

TERESIA MBARI HINGA (PhD)
February 2006
Santa Clara University

EDUCATION

- 1990 Ph.D., University of Lancaster, England.
Religious Studies, African Christianity, Women and Religion.
Title of Dissertation: "*Women, Power And Liberation in An African Church: A Theological Assessment of The Legio Maria Church In Kenya*"
- 1980 M.A., Nairobi University, Nairobi, Kenya.
Religious Studies.
Courses Taken: Leading Ideas in the New Testament; Canon, Text and Translation of The Bible, Contemporary Religious Thought.
MA Thesis: "*An African Understanding of Salvation: Comparing the NT Concept of Salvation with that of the Ahonoki*" (Saved /Born Again Christians)."
- 1977 Bachelor Of Education: *First Class Honors*, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya.
(English Literature, Religious Studies).
Courses Taken Included: Biblical Theology, African Social-Political Thought, Black Aesthetics, African Literature, Comparative Religion, Religion in The 20th Century, African Religions; Critical Literary Theory, Theories of Curriculum development, Philosophy of Education, History of Education in Kenya

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2005 September–
Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA
Courses taught: RSOC18 Honors: Religion and Cultures of Africa; RSOC46: African Religions, TESP 184: Jesus in Cross Cultural Perspectives, RSOC 191: Religions Of Colonized Peoples: Africa
- 1999 September–August 2005
Associate Professor, Dept. of Religious Studies, DePaul University, Chicago, IL
Courses Taught: Women In African Religions and Cultures, African Religions, Feminist Theologies, World Religions and Contemporary Moral Issues, Explore Chicago: Faith and The Quest For Justice in Chicago, Religious Worlds in Comparative Perspective, Building Through Resistance: Religions of Colonized Peoples in Africa
- 1994 September–September 1999
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Religious Studies, DePaul University, Chicago, IL
Courses Taught: (RS103) Religious Worlds In Comparative Perspectives, (RS273) Jesus Across Cultures, (RS264) Building Through Resistance: The Religions of Colonized Peoples: Africa, RS222 Western Religions and Contemporary Moral Issues, RS278 Women and Religion
- 1994 January–March
Visiting Lecturer, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO
Graduate Course Taught: Christianity and Colonialism in Africa

- 1993 – 1994 **Senior Lecturer**, Dept. of Religious Studies, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya
Courses Taught: New Testament Theology, Contemporary Moral Issues; Comparative Religions, Women and African Rites of Passage (Graduate Course)
- 1991 – 1992 **Research Associate and Visiting Lecturer**, Women's Studies Program, Harvard University Divinity School, Cambridge, MA
Graduate Course Taught: Women in African Religions And Cultures.
- 1987 – 1991 **Lecturer**, Dept. of Religious Studies, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya
Courses Taught: Comparative Religions, Biblical Theology: Critical Study of OT Texts: Genesis 1-11, Critical Study of NT Text: Gospel of Mark.
- 1980 – 1987 **Tutorial Fellow**, Dept. of Religious Studies, Kenyatta University
Courses Taught: Biblical Theology , Comparative Religions.

PUBLICATIONS

Chapters in Books

"Christianity and Female Puberty Rites in Africa: The Agikuyu Case," in James Cox (ed.) Rites of Passage in Contemporary Africa Interaction Between Christianity and African Traditional Religions. Cardiff Academic Press, 1998, pp. 168-179.

"The Academic Study of Religion in Kenya: Historical Roots, Contemporary Issues and Future Prospects" in Jan Platvoet, James Cox and Jacob Olupona (eds.) The Study of Religion in Africa: Past, Present and Future Prospects. Cambridge: Roots and Branches, 1996, pp. 220-365.

"Between Colonization and Inculturation: Feminist Theologies in Africa" in Fiorenza and Copeland Feminist Theologies in Different Context. Orbis Books, 1996. Reprinted in S. Fiorenza (ed.) The Power of Naming: A Concilium Reader in Feminist Liberation Theology. Orbis Books, 1996, pp. 26–33.

