

Biographical Sketch
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Dr. Gloria Billingsley is an associate professor and MPPA Program Director in the Department of Public Policy and Administration in the College of Public Service at Jackson State University. She is the 2015-2016 President of the Conference of Minority Public Administrators; a member of the NASPAA Standards Committee; a member of the ASPA Publications Committee, member of Audit and Finance Committee of the National Council for ASPA and a member of the Section on Public Affairs Education (SPAЕ). She teaches in the areas of healthcare administration, nonprofit administration, policy analysis and program development and evaluation. Her research interest includes health disparities relative to African-American women and children as well as issues of social justice particularly as it relates to voting rights. Her previous work experience includes Vice President for Evaluation Services for Professional Associates, Inc., Policy and Special Initiatives Officer for the Mississippi Department of Human Services where she coordinated efforts to implement the State Children's Insurance Program (S-CHIP); working with grassroots organizations to establish community partnerships and coalitions to address substance abuse in their communities and as the community outreach coordinator for the Jackson Heart Study, a large scale research initiative funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) to understand cardiovascular disease in African-Americans. Additionally, she has over 10 years experience teaching online classes in both online-line and land-based institutions.