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Gale A. Yee Papers, 1966-2014



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Summary Information

Creator: Gale A. Yee Papers, 1949 -
Title: Gale A. Yee Papers
Inclusive dates: 1966-2014
Bulk Dates: 1968-2014
Abstract: Director of Studies in Feminist Liberation Theologies, Episcopal Divinity School (1998 -); Student papers, lecture notes, manuscripts and drafts of her books, many articles and conference presentations, correspondence related to her publications, papers relating to travel to Rome and Jerusalem, appointment diaries, and personal correspondence.
Size: 15 boxes, 8.25 linear ft.
Storage: On-site storage
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Administrative Information

- Provenance:** Gale Yee originally donated her papers to the Archives of Women in Theological Scholarship in 2003 and has subsequently transferred additions to the collection at intervals. In 2016, 2.5 linear feet of unprocessed material was added to the collection, consisting of liturgies given between 1999 and 2016, as well as administrative and teaching files used in promotional activities. For information on these unprocessed materials, please contact archives staff.
- Access:** Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to burkearchives@library.columbia.edu, or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible. [Burke Library staff](#) is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.
- Access restrictions:** This collection is unrestricted
- Preferred Citation:** Item description, AWTS: Gale Yee Papers, series #, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

Biography

Gale Yee was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 9, 1949. She attended the Academy of Our Lady (Catholic) high school graduating in 1967. She received a BA in 1971 from Loyola University of Chicago, a Jesuit college, and continued at that University receiving her MA in 1974. Yee studied for the PhD in Theology at the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, and received her degree in 1985 after completing her dissertation, *Composition and Tradition in the Book of Hosea*. While at St Michael's she was instructor for the Introduction to Old Testament course.

As Professor of Hebrew Bible, Gale Yee taught at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, and was Director of Women's Studies there from 1984 -1998. Starting in 1998 she joined the faculty of Episcopal Divinity School (EDS) in Cambridge, Massachusetts as the EDS Director of Studies in Feminist Liberation Theologies. She holds the position of the Nancy W. King Professor of Biblical Studies. Active in the Society of Biblical Literature she has been general editor of its Semeia Studies and is currently editor of the Texts@Contexts series for Fortress Press.

During the academic year 2002-2003 she was Visiting Scholar at Chung Chi College at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Gale Yee specializes in Hebrew Bible, biblical methodologies and approaches, cultural criticism of the bible, feminist interpretation of the Hebrew Bible, and Women's Studies. She was awarded the Krister Stendhal Medal in Biblical Studies in May 2015 by the Graduate Theological Foundation in Mishawaka, IN.

Her writings include:

- Composition and Tradition in Book of Hosea: Redaction- Critical investigation*. Dissertation series (Society of Biblical Literature), no. 102, Scholars Press, 1987.
- Jewish Feasts and the Gospel of John*, Michael Glazier, 1989

Judges and Method: New Approaches in Biblical Studies, ed. G. A. Yee, Fortress Press, 1995

Daniel and the Minor Prophets, Abingdon, 1996

Commentary on the Book of Hosea in *New Interpreter's Bible*, Abingdon, 1996

Poor Banished Children of Eve: Woman as Evil in the Hebrew Bible, Fortress Press, 2003

African Americans and the Bible: Sacred Texts and Social Textures, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, Digital - October 31, 2003

Marginalization: Hidden Transcripts in Ancient Israel for the *Library of Ancient Israel Series* [in preparation]

"Yin/Yang Is Not Me: Exploration into an Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics," pp.152-63 in *Ways of Being, Ways of Reading: Asian-American Biblical Interpretation*, eds Mary F. Foskett, and Jeffrey K. Kuan. St. Louis: Chalice, 2006

Collection Scope and Content Note

The Gale Yee Papers contain draft manuscripts of her book "Poor Banished Children of Eve: Women as Evil in the Hebrew Bible" and comments from readers, drafts of other professional writings (published and unpublished), her lecture notes for Old Testament classes, her student papers and exams from University of Loyola and St. Michael's College (Toronto) and drafts of her doctoral thesis. The bulk of the material in this collection spans her university education in the early 1970s and her writings from the 1980s onwards.

