

2021 ROOKS Speaker

# DR. KERI L. DAY

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Lecture & Award

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## SPEAKER: KERI L. DAY

Dr. Keri L. Day is an Associate Professor of Constructive Theology and African American Religion at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ. She earned an M.A. in Religion and Ethics from Yale University Divinity School and received her Ph.D. in Religion from Vanderbilt University. Her academic research focuses on how African American theology and black religious thought address global economics, especially among women of the African Diaspora. Her articles and essays on religion, culture, and economics have been published in several nationally regarded journals. She has authored three academic books, *Unfinished Business: Black Women, The Black Church, and the Struggle to Thrive in America* (2012); *Religious Resistance to Neoliberalism: Womanist and Black Feminist Perspectives* (2015); and *Notes of a Native Daughter: Testifying in Theological Education* (2021).



## SPONSOR: RELI

The Resilience in Leadership Initiative at Chicago Theological Seminary is a two year-long Fellowship Program designed to facilitate a full ecology of support for faith leaders from and/or serving economically disenfranchised and marginalized communities in the USA.



Participants are matched into regionally-based peer groups lead by contextually grounded and seasoned mentors. In addition to facilitating professional relationships through these cohort communities, all Resilience in Leadership Program Fellows will also be resourced with customized skill-building workshops and opportunities for respite and self-care. The Resilience in Leadership Initiative is designed to make participation as worry-free as possible. Program Fellows are provided with travel stipends, access to pulpit supply funding, hospitality, and full coverage for the program's fees and tuition.

## THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL C. SHELBY ROOKS LECTURE

Welcome.....	Dr. Marsha Foster Boyd <i>Interim President, Chicago Theological Seminary</i>
Invocation.....	Tariq I. El-Amin <i>Imam, Masjid Al Taqwa; Master of Divinity Student</i>
Musical Selection.....	Candice Laughinghouse <i>Doctoral Candidate</i>
The Rooks Legacy.....	Deneen Collins <i>Assistant Director of Recruitment</i>
Rooks Legacy Award.....	Rabbi Dr. Rachel Mikva <i>Interim Academic Dean</i>
CSBFL Scholarship Recipient	
Musical Selection.....	Rev. Quientrell Burrell, Jr <i>Pastor, New Hope Baptist Church.</i>
Fundraising Appeal.....	Joey Carrillo Rev. Brian Smith
Introduction of Lecturer.....	Dr. Christophe D. Ringer <i>Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics &amp; Society</i>
<b>Fifteenth Annual C. Shelby Rooks Lecture.....</b>	<b>Dr. Keri L. Day</b> <i>Associate Professor of Constructive Theology and African American Religion, Princeton Theological Seminary</i>
Conversation.....	Dr. Keri L. Day Bishop Yvette Flunder Rev. Erica N. Williams Dr. Ashon T. Crawley Candace Laughinghouse (facilitator)
Closing Blessing.....	Dr. Kameelah Mu'Min Rashad <i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology and Muslim Studies</i>

## C. SHELBY ROOKS EVENTS

The Rooks lecture launches a series of programs, open to the community, that invites individuals and communities, lay, clergy, and scholars to engage in religious and theological reflection on issues relevant to African-American faith, freedom, and justice. The Scholar Award acknowledges the outstanding work of a particular CTS student who carries Rooks' legacy in their commitment to community and uses the lessons from the past to guide the future.

## CHARLES SHELBY ROOKS

This annual lecture has been named for the first African American to serve as President of a predominately white theological school in the United States of America. He served as President of the Chicago Theological Seminary from 1974-1984. President Rooks was committed to the study of Black religion, academic excellence and Church ministry.



## ADRIENNE M. & C. SHELBY ROOKS FELLOWSHIP

The **Adrienne M. and Charles Shelby Rooks Fellowship** was established to support the seminary education of members of the United Church of Christ from racial and ethnic groups underrepresented in our church who are committed to serving the UCC and who are enrolled in a school of theology accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. Grants are made to both full-time and part-time students and may be renewed. For more information visit: [ucc.org/rooks\\_doctoral\\_degree](http://ucc.org/rooks_doctoral_degree) or [ucc.org/rooks\\_masters\\_degree](http://ucc.org/rooks_masters_degree)



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