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# The Professor's News

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## Work in Print by

2021: *Six Feet Apart*

(2 chapters)

2020: *Ewo Olenpik: Istwa Lennox Kilgour*. Florida: Educa Vision Inc.

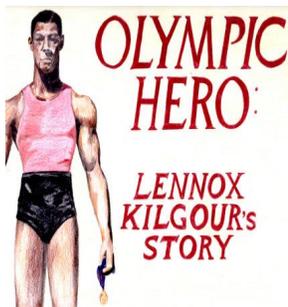
2018: *Text sets: Multimodal learning for multicultural students*.

2017: *Minding their own business: 5 female leaders from Trinidad and Tobago*.

2016: *Pump it up: Literacy activities for the classroom*.

2014: *Reading between the lines: Activities for developing social awareness literacy*.

2014: *Olympic Hero: Lennox Kilgour's story*. Animated film at jkdowdy.com



## Dr. Dowdy's "Meet the Author" Debut in Ohio

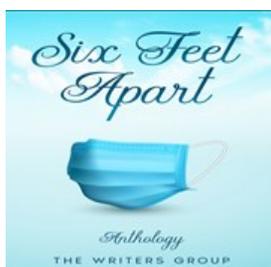
On October 9, 2021, I joined my fellow writers for the "Meet the Authors" Local Author Exhibition event at Kenmore Library in Akron. This is the first time that I have

done a book signing outside of the higher education environment. It was a blessing because I had the company of authors who were included in the new anthology **SIX FEET APART Anthology** by The Writers Group.

This free event allowed guests to meet some of their favorite local authors, illustrators, and storytellers! Visitors got to know how authors made their way creatively, and learn stories behind some beloved books. Some of the authors were known, others were "best sellers," and even more newcomers. The event was free and for all ages. Coffee and light refreshments were also offered to visitors.

**The Writers Group** is dedicated to helping and encouraging writers (18+) of all levels, and genres in pursuing their dreams of becoming published writers.

We offer positive feedback and methods in helping to make sure that your first steps into writing are positive ones, while for the more experienced writers we offer



Kora Sadler, author and co-editor of the anthology, reminded authors attending the event to have fun and remember that they worked hard to achieve the goal of being published. This was a day of celebration since we reached our goal in spite of the limitations that the COVID 19 year placed on our meeting in person at the library from March, 2020.

*A little thank you says so much*

*And adds that special personal touch*

*It also lightens up one's day*

*In countless many little ways!!!!!!*

*This little verse is to make a fuss*

*For your thoughtfulness to us!*

*https://www.todayineducation.com/2021/09/08/the-writers-group-publishes-their-newest-anthology-six-feet-apart/*

## The Writers Group

substantive critiques to help sharpen your work on its way to submission for publication.

We have many writers who have professional credits to their name and others who have literary representation. With this large swath of experience, The Writers Group can offer you guidance to reaching your goals.

<https://www.meetup.com/thewritersgroup>

According to the website: **"Do not say harmful things, but say what people need; words that will help others become stronger."** - Ephesians 4:29

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## Dancing a Life

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When I was a young student at Newtown Girls R.C. School in Port of Spain, Trinidad, I had the great fortune to study with Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Shephard, and Miss O'Brien. These women featured in my seventh book, *In the Public Eye* (2009) and continue to be the beacons of light on my educational path. As a Professor of Adolescent/Adult Literacy at Kent State University in the School of Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum Studies my major research interests included women and literacy, drama in education, and video technology in qualitative research instruction. I documented the experiences of Black women involved in education from adult basic literacy to higher education. **Ph.D. Stories: Conversations with My Sisters**, won an Outstanding Book Award in 2009. My formal performance career did not stop when I left The Juilliard School in 1987. Rather, I created a one woman show, "Between Me and the Lord", which I performed in Atlanta, Trinidad, and Cambridge, USA in 2000. The second version of the play was presented at Kent State University in March, 2009. "Between Me and The Lord 2" was an expanded play that represented five chapters of my life. My first children's book is about Olympic athlete Lennox Kilgour, my father. It has been translated into Haitian Krewol.

### Awards:

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| 2019      | PDK Distinguished Educator designation., Phi Delta Kappa Association.   |
| 2018      | Certificate of Achievement in Mediation Theory and Practice.  |
| 2016/17   | Teaching Fellow: Center for Teaching and Learning, Kent State University.   |
| 2015/16   | Advanced Leadership Institute: National Writing Project at Kent State University.   |
| 2009      | Winner of the American Educational Research Association Narrative and Research SIG's Outstanding Book Award for book entitled <b>PhD Stories: Conversations with My Sisters</b> . |
| 2003      | Fruit of Her Hands Award Black Church and Domestic Violence Institute, Atlanta, GA  |
| 1999      | Barbara Jordan/W. E. B. DuBois Georgia State University Award for Outstanding Faculty, Atlanta, GA  |
| 1991      | Teacher of the Year Award. New Hanover High School, Wilmington, NC.   |
| 1982-1984 | Derek Walcott (1992, Nobel Laureate) Scholarship to The Juilliard School, Theater Department: New York City.  |



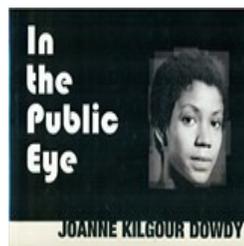
### IN THE PUBLIC EYE

Joanne Kilgour Dowdy's photo autobiography takes us through a rich and moving forty year personal life journey. We are made privy to her inner most thoughts growing up as a privileged child in Trinidad, her then meteoric rise to fame as a young thespian in her homeland, and her later struggle with her identity as a black immigrant in the United States.

In each photograph of Joanne from childhood through adulthood we see the challenging eyes of an individual who is wise beyond her years, determined and frankly rebellious.

This book affords the reader an opportunity to look through the lens that reveals the soul of a teacher, and whose seemingly disparate experiences, form the foundation for everything she does. [It is] an insightful portrait of what it means to be a woman of colour in today's society.

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