The collection is divided into five series:

- **Series 1: Education, [1966?] -1985 (4 boxes, 2 linear ft.)**
This series consists of essays, exams, and lecture notes from Yee's education (B.A. and M.A.) at Loyola College, papers and drafts of her dissertation for the PhD at St. Michael's College, and her academic record from Loyola.
- **Series 2: Teaching, 1980 -1989 (1 box, 0.5 linear ft.)**
Series 2 contains Yee's teaching and lecture notes on the Old Testament while she was a Ph.D. student and instructor at St. Michael's College. Two folders relating to Yee's first faculty position in the College of St Thomas complete the series, which is otherwise arranged according to the order of the lectures.
- **Series 3: Writings, 1978 – 2014 (7 boxes, 3.25 linear ft.)**
This series contains Yee's published and unpublished writings including various undated drafts of her book, *Poor Banished Children of Eve: Women as Evil in the Hebrew Bible*, and correspondence with colleagues, editors and advisors relating to the texts. The initial part of the series is arranged by title, followed by the files of correspondence relating to the production of many articles and conference presentations, arranged in Yee's numbered file order. Some correspondence files contain drafts and page proofs of articles. A growing sequence of articles by Gale Yee has been added to this series complete with the numbering system which Professor Yee uses to identify her own articles.
- **Series 4: Correspondence, 1971 - 1985 (1 box, 0.5 linear ft.)**

This series contains personal correspondence to Yee from friends, most of whom were involved in religious work. The folders include invitations to ordinations, birthday and Christmas cards, and unmarked and unsigned postcards (mostly of Christian icons). The series is arranged chronologically.

- **Series 5: General, 1975-1997 (2 boxes, 2.0 linear ft.)**

Series 5 is a collection of varied items which include Yee's weekly appointment books, 1983-1997, travel documents and mementos from trips to Rome in 1975 and Jerusalem in 1986, hymn lyrics, *Living with Christ* liturgy magazine series, 1982-1984, and a photograph of Gale Yee with friends [mid 1970s?]. The series is arranged in the order Yee filed them while they were in her possession.

Processing

When the Burke Library acquired Yee's papers, the order imposed by Gale Yee during her production and use of these papers was retained as far as possible.

Folded materials were flattened. Newspaper clippings were photocopied on acid free paper. Staples, rubber bands, and metal clips were removed and replaced with plastic clips. All materials were placed in acid-free folders and boxes.

Contents list**Series 1: Education, [1966?] - 1985**

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1	1	3-7	Undergraduate College Papers, 1968-73
1	1	8	Undergraduate College Exams, 1968-73
1	1	9	Undergraduate and Graduate Course Records, 1967/8-1974/5
1	1	10	Notebook [1970/1?]
1	2	1	Relationship of Philip Jacob Spener's Pia Desideria to German Pietism- First and Submitted Draft, 1973/4
1	2	2	University Papers, 1973/4, 1974/5 University Exams, 1974
1	2	3	Kingdom of God and Relationship to Church in Luke/Acts- MA Thesis, 1975
St Michael's College			
1	2	4	Investigation of Certain Ancient Writers in View of Later Jewish Traditions- Partial Fulfillment of Systematic Minor Requirement, July 1976
1	2	5	Historical Critical Study of Caesarea Philippi <i>Passages</i> , 1976/7
1	2	6	Exegesis of Gen. 14:18-21 Melchizedek Incident-Essay, Apr. 1978
1	2	7-8	Papers, 1975/6, 1976/7, Apr. 1978
1	2	9	GY Paper: New Baptist Source? Study of Revelations: Introduction, Translation, and Commentary by J. M. Ford, May 1978 Excursus on John the Baptist and B. V. Mary by J. H. Fjord
1	2	10	Jewish Christianity-Course Examination Script and Notes, [1976?]
1	3	1	Exegesis of Galatians 4:21 – 5:1 Hagar and Sarah Allegory-Doctoral Public Lecture, 1979
1	3	2	PhD Thesis Proposal-Composition and Tradition in Book of Hosea
1	3	3	Examples of Proposals for PhD and ThD
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1	3	4	Composition and Tradition in Book of Hosea--Reports and Correspondence, 1984- 85
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Series 2: Teaching, 1980 - 1989**Intro to Old Testament**

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Series 2: Teaching, 1980 - 1989

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2	1	10	Lecture 17, 18: Writings Course Outline: Psalms, A. Ceresko, 1980 Course Outline: Intro to Israelite Wisdom, A. Ceresko, 1981
2	1	11	Lecture 21: Psalms
2	1	12	Course Outline Lectures 1 -18 Variant Copies-G. Yee Instructor
2	1	13	Examination Question Sheets-G.Yee Instructor
2	1	14	Lecture Handouts and Course Evaluation Form
2	1	15	Aramaic of Daniel and Ezra-
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Series 3: Writings, 1978 – 2014

