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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
<b>Creator:</b>	Townes, Emilie Maureen, 1955-
<b>Title:</b>	Emilie M. Townes papers
<b>ID:</b>	5907200
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1960 -- 2024
<b>Physical Description:</b>	36.75 linear feet 36.75 linear feet; 65 boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	Emilie M. Townes is a womanist ethicist and an author and speaker on African American women and the church, specializing in themes such as the oppressive forces of race, sex, and sexuality in the church and society. She has held appointments at the Vanderbilt University Divinity School, the Yale Divinity School, and Union Theological Seminary. The collection contains addresses and sermons, publications, correspondence, coursework and teaching material, memorabilia, and other related materials that reflect her life, work, and thought as a womanist theologian.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

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Emilie Maureen Townes was born on August 1, 1955 in Durham, North Carolina. She was raised in a strong tradition of church on Sunday, first at United Methodist, and then in the Baptist tradition. She obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Chicago and recognized her call to ordained ministry in the American Baptist Church, while working at her field education site at Hyde Park Union Church in Chicago, and as a Doctor of Ministry degree student at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Emilie was ordained as a

Baptist minister on June 22, 1980. She graduated with a D.Min degree from the University of Chicago in 1982. Emilie also taught as an Adjunct professor at Chicago Theological Seminary and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. From 1983 to 1987 Townes was Adjunct Professor of Ethics and Society, involved in Field Education and also with administration in the Office of Ministry Programs at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. She was Interim pastoral leader of Christ the Redeemer Metropolitan Community Church from 1986-1989 during her doctoral studies in the joint Garrett Evangelical Seminary/Northwestern University program. She earned her Ph.D. there in 1989. Her Doctoral dissertation was based on the work of Ida B. Wells-Barnett, the turn of the century activist in anti-lynching campaigns and co-founder of the NAACP. Townes taught at Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, MO, 1989-1999, and was named full Professor of Christian Social Ethics in 1998. She joined the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in 1999 as the Carolyn Williams Beard Professor of Christian Ethics. She then held an appointment as the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of African-American Religion and Theology at Yale Divinity School, and as of 2013, is the Dean of Vanderbilt Divinity School and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of Womanist Ethics and Society.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Townes speaks regularly at conferences and churches and is involved in numerous professional associations, including as president of the Society for the Study of Black Religion and the Society of Christian Ethics, 2012-2016. She served as the first African American woman elected to be president of the American Academy of Religion in 2008. She received a Doctorate of Human Letters from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and also Honorary doctorates from Washington and Jefferson College and Franklin College. Townes' primary focus, in both speaking and writing, is the African American woman in the church, and the oppressive forces of race, sex, and sexuality in the church and in society.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection contains addresses and sermons, publications, correspondence, coursework and teaching material, memorabilia, and other related materials that reflect the life, work, and thought of Emilie Townes as a womanist theologian.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in 9 series: 1. Correspondence; 2. Education and biographical; 3. Courses and career; 4. Sermons; 5. Lectures; 6. Professional organizations; 7. Writings; 8. General; and 9. Accessions.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

PDF converted to EAD and description updated by Leah Edelman. 2021-07-12

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection contains some restricted material. Restrictions related to specific material are listed in the detailed contents list.

Onsite storage.

### Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact [burkespecial@library.columbia.edu](mailto:burkespecial@library.columbia.edu) for more information.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Townes donated her papers in March 2005, with additions in 2006, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, and 2024. Accession AWTS-2025-001 was added to the collection in 2024.

## Processing Information

An attempt was made to maintain original order of this collection. Limited adjustments of order have been made for clarity when adding additions which needed to be interpolated into the collection. Material on discs in Series 3 was printed out. Folded materials were flattened. Newspaper clippings were photocopied on acid free paper. Staples, rubber bands, and metal clips were removed. All materials were placed in acid-free folders and boxes. The finding aid was created by Patricia E. LaRosa in 2006, revised with additions by Ruth Tonkiss Cameron in 2006, revised with additions by Andrew Sweet and Rebecca Nieto in 2016, and edited with additions by Leah Edelman in 2022.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Womanist theology -- History -- Sources
- Theologians
- College teachers
- Townes, Emilie Maureen, 1955- -- : Archives
- Union Theological Seminary (New York, N.Y.) -- : Archives -- : Faculty

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## Burke Library record group:

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Archives of Women in Theological Scholarship (AWTS)

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series 1: Correspondence, 1989 -- 2015

Physical Description: 1 linear feet 1 linear foot; 3 boxes

Conditions Governing Access:

**Conditions Governing Access**

This series is open for research.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged roughly chronologically.