"Gikuyu Theology of Land and Environmental Justice" in Rosemary Ruether (ed.) Women Healing the Earth: Third World Women on Feminism, Ecology and Religion. Orbis Books, 1996, pp. 172–183.

"Christianity and the Africans: Implications of Patterns of Continuity and Discontinuity" in J.B.M. Wissink, ed., (Dis) Continuity and (De) Construction: Reflections on the Meaning of the Past in Crisis Situations. Pharos, 1995, pp. 122–125.

"Violence Against Women: A Challenge to the Church" in Douglas Waruta and Hannah Kinoti (eds.) Pastoral Care in African Christianity. Acton Publishers, 1994, 117–133.

"In-culturation and the Otherness of Africans" in Frans Wijsen and Peter Turkson (Eds.) Inculturation: Abiding by the Otherness of Africans. Catholic U. of Nijmegen, 1994, pp.10-18.

"Jesus Christ and the Liberation of African Women" in Oduyoye Amba and M. Kanyoro (Eds.) The Will to Arise: Women, Tradition and the Church in Africa. Orbis Books, 1992. Reprinted in Ursula King (ed.) Feminist Theology from the Third World: A Reader. Orbis and SPCK, 1994, pp. 183–192.

"The Christology of an African Church: The Case of Legio Maria" in John Pobee (ed.) Exploring Afro-Christology. Peter Lang, 1992, pp. 137-144.

"Becoming Subjects: The Transformation of Women for Social Change" in Jesse Mugambi (ed.) The Church and Morality in Africa. Initiative Publishers, 1992, pp. 277-284.

Christian Religious Education Teacher's Guides. (Forms, One to Four). East African Literature Bureau, 1988.

The Role of Religious Networks in the Provision of Education to Women in Africa. Research Report commissioned by the Rockefeller Foundation. Academy Science Publishers, 1995, pp. 1-126.

Articles in Journals

"African Feminist Theologies, The Global Village and The Imperative of Solidarity Across Borders: the Case Of The Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians." In Fiorenza, E.S and Townes Emilie, eds. Journal Of Feminist Studies in Religion: Vol. 18, No 1, Spring 2003.

"Women in African Christianity" in Serenity Young et al. (eds.) Encyclopedia of Women in World Religions. 1998.

"Reading With": An Exploration of the Interface between "Critical" and "Ordinary" Readings of the Bible: A Response" in Semeia. vol. 7, 1996. Pages 277-284.

"Christology in Various African Contexts" in Quarterly Review of Theology. vol.14: 4 Winter, 1994, pp.345-355.

"Women's Liberation In and Through the Bible: The Debate and the Search for a New Feminist Hermeneutics" in CHIEA: Journal of African Christianity. 1990, pp. 33-45.

Encyclopedia Article

"African Notions of Afterlife." *Macmillan Encyclopedia of Religion*, 2005.

Forthcoming Articles and Chapters in Books

"African Preachers and Their Sermons." Submitted to Frank Thomas and Martha Simmons, (eds) *Norton Anthology of African American Preaching* (forthcoming, 2005-2006).

"Aids, Religion and Women in Africa: Theo-Ethical Challenges and Imperatives." A chapter in volume on *AIDS, Religion and Women In Africa: Theological and Ethical Challenges* (to be published under the auspices of The Circle Of Concerned African Women Theologians by Cluster Publishers) (forthcoming 2005).

Articles in Progress

"Beyond Totem and Taboo": "Gender, Indigenous Religions And The Search For Healing In Africa: the Gikuyu Case."

