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Guest Lecturer

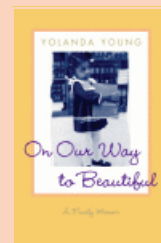
Yolanda Young



“THERE IS A BALM: Religion and the Black Female Memoirist”

In the opening chapter of Maya Angelou's "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings" a young Maya struggles to remember the lines of her Easter speech in front of a packed congregation. In those few opening passages, Angelou seems to say to the reader: "In order to know me, you must understand my relationship with God, my holy book and my place of worship." This is true for many Black female memoirists. In this lecture, Ms. Young will demonstrate how religious themes and experiences inform the work of the black female memoirist.

Yolanda Young is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and Howard University. Her work appears in *USA Today* and *Essence* magazine. Ms. Young's memoir *On Our Way to Beautiful* was published in 2003 by Random House. Ms. Young also has a nationally syndicated column also entitled *On Our Way to Beautiful*.



Book signing immediately following event.

Wednesday, March 7, 2007

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Integrated Learning Center (ILC) Room 130

Refreshments will be served in the ILC Courtyard

Event co-sponsored by English Department

Free & Open to the Public

Please call 621-5665 for additional information

