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# *THE W. E. B. DUBOIS AWARD*

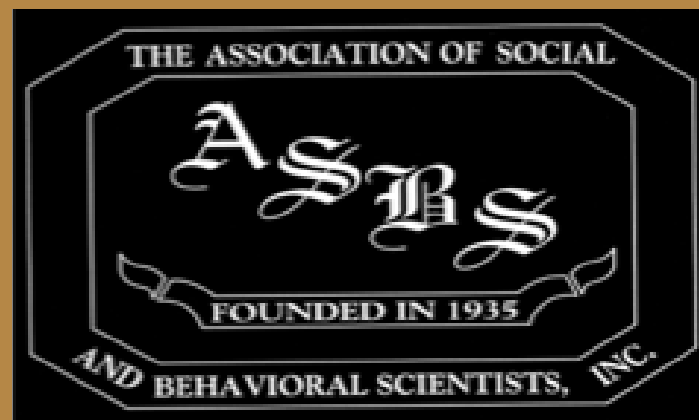
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## *BEVERLY WRIGHT, PHD*

*DEEP SOUTH CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE*

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*In Recognition of Outstanding Contributions  
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**THE WILLIAM EDWARD BURGHARDT (W.E.B.) DUBOIS AWARD**

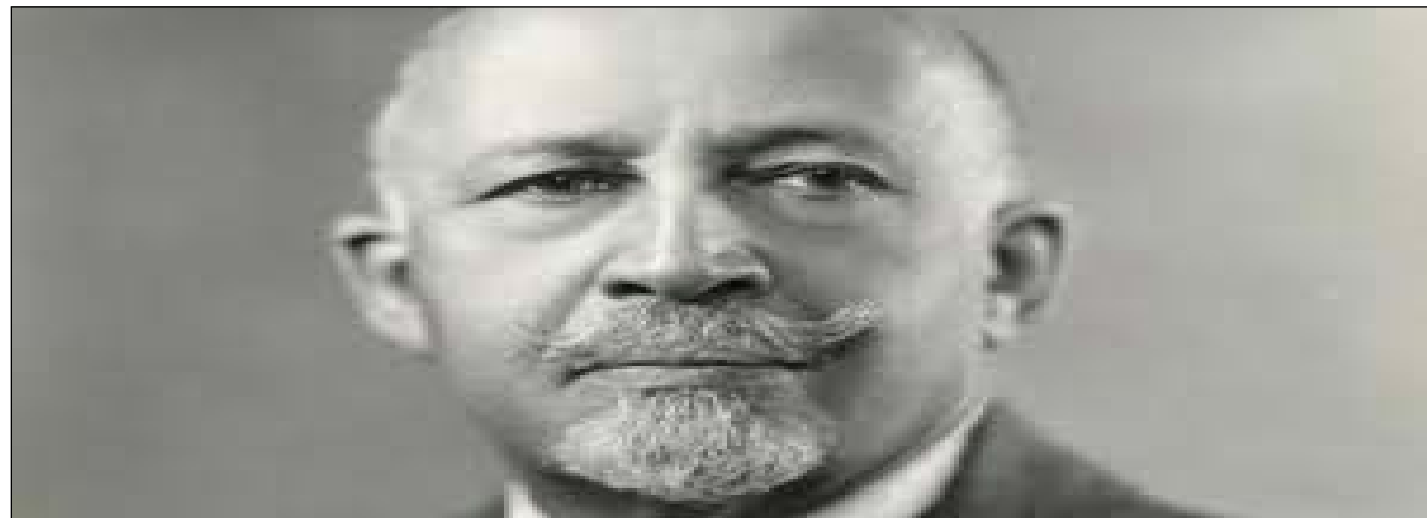
The William Edward Burghardt (W.E.B.) Du Bois Award was established by the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists in 1970. Introduced by James E. Conyers, ASBS President, it was initiated to honor an outstanding social or behavioral scientist or civic leader who is credited for making a significant contribution to the greater knowledge and understanding of African-Americans. Thus, award recipients include prominent scholars, government officials, and civic leaders whose contributions reflect the prolific scholarly and political contributions of W.E.B. Du Bois.

Du Bois was an innovative, creative, and original thinking scholar who participated in the early meetings of the Conference of Teachers of Social Science in Negro Colleges, ASBS's predecessor. His early participation and subsequent appearances in later years were part of his dedication to an intellectual life which spanned several generations.

In his interdisciplinary, scholarly publications, Du Bois examined critical themes in African-American life. Four of his books—*The Souls of Black Folk*, *Black Reconstruction*, *The Suppression of the African Slave Trade*, and *The Philadelphia Negro*; the Atlanta University research series; and his editorship of *Phylon Magazine* provided the American scholarly community with a different perspective on the socioeconomic and political conditions of African-Americans. In his discussion of *The Philadelphia Negro*, David Levering Lewis stated that “Du Bois’ scholarly writings carried the vivid narrative power that other urban studies would lack until . . . more than thirty years in the future.”

In addition to his scholarly research, Du Bois was an advocate for civil rights in America and abroad. He participated in the first Pan-African Congress which focused on the impact of colonialism on the African continent. As editor of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's official organ, *The Crisis*, he promoted improved race relations through editorials which attacked every aspect of segregation in America.

