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CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE LECTURER

ACCEPTED INTO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AT YALE

Hartford, CT - Femi Bogle-Assegai, a Philosophy, Ethics and English lecturer at Capital Community College, has been accepted into the Community College Faculty Fellowship Program at Yale for the 2009-2010 academic year.

The Programs in International Educational Resources of the Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale and the Yale University Library will permit Bogle-Assegai to realize her proposed project: How the practice of outlawed traditional philosophies about women and girls in Ghana are impacted by globalization and human rights considerations.

Bogle-Assegai is particularly interested in the extent to which new ideas and beliefs could flourish through increased communication systems and shield vulnerable girls and women in Ghana from the apparent exploitation they continue to suffer from the practice of Trokosi (Bogle-Assegai describes this as “modern-day slavery practiced by traditional Priests”).

Ms. Bogle-Assegai is an expert in cross cultural awareness and empowerment issues for women. Designated by the Commissioner of the Connecticut Civil Rights Agency to be the liaison, manager and trainer for the International Human Rights Conference in Ghana in 1998, she worked in conjunction with the Ghanaian Legal Services Center to educate poor and indigent women and children on their legal rights in Ghana.

The great, great, great granddaughter of Paul Bogle, one of the first national heroes of Jamaica, Femi Bogle-Assegai has worked throughout the world and in forty-six states. She is a lifelong activist for justice and recently resigned as Chairperson of the Legal Redress Committee of the Greater Hartford NAACP, a position she was elected for and held for the past five years. Married 27 years and the proud mother of five grown accomplished children, one of whom graduated medical school this summer, she said “I think I can take some time for myself now,” and was inspired to return to academia.

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