Book Projects

Key-editor: *Aids Women and Religion in Africa: Naming and Responding to Theological and Ethical Challenges*. (Submitted for publication by Cluster Publishers, South Africa) (forthcoming 2005)

"Women, Power and Liberation in An African Church: The Case of Legio Maria Church in Kenya" (in progress)

Becoming Global Citizens: the Contribution Of Africa To the Global ethic (in progress)

"Of Common Grounds and Common Differences: African Women's Religious Thought in Dialogue with Womanist Thought" (in progress)

PRESENTATIONS:

February 13, 2006: Santa Clara, CA: Africa History Week, Santa Clara University

"To be an (African) Woman in the Age of Globalization: The World Bank, Structural Adjustment Programs and the Feminization of Poverty in Africa"

February 27, 2006: Scripps College: Kathleen Wicker Endowed Inaugural Lecture

"In the Footsteps Of Kimpa Vita: African Feminism and the Search for Decolonized and Liberating Religion in Africa"

March 26, 2005: Tokyo, Japan: IAHR Congress on Religion and Peace

Convener and Panelist: Religion and The Quest for Sustainable Peace: Gendered and Postcolonial Perspectives From the "Glo-cal South"

November 22, 2004: San Antonio, TX: American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting

Presenter in Black Theology Group: Panel: "Naming Women's Diasporic Experiences: Womanist, Black? Or?"

May 21, 2004: San Antonio, TX: "Rethinking Mission" Conference convened by Sisters of the Incarnate Word

Keynote speaker: "Rethinking and Equipping for Christian Mission in Africa Today"

October 23, 2004: Chicago, IL: "Another World is Possible Conference," DePaul University

Respondent to Keynote speaker and Workshop facilitator: "Another Theology is Possible"

November 7, 2003: Milwaukee, WI: Call to Action Conference

Panelist: International Panel: " Christology Across Cultures"

Lecturer: "Prophetic Imperatives in Africa: An African Feminist Perspective"

August 5, 2002: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: Conference on Sex, Stigma And HIV AIDS: African Women Confronting Religion and Culture

Presenter: "AIDS, Religion and Women in Africa: Theo-Ethical Challenges and Imperatives"

November 19, 2001: Denver, CO: American Academy of Religion: (AAR)

Presenter: "Beyond Malthusian Ethics: Expanding the Lenses for the Ethical Analysis of Population, Development and Reproductive Health in Africa"

November 3, 2001: Chicago, IL: Call To Action Annual Conference:

Panelist: "International Perspectives of Liberation Theology"

August 2001: Tananarive, Madagascar: WCC/AACC Consultation on Racism, Ethnic Conflicts and Other Forms of Xenophobia

Presenter: "The Intersection Between Religion, Gender and Racism in Africa"

November 20, 2000: Nashville, TN: American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting

Respondent to Papers Launching New "Dictionary of Third Word Theologies," Orbis 2000

September 15, 2000: Chicago, IL: Conference on Women, Religious Institutions and The Law: Shaping Cultural Values, DePaul University: Center for Church and State
 Presenter: "Religion and The Making of Men and Women In Africa: Implications for Women's Human Rights"

April 2000: Evanston, IL: Garrett Theological Seminary
 Panelist in symposium: "Black theology and Ministry for The New Millennium" in honor of James Cone

March 2000: New York, NY: United Nations' Church Center
 Panelist: "Women of Faith and Vision: Reflections on the Role of Women of Faith in the Implementation of the Beijing PFA" (Platform for Action)

August 14–18 2000: Mbagathi, Kenya: Joint Conference of African Theological Organizations
 Led group discussions and coordinated business meeting of the "Circle of Concerned Women Theologians"

December 1999: Cape Town, South Africa: Parliament of World Religions
 Panelist: "Religion and Human Rights at United Nations: Women's Rights as Human Rights," Convened By Arvin Sharma, McGill University
 Panelist: "African Religions and Ecology" at Religion and Ecology Symposium, Convened by Evelyn Tucker and John Grim, Bucknell University
 Convener and Respondent to Panel: "Becoming Global Citizens: Indigenous Religions and the Search for a Global Ethic"