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains correspondence files, including correspondence with publishers and professional organizations, and relating to speaking engagements or requests for writing or reviewing written material.

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence, 1998	box Series 1 Box 1	folder 1
Correspondence, 1999	box Series 1 Box 1	folder 2-3
Correspondence, 2000	box Series 1 Box 1	folder 4-5
Correspondence, 2001	box Series 1 Box 1	folder 6-7
Correspondence, 2002	box Series 1 Box 2	folder 1-2
Correspondence, 2003	box Series 1 Box 2	folder 3-4
Correspondence, 2004	box Series 1 Box 2	folder 5
Correspondence, 1989 -- 2015	box RC11	

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**Series 2: Education and biographical, circa 1971 -- 2013**

Physical Description: 2 linear feet 2.25 linear feet; 5 boxes

Conditions Governing Access:

**Conditions Governing Access**

This series is open for research.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged roughly by format.

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains graduate school papers, notes, and examination essays in the fields of feminist theology, Christian social teaching, Christian social ethics, and 19th Century American religious history;

correspondence between Townes and her professors; PhD graduation and ordination correspondence and materials; as well as poems written in the early 1970's and a book of Townes genealogy.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Typed notes from books, circa 1993	box Series 2 Box 1	folder 1-3
Research articles, circa 1971 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 1	folder 4
Bibliography of sources consulted, circa 1971 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 1	folder 5
Walker, E. Rivers, Thesis-Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Loyola University, 1941, circa 1971 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 1	folder 6
National Association of Colored Women-Historical Records, circa 1971 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 1	folder 7
History of Club Movement Among Colored Women of USA, 1902, circa 1971 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 1	folder 8
1893 and 1965 World Fair articles, circa 1971 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 1	folder 9
Lynching articles, circa 1971 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 1	folder 10
Lynching and Rape: Exchange of Views, J. Addams and I. B. Wells, Ed., B. Aptheker, 1977, circa 1971 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 1	folder 11
Black Church and Feminism-Winter Lectures; Some Flowers from the Garden, 1984 -- 1986	box Series 2 Box 1	folder 12
History of Christian Social Teaching, 1985	box Series 2 Box 1	folder 13
I. B. Wells-6 color photos of locations linked to Wells, circa 1971 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 1	folder 14
Reconciliation-Women, Race, Class notes, 1985	box Series 2 Box 2	folder 1
Wooden-Luther, Beatrice Womanist Strategies, MTS thesis, GETS, 1994	box Series 2 Box 2	folder 2
19th C American Social History Research: notes and papers, circa 1971 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 2	folder 3-4
19th C American Social History Research: Afro-American Women and Public Sector Work, 1890-1919, notes, circa 1971 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 2	folder 5
19th C American Social History Research: Methodology Essay, Application Essay and Research notes, circa 1971 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 2	folder 6
19th C American Social History Research: Qualifying examination questions notes and papers; Historiography independent study paper, 1986 -- 1987	box Series 2 Box 2	folder 7



