

Carol L. Adams, Ph.D.

Newly Appointed Illinois Representative to Africa

Experience:

- Secretary, Illinois Department of Human Services (2003-present)
- Executive Director, Northeastern Illinois University Undergraduate and Graduate Center for Inner City Studies (2000-2003)
- Director, Resident Services Division, Chicago Housing Authority (1997-1999)
- Director, Department of African-American Studies, Loyola University (1981-1987)

Honors and Distinctions:

- Phi Beta Kappa Key
- Leadership Award, Organization of the Liberian Community of Illinois
- Outstanding Humanitarian Award, NAACP
- Community Service Award from the National Association of University Women
- Kwanzaa "Community Legacy" Award, Malcolm X College
- Community Service Award from Chicago's Abraham Lincoln Center
- Illinois Arts Council Governor's Award in the Arts
- Black Business Woman of Year, YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago
- Woman of the Year, Coalition of United Community Action, Inc.

Professional Memberships:

- American Sociological Association
- Conference of Minority Public Administrators
- Association for the Study of Classical African civilizations
- ETA Creative Arts Foundation
- African Festival of the Arts
- African Heritage Studies Association

International Accomplishments:

- Traveled to Lagon, Ghana to participate in Pan-African collaborative to match the skills and resources of Ghanans with the needs of nations on other continents
- Journeyed to Egypt as part of the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations for sociological research
- At the invitation of Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the United Nations, participated in a forum to discuss ways in which the African-American community can contribute to the work of the UN
- Traveled to Uganda to promote community redevelopment and revitalization
- Met with Kenyan Vice President and other government officials to discuss opportunities tourism offers their country for economic development

Education:

- The Union Graduate School, Ph.D. Sociology (1976)
- Boston University, M.A. Sociology (1966)
- Fisk University, B.A. Sociology (1965)

Personal Information:

- Hometown: Louisville, Kentucky