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Dr. Yancy has published more than 40 articles and labor arbitration cases in academic journals. Currently, she serves as a member of the Board for Morehouse College and Atlanta Communities in Schools. She is an Individual Member of the United Negro College Fund. She is inducted in the most prestigious honor society in the nation, the Delta of Georgia Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and a recipient of the Dr. Dorothy I. Height Leadership Award from the International Salute to the Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Yancy has buildings named in her honor at Shaw University and JCSU.

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