# Past W.E.B. Du Bois Award Recipients of The Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, Inc.



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| 11970 – Oliver C. Cox             | 1986 – Delores P. Aldridge     | 2002 - Henry E. Frye              |
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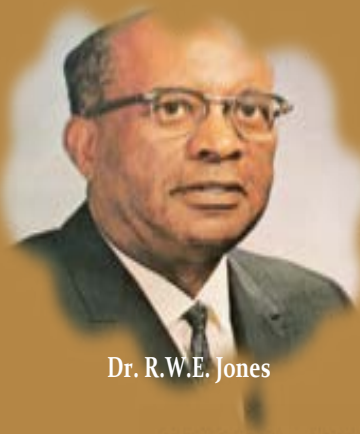
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## 2017 RECIPIENT *W. E. B. DU BOIS AWARD*

**DR. BEVERLY L. WRIGHT**

Dr. Beverly L. Wright, environmental justice scholar and advocate, author, civic leader and professor of Sociology, is the founder of the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice currently at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Center addresses environmental and health inequities along the Mississippi River Chemical Corridor and is a community/university partnership organization providing education, training and job placement for underserved populations in environmental justice communities within the United States. After the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the Center has focused its energies largely on research and policy efforts, community outreach and assistance as well as the education and training of displaced African-American and minority residents of New Orleans. In 2010, Dr. Wright directed the focus of the Center's activities on the education, training and public policy needs and concerns of those communities affected by the BP Deep Water Horizon oil spill disaster. She has also extended the Center's work to include communities in New York and New Jersey affected by Hurricane Sandy.



In furtherance of the commitment that Dr. Wright to developing student leadership, she conceived and founded the HBCU Climate Change Initiative in 2011. The Initiative sponsors activities that provide opportunities for HBCU students to learn about climate change science, policy and advocacy and to present their research projects on topics relative to climate change issues. The goal of the Initiative is to train the next generation of climate and environmental justice leaders. HBCU students and faculty, many of whom are from disadvantaged communities are underrepresented in the discourse on climate change and its impacts even though most are located in southern states – a vulnerable region impacted by hurricanes, drought, flooding, and other natural disasters. Climate-related disasters are increasing in the south more than other regions in the US. To date, the Initiative has a total of 25 HBCUs participating in its activities and is growing to include more schools each year. The Annual HBCU Climate Change Conference is one such activity designed to educate students, empower communities and build the capacity of HBCUs to work within their communities to achieve mutual goals regarding climate change science, local and global climate change, climate justice policy.

Additionally, Dr. Wright has developed programs to engage primary and secondary students in dealing with the pressures and challenges of living in Environmental Justice communities and navigating post-disaster trauma through the Social and Emotional Wellness component of the Center's activities. Dr. Wright's work reaches beyond the confines of the Center's activities. She has served as the co-chair of Sustainable Energy and Environmental Taskforce for New Orleans Mayor Mitchell Landrieu's transition team. She previously served as a founding member of the US EPA National Environmental Justice Action Coalition (NEJAC), the Corps of Engineers' Environmental Advisory Board, the Mayor's Office of Environmental Affairs' Brownfields Consortium, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the New Orleans' Select Committee for the Sewerage and Water Board, chaired the 2002 Second National People of Color Leadership Summit and has co-chaired the Environmental Justice Climate Change Initiative from its inception.

Dr. Wright is once again a member of NEJAC, as she was invited to return to service in 2015. She is also a member of the Commission Delegation to the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP15, 16, 17, 19, & 21) and serves as the President of the African American Women of Purpose and Power in New Orleans. She is a member of an advisory board of the Tony Mizzocchi

Center of the United Steelworkers of America. Dr. Wright has received numerous honors and awards throughout her illustrious career, such as the Distinguished Alumni Award from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 2003, the Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Award in 2006, the 2008 EPA Environmental Justice Achievement Award, the Rainbow PUSH Coalition 2008 Community Award, the Ford Motor Company's Freedom Sisters Award in July of 2009, the prestigious 2009 Heinz Award as well as the 2010 Beta Kappa Chi Humanitarian Assistance Award of the National Institute of Science and the 2010 Conrad Arensberg Award from the Society for the Anthropology of Work. She was also recognized by the Griot 100 History Makers in the Making in 2010. In 2011, Dr. Wright received the Urban Affairs Association's SAGE Activist Scholar Award. In May of 2012, she also received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University at Buffalo, State University of New York Sociology Department where she presented the commencement address. Her most recent award is near to her heart as it comes from the Orchid Society in New Orleans. Through the Society, Dr. Wright was honored in January of 2016 for her lifetime of service to youth and families. She was honored on October 7, 2016, by the Children's Bureau of New Orleans at their 3rd Annual Children's Hero Awards.

Dr. Wright is the accomplished author of numerous scholarly books and articles. Recently, she authored books with Dr. Robert Bullard, most notably; Race, Place and the Environment After Hurricane Katrina from Westview Press, and The Wrong Complexion for Protection: How The Government Response Endangers African-American Communities from New York University Press. Her latest scholarly article entitled Ambient Air Concentrations Exceeded Health-Based Standards for PM2.5 and Benzene During the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, was published in the Journal of Air and Waste Management in February of 2016. She is currently working toward publication of an article entitled A Question of Equity: Transnational Targeting of Environmental Justice Communities co-authored with Dr. Earthea Nance of Texas Southern University.



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**Dr. Beverly Wright**  
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With much love and gratitude for your leadership and service to Environmental Justice communities everywhere



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Greetings . . . . . Dr. Msia B. Clark  
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Occasion . . . . . Mr. Clarence B. Williams  
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Introduction of Speaker . . . . . Dr. Alma Thornton  
Member, ASBS Executive Committee  
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Keynote Address . . . . . The W. E. B. Du Bois Award Recipient  
Beverly L. Wright, Ph.D.  
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Presentation of the Award . . . . . Dr. Msia K. Clark  
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