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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Byron, Gay L.
Title:	Gay L. Byron papers
ID:	17385181
Date [inclusive]:	circa 1986 -- 2023
Physical Description:	13 linear feet 13 linear feet; 13 boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains the papers of Gay Byron, including coursework, teaching materials, conference materials, committee work, research files, correspondence, grant materials, manuscript drafts, and other materials. Included in subject and author and colleague files is correspondence; material related to Byron's PhD dissertation and research, including articles, essays, and source materials; and materials related to Byron's teaching at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School.

Preferred Citation

Item description, AWTB: Gay L. Byron papers, box #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Gay Lynne Byron was born on May 27th, 1961 in Tampa, Florida to Ganius and Betty (Green) Byron. Byron graduated from Florida State University in Tallahassee in 1983 with a B.S. in Accounting, and then from the School of Finance at Clark Atlanta University (formerly Atlanta University) in 1986 with an M.B.A. in Finance. In 1987 Byron joined the Ford Motor Company in Detroit, MI, where she was exposed to the ministry of Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Sampson II at the Historic Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, and subsequently accepted a call to ministry and enrolled at Union Theological Seminary in 1989. Under the mentorship of Dr. Vincent Wimbush and others, Byron graduated with a M.Div., M.Phil., and Ph.D. in Divinity

in 1999. Dr. Byron then joined the faculty of the Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, where she served as Chair of the Baptist Missionary Training School, a Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins, and as Dean of the Black Church Studies Program. In 2012, Dr. Byron became the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at the Howard University School of Divinity, and from 2015-2018, she served as Principal Investigator on a Lilly Endowment grant dealing with the Economic Challenges Facing Future Ministers (ECFFM). Byron's teaching and scholarship focused on liberation and womanist interpretations of the Bible, the Pauline epistles, race and ethnicity in the Bible, and Christianity in ancient Ethiopia. Dr. Byron was at work on a monograph, "Hidden in Plain Sight: Ethiopic Manuscripts and Early Christianity," a project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Her research built upon earlier publications, including *Symbolic Blackness and Ethnic Difference in Early Christian Literature* (Routledge Publishing), and as co-editor of *Womanist Interpretations of the Bible: Expanding the Discourse* (Society of Biblical Literature Press), and most recently, as co-editor of *Black Scholars Matter: Visions, Struggles, and Hopes in Africana Biblical Studies* (Society of Biblical Literature Press). Byron was an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and lectured widely throughout the country on topics including race and ethnicity in the Bible, African American and womanist hermeneutics, Ethiopic manuscripts, and early Christianity. Gay Byron died on December 6, 2023.

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This collection is open for research.

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This collection is located offsite. Please note that requests for use of boxes held in offsite storage must be made three business days in advance.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated by Gay L. Byron, accession AWTS-2023-011.

Processing Information

Materials were minimally processed: sensitive material was weeded, and original order, boxes, and numbering were maintained when possible. The finding aid, including a box-level inventory and series-level description, was created by Leah Edelman in 2024.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Women theologians

- New Testament scholars
- Byron, Gay L. -- : Archives

Burke Library record group:

Archives of Women in Theological Scholarship (AWTS)

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Title/Description	Instances
Subject files A-E, circa 1992 -- 2012	box 1
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Dissertation proposal and drafts; binders and files, circa 1992 -- 1999 box 6

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Dissertation binder; PhD courses, exams, and files, circa 1992 -- 1999 box 7

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Includes Admin-HUSD: Lilly Endowment Funding ECFFM (Economic Challenges Facing Future Ministers); PhD Program in Africana Religious Studies

Coursework, course files, conferences, and other files, circa 1986 -- 2023 box 13

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Includes field exam #5 binder; Vocational opportunities at end of PhD program; conferences attended 1991-2001; North American Black theologians and South African Black theologians in dialogue; courses taught and lectures delivered while at Union, including Greek and Hebrew courses offered at Huger Theological Institute in Harlem

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