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EDUCATION:

B. A.	History (Honors)	Fisk University	1967
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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:

1984-85	Visiting Professor of English	Ohio State University
1985-87	Professor of Creative Writing	College of Mount Saint Joseph
1987-89	Commonwealth Visiting Professor	Virginia Tech
1989-	Professor of English	Virginia Tech
1997-99	Gloria D. Smith Professor of Black Studies	Virginia Tech
1999-	University Distinguished Professor	Virginia Tech

HONORARY DEGREES:

1974	Honorary Doctorate of Humanities, Wilberforce University
1976	Honorary Doctorate of Literature, Ripon University
1977	Honorary Doctorate of Literature, University of Maryland (Princess Anne Campus)
1978	Honorary Doctorate of Literature, Smith College
1985	Honorary Doctorate of Human Letters, The College of Mount Saint Joseph
1988	Honorary Doctorate of Humanities, Fisk University

- 1991 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Indiana University
- 1992 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Otterbein College
- 1993 Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts, Rockhurst College
Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Widener University
- 1995 Honorary Doctorate of Letters, Albright College
Honorary Doctorate of Letters, Cabrini College
- 1997 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Allegheny College
- 1998 Honorary Doctorate of Arts, Delaware State University
- 1999 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Martin University
Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Wilmington University
- 1999 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, State University of West Georgia
- 2000 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Manhattanville College
- 2001 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Central State University
- 2002 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Pace University
- 2003 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, West Virginia University

HONORS AND AWARDS (PARTIAL LISTING):

- 1970 *Ebony Magazine*, Woman of the Year
- 1971-99 Keys to more than a dozen cities, including Dallas, Miami, New York, New Orleans, Baltimore, and Los Angeles
- 1971 *Mademoiselle Magazine*, Woman of the Year
- 1972 *Ladies Home Journal*, Woman of the Year

- National Association of Radio and Television Announcers
(N.A.T.R.A.) Award for Best Spoken Word Album, for *Truth Is On Its Way*
- 1973 Life Membership & Scroll, The National Council of Negro Women
National Book Award Nomination for *Gemini*
- 1974 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (Honorary Member)
- 1983 YWCA Woman of the Year, Cincinnati Chapter
- 1985 The Ohio Women's Hall of Fame
Outstanding Woman of Tennessee
- 1986 The Post-Corbett Award
Distinguished Recognition Award, Detroit City Council
Duncanson Artist in Residence, The Taft Museum
- 1988 Cincinnati Bi-Centennial Honoree
Silver Apple Award, Oakland Museum Film Festival
The Ohioana Library Award (for *Sacred Cows*)
McDonald's Literary Achievement Awards: Poetry Award to be
presented in the name of Nikki Giovanni in perpetuity
Spin A Soft Black Song selected by the United States Information
Agency for Inclusion in the Exhibition to the Soviet Union
The Children's Reading Roundtable of Chicago Award (for *Vacation
Time*)
National Festival of Black Storytelling Initiates the Nikki Giovanni
Award for Young African American Storytellers
- 1991 Utrecht International Poetry Festival, Featured Poet
The Cecil H. and Ida Green Honors Chair, Texas Christian
University, April 16-19
"Two Friends." Incorporated as a Permanent Tile Wall Exhibit by the
Oxnard Public Library, California
- 1992 Martin Luther King, Jr., Visiting Professor, University of Oregon,
January 15-22
Portland Art Beat, Featured Poet
Community Volunteer of the Year Award, Warm Hearth Village
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (Roanoke Chapter) initiates The Nikki
Giovanni Annual Artistic Award
The Beach Lecturer, University of Minnesota
The John Tate Lecture for Excellence in Academic Advising,
University of Minnesota

- 1993 The Hill Visiting Professor, University of Minnesota
- 1994 Keys to the cities of Kokomo, Indiana; Mobile, Alabama; and Morgantown, West Virginia
Black Women's Honor Society Award, University of Southern California
Tennessee Writer's Award, *The Nashville Banner*
- 1995 Visiting Professor of English, University of Indiana/Kokomo
The Jeanine Rae Award for the Advancement of Women's Culture, National Women's Music Festival
- 1996 1996 Tennessee Governor's Award In the Humanities. The Tennessee Humanities Council.
Honorary Citizenship, City of Baltimore. 27 January 1996.
Selected Poems of Nikki Giovanni nominated for NAACP Image Award. 6 April 1996.
Featured Writer. Literacy Partners Benefit Reading. Lincoln Center. New York. 29 April 1996.
Keys to the Cities of Natchez, Mississippi and Birmingham, Alabama.
Outstanding Humanitarian Award. The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. 25 June 1996.
Artist-in-Residence. The Philadelphia Clef Club of Jazz and Performing Arts. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 28-29 June 1996.
Knowledge Heritage Award. The Knowledge Afrocentric Empowerment Coalition, Augusta Correctional Center. 27 September 1996.
Contributor's Arts Award, The Gwendolyn Brooks Center for Black Literature and Creative Writing. 26 October 1996.
The Langston Hughes Award for 1996. City College of New York. 7 November 1996.
Selected Author for The Literacy Letters Auction. Sponsored by Literacy Partners, Inc. Sotheby's. 5 December 1996.
Parents' Choice Award for *The Sun Is So Quiet*.
- 1997 Esther Eberstadt Baldwin Scholar. College of Notre Dame of Maryland. 9-10 February 1997.
Gloria D. Smith Professor of Black Studies. Virginia Tech.
- 1998 NAACP Image Award for *Love Poems*.
Belle Ringer Image Role Model Award. Bennett College. 20 March 1998.
Distinguished Visiting Professor, Johnson & Wales University. 1-2 April 1998.

Robert E. Dennard Visiting Scholar. St. Mark's School of Texas.
 Dallas, Texas. 15-17 April 1998.
 Invited Guest. Millenium Evening at the White House. 22 April 1998.
 Living Legacy Award. Juneteenth Festival of Columbus, Ohio. June
 1998.
 National Literary Hall of Fame for Writers of African Descent. The
 Gwendolyn Brooks Center of Chicago State University. 16
 October 1998.
 The Appalachian Medallion Award. University of Charleston. 3
 December 1998.
 The 1998 Tennessee Governor's Award in the Arts

1999
 Invited Participant at Children's Defense Fund Symposium.
 Organized by Marian Wright Edelman. Other participants
 included Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of Education Donna
 Shalala, Toni Morrison. March 1999.
 University Distinguished Professor. Virginia Tech. Blacksburg, VA.
 August 1999.
Blues: For All the Changes. Nominated for Library of Virginia 2000
 Poetry Award. September 1999.
Blues: For All the Changes. NAACP Image Award for Literature. 12
 February 2000.
 Membership in The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, The State of North
 Carolina. 5 November 1999.
 Capitol Citation. State of North Carolina Department of the Secretary
 of State. 5 November 1999.
 Voted Ohio's Favorite Author of Poetry by Ohioans. Ballot sponsored
 by Ohioana Library Association. October 1999.
Black Feeling, Black Talk included in "Some 100 classic Millennial
 books," Kwame Okoampa-Ahoofe, Jr., *The New York
 Amsterdam News*, 30 December 1999 – 5 January 2000, p. 20.

2000
 N.A.A.C.P. Image Award for *Blues: For All the Changes*
 Member, 2000 Council of Ideas, The Gihon Foundation
 Virginia Governor's Award for the Arts.
 Judge, Poetry Panel. The National Book Awards.
 Distinguished Member Recognition Award. Delta Sigma Theta
 Sorority Wilberforce Alumnae Chapter. Wilberforce, Ohio.
 Appreciation given to Nikki Giovanni by the Virginia Dept. of
 Correctional Education.
 Certificate of Appreciation. The Black Caucus of Virginia Tech.
 City Council Resolution Honoring and Welcoming Nikki Giovanni.
 City of Youngstown, Ohio. Proclamation of welcome by Mayor
 George M. McKelvey. City of Youngstown, Ohio.
 Certificate of Appreciation. City of Los Angeles.
 Commendation. County of Los Angeles.

- United States Senate Certificate of Commendation. Presented by Senator Barbara Boxer.
- Hollywood Walk of Fame. A Celebration of Poetry, Art, & Music. Los Angeles, California.
- Official Welcome. Resolution, Erie County Legislature. Buffalo, NY. Resolution: Nikki Giovanni Day. City of Buffalo Common Council. Plaque of Appreciation. Nu Kappa Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. University of West Florida.
- Selected Poems of Nikki Giovanni*. Top 10 Books on MosaicBooks.Com.
- 2001 Keys to the Cities of Saginaw, Michigan and Dallas, Texas. Recognition from Ohio House of Representatives and the State of Texas.
- 2002 The SHero Award for Lifetime Achievement. Rosa Parks Women of Courage Award. (First recipient.)
- 2003 American Library Association's Black Caucus Award for Non-fiction (for *Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea*)
NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work (for *Quilting*)
Honorary Citizen of Louisville, Kentucky
Honored in a Proclamation from the Mayor of Hartford which proclaimed that 10 April 2003 was "Nikki Giovanni Day In the City of Hartford".
"Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea." Selected as one of Top 10 Adult Picks in the 2003 African American Booklist. Detroit Public Library.
Name one of the "HistoryMakers" in 2003.
- 2004 Nominated for a Best Spoken Word Grammy in the 46th Annual Grammy Awards for her album "The Nikki Giovanni Poetry Collection."
Nominated in the poetry category for the 7th Annual Library of Virginia Literacy Awards.
Nominated for NAACP Image Award for Literature.
Honored by Robert Baker from Texas Tech University by naming a species of bat in her honor (*Micronycteris giovanniae*).
Named one of "Women of Strength & Courage." American Legacy. New York, NY. 26 February 2004.
Featured in the "African American Wisdom Knowledge Cards" compiled and illustrated by Bob Johnson and Mary Margolies. Rohnert Park: Pomegranate Communications Inc.
Featured in the "Literacy Encounters" 2004 Calendar by Jill Kremetz. New York: Barnes & Noble, Inc. 15-21 November

2004.

Featured in the "Freedom Forum's First Amendment Calendar" for 2004. 17 August 2004.

Featured in "The Ohio Reading Road Trip".

Elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Chapter of Tennessee as an alumnae member.

Winner of the Atlanta Daily World 2nd Atlanta Choice Awards.

