

**Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham**  
**Victor S. Thomas Professor of History and of**  
**African and African American Studies**

**Education**

May 1984: Ph.D. Department of History, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

July 1977: Certificate in Quantitative Methodology in Social Science, the Newberry Library, Chicago, IL

March 1975: Certification in Archival Administration and Records Management, U.S. National Archives, Washington, DC

June 1974: M.A. U.S. History, Howard University, Washington, DC

June 1969: B.A. U.S. History, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

**Employment**

2006 to present: Chair, Department of African and African American Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

1998 to present: Professor of History and of Afro-American Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

1993 to 1998: Professor of Afro-American Studies (Arts & Sciences) and African American Religious History (Divinity School), Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

1993 to 2001: Principal Investigator and General Manager, *Harvard Guide to African-American History*

1994 to present: Principal Investigator and Project Coordinator, Black Religion Evaluation of the Lilly Endowment

1992 to 1993: Associate Professor of American History, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

1991 to 1992: Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Department of Religion, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

1986 to 1992: Assistant Professor of American History, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

1982 to 1986: Assistant Professor, Afro-American Studies Program, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

1980 to 1982: Instructor, Department of History, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

Fall 1980: Part-time faculty, Divinity School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

1979 to 1980: Part-time faculty, Department of History, Simmons College, Boston, MA

1974 to 1975: Manuscript Research Associate, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University, Washington, DC

1972 to 1974: American History and Social Studies Teacher, Woodrow Wilson High School, Public School System, Washington, DC

1969 to 1971: American History Teacher and Eighth-Grade Counselor, Francis Parkman Jr. High School, Public School System, Milwaukee, WI

### **Selected Publications**

Co-editor with Henry Louis Gates, Jr., *African American National Biography*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008

Co-editor with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. *African American Lives*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004

Co-editor with Darlene Clark Hine and Leon Litwack. *Harvard Guide to Afro-American History*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2001

Co-editor with Barbara Laslett, Ruth-Ellen B. Joeres, Mary Jo Maynes, and Jeanne Barker-Nunn. *History and Theory: Feminist Research, Debates, Contestations*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1997

"Rethinking Vernacular Culture: Black Religion and Race Records in the 1920s and 1930s," in Wahneema Lubiano, ed. *The House that Race Built: Black Americans. U.S. Terrain*. New York: Random House, 1997

"Clubwomen and Electoral Politics in the 1920s," in Ann D. Gordon, ed., *African American Women and the Vote, 1837-1965*. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1997

*Righteous Discontent: The Women's Movement in the Black Baptist Church : 1880-1920*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1993

\*\*Winner of book prizes: American Historical Association; American Academy of Religion; Association of Black Women Historians; and the Association for Research on Non-Profit Organizations and Voluntary Associations (ARNOVA)

"African-American Women's History and the Metalanguage of Race," in *Signs* 17 (Winter 1992)

\*\*Best Article Prize of the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, June 1993

"The Black Baptist Church: A Historical Perspective;" and "Nannie Helen Burroughs," entries in Darlene Clark Hine, ed., *Black Women in America: An Historical Encyclopedia*. Brooklyn: Carlson Publishing, Inc., 1993

"In Politics to Stay: Black Women Leaders and Party Politics During the 1920s" in Louise Tilly and Patricia Gurin, eds. *Women, Politics, and Change*. New York: Russell Sage, 1990

"Beyond the Sound of Silence: Black Women in History," *Gender and History* 1 (Spring 1989)

"The Problem of Race in Women's History," in Elizabeth Weed, ed. *Coming to Terms: Feminism, Theory, Politics*. New York: Routledge, 1989: 122-133.

"The Feminist Theology of the Black Baptist Church, 1880-1900," in Amy Swerdlow and Hanna Lessinger, eds. *Class, Race and Sex: The Dynamics of Control*. Boston: G. K. Hall & Co., 1983: 31-59

"Nannie H. Burroughs" and "Mary Church Terrell" --Biographical essays in Rayford W. Logan and Michael R. Winston, eds. *The Dictionary of American Negro Biography*. New York: W. W Norton, 1982

"Importance of Class Rising but Race Remains," review article of William J. Wilson, *The Declining Significance of Race*. In *These Times* 2 (June 21-July 4, 1978)

"Nannie Burroughs and the Education of Black Women," in Sharon Harley and Rosalyn Terborg-Penn, eds., *The Afro-American Woman: Struggles and Images*. Port Washington, NY: Kennikat Press, 1978: 97-108.

The Changing Family Portrait of Afro-American Slaves, *Radical History Review* (September 1977): 91-108.