19th C American Religious History: How the Slaves Worshipped paper, circa 1971 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 2	folder 8
19th C American Religious History: Because She Fought for Justice: I. B. Wells-Barnett- Temperance and Lynching paper, circa 1971 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 2	folder 9
19th C American Religious History: Examinations, reading lists, notes on Slave Insurrection in the South, circa 1971 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 2	folder 10-13
19th C American Religious History: research notes, circa 1971 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 2	folder 11-12
19th C American Religious History: exam questions, reading lists, notes, circa 1971 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 2	folder 13
Feminist Theology: reading list, notes, circa 1985 -- 1987	box Series 2 Box 3	folder 1
Feminist Theology: Toward a Theology of Suffering from Black Feminist Perspective, 1986	box Series 2 Box 3	folder 2
Feminist Theology: papers, notes, questions, 1986	box Series 2 Box 3	folder 3-4
Feminist Theology: Black Women's Experience and Nature of Sin, 1985	box Series 2 Box 3	folder 5
Christian Social Ethics: Just War notes, papers, 1987	box Series 2 Box 3	folder 6
Christian Social Ethics: Luther, Niebuhr, 1986	box Series 2 Box 3	folder 7
Christian Social Ethics: Calvin, Wesley, 1986	box Series 2 Box 3	folder 8
Christian Social Ethics: research notes, circa 1985 -- 1987	box Series 2 Box 3	folder 9
Christian Social Ethics: Ph.D. qualifying exams, 1987	box Series 2 Box 3	folder 10
Christian Social Ethics: academic work on floppy disks, circa 1985 -- 1987	box Series 2 Box 3	folder 11
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Disc 430-Papers: NU and GETS, 1986-1987 Disc 431- Wells-Barnett Research Disc 432-Dissertation Disc 433- Doctor of Ministry		
Towneses across America, Ottsville, PA- Mary Whitney, Inc, 1986	box Series 2 Box 4	folder 1
High school poems, 1971 -- 1974	box Series 2 Box 4	folder 2
High school poems and writings, 1973 -- 1979		

	box Series 2 Box 4	folder 3
GETS Ph.D commencement brochures, 1989	box Series 2 Box 4	folder 4
Ordination-Chicago Baptist Association, 1980	box Series 2 Box 4	folder 5-6
Ceremonies honoring Mary Townes, 1987 -- 1996	box Series 2 Box 4	folder 7
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
N. Carolina Central University Mary Townes Lecture Series, 1996 North Carolina Central University Honorary Degree, 1995 Governor's Award for Excellence, 1993 YWCA Women of Achievement, 1987		
Mitchell McLean [Family] Funeral, 1991	box Series 2 Box 4	folder 8
Educational and biographical, 1979 -- 2013	box RC9	

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### Series 3: Courses and career, 1988 -- 2015

Physical Description: 3.75 linear feet 3.75 linear feet; 7 boxes

Conditions Governing Access:

#### Conditions Governing Access

This series contains some restricted material. Restrictions related to specific material are listed in the detailed contents list.

#### Arrangement

This series is arranged roughly chronologically.

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains print outs of course materials stored on computer discs from courses taught at Saint Paul School of Theology and Union Theological Seminary, as well as student records, and lectures and correspondence resulting from the interview process for positions at divinity schools.

Title/Description	Instances	
Social Thought and Moral Community, 1991	box Series 3 Box 1	folder 1-6
Black Church and Feminism, 1992 -- 1998	box Series 3 Box 1	folder 7-16
Ministry-Self, Society and Church, 1992	box Series 3 Box 1	folder 17-21
Ministry-Self, Society and Church-Lectures 1-5, 1996		

	box Series 3 Box 1	folder 22-25
Voices of Protest - Songs of Hope, 1996	box Series 3 Box 2	folder 1-5
Readings in African American Church-Lectures 1-8, 1993	box Series 3 Box 2	folder 6-8
African American Critical Religious Thought,, 1996 -- 1999	box Series 3 Box 2	folder 9-13
Diakonia-Social Thought and Moral Community in Church, 1993 -- 1995	box Series 3 Box 2	folder 14-21
Reconciliation-Race, Gender and Class, 1994 -- 1997	box Series 3 Box 3	folder 1-4
Didache- Issues of Authority in the Church, 1994 -- 1999	box Series 3 Box 3	folder 5-8
Christian Ethics and Moral Values, 1995 -- 1998	box Series 3 Box 3	folder 9-15
Feminist and Womanist Ethics, 1995	box Series 3 Box 3	folder 16-18
What's in a Text? Formative texts in Christian Ethics, 1996	box Series 3 Box 3	folder 19
Diakonia - Social Thought and Moral Community in the Church, 1996	box Series 3 Box 3	folder 20-25
Church as Caring and Reconciling Community, 1997	box Series 3 Box 4	folder 1-4
Voices of Protest-Songs of Hope, 1998	box Series 3 Box 4	folder 5-8
Interview: Associate Professor, St. Paul School of Theology, "An Immediate Response Will Not Do", 1988	box Series 3 Box 4	folder 9
Interview: Assoc. Professor of Christian Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, "Comprehending Absurd Metaphors and Transforming Fragmented Communities", 1998	box Series 3 Box 4	folder 10
Interview: Martin Luther King Jr. Professor of Social Ethics, Boston Univ. School of Theology, "Searching for Paradise in a World of Theme Parks", 1998	box Series 3 Box 4	folder 11
Interview: Professor of African-American Religious Studies, Harvard Divinity School, "Aunt Jemima as Counter-Memory" and "6 Drafts-Moral Considerations of Identity and Commodity or, Who Stole My Flapjacks?", 2002	box Series 3 Box 4	folder 12-13
Interview: Women's Study in Religion Program, Harvard Divinity School, 2001 -- 2002	box Series 3 Box 4	folder 14
Interview: Professor of African American Studies in Religion and Theology, Yale Divinity School, "Aunt Jemima as	box Series 3 Box 4	folder 15-17