The East Tennessee Writers Hall of Fame Award for Poetry. 27 Apr. 2004.

Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea selected for the 2004-05 Adelante! Book Club of the American Association of University Women.

2005

Key to the City – City of Grambling. Grambling, LA. 2005.

Walt Whitman Birthplace Association, Poet-In-Residence Award. 2005.

Virginia Arts Celebration in NYC. Special guest of the Governor. 09 Apr. 2005.

The Mu Zeta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Certificate of Appreciation. 14 Apr. 2005.

"The Legends" designation from *The Oprah Magazine*. Aug. 2005.

Iowa State Representative Wayne Ford, Fourth Humanitarian Award. 06 Aug. 2005.

The 2005 John Henry "Pop" Lloyd Humanitarian Award. Atlantic City, New Jersey. 1 Oct. 2005.

The Federal City Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Certificate of Commendation. 20 Nov. 2005

The 2005 ALC Lifetime Achievement Award. 01 Dec. 2005.

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Kappa Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Certificate of Appreciation. 18 Jan. 2006.

University of Virginia Women's Center, HUES Leadership Network for Women of Color Award. 18 Mar. 2006.

Theta Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Certificate of Appreciation. 26 Jan. 2006.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Texas A & M University – Commerce, Certificate of Appreciation. Spring 2006.

Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Best Book Award for *Rosa*. 2006.

Rosa named Child Magazine's Best Children's Book of the Year, Oct. 2005.

Rosa selected as the Anchor Book for Celebrate with Books. Cleveland Public Library.

Rosa is #3 on New York Times bestseller list. 12 Feb. 2006.

Rosa named a Caldecott Honor Book.

Rosa receives the Coretta Scott King Award for Illustration.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

Black Feeling, Black Talk. Privately Printed, 1968.

Black Judgement. Privately Printed, 1968.

Black Feeling, Black Talk/Black Judgement. New York: Morrow, 1970.

(paperback edition). New York: Morrow, 1971.

Re: Creation. Detroit: Broadside Press, 1970.

(paperback edition). Detroit: Broadside Press, 1970.

Night Comes Softly: Anthology of Black Female Voices (edited). Privately Printed. 1970.

Gemini: An Extended Autobiographical Statement on My First Twenty-Five Years of Being A Black Poet. New York: Bobbs-Merrill, 1971.

(paperback edition). New York: Viking, 1973.

(paperback edition). New York: Penguin, 1976.

Spin A Soft Black Song. Illustrated by Charles Bible. New York: Hill and Wang, 1971.

(revised edition). Illustrated by George Martins. New York: Hill and Wang, 1985.

paperback edition). Illustrated by George Martins. New York: Sunburst/Hill and Wang, 1987.

My House. New York: Morrow, 1972.

(paperback edition). New York: Morrow, 1973.

Ego-Tripping and Other Poems For Young People. Illustrated by George Ford. New York: Lawrence Hill, 1973.

(paperback edition). Illustrated by George Ford. New York: Lawrence Hill, 1973.

_____. Second Expanded Edition. Illustrated by George Ford. Foreword by Virginia Hamilton. New York: Lawrence Hill Books, 1993.

A Dialogue: James Baldwin and Nikki Giovanni. Philadelphia and New York: J. B. Lippincott, 1973.

(paperback edition). Philadelphia and New York: J. B. Lippincott, 1973.

A Poetic Equation: Conversations Between Nikki Giovanni and Margaret Walker. Washington: Howard University Press, 1974.

(paperback edition, with new postscript). Washington: Howard University Press, 1983.

The Women and The Men. New York: Morrow, 1975.

(paperback edition). New York: Morrow, 1975.

Cotton Candy On A Rainy Day. New York: Morrow, 1978.

(paperback edition). New York: Morrow/Quill, 1980.

Vacation Time: Poems for Children. Illustrated by Marisabina Russo. New York: Morrow, 1980.

(paperback edition). Illustrated by Marisabina Russo. New York: Morrow, 1981.

Those Who Ride The Night Winds. New York: Morrow, 1983.

(paperback edition). New York: Morrow, 1984.

Sacred Cows . . . And Other Edibles. New York: Morrow, 1988.

(paperback edition). New York: Morrow, 1989.

Appalachian Elders: A Warm Hearth Sampler (edited). Blacksburg, Virginia: Pocahontas Press, 1991.

Racism 101. New York: Morrow, 1994.

(paperback edition). New York: Morrow, 1995.

Knoxville, Tennessee. Illustrated by Larry Johnson. New York: Scholastic Books, 1994.

Grand Mothers: A Multicultural Anthology of Poems, Reminiscences, and Short Stories About the Keepers of Our Traditions. New York: Henry Holt, 1994.

(paperback edition). New York: Henry Holt, 1996.

Selected Poems of Nikki Giovanni. New York: William Morrow, 1996.

The Genie in the Jar. Illustrated by Chris Raschka. New York: Henry Holt, 1996.

The Sun Is So Quiet. Illustrated by Ashley Bryan. New York: Henry Holt, 1996.

Shimmy Shimmy Shimmy Like My Sister Kate. New York: Henry Holt, 1996.

Love Poems. New York: William Morrow, 1997.

Blues: For All the Changes. New York: William Morrow, 1999.

Grand Fathers: Reminiscences, Poems, Recipes, and Photos of the Keepers of Our Tradition [edited]. New York: Henry Holt, 1999.

Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea: Poems and Not Quite Poems. New York: William Morrow, 2002.

The Collected Poetry of Nikki Giovanni 1968-1998. New York: HarperCollins, 2003.

The Prosaic Soul of Nikki Giovanni. New York: HarperCollins, 2003.

The Girls in the Circle. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2004.

Rosa. Illustrated by Bryan Collier. New York: Henry Holt & Company, 2005.

Recordings:

Truth Is On Its Way. With The New York Community Choir, Benny Diggs, Director. Right On Records, 1971. Released in CD by Collectables Records.

Like A Ripple On A Pond. With The New York Community Choir, Benny Diggs, Director. Niktom Records, 1973. Released on CD by Collectables Records.

The Way I Feel. With Music Composed by Arif Mardin. Niktom Records. Distributed by Atlantic Recording Corporation, 1975.

Legacies. Folkways Records FL 9798, 1976.

The Reason I Like Chocolate. Folkways Records FC 7775, 1976.

Cotton Candy On A Rainy Day. Folkways Records FL 9756, 1978.

Spirit To Spirit. Directed by Mirra Banks. Perrin Ireland, Producer. PBS Television, 1987. Videocassette.

Nikki Giovanni in Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Collectables, 1997.

“Stealing Home: For Jack Robinson.” *Jackie Robinson: Stealing Home (A Musical Tribute).* New York: Sony Music Entertainment, Inc., 1997.

The Nikki Giovanni Poetry Collection. Produced and directed by Rick Harris. UACD 5159 (2) and UAO 5159 (2). Caedmon, 2002.

The African American Audio Experience: With an Original Introduction by Nikki Giovanni. Produced and directed by Rick Harris. UACD 5200 (5). Caedmon, 2002.

Foundations of Courage . . . A Cry to Freedom! Hosted by Angela Bassett. Produced by Rena M. Davis. Aired on BET on 11 February 2003. Profiles Susan Taylor, Carol Moseley-Braun, Nikki Giovanni, and Marian Wright Edelman.

The History Makers. Executive Director, Julieanna L. Richardson. Chicago, Illinois, 2003. Also listed at <http://www.thehistorymakers.com>.

Witness: James Baldwin. Narrated by Danny Glover. Written and directed by Angie Corcetti. Produced by Helen Hood Scheer. A Peter Jones production. Aired on A&E television on 20 February 2003.

“A Great Love of God and Country.” *Crosscurrents Emergence.* Compact Disk. KUPS.

“Song of Feet.” *Hope Clayburn’s 2nd Booty Battalion: Report 4 Booty.* Compact Disk. Boobaloo Music, 2003.

Essays, Short Stories, and Individual Poems:

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“Revolution: A Definition.” *Conversation*, 4 (June 1967): 7-8.

- "A Revolutionary Tale." *Negro Digest*, 17 (June 1968): 70-83.
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- "A Short Essay of Affirmation Explaining Why (With Apologies to the Federal Bureau of Investigation)." *Black Graphics International*, 3 (1969): 24-25.
- "Kitty Litter (A New Definition of Genius)." *Journal of Black Poetry*, 1 (Spring 1969): 13-15.
- "Our Detroit Conference." *The Afro-American Woman Magazine*, 1 (March/April 1969): 22.
- "Poems (For Dudley Randall)." *The Afro-American Woman Magazine*, 1 (March/April 1969): 22.
- "Response to A Letter from Ron Welburn." *Negro Digest*, 18 (May 1969): 97-98.
- "Black Poems, Poseurs, and Power." *Negro Digest*, 18 (June 1969): 30-34.
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- "I Fell Off the Roof One Day (A View of the Black University)." In *The Black Woman: An Anthology*, edited by Toni Cade, 132-36. New York: New American Library, 1970.
- "The Library." In *Brothers and Sisters*, edited by Arnold Adoff, 141-46. New York: Macmillan, 1970. Reprinted in *Reading Rooms*, edited by Susan Allen Toth and John Coughlan. New York: Doubleday, 1991. Reprinted in *The Unforgiving Heart: An Anthology of Short Stories By African American Women (1859-1993)*, edited by Asha Kanwar. San Francisco: Aunt Lute Books, 1993.
- "Poem of Angela Yvonne Davis." 1970. A privately printed broadside. Reprinted in *Black Works* (Spring 1971): 29-31.
- "A Very Special Christmas." *Essence*, 1 (December 1970): 50.
- "Convalescence--Compared to What." In *Black Review*, edited by Mel Watkins, 117-28. New York: Morrow, 1971.
- "What I Would Like To Have Happen in 1971." *Contact*, 2 (January 1971): 10.
- "Soul Impressions." *Image*, 8 (January 1971): 12-13.

