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### **Education**

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BA, Women's Studies, Agnes Scott College, 2007

Doctoral Candidate, Women's Studies, Emory University, 2008-9

Howard University, Chemistry and Physics Major, 1970-1973 (incomplete BS degree)

### **Awards and Honors (partial list)**

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Honorary Doctorate, Smith College, 2013

Honorary Doctor of Civil Law, Arcadia University, 2003

National Women's History Project, "Nevertheless She Persisted: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination Against Women" Award, 2018

Woodhull Freedom Foundation, Sexual Freedom Award, 2017

Women of Color Resource Center, Sister Fire Award, 2017

Black Women's Blueprint, Lasting Legacy Award, 2016

SisterLove Pandora Singleton Ally Award, 2012

Women Helping Women, Revolutionary Award, 2011

International Black Women's Congress, Oni Award, 2010

Delta Sigma Theta, Pinnacle Leadership Award, 2008

Black Women's Health Imperative, Community Health Activist Award, 2008

Sisters of Color United for Education, Denver, CO, 2008

Women's Medical Fund of Philadelphia, Rosie Jimenez Award, 2007

United States Social Forum, Building Movements Award, 2007

NARAL Pro-Choice Georgia, Blazing Arrow Award, 2006

Feminist Women's Health Center, Stand Up for Choice Award, 2005

National Center for Human Rights Education, First Mother of Human Rights Education Award, 2004

SisterLove Women's HIV/AIDS Resource Project Award, South Africa, 2002

Georgia Committee on Family Violence, Gender Justice Award, 2002

DePaul University Cultural Center Diversity Award, 2001

American Humanist Association, Humanist Heroine Award, 1998

### **Employment History (partial)**

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**Smith College**, Northampton, MA

Associate Professor, Program for the Study of Women and Gender,

2019-21 Consultant, Voices of Feminism Oral History Project, 2002-present

**Presidio Graduate School**, San Francisco, CA

Visiting Professor 2021 Spring Semester, Leadership In Public Service

**Arizona State University**, Tempe, AZ

Visiting Professor of the Practice, 2018-2019  
**Hampshire College**, Amherst, MA  
Visiting Professor, Gender Studies, 2017-2018  
**SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective**, Atlanta, Georgia  
Co-Founder & National Coordinator, 2005-2012  
**National Center for Human Rights Education**, Atlanta, Georgia  
Founder and Executive Director, 1996-2004  
**Center for Democratic Renewal**, Atlanta, Georgia  
Program Research Director, 1990-1995  
**National Black Women's Health Project**, Atlanta, Georgia  
National Program Director, 1989-1990  
**National Organization for Women**, Washington, DC  
Director of Women of Color Programs, 1985-1989  
**International Council of African Women**, Washington, DC  
National Coordinator, 1982-1985  
**DC Rape Crisis Center**, Washington, DC  
Executive Director, 1979-1982  
**National Football League Players' Association**, Washington, DC  
Assistant to Off-Season Activities Coordinator, 1975-1976  
**Flow Laboratories**, Washington, DC  
Laboratory Assistant, 1974-1975  
**Public Technologies, Inc.**, Washington, DC  
Secretary, 1973-1974

## **Publications**

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### **Published Books**

*Reproductive Justice: An Introduction*, co-author, Rickie Solinger (University of California Press, 2017).

*Radical Reproductive Justice: Foundations, Theory, Practice and Critique*, lead co-editor (Feminist Press, 2017).

*Undivided Rights: Women of Color Organizing for Reproductive Justice*, co-author, Marlene Gerber Fried (South End Press, 2004).

### **Books Forthcoming**

*RJ-ing Abortion: Reproductive Justice and Abortion*, co-written with Marlene Gerber Fried and Namrata Jacob, under contract with University of California Press, 2021.

*Calling in the Calling Out Culture: Detoxing the Human Rights Movement*, under contract with Routledge Press, 2021.

### **Published Articles (partial list)**

"Before #MeToo: Black Women in the Anti-Rape Movement in Washington, DC in the 1970s," in *Believe Me: How Trusting Women Can Change the World*, ed. By Jessica Valenti and Jaclyn Friedman, (Seal Press, 2020).

