

Invited Presentations and Book Talks

"Yolande Du Bois Williams' Escape from Respectability During the Interwar Era." Clark Atlanta University. March 17, 2021.

Workshop Presenter, "Framing Science Fiction and Speculative Fiction Within Black Women's Writing Traditions," UNCF/Mellon Teaching and Learning Institute: "Black Girls Write/Right the Future." Dr. Karima Jeffrey and Dr. Valerie Johnson, Facilitators. Hampton University. June 27-29, 2018.

"The Obamas and the Politics of Respectability." The Post-Obama Ethos: The Transnational U.S. in the Aftermath of Hope. Obama Institute for Transnational Studies and Georgia State University. Atlanta, GA. March 23, 2018.

"Middle Passage and Flooding." Faculty Research Seminar. Anna Julia Cooper Center, Wake Forest University. November 14, 2017.

Oprah Winfrey, Her Films and African American Literature. Louisiana Book Festival. Baton Rouge, LA. November 2, 2013.

"From Eatonville to Elon: The 75th Anniversary Celebration of Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God* and Richard Wright's 'Blueprint for Negro Writing.'" African and African American Studies Program, Elon University. Elon, NC. September 18, 2013.

"Not Just in Utah: Ethnic Studies, A Woman's Perspective." Ethnic Studies Program. University of Utah. April 9, 2012.

"Women's History Month: Black Womanhood Panel." UNC-Chapel Hill. Stone Center. March 23, 2012.

"Calling All Daddies!: Black Fathers in Black Communities." Fifth Annual Fall Family Counseling Conference. Keynote address. North Carolina A&T University. November 18, 2010.

"In Search of Black Leadership: Barack Obama's Dreams." Africana Studies Annual Conference. Africana Studies Department. UNC-Charlotte. April 21, 2010.

A Fatherless Child. Dillard University. March 10, 2009.

"Walking on Water: Significance of Water in Africana Women's Literature." Department of English. Arizona State University. November 2007.

Selected Community Presentations

"The Everyday Practice of Humanities: An African American Studies Perspective." Guilford Rotary Club of Greensboro. January 16, 2018.

"From the Plantation to the Prison: African American Confinement." White Rock Baptist Church Prison Ministry Symposium. Durham, NC. January 23, 2016.

"From the Plantation to the Prison: African American Confinement." Manasseh Baptist Church Community Symposium. Greensboro, NC. January 23, 2016.

Black History Month Speaker on Langston Hughes, Franciscan Springs. Feb. 15, 2015. Stoneville, NC.

Keynote Luncheon Speaker, REMCO, North Carolina Library Association's Biannual Conference. Winston-Salem, NC. October 17, 2013.

"Black, White. A Child's Perspective." Ministerial Association. Martinsville, VI. October 15, 2013.

"Hughes and the Blues." Black History Month Presentation. Triad Teaching and Science Academy. Greensboro, NC. February 17, 2012.

"Malcolm X: The Legacy and Imprint of a Civil Rights Leader." Discussion with Dr. William Hart (Religious Studies, UNCG). International Civil Rights Museum and Center. May 14, 2011.

"Where in the World is President Obama?" Multicultural Day. Allen Elementary. High Point, NC. March 28, 2011.

"Importance of Fathers for Children." Wiley Elementary Parent Volunteers. Greensboro, NC. Spring 2010.

Led discussion of Barack Obama's Dreams from my Father based on perspective of A Fatherless Child. Greensboro Public Library. Saturday, November 14, 2009.

Book Talk, A Fatherless Child. Barnes and Noble. September 17, 2009. Greensboro, NC.

"Drawing Inspiration from Black Leaders." Helen Cox High School. Harvey, LA. Social Studies Senior Class. March 11, 2009.