August 1999: Durban, South Africa: International Association for the Historical study of Religion (IAHR) Conference
 Convened and chaired panel on "Religion and Violence against Women in Africa"
 Convened and co-chaired a panel on "Religious Studies and Social Engagement in Africa"
 Panelist on "New Religious Movements in Africa"
 Presented paper on "African Independent Churches in the Age of Globalization"

November 6, 1999: Milwaukee, WI: Call To Action Annual Conference
 Lectured on "Daring to Dream: Jubilee, Justice and Reconciliation in Africa"
 Participant at the International Panel on Church Reform
 Panelist at International Panel of Feminist Theology

October 1999: Chicago, IL: De Paul University
 Participant: Seminar on The Future of Radical Catholicism
 Respondent to paper on Radical Catholicism in Central America

August, 1999: Nairobi, Kenya: 1st AASR (African Association for the Academic Study of Religion) in East Africa
 Respondent to papers on New Religious Movements in East Africa

March, June 1999: New York, NY: Cairo +5 Pre-Conference Meeting, U.N. Headquarters
 Panelist: International Feminists Reflecting on the connection between Religion and Women's Issues at the U.N.

November 23, 1998: Orlando FL: American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
 Presenter: "Reinventing and De-Colonizing African Religions: The Imperative and The Challenges Towards the Year 2000"
 Presider: "'Interpreting Gender in African Religions: Women and Men in Conversation"

March 1998: Milwaukee, WI: Marquette University, Black Catholic Theological Symposium
 Presenter: "Whither African Theology and Where Are the Women?"

November 1997: Washington D.C.: Fourth Congress of the Interfaith Federation for World Peace
 Presenter: "Women as Founders and Shapers of Religion: The Case of the Gaudencia Aoko of the Legio Maria Independent Church of Kenya"

November 1997: San Francisco, CA: American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
 Presenter: "Concerned and Engaged: African Women's Theology and the Case for Socially Engaged Scholarship of Religion in Africa"

November 1997: Cambridge, MA: Harvard University, Center for the Study of Religion
 Presenter: "African Indigenous Religions and the Search for a Global Ecological Ethic"

April, 1997: Chestertown, MD: Washington College
 Guest Lecturer: "The Power of Naming and the Will to Arise: Female Initiatives in African Christianity"

January 1997: Athens, GA: University of Georgia Humanities Center
 Presenter: "Becoming Global Citizens: Pan-Africanism, African Religions and the Search for a Global Ethic in the New World Order"

November 1996: New Orleans, LA: American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
 Presenter: "Of Common Grounds, Common Differences and Beads of Many Colors: African Perspectives on Womanist Hermeneutics"

August 1996: Nairobi, Kenya: 2nd Pan –African Conference of The Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians
 Presenter: "Religion and the Political Empowerment of Women"

May 1996: University of Oregon
 Lecture: "Women in African Independent Churches"

March 1996: Evanston, IL: Garrett Theological Seminary
 Presenter: "Women in African Christianity"

November 1995: Philadelphia, PA: American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
 Presider and Discussant: " Oral Traditions and Religions in Africa"

November 1995: Maastricht, The Netherlands: Global Coalition for Africa Conference
 Panelist: Religion and the Future of Africa

November 1994: Chicago, IL: American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
 Respondent: Gender and Religion in West Africa

June 1994: University of Namibia: Annual Conference of the South African Association for the Study of Religion
 Participant and Discussant: "African Religions in the University Curriculum"

October 1994: University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands
 Presenter: "Inculturation and the Otherness of Africans"

November 1994: Washington D.C.: American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
 Panelist: International Scholars Panel
 Presenter: The History of the Academic Study of Religion in Kenya

August 1993: Limuru, Kenya: Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT)
 Symposium on Theology of Reconstruction in Africa
 Presenter: "The Church and the Search for Democracy in Africa"