"Paying It Forward on Childhood Sexual Assault," in *Love with Accountability: Digging Up the Roots of Child Sexual Abuse*, ed. Aishah Shahidah Simmons (AK Press, 2020).

"Speaking Up Without Tearing Down," *Teaching Tolerance*, 2019.

"Calling In Rather Than Calling Out: When #MeToo Meets Reproductive Justice," co-written with Toni Bond, in *Rewire News Group*, 2019

"Reproductive Justice as Intersectional Feminist Activism," *Souls*, 2018.

"Teaching Reproductive Justice," in *Black Women's Liberatory Pedagogies*, eds. Olivia Perlow, Durene Wheeler, Sharon Bethea, BarBara Scott (Palgrave Macmillan Press, 2018).

"Birth Justice and Population Control," in *Birthing Justice: Black Women, Pregnancy and Childbirth*, eds. Julia Chinyere Oparah and Alicia D. Bonaparte (Paradigm Publishers, 2015).

"A Feminist Perspective on Katrina," eds. Emmanuel David and Elaine Enarson, *The Women of Katrina: How Gender, Race and Class Matter in an American Disaster* (Vanderbilt University Press, 2012).

"The Reproductive Health and Sexual Rights of Women of Color: Still Building a Movement," Lynn Roberts, Loretta Ross, and M. Bahati Kuumba, ed. Sue Rosser, in *Diversity and Women's Health* (John Hopkins University Press, 2009).

"Storytelling in SisterSong and the Voices of Feminism Project," eds. Rickie Solinger, Madeline Fox, Kayhan Irani, in *Telling Stories to Change the World* (Routledge, 2008).

"Bringing Human Rights Home – Economic and Social Rights," in *Bringing Human Rights Home: Portraits of a Movement, Volume III*, eds. Cindy Soohoo, Cathy Albisa, Martha Davis, eds. (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007)

"From Women's Rights to Civil Rights to Human Rights," *The Black Scholar*, 36:1 (Spring 2006).

"The Color of Choice: Population Control on the Left and the Right," *The Incite! Anthology* (South End Press, 2005).

"Just Choices: Women of Color, Reproductive Health and Human Rights," eds. Margaret L. Andersen and Patricia Hill Collins, in *Race, Class, and Gender: An Anthology*, 5th ed. (Wadsworth Publishing Co., 2003).

"White Supremacy In the 1990s," in *Eyes Right: Challenging the Right-Wing Backlash*, ed. Chip Berlet (Political Research Associates, 1999).

"African American Women and Abortion 1800-1970," in *Theorizing Black Feminisms: The Visionary Pragmatism of Black Women*, eds. Stanlie M. James and Abena P.M Busia (Routledge Press, 1993).

### **Media Articles (selected)**

"I'm a Black Feminist: I Think Call-out Culture is Toxic," *The New York Times*, August 17, 2019.

"Race, Class, and Rights in Mississippi: How A Reproductive Justice Campaign Can Save the Pill and Save the Vote," *Reality Check*, October 29, 2011.

"Defeating Personhood: A Critical but Incomplete Victory for Reproductive Justice," *Reality Check*, 2011.

"Fighting the Black Anti-Abortion Campaign: Trusting Black Women," *Truthout*, 2010.

"Dorothy Height: A Sister Whose Shoulders We Stand On," *Ms. Magazine blog*, 2010.

"Republicans and Abortion Flip-Flopping," *On the Issues*, May 2009.

"Mobilizing for Reproductive Justice," *On the Issues*, April 2009.

"A Longtime Anti-Racism Activist's Take on History," Book review of *Blood and Politics*, *The Public Eye*, Political Research Associates, Summer 2009.

"Re-enslaving African American Women," *On the Issues*, Fall 2008.

"A Grassroots Approach to Research Health Disparities among Women of Color in the United States," *Global Forum for Health Research*, November 1, 2007.

"Building a Movement for Human Rights," *A - The Abortion Magazine*, October 2007.