3	1	1	Analysis of Prov. 8:22-31 According to Style and Structure 1978- 82
3	1	2	Examination of Isaiah 5:1-7 as Song and Juridical Parable-Revised for Catholic Biblical Quarterly, 1980-81
3	1	3	Poor Banished Children of Eve- Current Research Statement
3	1	4	Exegesis on Ezekiel 16
3	1	5	Correspondence-Further Reading for [Book] Project, Yale Univ., 1988 Poor Banished Children of Eve
3	1	6	Ezekiel-Primary and Secondary Resources Notes
3	1	7	[Issa Z?]- Primary and Secondary Resources Notes
3	1	8	Symbolism Woman as Evil--Primary and Secondary Resources Notes
3	1	9-10	Primary and Secondary Resources Notes
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3	4	3	Anatomy of Biblical Parody: Dirge Form in 2 Sam 1 and Isaiah 14, 1986-8, [ART 102]
3	4	4	Have Perfumed My Bed with Myrrh: Foreign Woman in Proverbs 1-9, 1987-96 [ART 103]
3	4	5	Revisioning: Redefining Theological Discipline in Light of Women's Studies [Ruether Festschrift], 1989-91 [ART 104]
3	4	6	The Day was Sabbath, 1989-90 [ART 105]
3	4	7	Hosea in <i>The Women's Bible Commentary</i> , 1989-92 [ART106]
3	4	8	Asenath, Bathsheba, Bathshua, Jezebel, Leah, Sarah in <i>Anchor Bible Dictionary</i> , 1988-1993 [ART 107]
3	4	9	Theology of Creation in Proverbs 8:22- 31, 1989-92 [ART 108]
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3	4	12	Author /Text /Reader and Power: Suggestions for a Critical Framework in Biblical Studies 1990- 94 [ART 112]
3	4	13	Withdrawal from Honor and Shame-Volume of <i>Semeia</i> , 1992-3 [ART 113]
3	4	14	Socio-Literary Production of Foreign Woman in Proverbs, 1994 [ART 114]
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3	4	16	Racial/Ethnic Minorities in the Profession, SBL Panel Presentation, Chicago, IL 1994 [ART 116]
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3	4	21	Panel Review-Judges and Method and Pedagogy with Yee's Response, SBL, New Orleans, 1996 [ART 121]
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3	4	26	Panel Presentation-Refiguring the Missionary Position or We Asian North American Women Won't Take This Lying Down! Pacific Asian North American Asian Women in Theology and Ministry (PANAATWM), Toronto, 1998 [ART 126]
3	4	27	Gender, Class and Social-Scientific Study of Genesis 2-3, SBL, Orlando, 1998-Drafts and Proof Copy [ART 127]
3	5	1	Panel-Response Review of Redeeming Men: Religion and Masculinities, American Men's Studies Association, Vanderbilt Univ. March 1999 GY Response [ART 128]
3	5	2	Tree Desired to Make One Wise-Women, the Hebrew Bible, and Teaching, EDS April 21, 1998, [ART 129]
3	5	3	Sexual Representation of Hebrew Bible Women in Art-Depicting Eve: Cultural Representation of Hebrew Bible Women, Showers Lectures, United Theological Seminary, Nov. 1-2, 1999 [ART 130]
3	5	4	Response to Carol Newsom's Job's Body: Violence and Religious Imagination, New England SBL Regional, Apr. 16, 1999 [ART 131]
3	5	5	Gospel of John, Jewish People, and Anti-Semitism-Congregational Studies Day, Episcopal Divinity School, Feb. 22, 2000 4 OHP Transparencies, Correspondence, Newsletters [ART 132]
3	5	6	She is Not My Wife and I am not Her Husband- Materialist Analysis of Hosea 1-2--Biblical Interpretation 9, no. 3, 2001 [ART 133]
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3	5	9	Yin/Yang Is Not Me, in Ways of Being, pp 152-63 Ways of Reading: Asian-American Biblical Interpretation, eds. M.F. Foskett, J. K. Kuan. St. Louis: Chalice, 2006 Galley Proof, Articles [ART 134]
3	5	10-11	Ooooh, Onan! Geschlechtsgeschichte and Women in the Biblical World-SBL, Denver, CO, 2001- Drafts Articles in Are We Amused? Humour About Women in Biblical Worlds, ed. A. Brenner, T and T Clark 2003 [ART 135]
3	5	12	Response to Dr. Esther Fuchs-Women in the Biblical World Section, SBL, Atlanta, GA, 1986- Fuchs' Paper Annotated [ART 136]

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3	6	9-10	She Stood in Tears Amid the Alien Corn: Ruth the Perpetual Foreigner and Model Minority-Reprinted in Off the Menu: Asian and Asian North American Women's Theology and Religion, eds .R N Brock, J.H.Kim, K.P. Lan, S.A. Yang, 2007 [ART148]
3	6	11	Thriving in Pre-Tenure-Talk Lunch of Committee of Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession, SBL, 2006 [ART150]
3	6	12	Introduction to Book of Ezekiel, in People's Bible, 2009 [ART151]
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3	8	3	Composition and Tradition in Book of Hosea: Redaction Critical Investigation-SBL Dissertation Series 1987, Reprint 2006 [BK104]
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