



**Dr. Gloria Holmes** is a professor emerita at the School of Education at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT where she served as both chair and director of the Master of Arts in Teaching Program. Presently, she is an adjunct at the University of SC in the Department of Education.

Dr. Holmes has a doctorate in English, and her graduate research focused on American literature with a concentration on African American women writers.

**Awards:** (2015) **Torch of Liberty Award** from the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League  
(2008) **Community Leadership Fellowship** by the William C. Graustein Foundation  
(2008) **Legendary Women** award from a Perfect Blend  
(2008) **Multicultural Leadership Award** from Quinnipiac University  
(2009) **James Marshall Service Award** from the Quinnipiac University Faculty Senate  
(2006) **Multicultural Teacher of the Year Award in Higher Education** from the National Association of Multicultural Education

Committed to promoting cultural literacy in schools, and communities, she has also worked as a diversity trainer for the Anti-Defamation League and the Connecticut State Department of Education, and has conducted anti-bias workshops for public school teachers and school leaders in CT and community organizations in SC.

#### **Recent Presentations:**

*Silencing Intercultural Dialogue* - Understanding the 'Danger of a Single Story'  
Georgia Tech, Atlanta GA 2/26/19  
*Race Matters: Diverse Perspectives on Race in the Everyday A Symposium on Race*  
(organizer and facilitator)  
University of South Carolina Hilton Head Island, SC March 21, 201  
*Race Matters (2): Diverse Perspectives on Race in the Everyday - A Symposium on Race*  
(organizer and facilitator),  
University of South Carolina, Hilton Head Island, SC October 17, 2019  
*Demonizing Blackness - Mythologizing Whiteness - Understanding the 'Danger of a Single Story'* Beaufort County Democratic Club Beaufort, SC 8/13/19  
*10 Things You Should Know About Race, Whiteness and Privilege*  
Lowcountry Indivisible, Beaufort, SC November 9, 2019  
*10 Things You Should Know About Race, Whiteness and Privilege*

Beaufort County Indivisible, Beaufort County, SC November 27, 2019  
*What Stands Between Us - The 'Danger of a Single Story'* Center for the Arts at University  
of South Carolina, Beaufort, SC February 5, 2020  
*10 Things You Should Know About Race, Whiteness, and Privilege*  
First Presbyterian Church Hilton Head Island, SC. February 12, 2020  
*White, Privileged, and Fragile*  
The Morris Center for Lowcountry Heritage, Ridgeland, SC May, 18 2020  
*Why Blacks Matter: A Look at Systemic Racism and Accountability* -Panel Discussion  
(panelist) Law School Quinnipiac University Hamden, CT 6/18/20

**Recent Publication:** “Plantations and Police” The Island Packet/The Beaufort Gazette, Beaufort  
County, SC June 21, 2020

**Community Service:** Board member Mitchelville Preservation Project, The Literacy Center, and  
the Connecticut Center for Arts and Technology (ConnCAT), and she is also affiliated  
with several other educational and community groups

**Public Speaker:** Dr. Holmes has made presentations nationally and internationally on diversity  
and multicultural education, and has facilitated community discussions designed to promote  
intercultural relations

**Author:** Current book, *Justice in Search of Leaders, A Handbook for Equity-Driven School  
Leadership* (2018) . Shas published numerous articles and chapters on cultural diversity, social  
justice, and the achievement gap. Her monthly column, **Diversity 101**, appeared in the **Hilton  
Head** and **Bluffton Monthly** magazines.

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