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Professor Evelyn M. Hammonds is the Barbara Gutmann Rosenkrantz Professor of the History of Science and Professor of African and African American Studies. She has been on the Harvard faculty 16 years. She earned her Ph.D. in the Department of the History of Science at Harvard and was a post-doctoral fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton. She has an undergraduate degree in physics from Spelman College and a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech. She earned the S.M. in Physics from MIT. Her research focuses on the history of scientific, medical and socio-political concepts of race and gender in the United States. At Harvard she currently serves on the university-wide committee to examine the university’s relationship to slavery. She also works on projects to improve the representation of men and women of color in STEM fields. She is a member of the Committee on Women in Science, Technology, and Medicine (CWSEM) of the National Academy of Sciences. She was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2018.

Dave A. Louis, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of higher education at Texas Tech University. He is affiliated faculty in Women’s & Gender Studies program and teaches courses on student activism and social justice at the Honors College at Texas Tech where he previously served as interim associate dean. He is the 2020 recipient of the Carlos J. Vallejo Memorial Award for Scholarship awarded by the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Multicultural/Multiethnic SIG and the President’s Excellence in Diversity & Equity Award at Texas Tech University in 2015. Counter-storytelling sits at the core of his research centering on the voices, authenticity, and meaningfulness of the Black experience in postcolonial societies. His work has been published in multiple academic journals including The Journal of Higher Education, Multicultural Perspectives, Journal of Black Studies, The Urban Review, and International Journal of Multicultural Education. Dave earned his bachelor’s degree in psychology from Morehouse College, his master’s degree in education from Harvard Graduate School of Education, and his PhD in higher education administration from Texas A&M University.

As Executive Director of Advance Office of Faculty Development at Northeastern University, Dr. Diedra Wrighting assists faculty and university leadership in accomplishing personal, departmental, college, and university goals. To this end, she leads the design, development, long-range planning, and implementation of program strategy. Her methods enable her to create dynamic and impactful programming that meets faculty where they are, ultimately assisting them to elevate to their highest potential. Dr. Wrighting holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Howard University and a Doctorate in Genetics from Harvard Medical School.