Counter Memory-Ethical Reflections on Identity as Property  
or Who Stole My Flapjacks?", 2005

Student records, 1992 -- 1999 box Series 3  
Box 5

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**Conditions Governing Access**

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Student records and floppy disks 460-474, 1995 -- 1998 box Series 3  
Box 6

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**Conditions Governing Access**

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Courses and career , 1992 -- 2015 box RC5

Conditions Governing Access:  
**Conditions Governing Access**

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### Series 4: Sermons, 1979 -- 2015

Physical Description: 3 linear feet 3 linear feet; 7 boxes

Conditions Governing Access:  
**Conditions Governing Access**

This series is open for research.

#### Arrangement

This series is arranged by Bible reference: book, chapter and verse. Some chapter/verse sections have several sermons, and these are indicated by differing sermon titles. Groups of sermons added to the collection at later dates are arranged by the year in which they were presented.

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains sermons by Townes, some with annotations.

Title/Description	Instances
Children's Sermon-Annotated, 1979-04-22	box Series 4 folder 1 Box 1
Jer 23.1-6, Rev. 1.4-8: Alphabet of Grace, 1985 -- 1987	box Series 4 folder 2 Box 1

Rev 21.1-6a: Beginning and End, circa 1980 -- 1989

	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 3
1 John 3.1-7: All Who Hope, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 4
1 John 3.18-24: Confidence in God, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 5
1 Peter 2.1-10: Living Stone, or Revive Us Again, Notes, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 6
Heb 2:9-18: Those Who Are Tempted, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 7
Heb 12:1-2, 12-17: So Great a Cloud, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 8
Heb 12.18-29: Unshakable Realm, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 9
Deut 8.2-10, 1 Thes 5.1-8: Children of Light, Children of Day, 1984-11-21	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 10
Col. 1.1-14: Unknown Horizons, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 11
Zeph 3.14-20; Phil. 4.4-9: Rejoice, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 12
Phil 3.12-21: The Short Hairs of Life, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 13
Eph 2.2-10: Divine Intention in the Act of Redemption, 1985-03-17	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 14
Eph 3.14-21: Comprehending with the Saints, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 15
Eph 5.15-20: Always and for Everything, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 16
Pentecost Order of Service, 1985	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 17
Gal 3.23-29: We Are All One, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 18
2 Cor 3.12-4.2: From Mountaintop to Mission, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 19
2 Cor 4.1-12: Women United for Christian Growth, Zion Baptist Church Women's Day, 1989-05-28	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 20
Matt 4.1-11: Believing Strongly, Acting Strongly, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 21
Matt 4.12-23: We Are Each Other's Harvest, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 22
Matt 5.13-16: Fasting with Salt, circa 1980 -- 1989		