- "A Poem Too Late For You." *Black Creation*, 2 (April 1971): 29.
- "For Gwen Brooks From Nikki Giovanni." *Essence*, 1 (April 1971): 26.
- "Conversation With Ida Lewis." *Essence*, 1 (May 1971): 30-33, 95.
- "For Sandra." *Black Works* (Spring 1971): 31.
- "Atrocities." *Black Creation*, 2 (Summer 1971): 17.
- Foreword to *Blackspirits: A Festival of New Black Poets in America*, edited by Woodie King. New York: Random, 1972.
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- "How Will We Raise Our Children in the Year 2000?" *Saturday Review of Education*, 10 February 1973, 30-31.
- "Interview With Roy Wilkins." *Encore*, 2 (May 1973): 58-60.
- "Preventive Maintenance." *Encore*, 2 (July 1973): 33.
- "Mankind Had Better Shape Up." *Encore*, 2 (August 1973): 60.
- "Kapo." *Encore*, 9 (September 1973): 56.
- "A Lesson in Human Relationships." *Encore*, 2 (October 1973): 47.
- "Number, Pu-leeze." *Encore*, 2 (November 1973): 27.
- "Last Word." *Viva: The International Magazine for Women*, 1 (December 1973): 140.
- "Lois Lane Knows." *Encore*, 3 (January 1974): 22.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Different Drummer." *Encore*, 3 (February 1974): 34-35.
- "We Must Do It Ourselves." *Encore*, 3 (March 1974): 27.
- "A Poetic Equation." *Encore*, 3 (April 1974): 32-35.

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- "Leave It To Cleaver." *Encore American & Worldwide News*, 4 (19 May 1975): 26.
- "The Silent Revolution of the Domestic Worker." *Encore American & Worldwide News*, 4 (23 June 1975): 36.
- "Feeling: Mankind's Last Frontier." *San Francisco Examiner*, 14 July 1975.
- "Why Landlords Get Relief." *Encore American & Worldwide News*, 4 (18 August 1975): 32.
- "Aftra: A Rip-Off." *Encore American & Worldwide News*, 4 (8 September 1975): 28-29.
- "Are Unions Good for the Schools?" *Encore American & Worldwide News*, 4 (20 October 1975): 48.
- "The Great Stonewaller." *Encore American & Worldwide News*, 5 (22 March 1976): 36.
- "Campaign 1976: Hubert Humphrey." *Encore American & Worldwide News*, 5 (3 May 1976): 18.
- "Kennedy: Is Congress A Conspirator?" *Encore American & Worldwide News*, 6 (6 June 1977): 8.
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- "A Message from Phyllis Hyman's Lifetime." *Eagle and Swan*, 4 (September 1979): 22-25.
- "Why We Are Brokers At The Table of Peace." *Encore American & Worldwide News*, 8 (15 October 1979): 8-9.
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"We All Have A Stake In It." *Proteus: A Journal of Ideas*, 10 (Fall 1993): 1.

"Rediscovering *My Soul Is Rested*, by Howell Raines." *The Georgia Review*, 47 (Winter 1993): 705-08.

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Keynote Address. Exploring Community and Culture in African American Poetry.
George Moses Horton Society Conference. University of North Carolina,
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Keynote Address. 12th Annual Black Graduate Student Conference. University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. April 2000.

Keynote Address. Southern Women Writers Conference. Berry College. Mount Berry, Georgia. 13 April 2000.

Keynote Address. International Reading Association Conference. Indianapolis, Indiana. 3 May 2000.

Keynote Address. Addiction: Focus on Women. Our Front Porches: The Wisdom of Herstory. Asheville North Carolina. 15 June 2000.

Lecture/Reading. Winnetka-NorthWestern Summer Institute 2000. Winnetka, Illinois. 26 June 2000.

Panelist. Tavis Smiley Presents: Advocacy in the Next Millennium. Los Angeles, California. 12 August 2000.

Keynote Address. Missouri Institute on Minority Aging Soulful Prayer Breakfast. Columbia Missouri. 30 August 2000.

Keynote Address. Women for Effective Change. Buffalo, New York. 8 September 2000.

Keynote Address. Children's Reading Conference. University of San Francisco. San Francisco, California. 13 October 2000.

Poetry Reading. Reading the World III Celebration Dinner. October 14, 2000.

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Keynote Address. Young Voices Conference. Twelfth Annual Zora Neale Hurston Festival of the Arts and Humanities. Eatonville, Florida. 25-28 January 2001.

Keynote Address. 24th Annual Big XII Conference on Black Student Government. University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. 23 February 2001.

Keynote Address. Eureka College Writing Competition Banquet. Eureka, Illinois. 22 March 2001.

Keynote Address. YWCA Academy of Career Women of Achievement. Cincinnati, Ohio. 18 April 2001.

Keynote Address. 14th Annual National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education. 2 June 2001.

Keynote Speaker. Roanoke College Conference for Teachers, Roanoke, Virginia. 20 June 2001.

Keynote Address. Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators Conference in Children's Literature. Los Angeles, California. 10 August 2001.

Keynote Address. "The Poet as Interdisciplinary." The Association for Integrative Studies Annual Meeting. Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center, Roanoke, Virginia. 4 October 2001.

Featured Speaker. Two-Year College English Association, Northeast Regional Conference. Washington, DC. 5 October 2001.

Keynote Address. Unity Week Celebration. The University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio. 11 October 2001.

Keynote Speaker. Women's Work and Play: Around the Globe and Around the Clock. Vancouver, Washington. 9 February 2002.

Keynote Speaker. Women's Leadership Conference. University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. 22 February 2002.

Keynote Speaker. The Right to Lead Conference. St. Mary's Academy, Denver, Colorado. 23 February 2002.

Keynote Address. Third Annual Women's History Month Luncheon. Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. 16 March 2002.

Keynote Speaker. Fourth Annual Black Women's Symposium, University of Texas, Austin, Texas. 23 March 2002.

Keynote Address. Gender and Culture Conference: A National Women's Studies Association Regional Conference. Oregon State University. Corvallis, Oregon. 18 April 2002.

Keynote Address. NYS C-Step Student Conference. Sponsored by Syracuse University. Bolton Landing, New York. 7 April 2002.

Keynote Address. American Association of University Women California State Convention. Sacramento, California. 5 May 2002.

Keynote Address. National Association of Black female Executives in Music and Entertainment International Women's Leadership Summit. Toronto, Canada. 31 August 2002.

Poetry Reading. Great Lakes Booksellers Convention. Dearborn, Michigan. 29 September 2002.

Keynote Address. Florida Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference. Orlando, Florida. 18 October 2002.

Keynote Speaker. YWCA of Madison's 2nd Annual Race Relations Forum: It's Time to Talk Madison. Madison, WI. 20 October 2003.

Keynote Address. Hamilton County Youth Conference. University of Cincinnati. Dayton OH. 15 November 2003

Keynote Address. 18th National Black Student Leadership Development Conference. Williamsburg, VA. 8 January 2004

Keynote Speaker. 16th Annual Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference. Texas A&M University. College Station, Texas. 24 January 2004

Keynote Speaker. Texas Library Association Annual Conference. San Antonio, TX. 18 March 2004.

Keynote Lecture/Reading. Microsoft Women's Conference. Seattle, WA. 08 Sep. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Furious Flower. James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA. 23 Sep. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. 2004 Patterson Research Conference. Still Not Equal: Expanding Opportunity in Global Societies. Washington, D.C. 25 Sep. 2004.

Keynote Address. 4th Annual Diversity Conference. Colorado State University, CO. 30 Sep. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Southern Food in Black and White. 2004 Southern Foodways Symposium. Oxford, MS. 10 Oct. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Virginia Association of Independent Schools Annual Conference, Richmond, VA. 05 Nov. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. "An Evening with Nikki Giovanni." The Plaza Theatre, Orlando, FL. 26 Jan 2005.

RECENT PUBLIC LECTURES & READINGS:

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Outstanding Women Speakers Series. Phi Beta Kappa. College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia. 2 February 2001.

Lecture/Reading. Columbus State University, Columbus, Ohio. 5 February 2001.

Lecture/Reading. Cultural Awareness Series. Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia. 7 February 2001.

Lecture/Reading. President's Book Club. Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia. 8 February 2001.

Lecture/Reading. Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio. 15 February 2001.

Lecture/Reading. Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina. 16 February 2001.

Reading. "Black and Proud." University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 22 February 2001.

Lecture/Reading. University of Michigan—Dearborn, Dearborn, Michigan. 2 March 2001.

Lecture/Reading. University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky. 23 March 2001.

Lecture/Reading. Urban Arts Consortium of Indianapolis, Inc. Indianapolis, Indiana. 24 March 2001.

Lecture/Reading. Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York. April 2001.

Keynote Speaker. Awards Banquet. Delta College, Saginaw, Michigan. 2 April 2001.

Lecture/Reading. Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi. 5 April 2001.

Lecture/Reading. Kenyon College, Gambler, Ohio. 8 April 2001.

Lecture/Reading. ElderLife Lecture Series. Hamilton College, Utica, New York. 12 April 2001.

- Poetry Reading. Thomas Jefferson School, Utica, New York. 12 April 2001.
- Lecture/Reading. Tidewater Community College, Norfolk, Virginia. 19 April 2001.
- Poetry Reading. Norfolk Academy, Norfolk, Virginia. 20 April 2001.
- Benefit Reading. Juneteenth Festival of Hampton Roads. Norfolk, Virginia. 20 April 2001.
- Lecture/Reading. City of Saginaw Convention Center, Saginaw, Michigan. 21 April 2001.
- Lecture/Reading. East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee. 23 April 2001.
- Lecture/Reading. National Poetry Month. Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Roanoke, Virginia. 26 April 2001.
- Lecture/Reading. Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio. 27 April 2001.
- Keynote Speaker. Heritage Day Lecture/Symposium. North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina. 28 April 2001.
- Lecture/Reading. African-American Awareness Day, Danville, Virginia. 29 April 2001.
- Lecture/Reading. Miles College, Birmingham, Alabama. 2 May 2001.
- Keynote Speaker. "The 2001 Annual Celebration of Neighborhoods." The United Way of Franklin County, Columbus, Ohio. 22 May 2001.
- Lecture/Reading. Empowerment Through Literacy Lecture Series. The Montgomery County African American Employees Association/Montgomery Department of Public Libraries. Silver Spring, Maryland. 21 June 2001.
- Lecture/Reading. "Ancient Traditions, Urban Reflections: Poet Nikki Giovanni and Muntu Dance Theater." Guild Complex, Chicago, Illinois. 10 July 2001.
- Lecture/Reading. The YWCA Greater Cleveland Women's Roundtable Series, Cleveland, Ohio. 20 September 2001.
- Lecture/Reading. John Carroll University's Cultural Awareness Series. 21 September 2001.
- Poetry Reading. The Tucker-Boatwright Festival, University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia. 27 September 2001.

