

Gail Thompson, a professor of Education at Claremont Graduate University, has written four books: *Up Where We Belong: Helping African American and Latino Students Rise in School and in Life*; *African American Teens Discuss Their Schooling Experiences*; *What African American Parents Want Educators to Know*; and *Through Ebony Eyes: What Teachers Need to Know but are Afraid to Ask About African American Students*, a book that has received a considerable amount of attention from educators, talk show hosts, and news reporters across the nation.

One of her essays was published in *USA Today*, and her work has been published in numerous academic journals.

Thompson has appeared on PBS television's Tony Brown's Journal, National Public Radio, and Tavis Smiley's radio show. She has been interviewed for *Scholastic Instructor* and *Inside Higher Education*, and has been quoted in numerous newspaper articles. She has served as a reviewer for the Educational Broadcasting Network, Millmark Education, Houghton Mifflin, and several academic journals, and has done presentations, keynote addresses, workshops, and consultant work throughout the United States and two presentations in Canada. Thompson is a member of the California Department of Education's African American Advisory Committee.

Formerly a public junior high school and a public high school teacher for 11 years, Thompson received several awards from student organizations and a civic award for teaching. In 2008, CGU's Black Graduate Students' Association presented her with an award for her contributions to the university.

Thompson is married to Rufus, an educator, with whom she has three children; Nafissa, a doctoral student, NaChe', a college undergraduate, and Stephen, a college undergraduate.