

## Colita Nichols Fairfax, Ph.D.

### Education

Temple University-Philadelphia, PA, Doctor of Philosophy in African American Studies (2008)  
Temple University-Philadelphia, PA, Master of Arts in African American Studies (1996)  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey-New Brunswick, NJ, Master of Social Work (1989)  
Howard University-Washington, DC, Bachelor of Social Work, Dean's List (1988)

### Employment/Scholarly Positions

Norfolk State University-Norfolk, VA-1999-present  
    Inaugural Faculty Fellow, Center for African American Public Policy- 2020- present  
    Robert C. Nussbaum Honors College Senior Faculty Fellow-2015-present  
    The Ethelyn R. Strong School of Social Work  
        Full Professor-2018-  
        Associate Professor-2009-2018  
        Assistant Professor – 1999-2009

Temple University-Philadelphia, PA-1997-1999  
    School of Social Work Adjunct Faculty-1997-1999  
        Institute for Africana Social Work, Graduate Assistant-1996-1997  
    Departments of African American Studies and Psychology, Research Assistant-1994-1996

### Editorial Positions/Journal Reviewer

2017-2019- Reviewer, Journal of HIV/AIDS and Social Services  
2016-2020-Editorial Board, International Journal of Social Work  
2016-present- Review Editor, Frontiers in Sociology; Section Gender, Sex and Sexuality Studies  
2016-2016 – Editorial Board, Journal of Evidence-based Social Work  
2015-present-Editorial Board, Journal of Social Work and Public Health  
2015-2016-Editorial Board, Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment  
2014-present- Contributing Editor, Social Work, The Journal of the National Association of Social Work  
2014-Article Reviewer, Journal of African Studies and Development  
2010 – 2012 - Article Reviewer, Journal of African American Studies  
2007 - 2010 -Book Reviews Editor, Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment

### Books

2021. Ed. The African Experience in Colonial Virginia: Essays on the 1619 Arrival and the Legacy of Slavery. McFarland & Company, Incorporated.

2017. Timeless History and Service: The Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 1922-To Our Time. Owen Printing Company.

2016. Ed. Social Work, Marriage and Ethnicity, Routledge, Taylor and Francis.

2005. Black America Series: Hampton, Virginia. Arcadia Publishing.

### Articles

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- Fairfax, Colita Nichols. 2016. "Community Practice and the Afrocentric Perspective," *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, DOI:10.1080/10911359.2016.1263090 Edt by Tricia Bent-Goodley, Fairfax, Colita Nichols, & Iris Carlton-LaNey, African Centered Social Work: Theory and Practice.
- Fairfax, Colita Nichols. 2016. "African Philosophy: The Center of African Centered Social Work" *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, DOI: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10911359.2016.1252599?scroll=top&needAccess=true> Edt by Tricia Bent-Goodley, Colita Nichols Fairfax, & Iris Carlton-LaNey, African Centered Social Work: Theory and Practice.
- Fairfax, Colita Nichols. 2015. "Vivian Carter Mason and Interracial Cooperation during the Massive Resistance Era in Virginia", DOI: 10.1177/0886109915611814 aff.sagepub.com - *Affilia: The Journal of Women and Social Work, Past and Present Column, 1-15*.
- Fairfax, Colita Nichols & Marvin D. Feit. 2015. "How Policy Improves Health" *Social Work and Public Health*, 30, 5, 410-422.
- Fairfax, Colita Nichols. 2014. "Social Work, Marriage and Ethnicity," Ed by Colita Nichols Fairfax, Social Work, Marriage and Ethnicity, *Journal of Human Behavior and Social Environment*, 24, 3:83-91.
- Fairfax, Colita Nichols. 2014. "A Historical Account of Community Mobilization in Public Education in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century African America: Introducing Miss Virginia Estelle Randolph: Master-Teacher and Community Mobilizer," *Women's History Review*, 23, 1, 1-17.
- "The Obamas and the Culture of Black Parenting in America," with Cassandra Chaney. 2013, *Journal of Pan African Studies*, V. 5, No. 10, 20-49.
- "A Change Has Come: The Obamas and the Culture of Black Marriage in America," with Cassandra Chaney, *Ethnicities*, 2013, 13, 20-48.
- Fairfax, Colita Nichols. 2011. "A Place for African Personhood Theory and Praxis: Filling the Gap in Social Welfare Programs," *Journal of Pan African Studies*, V. 4, No. 5, 122-138.
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- Fairfax, Colita Nichols. "Alternatives to Foster Care Policy: The African American Child-Saving Legacy of Ida Barbour," 2007, *Arete: Special Issue on Social Welfare History in the South*, Vol.31, No.1/2, 73-85.
- "Maggie Lena Walker and African American Community Development," with Jerome Schiele and M. Sebrena Jackson, 2005, *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, Vol. 20, No. 1, Spring, 21-38.