- Lecture/Reading. Eastern Loudoun Regional Library. Leesburg, Virginia. 29 September 2001.
- Lecture/Reading. Oakland Intermediate School, Roanoke, Virginia. 12 October 2001.
- Lecture/Reading. Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland. 25 October 2001.
- Lecture/Reading. Babson College, Wellesley, Massachusetts. 1 November 2001.
- Lecture/Reading. University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky. 15 November 2001.
- Lecture/Reading. Book Club Series on African American Women Writers. Petersburg High School, Petersburg, Virginia. 6 December 2001.
- Lecture/Reading. Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina. 21 January 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Indiana, Pennsylvania. 1 February 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Cincinnati, Ohio. 2 February 2002.
- Poetry Reading. Sponsored by Washington State University. Held at Clark College. Vancouver, Washington. 7 February 2002.
- Poetry Reading. Evergreen and Vancouver Public Schools, Vancouver, Washington. 8 February 2002.
- Reading/Workshop. Vancouver School of Arts & Academics, Vancouver, Washington. 8 February 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. Clark College, Vancouver, Washington. 8 February 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. Nikki Giovanni Day at the Water Center. Water Resources Education Center. Vancouver, Washington. 9 February 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. Edmonds Community College, Lynnwood, Washington. 10 February 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. 13 February 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. Mount Holyoke College. 14 February 2002
- Lecture/Reading. University of Maine, Orono, Maine. 15 February 2002.

- Lecture/Reading. Western Maryland College, Westminster, Maryland. 18 February 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. 20 February 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. 21 February 2002.
- Poetry Reading. University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. 22 February 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. 27 February 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. Millersville University, Millersville, Pennsylvania. 13 March 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. National Council of Negro Women/Lincoln University Section, Annual Luncheon. Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. 16 March 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. NAACP Women's History Month Forum. University of North Carolina/Greensboro. 21 March 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. Rosa Parks Women of Courage Lecture Series. Troy State University and the Southern Poverty Law Center, Montgomery, Alabama. 22 March 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. 28 March 2002.
- Poetry reading. Black Poets Society. Oregon State University. 19 April 2003.
- Lecture/Reading. Kennesaw State University. Kennesaw, Georgia. 22 April 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. Fremont Area District Library. Fremont, Michigan. 24 April 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. College of Charleston. Charleston, South Carolina. 25 April 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. Southwest Missouri State University. Springfield, Missouri. 3 May 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. University of Central Oklahoma. Edmond, Oklahoma. 11 July 2002.
- Lecture/Reading. The National Museum of Women in the Arts. 2002 Literary Series. Washington, D.C. 27 September 2002.

Lecture/Reading. Mary Baldwin College. Staunton, Virginia. 5 October 2002.

Lecture/Reading. Grand Valley State University. Grand Rapids, Michigan. 3 October 2002.

Lecture/Reading. Shippensburg University. Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. 14 October 2002.

Lecture/Reading. Jackson State University. Jackson, Mississippi. 16 October 2002.

Lecture/Reading. Brookdale Community College. Lincroft, New Jersey. 17 October 2002.

Lecture/Reading. University of Central Florida. Orlando, Florida. 19 October 2002.

Lecture/Reading. Bradley University. Peoria, Illinois. 30 October 2002.

Lecture/Reading. Eastern Michigan University. Ypsilanti, Michigan. 6 November 2002.

Lecture/Reading. Drury University. Springfield, Missouri. 7 November 2002.

Lecture/Reading. University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 14 November 2002.

Lecture/Reading. Earlham College. Richmond, Indiana. 15 November 2002.

Lecture/Reading. Temple University. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 19 November 2002.

Lecture/Reading. SUNY/Oswego. Oswego, New York. 21 November 2002.

Lecture/Reading. Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore, Maryland. 3 February 2003.

Lecture/Reading. University of Memphis. Memphis, Tennessee. 20 February 2003.

Lecture/Reading. Valparaiso University. Valparaiso, Indiana. 21 February 2003.

Lecture/Reading. June Jordan's Poetry for the People. University of California/Berkeley. Berkeley, California. 24 February 2003.

- Lecture/Reading. St. Joseph's University. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 26 February 2003.
- Lecture/Reading. Rutgers University/Camden. Camden, New Jersey. 7 March 2003.
- Lecture/Reading. St. Philip's School. Dallas, Texas. 13 March 2003.
- Lecture/Reading. Delaware State University. Dover, Delaware. 19 March 2003.
- Lecture/Reading. *An Evening with Nikki Giovanni: A Meditation on Survival and Transcendence*. Trinity College, Hartford CT, 10 April 2003.
- Lecture/Reading. *An Evening with Nikki Giovanni*. The Jackson/Madison County Library. Jackson, TN. 12 April 2003
- Lecture/Reading. Awakening Lecture Series. South Carolina State University. Orangeburg, SC. 16 April 2003.
- Lecture/Reading. Nassau Community College. Boston, MA. 21 April 2003.
- Lecture/Reading. Clearwater East Library. Clearwater, FL. 24 April 2003
- Lecture/Reading. Speak in Color. YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago. Chicago, IL. 6 May 2003.
- Lecture/Reading. Leslie Williams Symposium for the Advancement of Women and the Jane M. G. Foster Distinguished Lecture Series. Shawnee State University. Portsmouth, OH. 29 May 2003.
- Keynote Speaker. The Nia 2003 Leadership Summit: Bring Purpose to Power. Northwestern University. Chicago, IL. 9 June 2003.
- Lecture/Reading. 2003 Pantene Total You Campus Tour. Fisk University. Nashville, TN. 11 September 2003.
- Lecture/Reading. 2003 Pantene Total You Campus Tour. Clark Atlanta. Atlanta, GA. 18 September 2003.
- Lecture/Reading. Ashburn Library. Ashburn, VA. 20 September 2003
- Lecture/Reading. Def Poetry Jam. University of Utah. 10 October 2003.
- Lecture/Reading. Northern Illinois University. DeKalb, IL. 23 October 2003.

Lecture/Reading. The Society for the Spoken Culture. Montclair, NJ. 25 October 2003

Lecture/Reading. The Boston Globe Book Festival. Boston, MA. 30 October 2003.

Lecture/Reading. 2003 Pantene Total You Campus Tour. Alabama State. Montgomery, AL. 6 November 2003.

Lecture/Reading. University of Virginia's College at Wise. Wise, VA. 14 November 2003

Lecture/Reading. Indiana University Kokomo. Kokomo, IN 17 November 2003.

Lecture/Reading. "The Voices of the African-Americans of Appalachia." *The Many Faces of Appalachia: A Series of Lectures Centered on Books*. Floyd, VA. 20 November 2003

Lecture/Reading. Amistad Foundation. Hartford, CT. 17 January 2004

Lecture/Reading. Xavier University. New Orleans, LA. 11 February 2004

Lecture/Reading. Danville Community College. Danville, VA. 13 February 2004

Lecture/Reading. University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Little Rock, AR. 18 February 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Davidson College. Davidson, NC. 19 February 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Pantene Total You Tour 2004. New York, NY. 21 February 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Black History Month. New York, NY. 24 February 2004.

Lecture/Reading. George Washington University. Washington, DC. 26 February 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Pantene Total You Tour 2004. Atlanta, GA. 28 February 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Duke University. Durham, NC. 29 February 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Prairie View A&M University. Prairie View, TX. 18 March 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Fort Valley State University. Fort Valley, GA. 19 March 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Pantene Total You Tour 2004. Dallas, TX. 27 March 2004.

Lecture/Reading. University of North Carolina – Wilmington. Wilmington, NC. 28 March 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Women's Voices Changing the World. Chatham Hall. Chatham, VA. 31 March 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Pantene Total You Tour. Chicago IL. 03 Apr. 2004.

Poetry Slam. Slammin' with Nikki Giovanni. Mill Mountain Theatre's Waldron Stage. 04 Apr. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. California Polytechnic State University, CA. 07 Apr. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Women's Center. California Polytechnic State University, CA. 08 Apr. 2004.

Lecture/Book Signing. "Okra Leaves: Looking at the Future through the Past." Darden School of Business. University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA. 14 April 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Richard Stockton University, Pomona, NJ. 15 Apr. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Poetry In The Park Open-mic Spring Series. Harlem, NY. 17 Apr. 2004

Lecture/Reading. 15th Annual Richard Summers Memorial Lecture. University of Toledo. Toledo, OH. 23 Apr. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Pantene Total You Tour. Washington Convention Center, Washington D.C. 24 Apr. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Frostburg State College, Frostburg, MD. 28 Apr. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Pantene Total You Tour. Houston, TX. 01 May 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Pantene Total You Tour. Philadelphia Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA. 08 May 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Justice Works Spring Benefit. The Public Theatre, New York, NY. 10 May 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Pantene Total You Tour. Charlotte, NC. 15 May 2004.

Keynote Address. The Power of Poetry. InsideOut Literary Arts Project. GEM Theatre/Century Club. Detroit, MI. 25 May 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Smith Barney Luncheon for Women of Influence in Business, Society and Community. Philadelphia, PA. 01 Sep. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Orientation Event. Sarah Lawrence College. Bronxville, NY. 03 Sep. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Pantene College Tour. Central State University, Wilberforce, OH. 16 Sep. 2004.

Keynote Address. Wake Forest University's Second Sister's Inspirational Summit. Wake Forest University, NC. 02 Oct. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Pantene College Tour. Stallings Ballroom, North Carolina A&T University, Greensboro NC. 21 Oct 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Barter Theatre, Virginia Highlands Community College, Abington VA. 24 Oct 2004

Lecture/Reading. "An Evening with an American Legend." West Chester University, Philadelphia, PA. 28 Oct. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. The Fourteenth Lorraine W. Frank Lecture in the Humanities. Northern Arizona University , Flagstaff, AZ. 31 Oct. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. "An Evening with Nikki Giovanni." JSR Lifelong Learning Center, Brentwood Baptist Church, Houston, TX. 06 Nov. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Drew University, Madison, NJ. 13 Nov. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. University of Pittsburgh BAS Presents, WPU Lower Lounge, Pittsburgh, PA. 18 Nov. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. St. John University, NY. 01 Dec. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. "Kwanza, A Celebration of Family Community and Culture." H. Fred Simons African American Culture Center, Storrs, CT. 03 Dec 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Holiday Tea with Nikki Giovanni. Christiansburg, VA. 05 Dec. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. The Twelfth Annual Dinner Theatre and Silent Auction, The Jackson State University Margaret Walker Alexander National Research Center, Jackson MS. 10 Dec 2004.

