



Biography

Yohuru R. Williams is the vice president for History Education for the American Institute for History Education.

Born and raised in Bridgeport, Connecticut, author, educator, and distinguished lecturer, Dr. Yohuru Williams, has worked with more than forty school districts on Teaching American History Grants around the nation from Alabama to Alaska. He is one of AIHE's most requested presenters.

Dr. Williams formerly served as Associate Professor of History and Co-Director of Black Studies at Fairfield University. He received his Ph.D. from Howard University in 1998.

Dr. Williams is the author of *Black Politics/White Power: Civil Rights Black Power and Black Panthers in New Haven* (Brandywine Press, 2000) and *A Constant Struggle: African-American History from 1865 to the Present Documents and Essays* (Kendall Hunt, 2002). His most recent book, *In Search of the Black Panther*, which he co-edited with Jama Lazerow of Wheelock College, was published in 2006 by Duke University Press. He also served as general editor for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History's 2002 and 2003 Black History Month publications, *The Color Line Revisited* (Tapestry Press, 2002) and *The Souls of Black Folks: Centennial Reflections* (Africa World Press, 2003). Dr. Williams served as an advisor on the popular civil rights reader *Putting the Movement Back into teaching Civil Rights*.

Dr. Williams' scholarly articles have appeared in *The Black Scholar*, *The Journal of Black Studies*, *Pennsylvania History*, *Delaware History*, and the *Black History Bulletin*. He has another forthcoming book from Duke University Press on the Black Panther Party which he also co-edited with Jama Lazerow of Wheelock College entitled *Liberated Territory: toward a Local History of the Black Panther Party*. Dr. Williams is also presently finishing up a single authored book entitled *Six Degrees of Segregation: Lynching, Capital Punishment and Jim Crow Justice 1865-1930*.