- June 1993: Manzini, Swaziland: University of Swaziland
Participant: Executive Meeting of African Association for the Study of Religion (AASR)
- April 1993: University of Utrecht Centennial Celebrations
Participant, Workshop facilitator and presenter: "Christianity and the Africans: Patterns of Continuity and Discontinuity"
- July 1992: University of Zimbabwe: African Association for the Academic Study of Religion (AASR) Conference
"The Academic Study of Religion in Kenya, Historical Roots and Contemporary Issues"
- July 1992: CATI Executive Consultation
Participant: African Church Historiography Project
- June 1992: Pittsburgh, PA: World Congress of Associations of Theological Institutions (WOCATI)
Panelist and Discussant
- March 1992: Harvard University Women' Studies Lecture Series
Panelist and Presenter: Lectured on "Theological Conversations and the Problem of Mutedness: An African Woman's Perspective"
Harvard University African Studies Seminar: Lectured on "African Christianity and Women's Liberation"
Harvard University Women's History Week. Lectured on "Religion and African Women's Search for Liberation: Excerpts from Kenyan History"
- June 1991: Nairobi, Kenya: National Council of Churches Kenya (NCCCK)
Presenter: "Feminist Theology and the Role of Women in the Church"
- September 1989: Accra, Ghana: Inaugural Convocation of The Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians
Presenter and Discussant: "Jesus Christ and the Liberation of African Women"
- August 1988: Jakarta, Indonesia: World Council of Churches (WCC) Global Consultation on Spiritual Formation
Moderated group discussion "Culture and Spiritual Formation"
- April 1988: Geneva Switzerland: World Council of Churches, Conference on Christology in Africa
Presenter "An African Christology: The Christology of the Legio Maria Church"
- June 1984: Magliaso, Switzerland: Inaugural Conference of European Women Doing Theology
Presenter: "Sources and Methods in Feminist Theology"
- August 1981: Limuru Kenya: National Christian Council of Kenya (NCCCK) seminar on "Prophecy Today"
Participant

SERVICE TO THE SCHOLARLY COMMUNITY

- October 2005 ff. Appointed Member: International Connection Committee of the AAR (American Academy of Religion)
- January 2006ff: Editor: (African Religions section) for *Religion and Theology Compass: A Journal*:
Published by Blackwell Publishing
- January 2004-2005: External Reader: PHD Dissertation on "*Religion and Domestic Violence in Kenya*,"
by Damaris Mworira, Drew University (Thesis examined and passed on April 18, 2005)

June 2001: DePaul University: Conducted Workshop on Internationalization of the Curriculum at DePaul University

May 2001: Drafted position paper on Religion and Adolescent Sexuality: On Behalf of Religion Counts: for presentation at the UN Conference on The Rights of Children

May 2000: PhD Thesis Examiner for Pauline Muchina , Dissertation Title: "Progressive Faith Responses to Poverty in Kenya," Union Theological Seminary

August 2000-2005: Elected Coordinator of AASR (*African Association for the Study of Religion*), US Chapter

1999-2003: Project Consultant: Religion Counts, Parkridge Center, Chicago

1996-1998: Member, AAR Committee on the Status of Women in the Academy

1996 to Present: Member, Steering Committee of the African Religions Group at the AAR

1996 to August 2002: Secretary to the Steering committee of the Pan African Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians

1994 June: University of Edinburgh, Britain
International Advisory Board of Review of Theology and Religion, journal sponsored by the Dept. of Theology and Religious Studies

1993–1994: External Examiner for St. Paul's United Theological College. Limuru, Kenya

1993: International Advisory Board for "Feminist Theology" in Concilium: Journal of Theology

1993: Kenyatta University, Nairobi Kenya: Supervised and examined following MA theses:

- M.A. "Factors Affecting the Persistence of the Practice of Clitoridectomy among the Atharaka of Kenya"
- Ph.D. "Healing in Independent Churches: A Theological Assessment"
- M.A. "Impact of Female Rites of Passage on the Self-Perception of Gusii Women"
- "Muslim Education in Kenya: A Historical Assessment of the Madrasa System"
- "Women in Professional Church Ministry: A Theological Assessment"
- "The Effects of Religious Beliefs on the Acceptance of Fertility Control Methods in Western Kenya"
- "Conflict and Conflict Resolution in the AIPCA (African Independent Pentecostal Church)"

1992 June-June 1996: Member of the Executive Committee for the World Congress of Association of Theological Institutions (WOCATI)

1990 August: Consultant: Kenya Institute of Education

- Identified and planned radio programs for the Kenya Institute of Education Media Service

1989: Nairobi, Kenya

- CRE (Christian Religious Education) Teaching Practice Assessor for diploma colleges
- Drafted a course description for the projected unit on "Women, Religion and Culture" in the Department of Religious Studies, Kenyatta University
- Supervised M.A. students at Kenyatta University, Department of Religious Studies:
 - "The Role of Women in the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Kenya"
 - "The Self-Perception of Women in Professional Church Ministry in Kenya"
 - "The Enduring Role of African Traditional Healers"

1988: Elected Member: Kenyatta University Primary School Parent-Teachers Association

1987: Nairobi, Kenya

Panel Member: Kenya Institute of Education writing and editing textbooks for CRE (Christian Religious Education)

1981ff: Nairobi, Kenya

- External Examiner for the Association of Theological Colleges in Eastern Africa (AITEA)
- External examiner for Council of Higher Studies in Religion at the University of Nairobi
- Consultant member of the Theology Department: National Christian Council of Kenya (NCKK)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1994 January–March

- Louis Illiff Visiting Lectureship at Illiff School of Theology. Denver, CO

1991–1992: Harvard University

- Research Associate-ship at Harvard University Divinity School, Women's Studies Program

1993: Nairobi, Kenya

- Rockefeller Research Grant: To study the Role of Religion in the provision of Education for Girls

1983–1986: Lancaster, Britain

- Commonwealth Scholarship for Ph.D. Studies at University of Lancaster, England

1977–1980: Nairobi, Kenya

- Kenyatta University Scholarship to pursue M.A Studies at Nairobi University

1977:

Three Mobil Oil awards for the best final year undergraduate candidate in Religious Studies, English Literature and Educational Communication and Technology

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

October, 2005–2008: Appointed Member: American Academy of Religion International Connections Committee

November 1999ff

- Zonta Club International, Chicago Central Chapter (Founder Member)

March 1998ff

- Member, Black Catholic Theological Symposium (An organization of Black catholic theologians in The US Convened by Jamie Phelps (Xavier University) and Shawn Copeland (Boston College))

June 1996–August 2002

- Member: Steering Committee of the Pan African Circle of Concerned Women Theologians

1994 to present: American Academy of Religion (AAR)

- 1997 -- Committee on Status of Women in the Academy
- 1998 -- Steering Committee, African Religions Section

1993 – 1994

- Treasurer, Association of Theological Colleges in East Africa (AITEA)

1993

- Member Ecumenical Association for Third World Theologians (EATWOT), Kenyan Chapter. (1996: African Chapter)

1992–2001

- Founder Member of the Executive of African Association for Study of Religion (AASR)

1992–1996

- Member of Executive /Steering *Committee*: World Congress of Associations of Theological Institutions (WOCATI)

1989–1994

- Founder Member: Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians

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1989

- Member: Association of African Women in Research and Development, AAWORD-Kenya Chapter

SERVICE AT DE PAUL UNIVERSITY

2004ff

Chair: Future Directions Committee

Elected Member Personnel Committee

LA&S Resource person and Participant in December 2004 Faculty and Staff Vincentian trip to Kenya. (the trip was designed to study the Kenyan context in light of the recent Vincentian presence there with the goal of forging collaborative relationship of solidarity with the Vincentian community in Kenya as the Vincentian community in the US seeks better to internationalize its social justice mission)