Lecture/Reading. East St. Louis School District 189 presents... "Getting to know 'Nikki'" East Saint Louis High School, East St. Louis, IL. 11 Jan. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. "Conversations with Nikki Giovanni...A night of Words, Rhythm, and Rhymes." Downtown Marriot, Kansas City, MO. 14 Jan. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Evening Celebration, Eisenhower Auditorium, Pennsylvania State University, PA. 17 Jan 2005.

Lecture/Reading. "The Hunter-Holmes Lecture" University of Georgia, GA. 20 Jan. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. "An Evening with Nikki Giovanni." 15th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Endowment Fund Gala, Heard Museum, Phoenix, AZ. 22 Jan 2005.

Keynote Address. NAACP "WWKD: What Would King Do?" Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet, ISU Bone Student Center Ballroom, Illinois State University, IL. 24 Jan 2005.

Lecture/Reading. "The Poetics of Black Experience." African American Heritage Convocation, Skinner Memorial Chapel, Carleton College, MN. 28 Jan 2005.

Lecture/Reading. MU Annual Dr. M. L. King Commemoration Program, Memorial Union, The University of Missouri-Columbia School of Journalism, Columbia, MO. 29 Jan. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. Indiana/Perdue. Ft. Wayne, IN. 02 Feb. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. Mountain View Community College, Dallas, TX. 03 Feb. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. Fox News Employees. New York, NY. 09 Feb. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. Lyceum. Dutchess Theatre, Dutchess Community College, Poughkeepsie, NY. 10 Feb. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. M.I.T., Cambridge, MA. 11 Feb. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. Main Dining Hall, University of California, Stanislaus, CA. 16 Feb 2005.

Lecture/Reading. "An Evening with Nikki Giovanni." Royce Hall, University of California Los Angeles, CA. 17 Feb. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. Harlen Adams Theatre, California State University, Chico, CA. 18 Feb. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. Agnes Flanagan Chapel, Lewis and Clark College, Portland OR. 20 Feb. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. VTR, Def Poetry Jam IV, The Supper Club, New York, NY. 23 Feb. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. Sisters of the Round Table (SORT) & the ALANA Cultural Center present Nikki Giovanni. Love Auditorium, Colgate University, NY. 24 Feb. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. "Quilting the Black-eyed Pea." Donaldson Brown Auditorium, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. 28 Feb. 2004.

Lecture/Reading. A Call to Consciousness, Harvard Law School Black Law Students Association. Sheraton Commander Hotel, Cambridge MA. 13 Mar. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. "Art is Diversity, Diversity is Art." Holloway Hall Auditorium, Salisbury University, MD. 16 Mar. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Presents, She Said. Dowe's on 9th, Pittsburgh, PA. 24 Mar. 2005

Lecture/Reading. University of Oklahoma. Oklahoma City, OK. 31 March 2005.

Keynote Address. 15th Annual Unity Banquet. Case Western Reserve University. Mayfield, OH. 01 Apr. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. Pantene Total You Tour. Houston, TX. 02 Apr. 2005.

Artist-in-Residence. Southern University. Baton Rouge, LA. 06-08 Apr. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. DeBose Poetry Festival. Baton Rouge, LA. 07 Apr. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. Evoking the Spirit and Songs of Words. Southern University and A&M College. Baton Rouge, LA. 08 Apr. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. Southern University Museum of Art. Baton Rouge, LA. 08 Apr. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. The Ladies of Kueleza Literary Club. Baton Rouge, LA. 08 Apr. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. University of Delaware. 13 Apr. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. The University of Tennessee. Knoxville, TN. 14 Apr. 2005.

- Lecture/Reading. Voice of the People – A Celebration of the Spoken Word. Newport News, VA. 15 Apr. 2005.
- Lecture/Reading. “An Evening with Nikki Giovanni.” A.C. Lewis Memorial Library, Grambling State University. Grambling, LA. 21 Apr. 2005.
- Lecture/Reading. University of Chicago. Chicago, IL. 22 Apr. 2005.
- Keynote Address. “Poetry and Such with Nikki Giovanni.” Allen Temple AME Church. Cincinnati, OH. 24 Apr. 2005.
- Lecture/Reading. 2005 Pan African Bookfest. Fort Lauderdale, FL. 27 Apr. 2005.
- Lecture/Reading. *The Black Woman Reissue* Celebration. New York, NY. 06 May 2005.
- Lecture/Reading. Pantene Total You Tour 2005. New York, NY. 07 May 2005.
- Lecture/Reading. Pantene Total You Tour 2005. Atlanta, GA. 14 May 2005.
- Lecture/Reading. Walt Whitman Birthday Celebration. Long Island, NY. 03 Jun. 2005.
- Artist-in-Residence. The Walt Whitman Center. Long Island, New York. 4-5 Jun. 2005.
- Poetry Reading. City of Richmond Parks and Recreation. Richmond, Virginia. 28 Jul. 2005.
- Lecture/Reading. U.S. Voting Rights & Iowans Who Made a Difference: A Gala Celebration. State Historical Building, Des Moines, IA. 05 Aug. 2005.
- Lecture/Reading. “An Evening With Nikki Giovanni.” Literacy Fundraising Event. Jefferson Center. Roanoke, Virginia. 26 Aug. 2005.
- Lecture/Reading. The Great Greeks Lecture Series. Miami University. Oxford, OH. 08 Sep. 2005.
- Lecture/Reading. The Voices of Virginia – Diversity, Story and Vision for the 21st Century. VA. 15 Oct 2005.
- Lecture/Reading. “An Evening with Nikki Giovanni. Mount Union College. Akron, OH. 19 Oct. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. The Mary W. And Eric A. Eckler Lecture. Alliance, OH. 19 Oct. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. Savannah State College. Savannah, GA. 03 Nov 2005.

Keynote Address. Valley Bookfest. Roanoke, VA. 12 Nov. 2005.

Address/Book Signing. Meet the Authors. Pittsburgh, PA. 18 Nov. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. Literary Exposition. The American University. Washington, DC. 20 Nov. 2005.

Poetry Reading. Mill Street Elementary School. Naperville, Illinois. 9 Dec. 2005.

Poetry Reading. Beidler Elementary School. Chicago, Illinois. 12 Dec. 2005.

Poetry Reading. Michael Faraday Elementary School. Chicago, Illinois. 12 Dec. 2005.

Keynote Address. Racism 101. A Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA. 16 Jan. 2006.

Keynote Address. The Right to Dream: You Must Go On. 25th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill, NC. 18 Jan. 2006.

Keynote Address. Celebrate: Uplifting the Life of an Amazing Leader. Afrikan People's Union, 2006 MLK Banquet. University of Nebraska, Lincoln. Lincoln, NE. 21 Jan 2006.

Lecture/Reading. The 2005-2006 Speakers Series. Oklahoma State University. Stillwater, OK. 26 Jan. 2006.

Lecture/Reading. Through the Eyes of a Poet. Georgia College & State University. Milledgeville, GA. 01 Feb. 2006.

Lecture/Reading. A Tribute to the Harlem Renaissance. Broward Community College. Davie, FL. 02 Feb. 2006.

Lecture/Reading. Florida Atlantic University. Boca Raton, FL. 02 Feb. 2006.

Lecture/Reading. "An Evening with Nikki Giovanni." California Institute of Technology. Pasadena, CA. 09 Feb. 2006.

Lecture/Reading. Black History Month 2006. Virginia Commonwealth University. Richmond, VA. 13 Feb. 2006.

Lecture/Reading. "Winter With the Writers: A Festival of the Literary Arts." Rollins College, Winter Park, FL. 16 Feb. 2006.

Lecture/Reading. "An Evening with Nikki Giovanni." Victoria Theatre. University of Dayton. 17 Feb. 2006.

Lecture/Reading. Poetry Reading. The University of Arizona Poetry Center and Africana Studies. Tucson, AZ. 22 Feb. 2006.

Lecture/Reading. "An Evening with Nikki Giovanni." Texas A& M University – Commerce. Commerce, TX. 23 Feb. 2006.

Lecture/Reading. Smith College. Northampton, MA. 24 Feb. 2006.

Lecture/Reading. University of Wisconsin/Milwaukee. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 16 Mar. 2006.

Lecture/Reading. Empire State College. Albany, NY. 22 Mar. 2006.

Lecture/Reading. Bentley College. Waltham, MA. 23 Mar. 2006.

Lecture/Reading. La Villa Museum. Jacksonville, FL. 24 Mar. 2006.

Poetry Reading. Celebration of the Book. The Schomburg/New York Public Library. New York, New York. 6 May 2006.

RECENT CEREMONIAL READINGS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

"It's Not Just Truman's Baby." *50th Anniversary of the Integration of the United States Army*. Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C. 24 July 1998.

"Poetry, Literacy and Democracy: A Panel Discussion with Nikki Giovanni, Robert Hass, and Lewis H. Lapham." *Showcase Program*. Poets House. New York. 3 April 1998.

"An Evening of Words and Music Featuring Nikki Giovanni and the Harlem Gospel Choir." Louisville, Kentucky. 12 December 1998.

"Improvisations: A Vision of Community." With the Audubon Quartet, Carol Crawford Smith, Robert Graham, Lianne Lyons, and Chip McNeill. Blacksburg, Virginia. 16 February 1999.

Panelist. Children's Defense Fund Symposium. The Alex Haley Farm. Clinton, Tennessee. 19 March 1999.

Keynote Speaker. Honors Convocation. Virginia State University. 5 April 1999.

"The Role of Art in the Struggle." The Herman Sweatt Symposium on Civil Rights. University of Texas. Austin, Texas. 16 April 1999.

Keynote Speaker. Maxine Waters's Black Women's Forum. Los Angeles, California. 24 April 1999.

Commencement Speaker. Wilmington College. Wilmington, Ohio. 8 May 1999.

