

## Wornie Reed, Ph.D.

Wornie Reed is currently Professor of Sociology and Africana Studies and Director of the Race and Social Policy Research Center at Virginia Tech University. Previously he was Professor of Africana Studies and Sociology and Director of the Africana Studies Program at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Before that he developed and directed the Urban Child Research Center in the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University (1991-2001), where he was also Professor of Sociology and Urban Studies (1991-2004). He was Adjunct Professor at the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine (2003-4).

Before going to Cleveland State University in August 1991, he was Chairperson of the Department of Black Studies and the developer and first Director of the William Monroe Trotter Institute at the University of Massachusetts at Boston (1985-91). Prior to those positions he was Director of the Institute for Urban Research at Morgan State University (1983-85); and he was Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Associate in the Division of Health Care Research in the School of Medicine at Washington University (1975-83). Professor Reed served a three-year term (1990-92) as President of the National Congress of Black Faculty, and he is past president of the national Association of Black Sociologists (2000-01).

He received his B.S. degree in Secondary Education (in Science and Mathematics) at Alabama State University and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Sociology from Boston University. Trained as a medical sociologist under a health services research training fellowship, Professor Reed has taught courses, conducted research, and published articles and books on medical care, health and illness, urban communities, and criminal and juvenile justice. His background includes positions in the federal government and private industry as well as higher education. Before his academic career, Professor Reed worked in the computer field—with the U.S. Bureau of the Census as a computer programmer and with IBM as a data processing systems engineer and as a marketing representative.

His most recent books are *Racial Profiling: Causes and Consequences* (2011, with R. Dunn), *Handbook of African American Health* (2011, with A. Lemelle and S. Taylor), *Blacks in Tennessee: Past and Present* (2008). A book on employment discrimination is in the final stages of preparation for publication by Lexington Books. Among his scholarly accomplishments Professor Reed directed the project, "Assessment of the Status of African Americans," involving some 61 scholars. This project resulted in the production of a four-volume work published by Auburn House Publishers:

- *Health and Medical Care of African Americans* (W. Reed, author; 1993)
- *African Americans: Essential Perspectives* (W. Reed, ed.; 1993)
- *The Education of African Americans* (C. Willie, A. Garibaldi & W. Reed, eds.; 1991)
- *Research on the African American Family* (R. Hill, et al.; 1993)

Professor Reed's honors and awards include two Regional Television Emmys—received in 2000 and 2003—for his work with Public Health Television, Inc., on the Urban Cancer Project, which produced television shows on cancer prevention aimed at African Americans.

As a youth and young man, Reed participated in the civil rights movement under Martin Luther King and other leaders, including the Montgomery bus boycott, the 1963 March on Washington, and the 1968 Poor People's Campaign. Currently, he is a former member of the board of ACLU-VA and a founding member of the Montgomery County, VA, Dialogue on Race, an organization aimed at ending racial injustice in the County.