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MAYOR

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October 20, 2003

President Cathy Woolard and
Members of Atlanta City Council
City Hall, Suite 2900 South
68 Mitchell Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30335

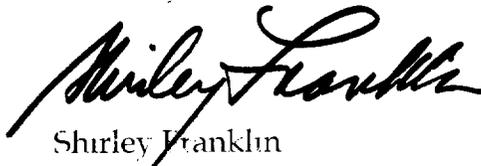
RE: APPOINTMENT TO JEAN BILLINGSLEY-BROWN

Dear President Woolard and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint Jean Billingsley Brown to serve as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** of the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a **term of three (3) years**, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

I am confident that Ms. Billingsley-Brown will serve the Human Relations Commission and the City of Atlanta with distinction. A resume is attached for your perusal.

Sincerely,



Shirley Franklin

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COUNCIL

VITAE

ALMA JEAN BILLINGSLEA-BROWN

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Humanities
The University of Texas at Dallas
Richardson, Texas

M.A. English
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

A.B. English
Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey

POSITIONS

Spelman College Atlanta, Georgia Assistant and Associate Professor, Department of English	1989-Present
Cedar Valley College Lancaster, Texas Instructor, Communications-Humanities Division	1977-1988
Fayetteville State University Fayetteville, North Carolina Instructor, Department of English	1973-1975
Benedict College Columbia, South Carolina Instructor, Department of English	1971-1973
Newark State College (Kean College) Union, New Jersey Instructor, Field Services Division	Summer, 1971

Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Community Organizer
Editor, Soul Force

1967-71

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

Crossing Borders Through Folklore: African American Women's Fiction and Art. Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press, 1999

REVIEWS

Review of Sacchario y la guerilla tupamara", Freedomways. 11.2 (Summer 1971).

Review of Down From the Mountaintop: Black Women's Novels in the Wake of the Civil Rights Movement, South Atlantic Review. 57. 4 (November 1992): 161-63.

Review of The Coupling Convention: Sex, Text, and Tradition in Black Women's Fiction, Novel: A Forum on Fiction. 29.3 (Spring 1996): 399-400.

ARTICLES

"The Folkloric and the Fantastic in Toni Morrison's Song of Solomon: 'Some Old Folks Lie'." Selected Essays from the International Conference on Myth and Fantasy, 1991. Ed. Joseph Tyler. Carrollton, GA: West Georgia International Conference, 1994. 86-93.

"Clementine Hunter's 'Subversive Joy': An Afro-Christian Womanist Aesthetic." Clementine Hunter: American Folk Artist. Dallas: Museum of African American Life and Culture, 1994. 13-17.

"Clementine Hunter's 'Subversive Joy': A Spiritual Womanist Aesthetic." At the Crossroads: A Journal for Women Artists of African Descent. 5, 1995: 17-21. Revised version of "Clementine Hunter's 'Subversive Joy': An Afro-Christian Womanist Aesthetic." Dallas: Museum of African American Life and Culture, 1994. 13-17.

"The 'Blight of Legalized Limitation' in Alice Childress's Wedding Band." Law and Literature Perspectives. Ed. Bruce Rockwood. NY: Peter Lang, 1996. 39-49.

"Yearning for the Homeland: The 'Return to Source' in Contemporary African American Women's Fiction and Visual Art." Weber Studies: An Interdisciplinary Humanities Journal. 14.2 (Spring/Summer) 1997: 43-54.

"Kofi Awoonor." Postcolonial African Writers: A Bio-Bibliographical Sourcebook. Eds. Pushpa Parekh and Siga Jagne. NY: Greenwood Press, 1998.

OTHER

"Moonshot" in Out of Dallas: Fourteen Stories. Eds. Jane Woods, Donna Gormly and Sally Schrup. Denton, Texas: University of North Texas Press, 1989

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

The Learning Conference
London, UK, July, 2003

American Literature Association
Cambridge, MA April, 2001

African American Literature and Culture Society (AALCS)
Salt Lake City, UT October, 2000

Haitian Studies Association (HSA)
Atlanta, GA , November, 1999

African Literature Association (ALA)
Fez, Morocco, March, 1999

Conference of Caribbean Women Writers and Scholars (ACWWS)
Grenada, WI, May, 1998

Convention of the College Language Association (CLA)
Atlanta, GA , April, 1997

Convention of the Modern Language Association (MLA)
Washington, D.C. December, 1996

CONSULTATION

Manuscript and Proposal Evaluations
University of Tennessee Press, 1999
University of Pittsburg Press, 1999

RESEARCH INTERESTS

African American Literature and Folklore
Aesthetics and Diaspora

Current Topics

Black Women's Writing in Africa and the Diaspora
Contemporary African American Women's Fiction and Visual Art
Caribbean and Afro-Latin Literature

HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fulbright Seminar Abroad- Morocco and Tunisia, Summer, 2000

Bush Foundation Individual Faculty Grant - Research on folklore and African women's writing
at Institute for African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon, Summer, 1994

Coca Cola Foundation Grant - Research on material forms of folklore on South Carolina and
Georgia Sea Islands, Summer, 1991

Dissertation Research Grant, The University of Texas at Dallas, 1987-88

Excellence in Teaching Award, Cedar Valley College, 1987

Fulbright/Smith-Mundt Foundation Award, Faculty Exchange Program, Bogota, Colombia,
1984

Graduate Professional Opportunity Program Scholarship, The University of Texas at Dallas,
1981-84

Outstanding Young Woman of America, 1979

Visiting Faculty Fellowship, Columbia University, Summer, 1972

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Modern Language Association (MLA)

College Language Association (CLA)

Association of Caribbean Women Writers and Scholars (ACWWS)

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11/17/03
7:40 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

MULTIPLE 03-C-1978 AND 03-C-1825 AND 03-C-1826

CONFIRM

YEAS: 13
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 2
EXCUSED: 1
ABSENT 0

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	E Willis
NV Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	NV Woolard

MULTIPLE

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A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin:

Appointing Jean Billingsley Brown to serve as a member of the Human Relations Commission of the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a term of three (3) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

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- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 10/20/03

Referred To: Comm on Council

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First Reading

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 Date _____
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 Date 11/13/03
 Chair _____

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- FINAL COUNCIL ACTION
- 2nd
 - 1st & 2nd
 - 3rd
 - Consent
 - V Vote
 - RC Vote

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 MAYOR'S ACTION
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