

# Wilma Lesley Jones

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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Higher Education, New York University, 2009  
Dissertation: Distance Education in the Digital Age: College Students in Virtual Academic Institutions.
- M.A. Library & Information Studies, Northern Illinois University, 1992.  
Thesis: African Women Writers in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century
- M.A. English (TESOL), Northern Illinois University, 1990.
- B.A. English (American Literature), Northern Illinois University, 1988.
- A.A. Liberal Arts & Sciences, Parkland Community College, 1985.

Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians, Harvard University, 2007  
Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration, Bryn Mawr College, 1999.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### College of Staten Island/CUNY

- Professor, January 2011-present  
Chief Librarian, January 2004 - present  
Acting Chief Librarian, July 2002 – December 2003  
Deputy Chief Librarian and Head of Reference, Sept. 1998-June 2002  
Associate Professor, 1999-2010  
Acting Chief Librarian, Sept. 1997-August 1998  
Periodicals Librarian, Jan. 1995-Dec. 1997.  
Assistant to the Periodicals Librarian, Sept. 1993-Dec. 1994  
Assistant Professor, 1992-1998  
Reference/Instruction Librarian, 1992-present

## CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

- Plan and manage all aspects of library operations, including personnel, budget, collection development, and assessment.
- Develop policies and strategic plans for integrating new technologies, services, and resources.
- Supervise transformations and renovations of underutilized spaces.
- Organize programs and events for the College community, such as lectures, film series, exhibits, & workshops.
- Organize in-service training and seminars for Library faculty and staff.
- Serve on College Promotions and Budget Committee.
- Implement the College's mission and vision through long-range planning.
- Report to the Provost/Senior VP for Academic Affairs.

## PUBLICATIONS

- "Re-Engaging/Engaging Part-time Librarians." *College & Undergraduate Libraries*, v. 18: no. 1 (Spring 2011)  
[In Press]
- Learning Resources and Library Administration*. In *Academic Administration: A Quest for better Management and Leadership in Higher Education*. Edited by Sheying Chen. NY: Nova Science Publishers, Inc. (pp. 243-258 pages). Edited by Sheying Chen. 2009
- Academic Libraries in the Digital Era*. In *Shaping the 21st Century: The Role of Higher Education in Economic, Technological and Cultural Development : Proceedings of the Tenth Sino-American Conference on Education, June 8-12, 2004*. Jamaica, New York: York College, City University of New York, 2006
- "Demonstrating the World Wide Web as an Academic Research Tool." *The Journal of Computing in Higher Education*, v.9:no.2 (Spring 1998): 113-134. Co-authored with Prof. Beth Evans.
- "CSI Library News." Editor, v.1- v.7 (Fall 1998 – Spring 2005).
- "The Professional Status of Librarians in a Changing World: A Selective Bibliography." *Urban Library Journal*, v.10: no.1/2 (Fall'97/Winter '98): 55-61.
- "A Review of Journals Dealing with the Internet." *The Serials Librarian*, v.30:no.2 (1996): 35-44.

"A Profile of an African University Library: Fourah Bay College Library." *Third World Libraries*, v.5:no.2 (Spring 1995): 22-29.

"Twenty Contemporary African Women Writers: A Bio-Bibliography." *ERIC*, 1995, 45p. ED386752. *NetVine*. Editor. Center for Governmental Studies, DeKalb, IL, 1988-1990

### **GRANT ACTIVITIES:**

Coordinated Collection Development Aid, NY State Education Department

Approximately \$14,000 secured annually to enhance the CSI library collections, 2002 - present.

Staten Island Project – Study of the African Community on Staten Island, July 2005.

Awarded \$8,333.00 to conduct Phase I & II survey of African Immigrants in the Staten Island community.

Rutgers University – African Studies Association, Books for Africa, December 2004.

Awarded \$540.00 to ship discarded academic books, published no later than 1998.

PSC CUNY - Compliance and Diversity Fund, March 2002.

Award (\$3700) for an 8-week educational Film Forum in the Library during summer intersession. Films promoted cross-cultural understanding and personal growth, with issues related to race and ethnicity, social justice, tolerance, and diversity.

### **PRESENTATIONS (selected)**

"From Studies to Stacks, Food to Facts: Using Data and Information to Plan the Changing Face of the Academic Library," Assessment Day Conference, College of Staten Island, April 9, 2010.

"In the Year of the Pig: Faculty Study Tour of China, 2007" World on Wednesday Presentation, College of Staten Island, February 2008 <<http://www.library.csi.cuny.edu/~jones/links.html>>

"Picking Up the Pieces: African Immigrants in New York City" World on Wednesday Presentation, College of Staten Island, May 2007

"Strategies for Writing Successful Term Papers" Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (C-STEP), Discovery Institute, April 2007

"Academic Libraries in the Digital Era." A presentation at the Sino American Conference on Education, June 2004

"African Immigrants on Staten Island." President's Community Advisory Council, College of Staten Island, March 29, 2004.

"Female Voices in African Literature." Minority Scholars Initiative, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, MO. November 10, 2000.

"African Women Writers." American Association of University Women, Staten Island Chapter, Spellman Hall, St. John's University. April 27, 1999.

"Research Using the Internet: Accessing Electronic Libraries-Virtual & Real." CUNY Chief Academic Officers Retreat, The College of Staten Island, September 20, 1996. With Professor Beth Evans.

"Information Sharing and Networking." Presentation at the Annual Convention of the Sierra Leone Association of Archivists, Librarians and Information Scientists, Fourah Bay College Library, University of Sierra Leone, April 20, 1995.

### **CSI/CUNY SERVICE (selected)**

Co-Chair, Strategic Direction V, "Position the College to achieve greater regional, national, and international recognition through advancement and fund raising activities," Fall 2010- present (with Associate Provost, Susan Holak)

Member, Working Group #1-Mission of the College, Middle States Committee, Spring 2010-present

Chair, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management Search Committee, Spring 2009

Member, Search Committee, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Spring 2009

Steering Committee Member on Inclusive Excellence at CSI, Spring 2008-present

Member, Search Committee for Provost/ Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, Spring 2008

Elected Member, Institutional Planning Committee, Fall 2003 - present

Member, President's Community Advisory Council, Spring 2003 – 2007

Member, Steering Committee, Staten Island Project, Spring 2003 – present

Co-Chair, Center for Excellence in Learning & Technologies, Fall 2002 - 2007

Council of Chief Librarians, Fall 2002 - present.

Chair, Space Planning Advisory Committee, Fall 2009 - present

Chair, CUNY-Shanghai Universities Library Exchange, Spring 2011 – present

Member, CUNY-Shanghai Universities Library Exchange, Spring 2009 – present

Coordinator, Ad-Hoc Committee on Race & Ethnicity, October 1999 - 2002  
Pluralism & Diversity Mentor Program, 1996-2002  
Sexual Harassment Education Committee, Chairperson, 1995-1997.

**MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

American Association of University Women, 1998-present.  
Archons of the Colophon, 2008-present  
Association for College & Research Libraries/NY Chapter, 1993- present.  
American Library Association, 1993- present.  
Black Caucus of the American Library Association, 1995-  
CUNY African-American Network, 1992- present.  
Library Association of the City University of New York, 1992- present.

**MEMBERSHIP IN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

African Refuge, Board Member and Treasurer, 2008 - present  
Friends of the College of Staten Island, Board Member and Recording Secretary, 2000 -  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Staten Island Chapter, 2004-present  
New York Urban League, Member, 2010-present  
Staten Island Community Board #1, Board Member, 2006 - present