

## **Rev. Ola V. Washington to Present**

### **African Americans' Struggle For Freedom/Vote**

A professor Emeritus of African-American and American studies at Ventura College, she also is an ordained minister. Rev. Washington is a prolific speaker and writer who has written a book of poetry, *Infinity and Me*, and a memoir, *Return to the Homeland – “Travels in Nigeria – No Snakes, No Monkeys, No Apes,”* now in its second printing.

Rev. Washington has conducted race relations workshops and taught race relations classes at social institutions throughout the U.S. & Africa. Her portfolio also includes workshops, lectures, conferences and seminars on a wide variety of African-American, African and Christian topics. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/ola.washington>.

Rev. Washington lives by a personal motto:

*If I can help somebody as I travel along, then my living shall not be in vain.*

A top honors graduate of the University of California Santa Barbara, Rev. Washington was selected for membership in Phi Beta Kappa. She was nominated to the Ventura County Educators Hall of Fame in 2018.

The mother of four adult children, Rev. Washington and her husband, Roosevelt Holmes, reside in Oxnard.