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Education

- Doctoral Student **Yale University Graduate School for the Arts and Sciences**
Dept. of Religious Studies (Religious Ethics)
Dept. of African American Studies
- M. Div. **Starr King School for the Ministry, the Graduate Theological Union**
Berkeley, CA
Religion, 1999 - 2003
- B. S. **Cornell University**
Ithaca, NY
Interdisciplinary Studies, concentration in Ethnobotany, 1993 - 1997

Teaching Experience

Graduate Theological Union, Starr King School for the Ministry, Winter 2008

Adjunct faculty

Combating Oppression: Power Analysis through Anti-Ableist and Anti-Racist Lenses

Anti-oppression course for seminary students preparing for the ministry

Will be teaching this course again 2009-2010 intersession

Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, April 2006

On-line instructor

Anti-racism/Anti-Oppression Ministry

Two-week continuing education seminar for ministers in their first year of parish work

San Francisco General Hospital, March 2001

Instructor

Multiculturalism and Inclusivity in Multi-faith Chaplaincy

In-service class for hospital chaplains and staff

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, Spring 2003

Instructor

Revisioning Diversity: A Call to Wholeness

Adult religious education series

Cayuga Nature Center, 1997-1998

Environmental educator

Environmental education classes for children in elementary grades

Risley College for the Creative and Performing Arts, Cornell University, Spring 1997

Instructor/organizer

Spiritual Development in the College Years

Team taught with Cornell United Religious Works, a seminar series to undergraduate students

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Publications

“Leader’s Guide: Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North a documentary film by Katrina Brown,” discussion guide for congregations studying the legacy of the slave trade through the story of the DeWolf family. Julia Watts Belser, co-author. Boston: Unitarian Universalist Association, 2008.

“Teachable Moments: inclusion and accessibility activities for children.” Devorah Greenstein co-author. *Beyond Categorical Thinking Resources*. Boston: Unitarian Universalist Association, 2005

“Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Community.” *Quest*. Boston: Church of the Larger Fellowship December 2004

“Discussion Guide: The Force of Spirit by Scott Russell Sanders.” *Beacon Press Discussion Guide Series*. Boston: Beacon Press, 2003.

“Discussion Guide: Proverbs of Ashes by Rebecca Ann Parker and Rita Nakashima Brock.” Julia Watts Belser, co- author. *Beacon Press Discussion Guide Series*. Boston: Beacon Press, 2003.

Workshops / Lectures

“Pirates, Boats, Adventures in Cross Cultural Engagement.” *48th Annual Unitarian Universalist General Assembly* in Salt Lake City, UT, 2009.

“Singing our Tradition with Diversity and Joy: An Introduction to a new UUA Spanish Language Hymnal Supplement.” *Unitarian Universalist Ministers’ Association annual conference* in Salt Lake City, UT, 2009.

“Upcoming Opportunities in Congregational Ministry.” *Unitarian Universalist Ministers’ Association annual conference* in Salt Lake City, UT, 2009.

“Preparing for Multicultural Ministries.” *47th Annual Unitarian Universalist General Assembly* in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, 2008.

“Preparing Congregations for Sustainable Multiracial/Multicultural Ministries.” *Now is the Time! Conference* in San Jose, CA, 2008.

“Will They Come Back? Radical Spiritual Hospitality.” *46th Annual Unitarian Universalist General Assembly* in Portland, OR, 2007.

“Confronting Ableism: A Workshop for Allies – 3 day retreat.” Co-facilitated with Rabbi Julia Watts Belser *Leaven Center* in Lyons MI, 2007.

“The Culture of Celebratory Worship.” *46th Annual Unitarian Universalist General Assembly* in Portland, OR, 2007.

“Whose Culture Are we Teaching?” *46th Annual Unitarian Universalist General Assembly* in Portland, OR, 2007.

“Pastoring the Difficult Conversation.” *Unitarian Universalist Ministers’ Association annual conference* in St. Louis, MO, 2006.

“Promoting Diversity of Ministries.” *45th Annual Unitarian Universalist General Assembly* in St. Louis, MO, 2006.

“Oppression through the Lenses of Ableism and Racism.” *45th Annual Unitarian Universalist General Assembly* in St. Louis, MO, 2006.

“Mattering and Marginality on the Journey Toward Wholeness.” *42nd Annual Unitarian Universalist General Assembly* in Boston, MA, 2003.

“Post 9/11 Conversations about the Theology of Evil.” *Unitarian Universalists’ Presidents’ Council* in San Francisco, CA, 2002.

Selected Professional Experience

Director, Office of Racial and Ethnic Concerns Unitarian Universalist Association National Headquarters, Boston, MA	2005 to 2009
Senior Minister First Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton	2003-2005
Intern Minister Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley	2002-2003
Marketing Director/Transition Facilitator Pacific Central District, Unitarian Universalist Association	2001-2002
Project Associate/Promotion Associate Hesperian Foundation	2000-2001
Community Ministry Intern Center for Women and Religion – Graduate Theological Union	1999
Paralegal Davis Polk & Wardwell, New York, NY	1997-1998
Research Assistant/Associate Cornell University	1996-1997 1998-1999

Boards, committees, and other selected volunteer activities

- Member, denomination’s Council on Cross Cultural Engagement, Unitarian Universalist Association 2006-2009

- Chair, denomination's board-appointed Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee, Unitarian Universalist Association 2004-2005
- Member, denomination's board-appointed Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee, Unitarian Universalist Association 2002-2005
- Member, Board of UU Legislative Ministries California, Sacramento, CA 2003-2005
- Chair, Admissions Committee Starr King School for the Ministry 2002-2003
- Member (as student trustee), Board of Trustees, Starr King School for the Ministry 2001-2002
- Volunteer while working as a Paralegal at Davis, Polk, and Wardwell, Pro Bono Divorce Clinic, providing legal services to survivors of domestic violence, 1997 - 1998.
- Program Assistant, Risley College for the Creative and Performing Arts, Cornell University 1996-1997
- Member, Board of Cornell United Religious Works 1995-1997
- Student Chaplain, Cornell United Religious Works 1995-1997

Research Languages

Spanish (fluent)

Professional Affiliations

- American Academy of Religion
- Unitarian Universalist Ministers' Association (UUMA)
- Unitarian Universalists Musicians' Network
- Hispanic Ministers' Caucus of the UUMA

Grants and Scholarships

Olympia Brown Scholarship,

Merit scholarship awarded to one female, minority student a year by Starr King School for the Ministry.

David Hilliard Eaton Scholarship,

Merit scholarship awarded by the Unitarian Universalist Association to one African-American seminary student a year.

References

Available upon request