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YOLANDA COVINGTON-WARD (PhD, University of Michigan, 2008); **Positions Held:** Research Fellow, Center for AfroAmerican and African Studies, University of Michigan (2009); Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh (2008-present); Institute for the Humanities Graduate Fellow, University of Michigan (2007-2008); **Interests and/or Activities:** West Central Africa, performance and embodied history, gesture, power and authority, religion, African Diaspora; **Significant Publications:** Book Review of "Prayer Has Spoiled Everything" in *Transforming Anthropology* (2008); "Threatening

Gestures, Immoral Bodies: The Intersection of Church, State, and Kongo Performance in the Belgian Congo." In *Missions, States, and European Expansion in Africa*. Chima Korieh and Raphael Njoku, eds. New York: Routledge Press (2007); "South Bronx Performances: The Reciprocal Relationship between Hip-Hop and Black Girls' Play." *Women and Performance: A Journal of Feminist Theory* Volume 16, No. 1 (2006): 117-132.

I am a cultural anthropologist working in the Democratic Republic of Congo, who like many other scholars, recognizes the tremendous importance and influence of Africa and Africans historically and globally. The African continent was and continues to be a source of much knowledge and interest for anthropologists across the four fields, from providing source material for foundational ethnographies in cultural anthropology, to revealing important fossil remains relevant to both biological anthropology and archaeology, to even shaping the name of our newly elected president. The Association for Africanist Anthropology serves as a much needed and highly valued common meeting ground for anthropologists of varied interests who conduct research in Africa and amongst the numerous African Diasporas. As secretary, I will record the proceedings of meetings and organized programs, and disseminate minutes, announcements, and other essential information as needed to the membership. If elected secretary, I have three major objectives: 1) to continue to record and preserve the history and accomplishments of the association, 2) to reach out to beginning scholars as well as other scholars at all levels to increase their participation in the activities of the association 3) to increase collaboration between the association and other sections of the AAA, as well as with Africanists outside of anthropology.

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