## **Book Chapters**

Fairfax, Colita Nichols & Marvin D. Feit. 2016. "Why Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Are a Natural Part of Our Environment," *Contemporary Issues for People of Color: Surviving and Thriving in the U.S. Today*, Volume 3: Health and Wellness. Valire Carr Copeland, Ed, Greenwood, 165-171.

With Tricia Bent-Goodley, 2014. "Black Women and Marriage" By Grace: The Challenges, Strengths and Promise of Black Marriages, Tricia Bent-Goodley, Ed., NASW Press., 99-104.

With Gerald Stahler, et al, 1997, "Preventing Relapse Among Crack-Using Homeless Women With Children: Building Bridges To The Community" Diversity Within the Homeless Population: Implications for Intervention, Eds, Elizabeth M. Smith and Joseph R. Ferrari, The Haworth Press, 53-66.

## **Selected Media Interviews**

NSU PROFESSOR TO HELP DECIDE VIRGINIA'S NEW U.S. CAPITOL STATUE, 2020 accessed at <https://www.nsu.edu/News/2020/June/NSU-Professor-To-Help-Decide-Virginia%E2%80%99s-New-U-S-Ca>

Interviewed on Beyond the Classroom with Dr. Trina Coleman, 2019, accessed at [bit.ly/drtrina\\_sc](http://bit.ly/drtrina_sc)

Interviewed by Essence Magazine by Donna M. Owens, August 27, 2019, <https://www.essence.com/news/commemorating-400-years-of-black-history-in-hampton-virginia/>

Interviewed on Roland Martin's Show, August 29, 2019, accessed at <https://t.co/I252an4MxT> - go to 1:17:25 mark

Interviewed on August 28, 2019, for "1619: The First Africans and The Making of America", by WUSA, accessed at <https://www.wusa9.com/article/news/local/watch-1619-the-first-africans-in-virginia-and-the-making-of-america/65-aec9b5f1-c988-4827-9fe6-c60368ff4fe6> - go to 3:15 mark

## **Local, Regional and Statewide Involvement**

2020-present-Appointed to Hampton History Museum Association Board of Directors

2020-present-Appointed to CSWE Task Force For Advancing Anti-Racism

2020-present- Appointed by Governor Northam to the State Commission for Historical Statues in the US Capitol

2020-2021-Appointed by Lt. Governor Fairfax to Virginia's COVID-19 Racial Disparities Task Force

2017-present – Appointed to the State Board of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia

2016-present-Chairman of Norfolk Pearls Foundation, Inc., Norfolk, VA

2016-present-Appointed by Governor McAuliffe to the Board of Historic Resources, State of VA

2018 – Elected Vice-Chairman; 2019-2021- Elected Chairman

2020-Reappointed by Governor Northam

2015-2019-Appointed to the State of Virginia 2019 African Arrival Committee, State of Virginia

2015-2019-Appointed as Co-chair 2019 Commemorative Commission, Hampton, VA

2014-present-Co-Founder, Barrett-Peake Heritage Foundation, Hampton., VA

2020-President