Cynthia Jones, Lecturer

Cynthia Jones commenced her service to Hostos students as an ESL adjunct instructor and remains a dedicated, compassionate, respectful, and nurturing educator. She is committed to the needs of students, the English department, the college, and the City University of New York. She is a caring and accessible professional.

She has been a diligent educator who welcomes collaboration among her students and colleagues. She teaches within college learning communities in addition to team teaching within the Early College Initiative, which provides college English courses to high school seniors. She has always been committed to the needs of incoming students and relishes teaching developmental English courses. She revitalized Literature of the Black American, an English elective, which interests a substantive number of students. Additionally, she collaborated with a veteran faculty member to develop a Writing Intensive section of the course. As a faculty partner in the university, she is involved in planning and facilitating year-long monthly interdisciplinary seminars to middle and high school teachers as a part of the ASHP Making Connections, one of its professional development programs.

Within the English department, Cynthia Jones has served in various leadership roles. This year she continues to serve on the department’s Personnel & Budget Committee, which has encompassed interviewing prospective faculty candidates, covering classes, and serving when needed by the department. Besides attending and contributing to course-level meetings, she was asked to be the course manager for ENG 092, Developmental Reading. She held meetings and provided support for all teachers—adjunct and full-time—of that course. She is a member of our Academic Periodic Review committee.

Her collaborative spirit is also evident on various college and university committees and projects to which she has devoted her energies. During this academic year, she continued as a member of the college’s Mentoring and Scholarship & Awards committees. Additionally, she serves on the Honors Committee, which reviews and selects Honors applicants; reviews and approves Honors contracts; assesses Honors student presentations and portfolios; and mentors Honors students toward scholarship excellence. As the Hostos CPE Liaison, she designs the workshop schedule; addresses individual student CPE needs, appeals, and deferrals; confers with students and attends university Liaison meetings. As an advisor to the Hostos Student Leadership Academy, she interviews, selects and supports students who are interested in becoming members of the Hostos Student Ambassadors, The Student Orientation Services (SOS) Team, or The Emerging Leaders Program. She also serves as an advisor to the Hostos Black Male Initiative.

Cynthia Jones has displayed an unflagging commitment to her students, her colleagues, her department, her college, and her university. She is a consummate educator.