Gloria J. Billingsley
Biography

Dr. Gloria Billingsley is a native Mississippian. She earned the Master's in Business Administration and Ph.D. in Public Administration degrees from Jackson State University. She is a professor and Department Chair of the Department of Public Policy and Administration. She has also served as the Program Director of the Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA) Program at Jackson State University and has over 20 years of teaching experience in the discipline. In service to NASPAA, she has served on the 2014 Standards Committee, as a site visitor, chair of site visit teams, National Co-Chair of the NASPAA 2021 Conference, Leslie Whittington Teaching Award, commissioner and past chair the Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation. As an active member in the American Society of Public Administration, she has served on the national council (governing board), finance committee, audit committee, publications committee, National Council Parliamentarian, ASPA Founders Fellow Mentor and most recently as a member of the ASPA Pandemic Taskforce. Gloria received the Chester A. Newland Merit of Citation Award (ASPA 2017) and the Donald C. Stone Service to ASPA Award in 2018. Gloria served as the 2015-2016 President of the Conference of Minority Public Administration (COMPA) and managing editor of the COMPA journal, *Journal of Public Management and Social Policy*. As a member of COMPA, she received the Sy Murray Mentoring Award in 2020. She has served in several non-academic positions including Vice President for Evaluation Services for Professional Associates, a minority owned training and technical assistance company; Policy and Special Initiatives Officer for the Mississippi Department of Human Services where she coordinated efforts among three state agencies in the implementation of the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Additionally, Gloria serves as a grant reviewer for the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the areas of community partnership and coalition development, substance abuse prevention and treatment, HIV/AIDS in the African-American population, and culturally appropriate programs for persons of color. Dr. Billingsley has published in several journals such as *Public Management and Governance, Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration; Public Administration Quarterly, National Political Science Review; Race Gender and Class; Public Administration & Management and Ethnicity and Disease* relative to voting rights, issues of race, gender and class, minority participation in health research, nonprofit management, and issues of spirituality and health. She is a co-editor of *The Routledge Handbook on Crisis, PolyCrisis & Public Administration*, a part of the ASPA Series, published in March 2025. She recently completed a research project relative to Social Security Insurance and Social Security Disability Insurance beneficiaries in collaboration with researchers from Princeton University through Princeton's Alliance for Collaborative Research Initiative (PACRI). She is currently serving on the Consortium for International Management, Policy and Development (CIMPAD), 14th International Conference to be held in Luanda, Angola July 15-22, 2026.