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The Anna Howard Shaw Center Presents:

Women in the World 2012

“Feed My Shepherds”:
 Spiritual Healing and Renewal
 for those in Christian Leadership



**Anna Howard Shaw
 Award Recipient Banquet**

**March 21, 2012
 9:30am to 8:30pm**

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“Devotion to social justice, persistence in difficult circumstances, service for the common good, and a vision of a better world” are highly valued characteristics of transformational leaders and notably, were also characteristics of Anna Howard Shaw and the recipients of the award given in her name. Nurturing and sustaining transformational gifts and ministries comes at a cost. Over the years, the Center has engaged in analyses of personal collective experiences of women in ministry. Research and retention studies, time and time again, reveal an unhealthy level of spiritual malaise, often expressed as “burn out,” desert seasons, and loss of passion for a ministerial call. Both clergy and laity are at risk of suffering spiritual crisis due to the stressful environments of many church contexts.

Shepherds need tending as much as the sheep. This year’s *Women in the World* conference will name the nature of today’s crisis in personal spirituality and reflect on the causes of and remedies for spiritual desolation in today’s leaders.



Honoring
**The Rev. Dr. Aida
 Irizarry– Fernández**



Rev. Dr. Fernandez was appointed to Hope United Methodist Church in Belchertown, MA in 2010. She came from Mathewson Street UMC in Providence, Rhode Island where she served for two years.

From 2000 to 2003 she served as the District Superintendent of the Metro Boston North District. In 2003 she was appointed to the new Metro Boston Hope District in The New England Conference where she served until 2008.

Fernandez was ordained a deacon in 1989 and received her elder’s orders in the Southern New England Conference in 1991. She received her D.Min. from New York Theological Seminary in 1997, and her M.S.W. and M.Div. from Boston University in 1989.

Her experiences include pastoral ministry, interfaith counseling, advocacy, clinical social work, leadership development, teaching, administration, and psychotherapy. In addition, Aida served as a consultant to the National Hispanic Plan for eight years.

Fernandez was reassigned for a second term to the board of directors of the General Board of Global Ministries. She currently serves as a board member of the Anna Howard Shaw Center at the BU School of Theology and as faculty for the Curso de Estudio at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary.

Speakers and Bios

Christina Belogour



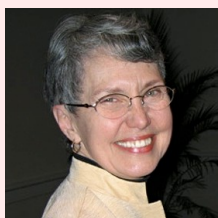
Christina Belogour received her Masters in Divinity, with a specialty in pastoral counseling, in 1998 from Boston University. She was ordained in 1999 and served as associate pastor of the First Baptist Church of Boston, an American Baptist church. She earned a Ph.D. in pastoral psychology from Boston University in 2007. Her research interests include feminist and liberation theologies as frames for understanding both appearance discrimination and pastoral identity issues. Currently, she works at Bay Path College as a professor of cultural diversity, social psychology, counseling, introductory psychology and psychology of women.

Pamela Lightsey



Pamela Lightsey is a scholar, social justice activist, and military veteran whose academic and research interests include: classical and contemporary just war theory, Womanist theology, Queer theory and theology, and African American religious history and theologies. Pamela's forthcoming publications include "Reconciliation," in *Radical Evangelical*, "If There Should Come a Word" in *Black United Methodists Preach!* and one work in progress, *Inner Dictum: A Womanist Reflection from the Queer Realm*. She currently works at Boston University School of Theology as Associate Dean for Community Life and Lifelong Learning and Clinical Assistant Professor of Contextual Theology

Mary Elizabeth Moore



Mary Elizabeth Mullino Moore sees her primary work as working with others and contributing her small part toward repair of the world. Her recent books include *Teaching as a Sacramental Act*, *Ministering with the Earth*, and *Teaching from the Heart*, plus the co-edited volumes *Children, Youth, and Spirituality in a Troubling World* and *Practical Theology and Hermeneutics*. She has also written many articles on education, process and feminist theologies, and justice and reconciliation. She currently works at Boston University School of Theology as the Dean and Professor of Theology and Education.

Anna Howard Shaw

Award Banquet



The Anna Howard Shaw Award is given in recognition of women who embody those values expressed in the life of Anna Howard Shaw: courage born out of Christian faith, dedication to increased opportunities for women, devotion to social justice, persistence in difficult circumstances, service for the common good, and a vision of a better world.

Past recipients have include C. Faith Richardson, Susan M. Morrison, Jeanne Audrey Powers, Margaret Suber Wiborg, Yolanda Pupo-Oritz, and Katheryn Pfisterer Darr.

This year we honor the seventh recipient of the Anna Howard Shaw Center, Aida Irizarry-Fernandez. Anna Howard Shaw Award Banquet will be held in conjunction with the Annual Women in the World Conference.



Schedule

- 9:30-11:00am.....1st Speaker¹
Christina Belogour
- 11:10am-12:00pm.....Worship²
- 12:15-1:15pm.....Lunch¹
- 1:30-3:00pm.....2nd Speaker¹
Aida Izarry-Fernandez
- 3:00-3:15pm.....Break
- 3:15-4:45pm.....3rd Speaker¹
Pamela Lightsey
- 4:45-5:00pm.....Break
- 5:00-6:00pm.....Panel¹
Moderator: Mary Elizabeth Moore
- 6:00-6:30pm.....Shaw Center Open House³
- 6:30-8:30....Anna Howard Shaw Award Banquet⁴



Directions:

Parking ("P" on map):

Warren Towers at Hinsdale St. & Commonwealth Ave.

Public Transportation ("T" on map):

Green Line, BU Central stop

¹Conference ("C" on map):

Photonics Building, PHO 906,
775 Commonwealth Ave

²Morning Worship ("W" on map):

Marsh Chapel, 735 Commonwealth Ave.

³Anna Howard Shaw Center ("S" on map):

School of Theology, STH 321
745 Commonwealth Ave.,
Boston, Massachusetts 02215

⁴BU Faculty Lounge

775 Commonwealth Avenue, 5th floor

Please detach and return by March 1st.
Alternatively, you may register online at:
<http://www.bu.edu/shaw/women-in-the-world-2011/>

Conference Registration			
Event	# Needed	Registration Fee	Total Cost
Adult		\$10.00	
Current BU Student		Free	
Lunch		Free	
Banquet		\$40.00	
Parking Pass		\$10.00	
Donation in honor of Rev. Aida Irizarry-Fernandez:			
Total (\$)			

Names of Those Attending:

Meals: Vegetarian _____ Chicken _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address:: _____

Please make checks payable to the Anna Howard Shaw Center.

← Address is listed under Directions.

