

Interpretation Forum

CORINE LYTLE CANNON COLLOQUY

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Union Presbyterian Seminary

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Welcome

Union Presbyterian Seminary..... Dr. Brian K. Blount
Interpretation..... Dr. Samuel L. Adams
Katie Geneva Cannon Center
for Womanist Leadership Dr. Paula O. Parker

Introduction of Facilitator Dr. Paula O. Parker

Introduction of Presenters..... Dr. Angela D. Sims

Presenters

Dr. Valerie Elverton Dixon... “The Dance of Redemption and Women’s March:
The Legacy of Katie Geneva Cannon
Beyond Theological Education”

Dr. Charlene Jin Lee “I Come From a Place: Reflections on
Katie Cannon’s Womanist Classroom”

Dr. Peter J. Paris “Reflections on Katie Cannon’s Non-Canonical Canon”

Rev. Andrew Taylor-Troutman “To Expose the Fire Inside: Narrative
Healthcare and the Pedagogy of Katie Geneva Cannon”

Dr. Linda Thomas “Remembering Katie Cannon:
The Necessity of Womanist Theological Ethics
and Hermeneutics for Today’s Church”

Dr. Emilie M. Townes..... “Black Womanist Consciousness
and Border Thoughts”

Conversation and Q & A Dr. Angela D. Sims

Closing Remarks..... Dr. Brian K. Blount



Valerie Elverton Dixon received her Ph.D. in Religion and Society from Temple University under the supervision of Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon. She taught Christian Ethics at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, and Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, Massachusetts. She is the founder of justpeacetheory.com and author of *Just Peace Theory Book One: Spiritual Morality, Radical Love, and the Public Conversation*. She is a regular contributor to Tikkun Daily at Tikkun.org. She is also a participant in the post doc colloquium at the John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.



Charlene Jin Lee (Ph.D., Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education) is a practical theologian whose interest in the theoethical dimensions of spiritual formation and religious education informs her attention to identity, voice, and sociopolitical context in the teaching praxis. As Interim Pastoral Associate at Brentwood Presbyterian Church, California, she is presently discerning a transition to parish ministry. She was Assistant Professor of Christian Education at San Francisco Theological Seminary and Clinical Professor of Theological Studies and Spiritual Direction at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.



Peter J. Paris is the Elmer G. Homrighausen Professor Emeritus of Christian Social Ethics at Princeton Theological Seminary. He has also taught at Vanderbilt Divinity School, Howard University School of Divinity, Union Theological Seminary in New York, Harvard University Divinity School and Trinity Theological Seminary in Ghana. He earned his B.A. and B.D. degrees from Acadia University and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago. Dr. Paris has authored the following textbooks: *Black Religious Leaders: Unity in Diversity*; *The Social Teaching of the Black Churches*; *The Spirituality of African Peoples: The Search for a Common Moral Discourse*; *Virtues and Values: The African and African American Experience*.



Angela D. Sims '08 is Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Robert B. and Kathleen Rogers Professor in Church and Society, and Professor of Ethics and Black Church Studies at Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas. She received her Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education. She is the author of *Lynched: The Power of Memory in a Culture of Terror, Ethical Complications of Lynching: Ida B. Wells’s Interrogation of American Terror* and contributor to *Womanist Theological Ethics: A Reader*, with Katie Geneva Cannon and Emilie M. Townes.

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Andrew Taylor-Troutman graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary with a M.Div. in 2009. He serves as pastor of Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He and his wife, Ginny, also a Union graduate, parent three children. Andrew holds graduate degrees from the University of Virginia and Lenoir-Rhyne University. His fourth book will be published in the fall of 2019 and is titled *Go Gently Between the Words*.



Linda E. Thomas is Professor of Theology and Anthropology, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. She received her Ph.D. in Anthropology from American University, Washington D.C. She is the author of *Under the Canopy: Ritual Process and Spiritual Resilience in South Africa* which explores the everyday lives of black South Africans trapped by systems of structural poverty and the ways religion and culture fueled their resilience during the apartheid era. *Living Stones in the Household of God*, is a collection of essays about Black Theology in the new millennium. Dr. Thomas is co-editor of *Walk Together Children: Black and Womanist Theologies, Church and Theological Education*.



Dr. Emilie M. Townes, an American Baptist clergywoman, is a native of Durham, North Carolina. She holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from the University of Chicago Divinity School and a Ph.D. in Religion in Society and Personality from Northwestern University. Dr. Townes is the Dean and Carpenter Professor of Womanist Ethics and Society at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, becoming the first African American to serve as Dean of the Divinity School in 2013. Editor of two collection of essays, *A Troubling in My Soul: Womanist Perspectives on Evil and Suffering* and *Embracing the Spirit: Womanist Perspectives on Hope, Salvation, and Transformation*; she has also authored *Womanist Ethics*, *Womanist Hope*, *In a Blaze of Glory: Womanist Spirituality as Social Witness*, *Breaking the Fine Rain of Death: African American Health Issues and a Womanist Ethic of Care*, and her groundbreaking book, *Womanist Ethics and the Cultural Production of Evil*. She is co-editor with Stephanie Y. Mitchem of the *Faith, Health, and Healing in African American Life*. Her most recent co-editorship, *Womanist Theological Ethics: A Reader*, done with Angela D. Sims and the late Katie Geneva Cannon, was published in November 2011. She continues her research on women and health in the African diaspora in Brasil and the United States.