

*Professional Biography of Dr. S. Virginia Gonsalves-Domond*

Dr. S. Virginia Gonsalves-Domond is a Full Professor of Social/Personality Psychology and Former Convener of the Africana Studies Program at Ramapo College. She previously taught at Bates College and Sarah Lawrence College. She has been an academician for over 42 years, having taught over 31 different undergraduate Psychology courses, including a capstone course on *Black Psychology* and *African Spirituality*. Additionally, she has taught graduate students at the College of St. Elizabeth, and has served on doctoral dissertation committees. Having been a Mental Health Consultant for Head Start for over 25 years, she has provided direct interventions to special needs children and their families, and has successfully authored Head Start Grants totaling over \$ 15 million. She has been the recipient of numerous awards, and was selected by her peers for the prestigious *Henry Bischoff Excellence in Teaching Award* in 2001 at Ramapo College. Dr. Gonsalves-Domond is an accomplished and published author, Book Reviewer, Grants Writer, Head Start Trainer/Facilitator/Workshop Leader, and poet. She enjoys reading, singing, museum-visiting, travelling, and the theater. Her most recent publication threads Obeah practices in the Anglophone Caribbean to Yemonja. In 2021, Dr. Gonsalves-Domond published her first children's book, entitled, *Alliterative Animals: A to Z* which is published by Dorrance Publishing Company. A second children's book entitled, *Stella, the Stealthy, Stellar Squirrel of Spartanasha* is in press. Additionally, in 2021, Dr. Gonsalves-Domond was a Visiting Professor at John Cabot University in Rome Italy.