Slam of Champions: A Benefit for WritersCorps and East of the River Inter-Scholastic League. Sponsored by Borders Books and Music. Washington, D.C. 15 May 1999.

Featured Author. *Detroit News* Book and Author Luncheon. Detroit, Michigan. 17 May 1999.

New York City Celebrates 30 Years of Nikki Giovanni. Bryant Park. New York, New York. 18 May 1999.

Writer's Voice of the Westside Y. New York, New York. 18 May 1999.

Featured Writer. SONY Plaza Music Event: In Celebration of the Spoken Word. New York, New York. 24 June 1999.

Harvey Gantt Lecture in African American Literature. Clemson University. Clemson, South Carolina. 28 October 1999.

Featured Artist. "Free Verse 2000." Lila Cockrell Theatre. San Antonio, Texas. 21 January 2000.

Performance. "An Evening of Poetry and Song: Nikki Giovanni and the World-Famous Harlem Gospel Choir. Baltimore City Community College Liberty Campus. 8 February 2000.

Featured Author. The Fine and Performing Arts of African Americans: Enhancing Education. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, Michigan. 3 March 2000.

Featured Writer. Art Sanctuary. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 4 March 2000.

Bethune-Cookman College. Daytona Beach, Florida. 23 March 2000.

Featured Poet. Reading. Virginia Festival of the Book. Charlottesville, Virginia. 24 March 2000.

Lecture/Reading. Inauguration of Dr. John L. Smith, Jr. as Twelfth President of Fisk University. Fisk University. Nashville, Tennessee. 7 April 2000.

Keynote Address. Library Dedication Ceremony. Harford Community College. Bel Air, Maryland. 7 May 2000.

Commencement Address. Manhattanville College. Purchase, New York. 13 May 2000.

Graduation Address. Lincoln Heights Elementary School. Cincinnati, Ohio. 5 June 2000.

Keynote Presentation. Hampton Roads 4th Annual Juneteenth Festival 2000 Junie Awards. Hampton Roads, Virginia. 19 June 2000.

Featured Poet. Literary Café. Delta Sigma Theta Annual Convention. Chicago, Illinois. 24 July 2000.

Keynote Luncheon Speaker. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Convention. Chicago, Illinois. 25 July 2000.

Lecture/Reading. Nikki Giovanni: A Celebration of Poetry, Art, and Music. Los Angeles, California. 13 August 2000.

Keynote Address. The Millennium Celebration of the Slave Memorial at Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon, Virginia. 16 September 2000.

Keynote Address. Twenty-First Annual Martin Luther King Celebration. Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. 13 January 2001.

Poetry Reading. "A Celebration of James Baldwin: A Twentieth-Century Masters Tribute." Lincoln Center. February 2001.

A Tribute to Gwendolyn Brooks. Brooklyn, New York. 18 February 2001.

Reading/Signing. Cleveland Public Library. Cleveland, Ohio. 25 February 2001.

Poetry Workshop. Urban Arts Consortium of Indianapolis, Inc. Indianapolis, Indiana. 24 March 2001.

Featured Author. Lecture/Reading. Poetry Fest. Chicago Public Library. Chicago, Illinois. 6 April 2001.

Lecture/Reading. Expo for Today's Black Woman. McCormack Place, Chicago, Illinois. 7 April 2001.

Keynote Address. Awards Banquet, Boys and Girls Club of Atlanta. Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia. 16 April 2001.

Guest Speaker. The Tenth Annual Renee L. Rookard Memorial Scholarship Dinner. Saginaw, Michigan. 21 April 2001.

Guest Poet. Fifth Annual "Bring in da Slam," Fundraiser for WritersCorps. Borders Books & Music, Washington, DC. 5 May 2001.

Commencement Address for African American Students. SUNY/University of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York. 11 May 2001.

Guest Artist. Richmond Boys Choir Annual Spring Concert, Richmond, Virginia. 20 May 2001 (afternoon and evening performances).

Commencement Address. Central State University. Wilberforce, Ohio. 17 June 2001.

"Giving Words to Children." Margaret Sue Copenhaver Institute for Teaching and Learning. Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia. 20 June 2001.

"Ancient Traditions/Urban Reflections." Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois. 18 July 2001.

Book Signing. Barnes & Noble Grand Opening, Christiansburg, Virginia. 4 September 2001.

"A Conversation with Nikki Giovanni." YWCA of Greater Cleveland. Cleveland, Ohio. 20 September 2001.

Honoree and Speaker. Hanna House Annual Fundraiser, Washington, DC. 9 November 2001.

Keynote Speaker. Focus Women's Center Awards Luncheon, Charlottesville, Virginia. 30 November 2001.

An Evening with The Harlem Gospel Choir and Nikki Giovanni. Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pennsylvania. 1 February 2002.

Unveiling of Annual Black Heritage Stamp (Langston Hughes). Dallas, Texas. 3 February 2002.

Keynote Address. The Inauguration of Steven H. Kaplan as Chancellor, The University of Virginia at Wise. Wise, Virginia. 6 September 2002.

Keynote Speaker. Freedom Fund Banquet. NAACP Annual Civil Rights Weekend. Blacksburg, Virginia. 21 September 2002.

Keynote Address. Fall Convocation. Alabama A & M University. Normal, Alabama. 8 October 2002.

Poetry Reading. Poetry in Motion Jamboree!: A Tenth Anniversary Celebration of Poetry in New York City's Subways and Buses. Sponsored by the Poetry Society of America. Symphony Space. New York, New York. 10 October 2002.

Featured Writer. Miami Book Fair. Coral Gables, Florida. 20 November 2002.

Featured Author. The Field Family Teen Author Series. Free Library of Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 11 January 2003.

Keynote Address. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Lawrence University. Appleton, Wisconsin. 12 January 2003.

Keynote Address. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. City of Decatur. Decatur, Illinois. 20 January 2003.

Featured Writer. Sophomore Literary Festival. Notre Dame University. South Bend, Indiana. 8 February 2003.

Keynote Speaker. Fifteenth Annual Scholarship Dinner. Black Families Association. Walnut Creek, California. 22 February 2003.

A Celebration of Black History and Labor. Tacoma, Washington. 25 February 2003.

Women's History Month Distinguished Lecturer. University of Wisconsin/Platteville. Platteville, Wisconsin. 28 February 2003.

Keynote Speaker. Fundraising Luncheon for St. Philip's School and Community Center. Dallas, Texas. 13 March 2003.

A Jazz Evening With Nikki Giovanni. National Council of Negro Women. Louisville, Kentucky. 1 March 2003.

Poetry Reading. Virginia Festival of the Book. Charlottesville, Virginia. 22 March 2003.

Keynote Speaker. Women's History Month. The University of Illinois at Chicago. 24 March 2003.

Keynote Speaker. Rosemary Anderson Middle & High School 5th Annual Gala Benefit. Vancouver, Washington. 4 April 2003.

Reading/Lecture. *5th Annual Gala Benefit Event*. Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center / Rosemary Anderson Middle and High School. Portland, OR. 4 April 2003.

The Louise McNeill Memorial Lecture. Concord College. Concord, West Virginia. 3 April 2003.

Reading of a Gwendolyn Brooks poem. *The Poetry of Gwendolyn Brooks*. New York, NY. 21 April 2003.

Keynote Speaker. *Truth is on Its Way: An Evening with Nikki Giovanni*. Florida State University. Tallahassee, FL. 23 April 2003

Lecture/Reading. Bring in da Slam VII. Washington, DC 3 May 2003

Keynote Address. "What's the Word?" Say Word. Stanford University. 8 May 2003.

Keynote Address. "Continuing the Legacy: A Vision and No Division" Annual Spring Dinner, Black Student Organization, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, MI, 20 May 2003

Lecture/Reading. Literature for All of Us. Evanston, IL. 10 June 2003.

Dedicatory Poem. Ribbon cutting and blessing ceremony. Mary McLeod Bethune Performing Arts Center. Daytona Beach, FL. 3 September 2003.

Keynote Speaker. *50th Anniversary Celebration*. Ball State University. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Delta Phi Chapter. 12 September 2003

Invocation. "We Gather: An Invocation For the Underground Railroad." National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Cincinnati, OH. 4 October 2003.

Keynote Address. The Journey to Natural Hair. Miami University – Hamilton County Campus, OH. 18 October 2003.

Speaker. Laity Sunday Celebration. Grace United Methodist Church. Springfield, IL. 19 October 2003

Speaker. First Annual Literary Luncheon. DELTA, Inc. Tampa, FL. 8 November 2003.

Keynote Speaker. American Library Association Mid Winter Festival. San Diego, CA. 10 January 2004.

Keynote Address. 33rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast. Newark, NJ. 16 January 2004.

Keynote Speaker. The Wadsworth Atheneum / Amistad Foundation Annual Meeting. Hartford, CT. 17 January 2004.

Keynote Speaker. Black History Celebration. Radford University. Radford, VA. 21 January 2004.

Keynote Address. 20th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Program. Appalachian State. Boone, NC. 22 January 2004.

Featured Guest. Black History Month Dinner. Yale University. New Haven, CT. 6 February 2004.

Poetry Reading. Poetry in the Park. Central Park. New York, NY. 22 February 2004.

Keynote Speaker. Black History Month. Bryn Mawr College. Bryn Mawr, PA. 25 February 2004.

Keynote Address. Michigan Reading Association. Detroit, MI. 21 March 2004.

Luncheon Remarks. Michigan Reading Association. Detroit, MI. 21 March 2004.

Poetry Reading/Signing. Book Expo. Booksellers Association of America. 2-3 Jun. 2005.

Address/Book Signing. "A Book Signing with Nikki Giovanni." National Black Arts Festival. Atlanta, GA. 15 Jun. 2005.

Featured Speaker. The National Black Arts Festival. Atlanta, Georgia. 16 Jul. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. The Power of the Word with Nikki Giovanni. National Black Arts Festival. Atlanta, GA. 17 Jul. 2005.

"When Rainbows Laugh." Poem presented at the opening of the exhibit *Painter and Poet: The Wonderful World of Ashley Bryan*. The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art. Amherst, Massachusetts. 23 Jul. 2005.

Keynote Address. Voter's Rights Anniversary Event. State of Iowa Public Policy Group. Des Moines, Iowa. 5 Aug. 2005.

