

Emily Allen Williams Named Vice Provost

Emily Allen Williams has been appointed Vice Provost for Curriculum and Assessment at Ramapo College of New Jersey. Her position was effective July 1.

“I’m happy that since I arrived I have had the opportunity to meet with key players and see how all of our roles will intersect,” said Williams. “The experience has been very positive so far.”

One of the areas charged to Williams will be to adjudicate academic concerns or disputes and to help students navigate their way through academic grievances, she said. She also will work on assessing curriculum development with the deans and conveners, “not just for accreditation purposes but to ensure that every year we are consciously evaluating our roles as educators,” she added.

Williams has worked in academia since 1990 in various capacities as professor, department chair, dean and provost. She began her career at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, where she taught and conducted research for 13 years. She later spent time at the University of the West Indies (Kingston, Jamaica) on a Fulbright Fellowship where she completed research on a book publication while lecturing on West Indian Poetry. Her most recent appointments were at the University of the Virgin Islands and Texas Southern University.

Williams holds a Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Doctor of Arts in Humanities (emphasis on Caribbean and British Cultural Studies and Literature) from Clark Atlanta University. She received a certificate in Management and Leadership in Education from Harvard University and is a published author of several books and numerous articles and reviews for peer-reviewed scholarly journals.

Prior to her work in higher education, Williams worked as a Grants Director and Arts Program Manager for the City of Atlanta Bureau of Cultural Affairs and the State of Georgia Council for the Arts.

Born and raised in the Bronx, Williams said, “I’m happy to back in the New York metropolitan area. Some family is still here so I enjoy being close by.”

Williams lives in Riverdale, New Jersey.