### **Works in Progress**

**Book Project:** *Dred Feminism, Collected Essays by Loretta Ross*, estimated completion, 2022

**Book Project:** *Memoir*, estimated completion, 2023

### **Public Media Interviews (selected)**

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New York Times, "What If Instead of Calling People Out, We Called Them In?"  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/19/style/loretta-ross-smith-college-cancel-culture.html>

Christiane Amanpour & Co., on PBS, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-5X9ZMOpp0>

"Why Scholar Loretta Ross Is 'Calling In' Callout Culture," WBUR/NPR, December 3, 2020, <https://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2020/12/03/feminist-scholar-loretta-ross-is-calling-out-cancel-culture>

"Calling In the Calling Out Culture," Pacific Lutheran University, March 5, 2020, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1k4F8KFKjoc&fbclid=IwAR3tpTyMs8PWVykEgF2gXnEIRJ8QefG3uFWwMtMdb0vFKfhpM\\_B5c-I4-Xg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1k4F8KFKjoc&fbclid=IwAR3tpTyMs8PWVykEgF2gXnEIRJ8QefG3uFWwMtMdb0vFKfhpM_B5c-I4-Xg)

"Long-Time Activist Loretta Ross Speaks Against the Call-Out Culture," WNPR, August 13, 2020, <https://www.wnpr.org/post/listen-long-time-activist-loretta-ross-speaks-out-against-call-out-culture>

"Sticky Fingers, Sticky Conversations: BBQ and Reproductive Justice: Full Frontal with Samantha Bee," August 14, 2019, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTr3phgBrPO&fbclid=IwAR1qf3dHAIYwoFHmoR3UgVlbWrGIFTkWIhhRaDChpq9PHpbNkOIQDPduH3U&app=desktop>

"Uncomfortable: How to Manage Offensive Opinions in a Pluralistic World," BBC, October 28, 2019, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0009r64>

PBS/AOL Makers: Women Who Make America Video Series (<http://www.makers.com/loretta-ross>)

"Is It Time for a Black Feminist to Head the NAACP?" (<http://rhrealitycheck.org/article/2013/09/11/is-it-time-for-a-black-feminist-to-head-the-naacp/>)

"Justice Feminism" ([http://www.ontheissuesmagazine.com/2010summer/2010summer\\_Ross.php](http://www.ontheissuesmagazine.com/2010summer/2010summer_Ross.php) Loretta)

**Loretta Ross' Papers at Smith College** ([http://asteria.fivecolleges.edu/findaids/sophiasmith/mnsss205\\_bioghist.html](http://asteria.fivecolleges.edu/findaids/sophiasmith/mnsss205_bioghist.html) Loretta)

"Health Care Reform at Planned Parenthood" (<http://www.pe.com/local-news/columns/cassie-macduff-headlines/20130911-health-reform-feminist-toaddress-luncheon-on-obamacare.ece> Ms. Magazine Blogs)

Origins of the Term "Women of Color" (<http://msmagazine.com/blog/blog/author/lorettaross/> <http://thesocietypages.org/socimages/2011/03/26/loreta-ross-on-the-phrase-women-of-color/>)

"Anti-Choicers, the Media, and Race" (<http://www.rhrealitycheck.org/blog/2010/03/03/loretta-ross-unmasks-black-antiabortion-message-media-spin>)

A New Approach to Racism: Calling In Instead of Calling Out, March 11, 2016, <https://amherstwire.com/14777/campus/social-justice-panel-suggests-changes-in-approaching-racism/>

"Loretta Ross Unmasks Black Anti-Abortion Message," Media Spin  
(<http://www.ontheissuesmagazine.com/cafe2/article/87>)

Keynote at Our Bodies, Ourselves 40th Anniversary Conference November 2, 2011  
(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNNQrlamRMI>)

Keynote at Dickinson College March 25, 2009 (<http://clarke.dickinson.edu/loretta-ross/>)

Bringing the Revolution Home -- Hampshire College Commencement Address, April 2011  
(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPshMuXCKhc>)

"The Economic and Racial Dynamics of Abortion," January 27, 2010  
([http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_1WufvXKFUE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1WufvXKFUE))