



Get to Know author Nita Wiggins

American author Nita Wiggins is an acclaimed speaker, television commentator, and journalism instructor. She lives in Paris, France, and teaches graduate journalism at CELSA Sorbonne and ISFJ (Institut Supérieur de Formation au Journalisme). She instructs students on the research and interview strategies she developed and used during her career on U.S. television from 1986 to 2009. *Black Women in Europe®* named her to the group's 2018 Power List for her role as an educator and thought leader.

Wiggins appears regularly on the Paris-based France 24 television network to discuss economic lynching of careers (a term she created in 2014), workplace equality, women's working lives, and media accuracy and representation, as well as U.S. life through the lens of politics, sports, and race. A sought-after voice, Wiggins has also been interviewed on Cameroon's CRTV and Senegal's TFM networks.

The title of *Civil Rights Baby: My Story of Race, Sports, and Breaking Barriers in American Journalism* pays tribute to Mrs. Rosa Parks, whom Wiggins interviewed in 1988. The *Civil Rights Baby* memoir is her first full-length book. She is currently adapting it to the screen. An audiobook and illustrated early-reader book are under development.

From the iconic Eiffel Tower during Global Sports Week 2021, Wiggins moderated an international panel, *Sports as a Catalyst for Social Justice*. Also in early 2021, she presented her paper, "Testimony on Economic Lynching in the United States," at the Université de Tours (France) conference titled *The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity*.

Wiggins shared in a 2001 regional Emmy for Special Events Coverage for KDFW-TV Fox 4 in Dallas, Texas, and received the RTNDF's Michele Clark Fellowship while a reporter at WSAZ-TV in West Virginia in 1989.

Currently, the Macon, Georgia, native devotes much of her time to helping people write their stories to bring out empathy in others. She is also co-developer of Good Cops Only At Game, a positive-incentive campaign designed to reduce the harm of police violence before it happens.

Wiggins earned a European master's degree from ESJ Paris and a B.A. in communications from Augusta University in Georgia. From 1995 to 2008, she supported students at her undergraduate alma mater by awarding the Walter Wiggins-James Lott Communications Scholarship. She is an NABJ member and mentor. For more information, please visit www.nitawiggins.com and Linked In.