



## **Feminista Jones**

*Intersectionality Expert, Author & Award-Winning Blogger*

Feminista Jones is a Philadelphia-based feminist writer, public speaker, retired social worker, and community activist. She is an award-winning blogger and the author of four books, including the critically acclaimed 2019 release, *Reclaiming Our Space: How Black Feminists Are Changing the World From the Tweets to the Streets*. Her writing and activism centers Black American culture, feminism, critical race theory, intersectionality, mental health, poverty, and women's health and well-being. Feminista sits on the boards of the Wayfinder Foundation, a grant-making organization that invests in women making a difference in their underserved communities, and The Hope Center for Community College & Justice, a non-profit research organization that advocates for the needs of disenfranchised college students.

Feminista's passions are for writing and supporting marginalized people. Her thought-provoking, conversation-starting writing has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Time*, *Essence*, *Complex*, *Vox*, *Salon*, and *EBONY*. Feminista began her career as a social worker in 2002 and dedicated seventeen years of her career to advocating for and supporting people experiencing poverty, hunger, homelessness, substance addiction, and psychiatric disabilities until 2018. In 2020, she was named #16 on "The 76 Most Influential People in Philadelphia" list in *Philadelphia Magazine*. In 2018, she was featured in *Philadelphia Style* magazine for her community and activism work.

Since 2013, Feminista has presented and lectured at various colleges and universities, including Princeton, Cornell, Columbia, Boston University, UC Berkeley, and The University of Pennsylvania. She is a highly sought-after presenter for major conferences and has presented at several, including Women @ Pinterest, SXSW, Netroots Nation, BlogHer, Woodhull Freedom Summit, Stanford University's Online Feminism Conference, Drexel's Racism in Medicine Conference, and more. In 2018, she was honored to give the Baccalaureate speech during Vassar College's Commencement weekend.

In 2015, she co-founded and served as General Director of the Women's Freedom Conference, the first all-digital conference completely organized by and featuring only women of color. For her work, she was named one of SheKnows 2015 "Voices of the Year". In 2014, she launched a global anti-street harassment campaign (#YouOKSis) and a National Moment of Silence protesting police brutality (#NMOS14), both of which received international media



attention. That same year, she was named one of the Top 100 Black Social Influencers by *The Root*.

Feminista is also a mom, a mentor to young girls and women, and an outspoken advocate for the homeless, people living in poverty, and those living with psychiatric disabilities.

**Topics:**

- Intersectional Feminism/Women's Empowerment
- Social Media & Social Justice in the 21st Century
- Non-Profit Organizational Leadership: Diversity & Inclusion and Addressing Gender & Racial Bias
- Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
- Social Work: Poverty, Mental Health, Homelessness & Hunger
- Hip-Hop/Urban Culture