- Featured Speaker. Third Annual Tulisoma South Dallas Book Fair and Arts Festival. "Breakfast with Nikki Giovanni." Dallas, TX. 20 Aug. 2005.
- Featured Author. Southern Booksellers Association. Winston-Salem, North Carolina. 17 Sep. 2005.
- Lecture/Reading. Answering the Call, GLCA Students of Color Leadership Conference. DePauw University. Greencastle, IN. 07 Oct. 2005.
- Keynote Address. Virginia Association of Teachers of English Conference. Roanoke, Virginia. 15 Oct. 2005.
- Keynote Address. Wisconsin Reading Association Conference. Madison, Wisconsin. 27 Oct. 2005.
- Featured Author. Multicultural Children's Book Festival. The Kennedy Center. Washington, D.C. 5 Nov. 2005.
- Keynote Address. AASA Women Administrators Conference Program. Arlington, VA. 06 Nov. 2005.
- Featured Author. Valley Book Festival. Roanoke, Virginia. 12 Nov. 2005.
- "Telling the Story of Rosa Parks." With illustrator Bryan Collier. National Convention of Teachers of English. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 18 Nov. 2005.
- Lecture/Reading. American Literacy Award. Hershey, Pennsylvania. 1 Dec. 2005.
- Keynote Address. National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Conference. Charlotte, North Carolina. 8 Dec. 2005.
- Poetry Reading. Steppenwolf Theatre. Chicago, Illinois. 11 Dec. 2005.
- Live taping of *An Evening With Nikki Giovanni*. Nikki Giovanni interviewed by Pearl Cleage. Produced by and for The History Makers. Atlanta, Georgia. 17 Jun. 2005. Broadcast on PBS in Georgia and elsewhere during Feb. 2006.
- Presentation on *Rosa*. With illustrator Bryan Collier. Brooklyn Public Library, Grand Army Plaza Branch. Brooklyn, New York. Feb. 2006.
- Keynote Address. Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators Winter Conference. New York, NY. 05 Feb. 2006.

Artist-in-Residence Poetry Reading. The Governor's School for the Arts. Norfolk, Virginia. 6 Feb. 2006.

Reading and Book Signing. Wal-Mart Corporate Headquarters. Bentonville, Arkansas. 8 Feb. 2006.

Master Class. Rollins College. Winter Park, Florida. 16 Feb. 2006.

Truth Is On Its Way: 35th Anniversary Celebration Concert. Performance with five college and university choirs. James Madison University's Furious Flower Poetry Center. Harrisonburg, Virginia. 27 Feb. 2006.

Keynote Address. Sixth Annual Black Women's Leadership Conference. University of Virginia. Charlottesville, Virginia. 18 Mar. 2006

RECENT BOOKSIGNINGS

Reading / Signing. Barnes & Noble Booksellers. Union Square. New York, New York. 15 January 2003.

Reading / Signing. Schomburg Center. New York, New York. 16 January 2003.

Reading / Signing. Olsson's Books & Music. Washington, DC. 17 January 2003.

Reading / Signing. Borders Books & Music. Washington, DC. 17 January 2003.

Reading / Signing. Vertigo Books. College Park, Maryland. 18 January 2003.

Reading / Signing. Sisterspace Books. University of the District of Columbia. 18 January 2003.

Reading / Signing. Shrine of the Black Madonna. Atlanta, Georgia. 22 January 2003.

Reading / Signing. Spelman College. Atlanta, Georgia. 23 January 2003.

Reading / Signing. "The Spoken Word." Academy of Medicine. Atlanta, Georgia. 24 January 2003.

Reading / Signing. "New Year, New You Personal Enrichment Seminar." Macon, Georgia. 25 January 2003.

Reading / Signing. Milwaukee Public Library with Schwartz Books. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 29 January 2003.

Reading / Signing. African American Images Bookstore. 30 January 2003.

Reading / Signing. Dusable Museum. Chicago, Illinois. 31 January 2003.

Reading / Signing. Afrocentric Books. Chicago, Illinois. 1 February 2003.

Reading / Signing. Women & Children First Bookstore. Chicago, Illinois. 1 February 2003.

Reading / Signing. Harvard Graduate School. Boston, Massachusetts. 4 February 2003.

Reading / Signing. Joseph-Beth Booksellers. Cleveland, Ohio. 5 February 2003.

Reading / Signing. Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. 6 February 2003.

Reading / Signing. Thurber House. Columbus, Ohio. 6 February 2003.

Reading / Signing. Books & Company. Dayton, Ohio. 7 February 2003.

Reading / Signing. Mount St. Mary's College/Donney Campus. Los Angeles, California. 12 February 2003.

Reading / Signing. UCLA. Los Angeles, California. 12 February 2003.

Reading / Signing. 2000+ Bookstore. Long Beach, California. 12 February 2003.

Reading / Signing. Compton College. Los Angeles, California. 13 February 2003.

Reading / Signing. Esowan Books. Los Angeles, California. 13 February 2003.

Reading / Signing. San Francisco State University. San Francisco, California. 14 February 2003.

Reading / Signing. Marcus Books. Oakland, California. 14 February 2003.

Reading / Signing. Book Passage. Corte Madera, California. 15 February 2003.

Reading / Signing. A Clean Well-Lighted Place Bookstore. San Francisco, California. 15 February 2003.

Reading / Signing. Bookshop Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz, California. 16 February 2003.

Reading / Signing. Brownstone Books at the Billy Holiday Theater. Brooklyn, New York. 6 March 2003.

Reading/Signing. Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Christiansburg, VA. 19 April 2003

Reading/Signing. Joseph Beth Bookstore. Cincinnati, OH. 1 May 2003.

Reading/Signing. Marcus Book Stores. Oakland, CA. 9 May 2003.

Reading/Signing. First Step Home 10th Anniversary Reception. Cincinnati, OH. 30 May 2003.

Reading/Signing. Books-A-Million. Christiansburg, VA. 21 June 2003.

Reading/Signing. Serenity Book Club. The Avenue. Roanoke, VA 6 September 2003.

Reading/Signing. The Friends of Libraries U.S.A. Author Brunch. ALA Midwinter Meeting. San Diego, CA. 10 January 2004.

Reading/Signing. University Bookstore. Seattle, WA. 12 January 2004.

Reading/Signing. Powell's City of Books. Portland, OR. 13 January 2004

Reading/Signing. Truth Bookstore. Southfield, MI. 14 January 2004.

Reading/Signing.. Authors @ Main presented by the Detroit Public Library. Detroit, MI. 15 January 2004

Reading/Signing. Radford University. Radford, VA. 21 January 2004

Reading/Signing. Western Kentucky University. Bowling Green, KY. 4 February 2004

Reading/Signing. Book Beat Bookstore. Oak Park, MI. 20 March 2004.

Signing. Barnes and Noble 420 W. 47th Street Kansas City, MO. 13 Jan 2005.

Signing. MU Memorial Union-Scatter Lounge, Columbia, MO. 29 Jan. 2005.

Calendar Signing. Sears. Jackson, MS. 30 Jan. 2005.

Calendar Signing. Sears. Chicago, IL. 05 Feb. 2005.

Calendar Signing. Sears. Richmond, VA. 12 Feb. 2005.

Cody's Books. Berkeley, California. 21 Oct. 2005.

Hicklebees Books. San Jose, California. 22 Oct. 2005.

Book Passage. Corte Madera, California. 22 Oct. 2005.

Hue-Man Books. New York, New York. 2 Dec. 2005.

Books of Wonder. New York, New York. 3 Dec. 2005.

Women and Children First Bookstore. Chicago, Illinois. 9 Dec. 2005.

Private Book Party. Chicago, Illinois. 10 Dec. 2005.

Barnes & Noble. Harrisonburg, VA. 26 Feb. 2006

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Board Memberships:

Board Member, The Jackie Robinson Foundation, 1970-72

Board Member, ARCO 2000, 1980-82

Board Member, The Ohio Humanities Council, 1987-90

Board Member, The Appalachian Community Fund, 1991-92.

Board Member, The Volunteer Action Committee, 1991-92.

Board Member, The Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy,
1990-96.

Advisory Council Member, Christian Children's Fund, 1993-94.

Board Member, Ivorian-American Foundation, 1993-99.

National Advisory Board, The National Underground Museum and Freedom
Center, 1997-

Board of Trustees, Cabrini College, 2001-04.

Board of Directors. Mill Mountain Theatre. Roanoke, Virginia, 2001-

Member. Advisory Board. *Notable Black American Women*, Book III.

Honorary Anniversary Committee. Joan Miller's Dance Players 30th Anniversary Gala. Lehman College, City University of New York.

Member. Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation Panel. Individual Artist Fellowship Awards. Baltimore, Maryland. 12 December 2002.

Member. Multimedia Advisory Panel for The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. 2002-

Advisory Board Member for DC WritersCorps

Honorary Committee. Sphinx Organization, Detroit MI.

Member: Meadowbrook Public Library Fundraising Committee, 2004

Member: Edgar Daniel Nixon, Sr. Foundation, Inc. Montgomery, AL

Judge / Juror:

Juror. The Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Book Award, 1986-87; 2001-02.

Juror. Scholastic Writing Awards of 1997.

Judge. Black Women United For Action's Youth Literary Competition. 1996-99.

Judge. Baltimore County Public Schools Writing Contest. 1996-99.

Judge. Phillip D. Reed Memorial Award for Outstanding Writing on the Southern Environment. Sponsored by the Southern Environmental Law Center. 1997, 1998, 1999.

Judge. 1998 Heritage Celebration/Nikki Giovanni Youth Writers' Competition.

Judge. Nikki Giovanni Youth Writers' Award. Sponsored by Black Women United for Action, Inc.

Judge. Baltimore County Public Schools 2001 Writing Contest. Baltimore, Maryland. April 2001.

- Judge. Parkmont Poetry Festival. Washington, D. C. 5 May 2001.
- Judge. Southern Environmental Law Center 8th Annual Writing Contest. 2002.
- Judge. Poetry Slam. Vancouver, Washington. 9 February 2002.
- Judge. The Robert F. Kennedy Book Awards. April 2002.
- Judge. Phillip D. Reed Memorial Award for Outstanding Writing on the Southern Environment. Sponsored by the Southern Environmental Law Center. Charlottesville, Virginia. Spring 2003.
- Judge. Barefoot Books' "Someone I Like" Poetry Competition in the Massachusetts Public Schools. December, 2002.
- Judge. The Aretha Franklin/Nikki Giovanni Poetry Contest. Sponsored by QBR: The BlackBook Review and Sony Music/Legacy Records. 2003.
- Judge. Cargoes 2005. Hollins University. 2005.
- Judge. Southern Environmental Law Center Competition.

