

# **Jane James**

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## **Biography**

Jane James joined the adjunct faculty in 2011, teaching courses on research methods and human behavior and the social environment. She currently teaches a course on policy and practice in social service organizations and social welfare. Born and raised in Saint Lucia, she studied environmental sciences and epidemiology at the University of the West Indies. She became the first female public health inspector on the island. After moving to the United States in 1982, she attended the College of Mount Saint Vincent, where she graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology. She went on to receive her master's degree in social work from Columbia University and a juris doctor degree from Barry University School of Law. She also obtained a certificate in alternate dispute resolution from Hamline University School of Law, as well as a certificate in family and children's services. A certified legal intern, she represented clients in the Orlando juvenile justice system. She then worked in foster care for the Jewish Child Care Association and the Children's Aid Society in New York. She provided case management, offered individual and family therapy to children and their families, and supervised foster care visits between children and parents. She also represented clients from both agencies in the family court system. James later gained valuable experience working in the area of mental health counseling at the Rye Psychiatric Hospital in New York. From 1998 to 2001, she worked in private practice and provided bereavement services, marriage and family counseling, and psychotherapy. James also worked as a part-time instructor and visiting professor for the University of Central Florida School of Social Work, where she taught both undergraduate- and graduate-level courses. She served as a field liaison to Master of Social Work students and conducted on-site visits to the students' field placement sites. In 2011, she was nominated by the graduating class to deliver the keynote speech.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Writing and Editing, Education/Learning, Research

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Practice in Social Service Organizations, Policy in Social Service Organizations, Research Methods, Human Behavior, Social Welfare

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## **Education**

**Barry University**

J.D.

**Columbia University**  
M.S.W. Social Work

**College of Mount Saint Vincent**  
B.A.

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