

Stephanie Y. Evans, Ph.D.

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Brief Bio

Dr. Stephanie Y. Evans is Associate Professor in African American Studies and Women's Studies at the University of Florida in Gainesville. She is the author of the book [Black Women in the Ivory Tower, 1850-1954: An Intellectual History](#) (2007). She is co-editor of [African Americans and Community Engagement in Higher Education](#) (2009) an co-editor of a special edition of the [Western Journal of Black Studies](#) (2010) on graduate training in Africana Studies. Dr. Evans was born in Washington, D.C., but was raised overseas (Air Force brat) and the Mid-west before spending most of her growing years on the West Coast. She is a first generation college student and began the NIA Statement of Purpose Project, an online resource for high school and college students in order to mentor the next generation of scholars. *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* chose her as one of 12 'Emerging Scholars for 2010' in the nation who have contributed much to their field. She is Colonel Allan and Margaret Crow Term Professor for the UF College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2010-11.

Dr. Evans has authored articles in journals such as [Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad](#), [African American Research Perspectives](#), [Black Women Gender and Families](#), [Florida Historical Quarterly](#), [International Journal of the Humanities](#), [The Griot](#), and [Feminist Teacher](#). In May 2003, she received her Ph.D. in African American Studies with a concentration in History and Politics from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and in May 2002 earned a Master's Degree in the same field. Also in 2002, she completed the Graduate Certificate Program in Advanced Feminist Studies.

Dr. Evans is happily married to Mr. Curtis Byrd and is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Additional information

She has conducted research at sites including University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, Howard University's Moorland-Spingarn Research Center in Washington D.C. and through the University of Florida's Paris Research Center in France.

She teaches "Women's Studies Senior Seminar/Capstone," "Mentoring At-Risk/Local Youth," "Research Methods in African American History: Jazz Historiography," "African Americans in Higher Education," "US Women of Color," "Black Gender," "Interdisciplinary Perspectives of Women," and "Introduction to African American Studies" at the University of Florida. She has taught service-learning courses in the Honors College through the Office of Community Service Learning at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She has also taught high school literature, grammar, SAT preparation, and college preparedness for the Holyoke Massachusetts Upward Bound program.

While completing her dissertation, Dr. Evans worked as the Assistant Director for Youth Education Programs in the Swearer Center for Public Service at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. In the summer of 1999 she was a research intern at Stanford University's Haas Center for Public Service and worked on issues of cultural identity and community service. In May 1999 she earned an Interdisciplinary Studies BA in Comparative Humanities--gender and cross-cultural American studies--from California State University, Long Beach. In her undergraduate work, she earned high honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Cum Laude, and Outstanding Department Graduate and was a Kellogg Fellow for one year and a McNair Scholar for two years.

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