

PROFESSIONAL CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF

Jennifer R. Jones-Damis, PsyD., LPC

- **Name of Candidate & Years of affiliation with The ABPsi**
 - Jennifer R. Jones-Damis
 - A Member for 14 Years

- **Position seeking (Title ABPsi Position)**
 - ABPsi National Secretary

- **Work Title and Name of Employer**
 - Associate Director of Mental Health
 - Health & Hospitals Correctional Health (Rikers Island)

- **Education: (Degree—Area of Study—Institution)**
 - Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
 - Doctorate of Psychology (PsyD). (Concentration School Psychology)
 - Regent University
 - Masters in Community and School Counseling
 - University of Virginia
 - Bachelors is Psychology and Studies of Women and Gender

- **Certification and Licensure Information**
 - Licenses
 - New York State Licensed Psychologist - #020896
 - New Jersey Licensed Psychologist – #5427
 - New Jersey Licensed Professional Counselor - # 37pc00431300
 - Certifications
 - New Jersey Board Certified School Psychologist
 - National Certified Counselor

- **Recent Professional Experience**
 - NYC Health & Hospitals (Rikers Island Correctional Health) 6/15 – Present
 - *Position:* Associate Director of Mental Health Services
 - Mount Sinai - The Center for Child Trauma & Resilience 9/13 – 4/15
 - *Position:* Post Doc - Psychologist
 - Lincoln Hills Juvenile Correction Facility - APA Accredited Internship 9/12 – 8/13
 - *Position:* Psychology Intern

- **Additional Experience and/or Activities involving the ABPsi governance**
 - The New Jersey Association of Black Psychologist, Treasurer 7/18 – Present
 - The New Jersey Association of Black Psychologist, Vice President 7/14 – 7/18
 - The Association of Black Psychologist, General Assembly Chair 7/14 – 7/16

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- The Association of Black Psychologists, General Assembly Secretary 8/10 – 8/12
- Regent University ABPsi Student Circle President 2007-2008
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- **Other Related Memberships**
 - SAMHSA National Child Traumatic Stress Network – Justice Consortium Co-Chair 8/18-present

- **Awards and Honors**
 - Rutgers' Graduate School of Professional Psychology Robert Weitz Award
 - Rutgers' Graduate School of Professional Psychology Virginia Bennett Award
 - American Psychological Association Paul E. Henkin School Psychology Travel Award
 - The Association of Black Psychologists – Black Ribbon Scholarship
 - Dorothy Cooper Fellowship – Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
 - New Jersey Psychological Association Community Award
 - Executive Women of New Jersey Merit Scholarship

- **Publications**
 - Gregory, A., **Jones, J. R.**, “Secondary Classroom Management” in the International Handbook of Student Achievement, Routledge Publishers (2012).
 - **Jones, J. R.**, Gregory, A., (2011). Examining the Relationship between School Discipline and Dropout for Black Students. ABPsi Psych Discourse May/June-2011- v45-3

- **Presentations**
 - **Jones-Damis, J.R.**, (2018) Addressing Racial Trauma in Therapy. Presented at Rutgers Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology CE (6 Hour Workshop) New Brunswick, NJ

 - **Jones-Damis, J.R.**, (2018) School-to-Prison Pipeline: Understanding the Relationship Between School Discipline, Dropout, and Incarceration. Presented at the NJ Department of Health Services, (6 Hour Workshop) Hackensack, NJ

 - **Jones-Damis, J.R.**, (2018) School-to-Prison Pipeline: Understanding the Relationship Between School Discipline, Dropout, and Incarceration. Presented for Rutgers School of Social Work, (6 Hour Workshop) Bordentown, NJ

 - **Jones-Damis, J.R.**, (2017) Pen (Penitentiary) -vs- Pencil: Understanding and Combating the School to Prison Pipeline. Presented to East Orange School District Administrators, East Orange, NJ

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- Jones-Damis, J.R., (2017) School-to-Prison Pipeline: Understanding and Combating the School to Prison Pipeline. (6 Hour Workshop) Presented to the New Jersey Department of Corrections, Trenton, NJ
- **Jones-Damis, J.R.**, (2017) School-to-Prison Pipeline: Understanding the Relationship Between School Discipline, Dropout, and Incarceration. Presented at the Rutgers School of Social Work, (6 Hour Workshop) Piscataway, NJ
- **Jones-Damis, J.R.**, (2017) Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Children and Adolescents. Presented at Monmouth University School of Social Work, (6 Hour Workshop) Long Branch, NJ
- **Jones-Damis, J.R.**, (2017) Understanding the Impact of Trauma on the School to Prison Pipeline. Guest Lecturer at CLiME Conference Rutgers School of Law, Newark, NJ
- **Jones-Damis, J.R.**, (2017) Addressing Racial Trauma in Psychotherapy. Key Note Address at the New Jersey Psychological Association Winter Conference, Hamilton Park, NJ.
- **Jones, J.R.**, (2016) Addressing Race & Trauma in Therapy. Key Note Address at the New Jersey Association of Multicultural Counseling Annual Conference, West Windsor, NJ.
- **Jones, J.R.**, (2016) The Impact of Trauma and Community Violence on the School to Prison Pipeline. Presented at Rutgers University 12th Annual Culture Conference, Piscataway, NJ.
- **Jones, J.R.**, (2016) Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Youth in the Juvenile Justice System. Presented at The New Jersey Association of Black Psychologists Chapter Meeting, Piscataway, NJ.
- **Jones, J.R.**, (2016) Healing the Black Community in the Era of Mass Incarceration. Presented at the Association of Black Psychologist Mid-Year Training, Nashville, TN.
- **Jones, J.R.**, (2016) Combating the School to Prison Pipeline. Presented at Rutgers School of Social Work, (6 Hour Workshop) Piscataway, NJ

