

Yvonne Seon Papers*

Raised in Washington D.C., Yvonne Seon earned B.A., M.A., M.Div., and Ph.D. degrees. She worked in public administration and then in higher education at Wilberforce University before becoming, in 1981, the first African-American woman ordained into the Unitarian Universalist ministry and serving as the founding minister of the Sojourner Truth Congregation in southeast Washington, D.C. It is also noteworthy that one of her three children is the comedian, David Chappelle.

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- *Totem Games: Poems In Search of African Identity*

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- “Putting Yourself on the Line”
- “Create Order Out of Chaos”
- “Another Fourth of July Speech”
- “New Start in the Inner City” (October 2, 1988)
- “Issues of Young Adulthood” (July 16, 1989)
- “Queen Mother Mary” (May 10, 1992)

Folder 8: Sojourner Truth Congregation 1987 – 1990 (formerly UU Congregation of Southeast D.C.)

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