

# University of Delaware Honorary Degree

**JAMES M. JONES**  
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE  
*honoris causa*

**Esteemed professor**, you earned your undergraduate degree from Oberlin College, your master's degree from Temple University, and your doctorate from Yale University.

You taught at Harvard University and Howard University before joining the faculty of the University of Delaware in 1981, rising from Visiting Distinguished Professor to Trustees' Distinguished Professor in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, a position from which you recently retired. You served the University as well as Director of the Black American Studies Program and Director of the Center for the Study of Diversity. This year, the University recognized your long and illustrious career by bestowing upon you the title of Trustees' Distinguished Professor *Emeritus*.

**Noted scholar and author**, in 1972, you published the landmark work *Prejudice and Racism*, a book that has been called "the undisputed bible of the field of diversity." You issued a second edition of that groundbreaking work in 1997 and followed that up in 2014 with *The Psychology of Diversity: Beyond Prejudice and Racism*, a book that was likewise widely lauded by your peers as indispensable in the field. You have also authored or co-authored several other highly regarded books.

You contributed an astounding 48 chapters to edited books, close to three dozen scholarly articles, and numerous other reviews, technical reports, and other publications. In addition, you have been invited to professional meetings and symposia the world over to deliver papers, presentations, lectures, and posters.

**Committed researcher and catalyst for change**, you have dedicated significant time and effort throughout your career to training minority psychologists. You likewise have contributed to nurturing other scholars via your work on editorial boards and as a reviewer for professional journals as well as through your leadership in national psychological organizations such as the prestigious American Psychological Association, of which you are a Fellow. As a member of APA, you directed the Minority Fellowship Foundation Program for more than 30 years, you were the affirmative action officer for more than 20 years, and you led the public interest directorate for four years.

The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues acknowledged your service and scholarship with its Distinguished Service Award, describing you as "a scholar who cares deeply about making a difference through policy and service to others."

Your honors and awards are many. They include most recently the Morton Deutsch Award for Distinguished Contributions to Social Justice from the International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution at Columbia Teachers College as well as the Gold Medal Award for Life Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest. You also received a Presidential Citation from the American Psychological Association.

In the words of author and social activist L. R. Knost, "If we slow down and take the time to listen, every soul we encounter can teach us something new. Wisdom comes in every shape and size and color and language and form imaginable. The only true limitation is our own inability to see and hear and understand the infinite beauty and wisdom of the human spirit, regardless of its packaging."

Dr. Jones, you have spent a lifetime researching human diversity and how it affects every aspect of our existence, from issues of power and social justice to those of psychological and cultural health. You have taught us that diversity is something to acknowledge, understand, and celebrate.

Therefore, under the authority of the Board of Trustees of the University of Delaware, I have the pleasure and honor of conferring upon you, James M. Jones, the degree of Doctor of Science *honoris causa* and do declare you entitled to all the rights, honors, and privileges to that degree appertaining throughout the world. In testimony thereof, I am pleased to present to you this diploma.

*John R. Cochran*  
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