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Dr. Antoinette Ellis-Williams Receives 2008 Leadership Award of Caribbean Medical Mission

Dr. Antoinette Ellis-Williams of Newark, an associate professor of women's and gender studies at New Jersey City University and director of the University's Lee Hagan Africana Studies Center, has received the Caribbean Medical Mission's 2008 Leadership Award for outstanding service to the community. Dr. Ellis-Williams received the award at the organization's fifth annual gala, a program at which she was also the keynote speaker.

The founder and director of the statewide Female Leadership Development Institute and Research Center, Dr. Ellis-Williams is vice president of the Board of Trustees of East Orange Hospital and a member of both the curriculum development committee of University Heights Charter School and the strategic planning and program committee of St. Phillips Academy.

A member of the NJCU staff since 1996, Dr. Ellis-Williams has served as director of the Hagan Center since 1998. She is a leader of the University's Black Administrators, Alumni, Faculty, Students and Staff Organization and is the founder of NJCU's storytelling and spoken word series, "Catfish and Cornbread: Stories about Black Women and Families." She was NJCU's 2006 "Employee of the Year."

In 2002, Dr. Ellis-Williams became the first woman to be licensed as a minister by the Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church in its 41-year history. She is a member of Bethany Baptist Church and coordinator of its Youth Council.

Dr. Ellis-Williams holds a Ph.D. from the School of Human Ecology of Cornell University, a master's of public administration from the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs of the University of Pittsburgh, and a bachelor of arts in sociology from Seton Hall University.

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