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## Feminista Jones

Intersectionality Expert, Author & Award-Winning Blogger

Feminista Jones is a Philadelphia-based feminist writer, public speaker, community activist, and semi-retired social worker. She is an award-winning blogger and the author of the novel *Push the Button*, the poetry collection *The Secret of Sugar Water*, and the critically acclaimed *Reclaiming Our Space: How Black Feminists Are Changing the World From the Tweets to the Streets* (Beacon, 2019). Her work centers Black American culture, critical race theory, intersectionality, women's health and well-being. She sits on the board of the Wayfinder Foundation, a grant-making organization that invests in women making a difference in their underserved communities.

Feminista's passion and talent for writing have led to her being featured in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Time*, *Essence*, *XOJane*, *Complex*, *Vox*, *Salon*, and *EBONY* magazine to name a few publications. She is currently a weekly columnist at *Zora Magazine*, operates her own subscription-based platform, and contributes to various publications as a freelancer and commissioned writer.

Since 2013, Feminista has presented and lectured at various colleges and universities including Princeton, Cornell, Columbia, Boston University, UC Berkeley, and The University of Pennsylvania. Represented by APB Speakers, Feminista is a highly sought-after lecturer, panelist, and keynote speaker for major conferences and has been a featured speaker at several, including Stanford's Online Feminism Conference, Drexel's Racism in Medicine Conference, the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Netroots Nation, SXSW, BlogHer, Woodhull Freedom Summit, and more. In 2018, she was honored to give the Baccalaureate speech during Vassar College's Commencement weekend.

In 2014, she launched a global anti-street harassment campaign (#YouOKSis) and a National Moment of Silence protesting police brutality (#NMOS14), both of which received international media attention. That year, she was named one of the Top 100 Black Social Influencers by *The Root*. In 2015, she co-founded and served as General Director of the Women's Freedom Conference, the first all-digital conference completely organized by and featuring only Women of Color. For her work, she was named one of *SheKnows* 2015 "Voices of the Year". In 2017, Feminista was named one of the 100 Most Influential People in Philadelphia by *Philadelphia* magazine and was later featured in *Philadelphia Style* magazine for her



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community work in 2018. In 2020, Feminista was named one of the "Bitch 50", honoring the work of feminist women around the world and one of the 76 Most Influential People in Philadelphia.

In 2019, Feminista joined two of her closest friends to create *Black Girl Missing*, a true-crime podcast that focuses on the stories of missing Black girls in the United States. Feminista is also a mom, an organizational leadership, management, culture, and diversity consultant, a mentor to young girls and women, a Ph.D. student at Temple University, and an outspoken advocate for the homeless, people living in poverty, and those living with psychiatric disabilities.

**Topics:**

- Intersectional Feminism/Women's Empowerment
- Social Media & Social Justice in the 21st Century
- Non-Profit Organizational Leadership: Diversity & Inclusion and Addressing Gender & Racial Bias
- Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
- Social Work: Poverty, Mental Health, Homelessness & Hunger
- Hip-Hop/Urban Culture