

Evolutions of Womanism

Resources for further learning

The following is a list of scholars and references mentioned during the September 2021 program, [Evolutions of Womanism](#) with Layli Maparyan, Ph.D., and Sheron Fraser-Burgess, Ph.D., hosted by the Wellesley Centers for Women and co-sponsored by Harambee House at Wellesley College. Works are listed in the order they were mentioned during the program.

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[In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens: Womanist Prose](#) by Alice Walker

[Womanism: The Dynamics of the Contemporary Black Female Novel](#) in English by Chikwenye Okonjo Ogunyemi

[Africana Womanism: Reclaiming Ourselves](#) by Clenora Hudson-Weems

[The Womanist Reader: The First Quarter Century of Womanist Thought](#) by Layli Phillips (Maparyan)

[The Womanist Idea](#) by Layli Maparyan

[Deeper Shades of Purple: Womanism in Religion and Society](#) by Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas

[Womanist Ethics and the Cultural Production of Evil](#) by Emilie M. Townes

[Black Womanist Ethics](#) by Katie Cannon

[Black Feminist Thought: Knowledge, Consciousness, and the Politics of Empowerment](#) by Patricia Hill Collins

[Three Eyes for the Journey: African Dimensions of the Jamaican Religious Experience](#) by Dianne M. Stewart

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More on Rastafari womanism from [Imani Tafari-Ama](#).

More on womanist theological ethics from [Dianne M. Stewart](#).