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An Interview with Sylvia M. Jenkins

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Dr. Sylvia Jenkins was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1951, and graduated from J.S. Clark High School in 1968. Dr. Jenkins earned her bachelor of arts degree in English education from Grambling College in 1972. In 1973, she earned a masters degree in library services at State University of New York-Albany. In 2008, she earned her doctorate at Colorado State University. Dr. Jenkins began her teaching career as a librarian at Virginia Union University, where she worked from 1973 to 1986. In 1986 she became a librarian at Moraine Valley Community College. At Moraine Valley, she quickly advanced, from a part time librarian to full time librarian, to Assistant Dean, Dean, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and now President of the college.

Dr. Jenkins explains two specific programs which were presented recently at the Higher Education Effective Practices Conference: a dual degree program and student centered environment. She also discusses her multi-faceted role as a college president at Moraine Valley Community College.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Moraine Valley Community College; College president duties; issues of retention, academic performance, and affordability; dual degree program with Governors State University; student centered environment; challenges for community colleges; role of the community college library

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