	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 23
Matt 5.13-16: Light and Salt, 1984-05-13	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 24
Matt 6.24-34: Anxious Days, Restless Nights, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 25
Matt 7.15-19: On Nothing Less -Annotated, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 26
Matt 9.35-10.8: When we are sent out, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 27
Matt 10.16: Creativity; MLK, Jr, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 28
Matt 10.16-33: Nothing to Fear, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 29
Matt 10.16-33: The Big Blue Marble-Annotated, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 30
Matt 14.22-33: When the Ghost Comes to Visit Your House, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 31
Matt 20.1-16: Things That Are Last, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 32
Matt 26.1-27, 66: Sustaining the Spirit, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 33
Matt 28: 1-10: It is Never Finished, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 34
Mark 2.23-3.6: What Comes First?, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 35
Mark 4.26-34: From Small Beginnings, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 36
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Mark 8.27-38: Rebuking Jesus, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 39
Mark 9.2-9: Faithful Witnesses-Annotated, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 40
Mark 9.38-50: Radical Religion, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 41
Mark 10:35-45: Wanting it All, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 42
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	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 43
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Mark 13.24-33: But My Words, 1985-11-14	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 45
Mark 13.34-37: Coming, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 46
Mark 16.15: Go into All the World-Annotated, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 47
Luke 1.26-38: The Surprise We Expect, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 48
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Luke 3.1-6/Malachi 3.1-4: Coming - Annotated, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 50
Luke 3. 7-18: Waters Shall Not Overwhelm, Nor Flames Consume, 1988 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 51
Luke 3.15-17, 21-22: Unquenchable Fire, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 52
Luke 4.14-21: And I Won't Endure It-Service Booklet, 1986	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 53
Luke 4.14-21: Acceptable Year, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 54
Luke 4.21-32; Jer. 1.4-10: Do Not Say, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 55
Luke 10.38-42: Good Portion, 1980	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 56
Luke 17.5-10: Increasing Our Faith,, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 57
Luke 18.9-14: Weighing in on the Wrong Scales, 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 58
Luke 19.1-10: Climbing Sycamore Trees, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 59
Luke 19.28-40: The Stones Will Cry Out, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 60
Luke 22.1-23: The Banquet, 1994-05-01	box Series 4 Box 1	folder 61
John 1.1-18: Singing God's New Song, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 1
John 6.24-35: Bread of Life, circa 1980 -- 1989		

	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 2
John 6.35, 41-51: Grace and Grumbling, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 3
John 8.2-11: Stones of Remembrance, 1989-04-09	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 4
John 8.31-47: If Not Us, Who? If Not Now, When?, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 5
John 9.1-41: Light for Vision, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 6
John 10.1-10: Another One of Those Parables, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 7
John 11.47-53: Let One Man Die, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 8
John 14.23-29: Potency of Peace, 1986	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 9
John 15.9-17: Victory That Truly Wins Annotated, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 10
John 17.20-26: A Hope Based on Love, 1986	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 11
John 20.1-18: Triumph, 1990-04-15	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 12
John 20.1-18: Weep No More, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 13
John 20.19-31: To Touch, To Believe, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 14
Acts 1.1-11: Don't Gaze Too Long Annotated, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 15
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Rom 13.1-10: Terror to Good Conduct, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 24
Rom 13.1-10: There in the Midst Of Us, 1990	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 25
Rom 14.5-12: High Esteem, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 26
1 Cor 1.22-25: A Stumbling Block and a Folly, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 27
1 Cor 2.6-13: The Spirit Gives, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 28
1 Cor 9.16-23: Hard Service, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 29
1 Cor 12.1-11: Like a Ripple on a Pond, 1986	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 30
1 Cor 12.1-11: Creativity, 1986	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 31
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2 Cor 4.5-12: These Earthen Vessels, 1985	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 33
2 Cor 5.16-21: Putting on Glad Rags, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 34
2 Cor 13.5-14: Have We Failed the Test, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 35
Gen 2.18-24: A Touchy Subject, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 36
Gen 17.1-10, 15-19: Believing against Hope, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 37
Ex 17.1-7: Among Us or Not?, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 38
Num 11.1-15, 31-34: Craving, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 39
Joshua 4.1-7: Freedom, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 40
Sam 3.1-10: When God Says YO!, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 41
2 Sam 7.1-17: A Rock Steady Love, circa 1980 -- 1989		

	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 42
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1 Kings 19.1-8: Surprised by Grace, 1986	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 44
2 Kings 5.1-15: Washing in the Waters of Israel, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 45
Ruth 1.1-19a: Loving to the Death, circa 1980 -- 1989	box Series 4 Box 2	folder 46
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Physical Description: 4 linear feet 4 linear feet; 4 boxes

Conditions Governing Access:

**Conditions Governing Access**

This series is open for research.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged by professional organization.

