

# **Tomeka Robinson**

**Senior Associate Dean, Professor of Writing Studies and Rhetoric at Hofstra University**  
Hempstead, NY, US

Dr. Robinson is an expert on effective public debate as well as health communication. She directs Hofstra's award-winning forensics team.

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## **Biography**

Dr. Tomeka Robinson is the Senior Associate Dean of the Rabinowitz Honors College & Professor of Rhetoric and Public Advocacy. When not hard at work in the Honors College Dean's Office, she teaches courses in honors college and public speaking for Hofstra's NOAH Program. Dr. Robinson has taken an active role in professional and civic organizations throughout her career. She served on the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta National Forensics Honorary Association (speech and debate) for 12 years, including leading the organization as President for a term. She is the first person of color to hold the position of President in any national collegiate speech and debate organization. During her tenure as the Director of Forensics at Hofstra, she served on a number of speech & debate executive boards: International Forensics Association, Interstate Oratorical Association, and the Southern & Northern Atlantic Forensics Unions, and national committees: Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion committee of the National Forensics Association and part of the National Developmental Conference on Individual Events Planning Committee. For her service to the speech and debate community, she was inducted in the National Forensics Association Hall of Fame in 2021 and received the E.R. Nicholas Excellence in Teaching from Pi Kappa Delta National Forensics Honorary Association in 2022. Additionally, she is currently one of the founding members of the Long Island Community and Academic Research Partnership, which focuses on bridging the gap between the community and academics on issues of health disparities. In all of her copious amounts of free time, she is also still very actively involved in several research projects with colleagues across the globe on projects focused on global health risk and the impact of race on health. Additionally, she has been invited to give several lectures and media interviews throughout the US and Brazil on health, culture, and race within the last few years.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Public Relations and Communications, Media - Broadcast, Education/Learning, Writing and Editing, Health and Wellness

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Public/Social Advocacy, Rhetoric, Health Communications, Argumentation and Debate, Intercultural Communication, Public Speaking & Debate

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## **Affiliations**

National Communication Association, Eastern Communication Association , Central States Communication Association, Pi Kappa Delta Honorary National Forensics Association, National Association of Professional Women, American Bioethics and Humanities Association, American Public Health Association

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## **Education**

### **Texas A&M University**

Ph.D. Public Health Education and Promotion

### **Texas A&M University**

M.A. Health Communication

### **McNeese State University**

B.S. Biology & Communication

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## **Accomplishments**

### **President, Pi Kappa Delta**

First woman of color to be elected president of a national speech and debate organization.

### **Faculty of the Year**

Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, 2011

### **New Forensics Educator Award**

Awarded by Pi Kappa Delta, 2010

### **Dedicated Service Award**

American Forensics Association, 2009

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