

HEALING TRADITIONS IN BLACK WOMEN'S INTELLECTUAL HISTORY

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TALK OUTLINE

**Black women's ideas
Can help solve global problems
At least, they solved mine**

~ Stephanie Y. Evans (2010)

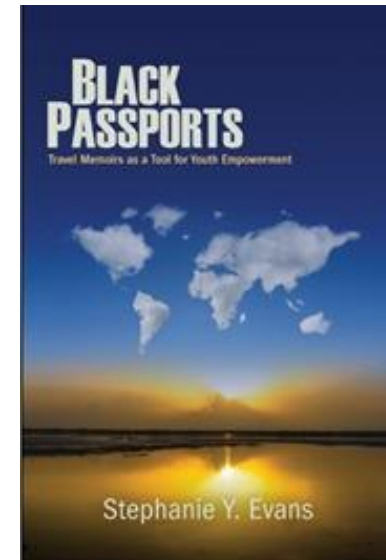
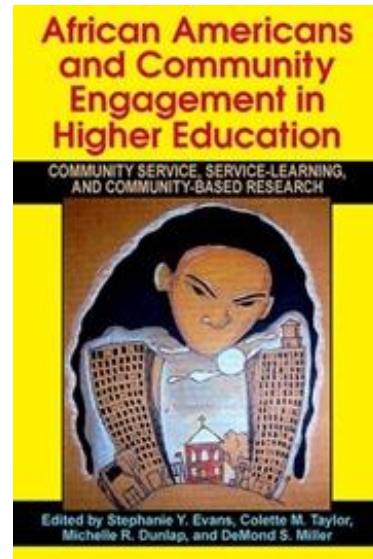
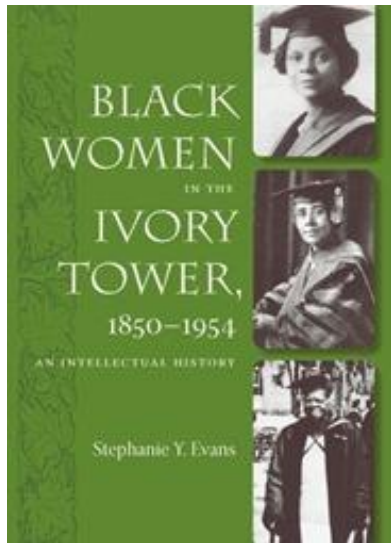
- ◉ Black Women's Intellectual History
 - "Living Legacies" - If you want to know, just ASCM
- ◉ Social, economic, political work
 - BWIT, AACE, Passports, Inner Lions
- ◉ Mental, physical, and spiritual work
 - My narrative, Purple Pens workshops, youthSparks anthology

BLACK WOMEN'S IDEAS

Dissertation: **Living Legacies:
Four Black Women's Educational Philosophies**

- ◉ **Fanny Jackson Coppin:** active voice
- ◉ **Anna Julia Cooper:** service for social justice
- ◉ **Mary McLeod Bethune:** translate thought into action
- ◉ **Septima Clark:** engaged problem solving

CAN HELP SOLVE GLOBAL PROBLEMS



AT LEAST, THEY SOLVED MINE

Revolutionary Petunia

The Nature of This Flower Is to Bloom.

Rebellious. Living.

Against the Elemental Crush.

A Song of Color

Blooming

For Deserving Eyes.

Blooming Gloriously

For its Self.

~ Alice Walker (1973)

Harmony of Forces

Balance

Reflection

Energy

Association

Transparency

Healing

Empowerment

~ Bell-Thomas/Evans

54 REVOLUTIONARY PETUNIAS

◎ Memoirists

- Sesheta.net database ~ “peace” 10 times
 - THEMES: Silence, Humanization, Choice

◎ Poets

- At least 20 references in the Library of Congress
 - THEMES: Memory, Prevail, Conviction

◎ Lyricists

- At least 10 Grammy nominations
 - THEMES: Skin Color, Bitterness, Time (Now)

5 SOUTHERN BLACK WOMEN POETS



Margaret Walker



Maya Angelou



Sonia Sanchez

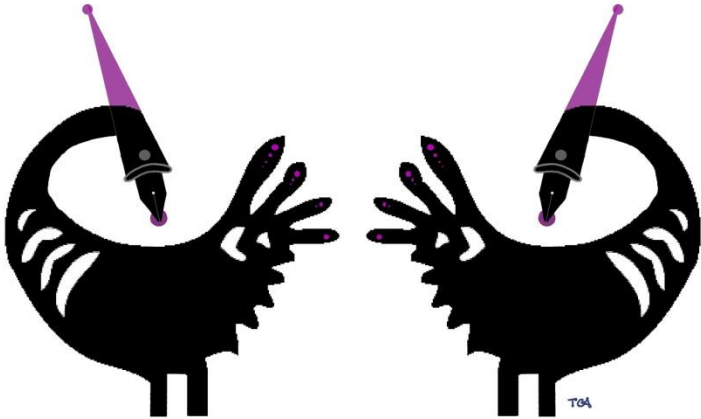


Alice Walker



Nikki Giovanni

APPLIED BLACK WOMEN'S INTELLECTUAL HISTORY



IGNITE JUSTICE. INSPIRE CHANGE.
We are here to stand with our children. To fight for transformation. To kindle hope.
To change laws. It only takes a spark to ignite something big.

THE ART & SCIENCE OF JOY

MY ENERGY BENDS TOWARD JOY

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Misery is not my inheritance
Every being has a right to grow
So I bend my energy

Toward joy

Breathing peace in all things
Work, justice, survival, play and serious fun
Moving life backward, inward, forward

Toward joy

Ancestors hear my living plea
Help me shape these words for them
Who be, know, do struggle

Toward joy

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