Catalog and Book Jacket Blurbs (Partial Listing):

- for Katherine Yancey De Lorraine, *Maddie*. 1st Books Library, 2002.
- for *For My People: The Life and Writing of Margaret Walker*. Produced and Directed by Judith McCray. California Newsreel's African American Perspectives Catalog, 2002.P. 17.
- for Shirlette Ammons. *Stumphole: Aunthology of Bakwoods Blood*. Chapel Hill, North Carolina: Big Drum Press, 2002.
- for Marcy Alexis. *Documental: Inside A Poetic Mind*. Ft. Lauderdale, Florida: Nappy Roots Publishing, 2002.
- for *Mending the Wall: Stories of Family by Contemporary Black Writers*, edited by Rosemarie Robotham. New York: Basic Civitas Books, 2002.
- for Yvonne Vera. *The Stone Virgins*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2002.
- for Cheryl. L. Keyes. *Rap Music and Street Consciousness*. Urbana & Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2002.
- for Regina Harris Baiocchi. *Indigo Sound*. Chicago: Susaami Books, 2003.

for Monica E. Smith. *Days of Fine Gray Ash*. Collierville, Tennessee: instantpublisher.com, 2002.

for L. Teresa Church. *Beyond the Water Dance*. Durham, North Carolina: np, 2002.

for Rachel Howzell Hall. *A Quiet Storm*. New York: Scribner Paperback Fiction, 2002.

for Claudia I. Henschke and Peggy McCarthy. *Lung Cancer: Myths, Facts, Choices—and Hope*. New York: W. W. Norton, 2002.

for Wanda L. Scott. *A Lifetime of Relationships Letters, Poems, and Words of Love*. Bowie: Urban Sunflower Enterprises, 2003.

for Shahari G. Moore. *Violets... A Collection of Inspirational Poems*. Chicago: More Press, 2004.

for Mumia Abu-Jamal. *We Want Freedom, A Life in the Black Panther Party*. Cambridge: South End Press, 2004.

Blurb. *From the Limbs of my Poettree*. Omekongo Dibinga. Boston: Free Your Mind, 2004.

for Tamara L. Brown, Gregory S. Parks, and Clarendia M. Phillips. *African American Fraternities and Sororities*. Lexington: The University Press of Kentucky, 2005.

Work With Schools (Recent):

Poetry Reading. Christiansburg High School. Christiansburg, Virginia. 28 September 2002.

Interactive Teleconference Poetry Workshop. With high school students from Portsmouth, Virginia. 2 October 2002.

Poetry Reading. Bronx elementary school which is alma mater to Alfred Knobler, an alumnus of Virginia Tech. 14 January 2003.

Organized and funded a Juke Joint evening—including dinner—for Harlem Renaissance class and open to all. Black Cultural Center. Virginia tech. 18 March 2003.

Interactive Teleconference with creative writing students at Maranacook Community High School in Readfield, Maine. 9 April 2003.

Guest Speaker. NEA's Teen Read Week. Glenvar High School. Salem, VA. 22 October 2003.

Lecture/Reading. Simpson High School. Evanston, IL. 10 June 2003.

Lecture/Reading. Juvenile Hall. San Francisco, CA. 8 May 2003.

Lecture/Reading. Franklin High School. Seattle, WA 12 January 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Madrona Middle School. Seattle, WA 12 January 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Benson High School. Portland, Oregon. 13 January 2004.

Lecture/Reading. Blacksburg High School. 04 May 2004.

Lecture. Blacksburg New School. 15 Oct. 2004

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE (Selected):

Department of English Personnel Committee, 1989-91.

Department of English Executive Committee, 1990-92.

Black History Month Committee (Chair), 1991.

Advisory Committee, The Black Cultural Center, 1991.

Recruitment Drive, University Admissions Office, 1991-92.

Breakfast Speaker, Black Student Weekend, 1991.

University Recruitment Film, 1991.

College of Arts & Sciences Recruitment Reception, Washington, D.C., 1991.

"Women and Leadership." For The Women's Leadership Coalition. 12 April 1993.

"Creative Unity." For the Women and Minorities in the Professions Program. 29 November 1993.

Poetry Reading. Black Studies Reception. 6 December 1993.

Lecture/Poetry Reading. Upward Bound. 13 December 1993.

Guest Speaker. Virginia Tech Women's Sports Banquet. 11 April 1994.

Guest Speaker. Black Cultural Center. 12 September 1994.

"Afro-American Literature." Lecture for Department of English, Introduction to Graduate Studies. 1 December 1994.

Guest Speaker. New River Alliance of Librarians. 28 September 1994.

Guest Speaker. Phi Beta Kappa Luncheon. 2 November 1994.

Panelist. NAACP Forum on Affirmative Action. 12 October 1995.

Lecture on Racism and Affirmative Action. Management 4334: Social Issues in Business and Business Ethics. Professor George Watson, instructor. 8 November 1995.

Panelist, "Writers and Their Communities." Lisa Norris' fiction writing class. Fall, 1996.

Advisory Committee, Black Studies Program, 1995-98.

Informal Lecture. Odyssey Club. CIS. 18 November 1997.

Reading With Jazz. Black Cultural Center. 25 January 1998.

Organizer and Sponsor. "The One-Woman Show of Val Gray-Ward." 9 February 1998.

Organizer and Sponsor. The Chittlin' Strut. 27 February 1998.

Advisory Committee, Black Studies

Lecture/Reading. Virginia Tech. Slusher Tower. 23 March 1998.

Staff Development Workshop: "*Caught Between a Metaphor and an Illusion.*" 8 April 1998.

Poetry Reading. Virginia Tech Alumni. Virginia Tech/UVA Northern Virginia Center. 18 June 1998.

Guest Speaker. *Wired Together: Making Connections*. University Libraries Staff Development Day. 14 August 1998.

Keynote Speaker. *Emerging Leaders Workshop*. 15 August 1998.

Lecture/Reading. First Year Experience Course for WING Students. 9 November 1998.

Poetry Reading. Virginia Tech Faculty Women's Club. 7 December 1998.

Lecture/Reading. Campus Presbyterian Student Fellowship. 21 March 1999.

Organizer. Special program, "Ruby Perkins Presents Moms Mabley." 13 April 1999.

Organizer. Second Annual Hush Harbor. 20 April 1999.

Reading. The Summer Student Transition Program. 29 July 1999.

Keynote Speaker. *Frances Engel Memorial Lecture*. Virginia Tech Faculty Women's Club. Mountain Lake, VA. 19 October 1999.

Workshop on *Sula*. Multicultural Programs Book Club. 4 November 1999.

Lecture/Reading. Virginia Tech Alumni Association. Williamsburg, Virginia. 9 November 1999.

Organizer. *The Virginia State University Choir in Concert*. Donaldson Brown Center, Blacksburg, VA. 11 November 1999.

Lecture/Reading. The Wesleyan Foundation. 5 December 1999.

Organizer. *Opportunity Harlem Renaissance Costume Ball*. Blacksburg, VA. 1 February 2000.

Reading. For Women's History Month. The Women's Center (sponsor). The Wesley Foundation. 21 March 2000.

Guest Speaker. Fourth Annual College of Arts and Sciences Staff Recognition Luncheon. Blacksburg, VA. 2 February 2000.

Organizer. "African American Sacred Music," a lecture by Dr. Joseph H. Brown. Virginia Tech. 12 September 2000.

Nikki Giovanni's Hush Harbor Choir. Virginia Tech. 30 August 2000.

Sponsor and Organizer. The Poetic Voice of the Harlem Renaissance: Val Gray Ward. Virginia Tech. 4 April 2000.

Sponsor and Organizer. The Fisk University Jubilee Singers. Virginia Tech. 10 February 2001.

Reading. The First Annual English Salon. Blacksburg, Virginia. 17 March 2001.

Poetry Reading. Holocaust Memorial, Multicultural Center. Virginia Tech. 9 April 2001.

Sponsor and Organizer. Guest lecture by Michael Cottman, author of *Spirit Dive*. 17 April 2001.

Member. Search Committee for Associate Director for Innovation and Business Processes.

Co-Sponsor. "A Place at the Table: Celebrating Southern Food, Literature, and Culture." 5 April 2001.

Tribute to Dr. Edward Tucker. English Department Commencement. 12 May 2001.

Participant. Summit on Student Athlete Success. 15 May 2001.

Participant. The Opening Convocation for Freshmen. 26 August 2001.

Keynote Dinner Speaker. English Department Alumni Reunion. 22 September 2001.

Mentor. Dr. Gorgui Deng. October 2001.

Sponsor. A Scholar's Breakfast with Paula Giddings. The Sheraton Four Points. Blacksburg, Virginia. 23 March 2002.

Sponsor. Between Friends, a choral group. For The Negro Spiritual as the American Metaphor class. 9 April 2002.

Co-Sponsor. Tayari Jones. Blacksburg, VA. 9 October 2003.

Co-Sponsor. Virginia Tech Celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education Decision. Blacksburg, VA. 30 January 2004.

Lecture/Reading. O__ Fireside Chat Series. Blacksburg, VA. 05 Apr. 2004.

Class Reading. Suzanne Reisinger's American Literature Class. VA Tech. 05 May 2004.

Taped Recording. Support for Virginia Tech Football Team at the Sugar Bowl. 04 Dec. 2004.

Keynote Speaker. Mid-Atlantic Conference on the Scholarship of Diversity. Virginia Tech, VA. 18 March 2005.

Keynote Speaker. Student Recognition Banquet. Blacksburg, VA. 16 Apr. 2005.

Keynote Address. Creative Writing Camp. 20 Jun. 2005.

Lecture/Reading. "A Morning with Nikki Giovanni." Huddle with the Hokies. Blacksburg, VA. 24 Sep. 2005.

Distinguished Professor Lecture. 6 Dec. 2005.

Videotaping for university ads, internet use.

Women's Month Poetry and Fiction Reading. 20 Mar. 2006.