2003- 2004

Department:

Member: Events, Seminars and Guest Lectures Organizing Committee: Proposed theme for lecture series: "Religion in the Global Public Square": Coordinated Pauline Muchina's Guest Lecture in the series on: "Gender Religion and The Global Baraza: Women Navigating Multiple Crises in Africa"

Elected Member: Personnel Committee

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences:

Elected Member: Women and Gender Studies Advisory Board

Member: Women and Gender Studies Curriculum and Assessment Committee

Faculty Member: African and Diaspora Studies Program

Faculty Member: Catholic Studies Program

Member: Advisory Board: DePaul Center for Church and State

Member: First Year Programs: Curriculum and Assessment Committee

University:

Member: University Committee on International Programs

University faculty Working Group (red Team) to Study and make Recommendations regarding Issues of Student Success at DePaul

2002-2003

Chair: Search Committee: Religion and Conflict Resolution

Member: Curriculum Revision Committee

Member: University Committee on International Programs

2000-2001

Department:

- Member: Program Review Committee
- Chair: Student Outreach Committee
- Chair: Search Committee on African American Religions

LA&S

- Dean's Committee commissioned to draft rationale for African and African Diaspora Studies Program
- Committee on First Year programs

University

- University Committee on International Programs

1999

Department

- Member of the search committee Hispanic Position

Liberal Arts and Sciences College

- Women's Studies Advisory Board

University

- Chair, UCIP Sub-committee drafting proposal on enhancing support for international Faculty
- Member, UCIP Sub-committee drafting proposal on the internationalization of the Curriculum
- Member, UCIP Sub-committee member internationalizing the Social Justice Mission of DePaul
- Ad hoc committee on Internationalization of the Curriculum

1997-1998

Department

- Departmental Curriculum Committee
- Departmental Assessment and Evaluation Committee

LA&S

- Women's Studies Advisory Board
- Ad hoc Committee of African Studies
- Ad hoc Committee of International Faculty

University

- University Multicultural Curriculum Committee
- University Committee on International Programs

1995-1996

Department

- Curriculum Committee
- Search Committee for New Testament position
- Drafting rationale for the new minor in Women and Religion

1994-1995

Department

- Departmental Curriculum Committee
- Departmental Student Outreach Committee

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2003-2004

Council For Parliament of World Religions: International advisory board

Participant: Planning Academic Component for the Parliament of World Religions: Barcelona, Spain: July 7th-13th 2004

1999 to the Present

- Founder member ZONTA Club International (ZONTA club-Chicago Central Chapter-an International Organization with a membership of over 35000 professional women, whose objective is to serve women both locally and world-wide and has its headquarters in Chicago)

1998-1999:

- Participant in planning meetings for the 1999 World Parliaments of Religions, Cape Town South Africa

1997 - 1998

- Member of the Certification Committee for the Archdiocese of Chicago, Office for Religious Education

1995 to 2002 Chicago

- Advisory Circle, BVM Women's Office, Sisters of Charity

1995 to 2004

- International Committee of World Parliament of Religions

1994 October

- Speaker at seminar convened by the Chicago Task Force on Inter-religious Dialogue. Presented on Catholicism in Africa

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- African Religions in their diversity and inter-sectionality (Particularly African Indigenous Religions and African Christianity)
- Theological, Social and Political Implications of African Independent Churches and Other New Religious Movements in Africa
- Women's studies in religion both in African and global contexts
- Feminist Religious Thought in various contexts particularly, the African Context
- Religion and Contemporary Moral Issues (e.g. religion and ecology, religion and health, Religion war and Peace)
- Biblical Religious and theological thought and its implications for Africa
- Religion and Public Policy (Particularly policy on Women, Religion at the UN, The ethics of Globalization, Religion and Human Rights)

December 5th 2005