



Dr. Diane Turner

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Turner served as curator of collections and exhibitions for the African-American Museum in Philadelphia (2002 to 2006). Turner also served as course director for the Bard College Clemente Course in the humanities, an innovative higher-education program for low-income and minority students sponsored by Rutgers University-Camden's Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for the Humanities. She has taught African-American history at Northeastern University, Brown University, the University of South Florida, Rowan University, Camden County College and other institutions of higher education. She served as project director for the African-American Community in Woodbury, New Jersey Oral History Project; and is a consultant for historical organization and museums. She also served as Archivist at the Langston Hughes Memorial Library, Lincoln University (1987-1989). She is the author of *My Name is Oney Judge* (children's book, 2010) and *Feeding the Soul: Black Music, Black Thought* (2011). She has published articles in scholarly journals and essays in anthologies. Her forthcoming book is entitled *Corporal Thomas S. Turner: Our Grand Pop is a Montford Point Marine*. She is currently working on a history of jazz in Philadelphia. She is the current president of the Montford Point Marines Association, Auxiliary, Philadelphia, Chapter #1.