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- **Jones, J.R.**, (2015) School-to-Prison Pipeline: Understanding the Relationship Between School Discipline, Dropout, and Incarceration. (6 Hour Workshop) Presented at the Rutgers School of Social Work, Piscataway, NJ
- **Jones, J.R.**, (2015) Understanding the Impact of Trauma and Community Violence. Presented at the Rutgers School of Social Work, (6 Hour Workshop), Piscataway, NJ
- **Jones, J.R.**, (2015) Treating Traumatized Youth in the Juvenile Justice System. Presented at The Association of Black Psychologists International Convention, Las Vegas, NV.
- **Jones, J.R.**, (2015) Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology. Presented at The Association of Black Psychologists International Convention, Las Vegas, NV.
- Porter, T., **Jones, J.R.**, Gobin, Robyn L. (2015) Strengthening the Position of Early Career Professionals in ABPsi. Presented at The Association of Black Psychologists International Convention. Las Vegas, NV.
- **Jones, J.R.**, (2014) Law Enforcement & the Black Community. Panel presentation at the Graduate School of Professional Psychology, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ.
- **Jones, J.R.**, (2014) Early Career Psychologists Panel Discussion. Panel discussion at the New York – New Jersey Association of Black Psychologists Regional Conference. New York, NY.
- **Jones, J.R.**, (2014) Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology. Lecture at the Division of Child Psychiatry, Mount Sinai St. Luke's Hospital. New York, NY.
- **Jones, J.R.**, Porter, T., Uzuh, R., Jackson, T. (2014) Strengthening the Position of Early Career Professionals in ABPsi. Round Table Discussion at The Association of Black Psychologists International Convention. Indianapolis, IN.
- **Jones, J.R.**, (2013) Promoting High School Graduation among First Time Teen Mothers. Paper presented at The Association of Black Psychologists General Assembly Conference. Little Rock, AK

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- **Jones, J. R.**, (2011). Examining the Relationship between School Discipline and Negative School Outcomes for Black Students. Paper presented at The Association of Black Psychologists General Assembly Conference. New Orleans, LA
- **Jones, J. R.**, Thompson, A., Gregory, A., (2010) Closing the discipline gap: Restoring positive relationships between African American teens and their teacher. Paper presented at The Association of Black Psychologists International Convention. Chicago, IL.
- **Jones, J. R.**, Kabay, A. Oades-Sese, G., (2010) The Effects of Temperament on Bilingual Preschool Children's Play Behaviors. Poster presented at The American Psychological Association National Convention. San Diego, CA.
- Gregory, A., **Jones, J. R.**, (2010) Reducing Racial Disparities in School Discipline. Workshop presented at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology Cultural Conference. New Brunswick, NJ.
- **Jones, J. R.** (2009). Girls of Purpose is a 6-week psycho-educational group targeting at-risk girls in fifth grade. Professional development workshop presented at the Association of Black Psychologists. Atlanta, GA.
- **Jones, J. R.** (2007). Jena 6 Panel Discussion. Panel discussion presented at the Association of Black Psychologists Student Circle Conference. Virginia Beach, VA
- **Community Service**
 - Newark Police Department Trauma Presentation
 - Shani Baraka Women's Center Volunteer
 - Second Baptist Church Youth Ministries

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Candidate Statement

ABPsi has helped shape my career and life in ways I could have never imagined. I joined ABPsi as a student in my master's program and after a year of membership I became President of the Student Circle at Regent University. During that time I attended my first National Convention and really had a better understanding of what ABPsi stood for and the family that was within the organization that wanted to help students and professionals grow. Fast forward almost 15 years and I am still a member of this great organization and am striving to make a difference by becoming the Secretary on the National Board.

I would like to serve on the ABPsi Board of Directors to help give back to an organization that has given so much to me. I had the opportunity to serve as General Assembly Chair 2014-2016 on the National Board so I am well versed in how the Board operates and the challenges that arise. I am a very driven and organized person and can apply these skills to the position of secretary. I am also a team player and work well in collaborative settings.

I have held the Vice President position of the NJABPsi chapter for two terms and am now serving as the treasurer. Although the challenges on the local level may be slightly different than on a national level there are some similarities, i.e. gaining and maintaining membership, becoming financially stable, and working hard to keep membership supportive and engaged. I have been able to tackle this on the local level by assisting with membership drives (having current membership bring in a guest to our meetings), fundraisers, and meaningful engaging activities for our membership that also help and support the Black community. For the past 4 years I have facilitated the NJABPsi scholarship luncheon where we give a deserving student \$1,000. I found a Black owned restaurant to host the luncheon in to ensure we are supporting Black owned businesses, and we always raise enough money to cover the cost and the scholarship. These are just some of the creative ideas I will bring to the Nation Board of Directors.

Thank you for considering my application for the Secretary position of ABPsi.