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Black Women and the Politics of Women's Studies

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Women's History Month
March 10, 2021 @ 3:00pm*

*Bowie State University
Bowie, Maryland*

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Dr. **Valethia Watkins** is an Associate Professor of Africana Studies and Director of the Women's Studies Graduate Certificate Program at Howard University. She holds a doctorate in African American Studies from Temple University and law degree from The Ohio State University College of Law.



She was a member of the team of academics and educators who designed the curriculum framework for Philadelphia's mandatory high school African American History course. These materials are the first to approach African American History using an Africana Studies methodology. Previously, Dr. Watkins served as the former National Secretary for the Association of Black Women Historians. She also has served multiple times as co-instructor for her Department's Summer Study Abroad course in Egypt. Her research interests include Black Women's Intellectual History, the Politics of Race and Racism in American Feminist Thought, and conceptualizing Africana Studies approaches to the study of gender.

Her publications have appeared in *The African American Studies Reader*, *The Journal of Pan African Studies*, *Phylon: The Clark Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture Journal*, *The African Journal of Rhetoric*, and *The Compass*. In addition, she has written several book chapters including two groundbreaking essays, "New Directions in Black Women's Studies" and "Africana Gender Studies: Theorizing Gender Without Feminism."

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<i>Welcome</i>	Carmen Walker, PhD Associate Professor of Government and Women's Studies Department of History and Government
<i>Remarks</i>	George Acquaaah, PhD Dean College of Arts and Sciences
<i>The Occasion</i>	Tamara L. Brown, PhD Professor of History Director of Women's Studies Department of History and Government
<i>Introduction of Speaker</i>	Carmen Walker, Associate Professor
<i>Presentation</i>	Valethia Watkins, PhD, JD Associate Professor of Africana Studies and Director of the Women's Studies Graduate Certificate Program Howard University
<i>Questions & Answers</i>	Assata Harris, Program Intern Long Reach High School, Columbia, Maryland
<i>Closing Remarks</i>	Diarra O. Robertson, PhD Chair Department of History and Government