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains materials related to Townes' regular attendance at conferences of various professional organizations, and includes lectures, reviews, correspondence, and leadership materials from the Society for Christian Ethics, the Society for the Study of Black Religion, the Association of Theological Schools, and the American Academy of Religion. Also included are papers presented by Townes, and addresses and papers (listed with title and author) by other participants when Townes was part of a panel, or responded to papers presented.

**Title/Description**

**Instances**

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**Scope and Contents**

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Status of Women in the Profession; Consultation for  
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box RC2

**Scope and Contents**

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**Scope and Contents**

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2015; SSBR Philadelphia, PA-Photographs 1993; SSBR Atlanta, GA, 1994; SSBR Atlanta, GA, 1995; SSBR Kingston, Jamaica, 1996; SSBR Dayton, OH, 1997-SSSR Newsletter v.6, Dec 1996; SSBR 31st Annual [Meeting], Philadelphia, PA, 2001; SSBR St Paul, MN, 2003; SSBR Louisville, KY, 2005; Society for the Study of Black Religion 2006; Society for the Study of Black Religion 2007; Society for the Study of Black Religion 2010; Society for the Study of Black Religion 2014; Society for the Study of Black Religion 2015; SCE 26th Annual, 1985; SCE 30th Annual, 1989; SCE 31st Annual, 1990; SCE 32nd Annual, 1991; SCE 33rd Annual, 1992- Convener of Womanist and Feminist Ethics Session; SCE 34th Annual, 1993; SCE 35th Annual, 1994; SCE 36th Annual, 1995; SCE Correspondence with Editors of Annual, 1995-1996; SCE 37th Annual, 1996; SCE 38th Annual, 1997; SCE 39th Annual, 1998; SCE 40th Annual, 1999-Symposium Honoring Beverly Harrison; SCE 41st Annual, 2000; SCE 42nd Annual, 2001

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### Conditions Governing Access

This series contains some restricted material. Restrictions related to specific material are listed in the detailed contents list.

### Arrangement

This series is arranged roughly chronologically by publication date.

### Scope and Contents

This series contains drafts, manuscript notes, and final copies of published articles written by Townes, as well as chapters for books, and essays for dictionary and encyclopedia entries. Also included is correspondence with magazine editors and/or publishers.

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Physical Description: 6 linear feet 6 linear feet; 11 boxes

Conditions Governing Access:

### Conditions Governing Access

This series is open for research.

### Arrangement

This series is arranged by format and then roughly chronologically.

### Scope and Contents

This series contains the writing, Bible study work (including weekly Sunday service programs), and memorabilia of Emilie's father, Dr. Ross E. Townes (1914 – 1990), as well as general information relating to the Methodist church and Emilie Townes' yearly planning calendars from 1988 through 2004. This series also contains plaques, awards, AV material, posters, and photographs.

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Rev Townes Women's Day, 1991-05-19	box RC10	

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A93 Theme: Appropriation and Reciprocity in Womanist/ Mujerista/Feminist Work, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Kansas City MO, 1991-11-23 -- 1991-11-26	box RC10
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Second Baptist Church Tape Ministry, "The Alphabet of Grace", 1993-04-19	box RC10
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A109 Women and Religion Section and Womanist Approaches to Relig and Society Grp Speaking to the Expansiveness of Womanist Discourse, AAR Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA, 1997-11-22 -- 1997-11-25	box RC10
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Faculty Forum: "Choice is Not a Luxury", 1998-05-07	box RC10
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Saint Paul School of Theology Faculty Forum Lecture: "Growing Like Topsy", 1999-05-06	box RC10

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Yale University Divinity School and Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, Bartlett Lecture - Fall Convocation, 2000	box RC10
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Dr. William H. Myers New Mount Zion Baptist Church: "The Songs of Zion", 2004-04-18	box RC10
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African-American Studies in Religion and Theology Search: "Aunt Jemima as Counter-Memory: Ethical Reflections on Identity as Property or Who Stole My Flap Jacks?", 2005-01-28	box RC10
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