociologists; National Council of Black Studies.