

# National Women's History Month, 2018

## **Theme:**

*NEVERTHELESS SHE PERSISTED: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination against Women*

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Yvonne Campbell was born and raised in South Africa where an all-white government enforced a system of racial segregation known as *apartheid*. Under apartheid, non-white South Africans (the majority of the population) were forced to live in separate areas from whites and had to use separate public facilities. South Africans were classified by race, that included Bantu (black Africans), Colored (mixed race), Asian (Indian), and White.

Despite the repressive political climate in her native country, Dr. Campbell persisted. In South Africa she earned a BA in Psychology & Afrikaans from Vista University (a historically Black university) and went on to earn a BA Honors in Psychology from the University of Pretoria (a historically White university), when racial segregation began to erode. She later earned her M.S.Ed. in Counseling (Marriage and Family Therapy), followed by a PhD in Teaching and Learning, with Specialization in Reading (with Academic Merit) both from the University of Miami.

Dr. Campbell is currently Associate Professor, Director of Graduate Programs, and Assessment Coordinator (for FLDOE State –approved Programs) in the School of Education, at Florida Memorial University. She holds a Florida Professional Teacher Certificate, Reading K-12 (with the ESOL Endorsement) and is a former Intensive Reading Teacher, Reading Department Chair, and Reading Coach in the public school systems of both Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

An avid researcher, Dr. Campbell maintains research interests that include instructional strategies for students at risk of reading and writing failure, teacher preparation and development with an emphasis on culturally responsive pedagogy, collaborative learning, and hybrid- and online learning. She has several publications in peer-reviewed journals and continues to present at various professional conferences. Her current research focuses on effective reading instruction for both regular and ESOL students.

An important aspect of her life is her family. Dr. Campbell has been married for 42 years to her husband (and soul mate), Aubrey (a high school mathematics teacher in Miami). They are the proud parents of three sons (Adrian, Blaine, and Jarryd), and 9 grandchildren who all live in South Africa.