### **Selected Conference Papers:**

"Race and the Challenge of Citizenship," lecture given in the series for the American Odyssey exhibition, Library of Congress, April 14, 1998

"Racial Constructions of Citizenship," a series of three lectures at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 18, 1998

The Black Church and Economic Development," lecture given to the Summer Leadership Institute at the Harvard Divinity School, June 16, 1998

"Body of Rights," presented at the conference, The Body Politic, sponsored by the African-American Studies Department, Duke University, November 11, 1996

"Women Creating Community: Black Women and Philanthropy," presented in two-part lecture at the Forum on Women in Philanthropy and the Center on Philanthropy, Indiana University-Indianapolis, March 6, 1996

"Remembering Plessy and the Racial Construction of Citizenship," presented in the Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series, Notre Dame, February 21-22, 1996

"Religion, Culture, and the Black Working Class"--presented as series of lectures as the Walter Rauschenbusch Lecturer at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, October 24-25, 1995

"Doubting the 'Authentic': Women's History and Conceptions of the Racial Self" --paper delivered at the American Historical Association, Chicago, January, 1995

"Rethinking Vernacular Culture: Black Religion and Race Records in the 1920s and 1930s" --paper presented at the "Race Matters" conference, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, April 1994

"Out of the Age of the Voice: The Black Church and Discourses of Modernity" -- paper presented at the conference, "The Black Public Sphere," sponsored by the Chicago Humanities Institute, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, October 1993

"Unlikely Sisterhood: Interracial Cooperation between Black and White Baptist Women during the Era of Jim Crow" -- paper presented at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Louisville, KY, April, 1991

"Re-visioning the Black Church" -- paper delivered at the conference, "Behind the Veil: African American Life in the Jim Crow South, sponsored by the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University, Durham, NC, March 1991

"Afro-American History: The Woman Question" -- paper presented at the conference, "Sites of Colonialism," sponsored by the Center for Black Literature and Culture, Philadelphia, PA, March 1990

"The Tie that Binds: Historical Perspectives on Black and White Women's Religious Activities at the Turn of the Century" -- paper presented before the annual meeting of the American Baptist Historical Society, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, NY, October 1989

"Difference: Constructing Race and Sexuality" -- paper presented at conference "Women's History and Public Policy," sponsored by Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY, June 1989

"Race, Gender, and the Meaning of Citizenship" -- paper presented at conference on "Stability and Change in the American Constitutional System," held at the University of the West Indies, Bridgetown, Barbados, November 1987

"Clubwomen and Electoral Politics" -- paper delivered at the conference, "Afro-American Women and the Vote," sponsored by the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, November 1987

"Historical Perspectives on Race and Citizenship" -- paper delivered for lecture series, "The Many Voices of America: A Bicentennial Celebration of Our Constitution," sponsored by Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, April 1987

### **Fellowships, Honors, Awards:**

2008:

\*\*Carter G. Woodson Scholar Medallion from the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), October, 2008

\*\*Legend Award from the National Urban League, August, 2008

2000: Growing Great Women, YWCA, Boston, Academy of Woman Achievers, Class of 2000

1994: Distinguished Rochester Scholar, award presented by the University of Rochester at the Commencement exercises of its Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

1993-1994:

\*\*Book prize of the Association for Research on Non-Profit Organizations and Voluntary Associations (ARNOVA), October 1994

\*\*Joan Kelly Memorial Prize in Women's History of the American Historical Association, January 1994

\*\*Award for Excellence of the American Academy of Religion, November 1993

\*\*Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Award of the Association of Black Women Historians, October 1993

1993: Winner of article prize: Berkshire Conference of Women Historians

1993-1994: Fellowship, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, NC

1988-1989: Lilly Faculty Fellowship for Developing New Course, "American History Firsthand"

1987-1988: Recipient of Ford Foundation Fellowship for Minorities, National Research Council

Summer 1986: Recipient of NEH Summer Institute on Afro-American Religious History, Princeton, University, Princeton, NJ

1985-1986: Recipient of the J. Franklin Jameson Fellowship from the American Historical Association and the Library of Congress

### **Professional Boards and Committees**

Review Panel, *National History Standards*--review completed under the auspices of the Council on Basic Education, 1995

Co-chair of Program Committee, Berkshire Conference on Women's History, 1996 Conference

National Council, American Studies Association, 1994-1996

Nominating Board, Organization of American Historians, 1993-1995

Program Committee, American Historical Association, 1993

Program Committee, Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, 1993

Program Committee, Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, 1990

Program Committee, Organization of American Historians, 1988

Committee on the Status of Women, Southern Historical Association, 1988-1989

### **References:**

Upon Request