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Pratt-Clarke's research interests include transdisciplinary analysis of diversity issues in higher education. In 2018, *A Black Woman's Journey from Cotton Picking to College Professor: Lessons About Race, Gender, and Class in America* (Peter Lang, 2018) was awarded the American Educational Studies Association Critics' Choice Award for scholarship deemed to be outstanding in its field. Additional books include *Journeys of Social Justice: Women of Color Presidents in the Academy* and *Reflections on Race, Gender, and Culture in Cuba* (Peter Lang, 2017). *From Black Girlhood to Black Womanhood: Finding the Divine Feminine* is forthcoming.