



**Bettina Byrd-Giles** is a consultant, trainer and teacher. Her experience includes intercultural communication training, university administration, leadership development and writing.

The owner of the [Byrd's Nest, LLC](#), Ms. Byrd-Giles' work as an interculturalist has included the manufacturing, healthcare, and higher education industries. She has been recognized on local and international levels. She was selected to Co-chair the Martin Luther King Conflict Resolution Conference Malawi (Southern Africa) sponsored by the Fulbright Foundation, The University of Malawi, Miles College and Diversity University. In 2000, she was honored by the Greater Birmingham United Nations Association for the founding of Diversity University, a cross-cultural program uniting cultures from six colleges and universities, since 1995.

Ms. Byrd-Giles' experience has also included the development of students and professionals for the last 19 years. She worked as an administrator and part-time instructor at two major universities--the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. During her career in student affairs, she was involved on a regional level with the National Association of Campus Activities.

Her community work has been extensive. She worked with women rotating off of welfare seeking employment. As a consultant for the Children's Defense Fund's Southern Rural Black Woman's Initiative (SRBWI), facilitated listening sessions in the Alabama Blackbelt, Southwest Georgia, and the Mississippi Delta. The initiative encouraged women to think about changing the future of their children's lives through self-determination. She also participated in an exchange between SRBWI and women's organizations in India. She also served as a faculty member for the Leading Edge Institute which is an organization that works with college women from throughout the state of Alabama to better inform them of issues facing women and girls.

Ms. Byrd-Giles has certificates in intercultural communication from the Intercultural Communication Institute. She completed a Master's degree in Education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1995 and a Bachelor of Arts in international relations from the University of Virginia in 1985.

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