

## ***Lynell Cadray***

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### **Tell us a little about the work you've done at Emory throughout your career.**

In my initial appointment at Emory in 1994, I served as the Assistant Dean for Admission in the School of Law. I was there fifteen years and during that time, I also had the honor to serve as the law school's inaugural Chief Diversity Officer. In 2010, I was appointed as the Associate Dean for Enrollment Services at the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, and eventually became the inaugural Chief Diversity Officer for the School of Nursing. In 2014, I was appointed the Vice Provost for the Office of Equity and Inclusion and University Title IX Coordinator. My most recent appointment has been to serve as the Inaugural University Ombudsperson and Sr. Advisor to the President. It has been quite the experience!



***Lynell in the mid-90's and today.***

### **What are some of your favorite memories of your time at Emory?**

My favorite memories of Emory will always be the people I have worked with and the communities I have served. I have met people from all over the world and I have experienced so many relationships with people who cared about my work, with mentors who wisely advised me and sponsors who elevated my career. The relationships are so valuable to me and I have made some lifelong friends along the way.

### **What are some of the most significant changes you have witnessed over the course of your career?**

During my time at Emory, we have had significant changes in leadership from Presidents, Provosts and Deans. They have all impacted Emory in various ways, and I have been able to learn from each of them.

### **Is there anything you miss from "back in the day"?**

There are a number of things I miss from "back in the day", but most significant is the President's Commissions. I had the honor to serve on several commissions during my time at Emory, which allowed me to collaborate with leaders from across the university.

### **What do you hope for the future of Emory?**

I hope Emory will continue to value its entire community, and continue growing as a leader in research, teaching, and scholarship.

### **Anything else you would like to share?**

As I reflect on my experience at Emory, I would not choose to do this work at any other institution. We are not a perfect place, but we continue to strive to be our very best!