

PREFACE

Memory and Movement is the concluding book in a three-volume project that seeks to ingather some of my feminist work. While the first volume, *Transforming Vision*, assembled feminist the*logical essays, and *Changing Horizons* gathered some of my exegetical and hermeneutical work, the present volume, *Memory and Movement*, seeks to trace and locate it in the context of a transnational border crossing movement.

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Although I did my best to avoid overlaps and cut pages, it is in the nature of such a collection of essays as this one that ideas and arguments are repeated but, in a prism like fashion, reflected in a different light. While the individual essays were written for variegated audiences, their collection and order in a single volume changes their context and rhetoric. Their new location invites readers to reflect on the issues or texts in a different way.

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