



Margaret Bristow

Treasurer/Board Member

Bio

Born and raised in Newport News, this semi-retired college English professor has lived there all her 72 years. Having earned the BS and MA degrees in English from Hampton University, she also earned the Doctorate in English from the University of Virginia in 1990. For 49 years, she has been married to Marshall Bristow. She is founder of a community education business entitled BERNICE, which stands for Better Educational Resources Needed in Community Education. It offers help if you need a writing coach and grant writing services. A former tenured associate professor of English at Hampton University, she now teaches at Humanities World Preparatory School Online.

She has produced a one act play entitled "From the Keel Up," promoting black history in the Newport News Shipyard. Having signed a book contract with McFarland Press, she is writing a book summarizing certain current black teen novels, telling how it can be used to relate to the teens in our lives. She is a charter member of the Hampton Roads Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) founded by Dr. Woodson. She also serves as program chair for the newly established African American Historical Society of Newport News.

Most recent in her community accomplishments are the following dramatic performances: Hampton History Museum, guest on Round Robin's TV show Channel 47, Hampton Roads ASALH, and Hampton Sheriff's Department. Dr. Bristow has been invited by the Journal of African American History to write the first review of a documentary on black poet Paul L. Dunbar. She produced an article regarding the use of black teen novels to convey black history that was published in the summer Issue of

the Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies. Very recent accomplishments include being honored as an outstanding woman from Hampton Roads February 2022. (BY WHO)