



Anna Braziel Jackson

Anna Jackson retired Senior Lecturer, Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. Jackson is a graduate of Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas, where she received a bachelor's degree in English. Shortly after receiving her degree, she moved to Cleveland, Ohio where she taught in the Cleveland Public School system. While in Cleveland, Jackson began a master's degree in Education which she completed at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

Jackson taught English at Carbondale Community High School for fourteen years before becoming a lecturer in the SIUC English Department where she has taught multicultural classes, honor English classes, and methods courses for English Education majors for twenty-four years.

She is a past president of the Southern Illinois Association of Teachers of English, the Illinois Association of Teachers of English and she has held positions in the National Council of Teachers of English and upon invitation was a speaker at the International Federation of Teachers of English Conference at the University of Oxford in England. Jackson has presented more than 100 papers at the local, state, national and international levels. She is also the recipient of many teaching awards and honors in both Ohio and Illinois where she has been recognized for her outstanding teaching. A few of her awards and honors have been acknowledge by the following institution/organizations:

- Outstanding Teacher Award – Cleveland, Ohio
- Outstanding Teacher Award – Carbondale, Illinois
- Outstanding Teacher Award – Illinois Math and Science Academy
- Illinois State Teachers Merit Award
- Southern Illinois University's Provost Teacher of Excellence Award
- John Heissler Award for Excellence in Teaching, - Illinois State University
- NAACP Distinguished Educator's Award
- Who's Who in Teacher Education
- National Association of Teacher Education Distinguished Award
- National Educators Award – Miliken Family Foundation
- The Illinois Department of Education

In addition to the awards, Jackson has received recognition for her contributions to the communities of Southern Illinois. She served as the coordinator of the state sponsored Southern Illinois Regional Career Preparation Program for underrepresented youth from Sparta, Murphysboro, Carbondale, Tamms, Cairo, Ullin, Meridian and other surrounding southern Illinois communities. The program helped to prepare students for their daily lives as well as helped to prepare them for college.

While at SIUC, she was very active on campus and assisted with several Registered Student Organizations. She is also known for her many speaking engagements to surrounding schools and churches.