

## Introduction Dr. Rosemari Mealy

### Brief Bio

Rosemari Mealy, JD, PhD, is an activist-educator. She has been acknowledged for her long history of engaged community activism and contributions to artistic innovation, education, scholarly endeavors, and international human rights struggles. Her participation in international forums with non-governmental organizations (NGO's), has garnered global recognition and respect for her advocacy in defense of US political prisoners, gender equality and the illegal imposition of US economic and political sanction against sovereign nations including Cuba. She was a member of both the Philadelphia and New Haven Chapters of the Black Panther Party (BPP).

A contributor to numerous publications and the author of several books, including *Fidel and Malcolm X- Memories of A Meeting* (Black Classic Press, 2014), *Activism and Disciplinary Suspensions/ Expulsions at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. (HBCUs): A Phenomenological Study of the Black Student Sit-In Movement, 1960-1962*, (Mellen Press, 2013).

In February 2024, Dr. Mealy was one of six Black women recognized by the NY City Council and honored with a Proclamation for their demonstrated accomplishments as Black Women and Girls who "Strengthen Our City Today." She was the recipient of a Congressional Proclamation from US Congresswoman, Yvette Clarke, Brooklyn, NY. 9th Congressional District and a Brooklyn Borough President's Proclamation both awarded in 2018.

Prof. Mealy has taught at numerous colleges and universities including: The City University of NY (CUNY), Florida International University (FIU), and invited lecturer in the Universidad de La Habana's-Facultad Preparatoria de Idiomas. A longtime friend of Cuba, Mealy also lived and worked in that country as an internationalist and journalist at Radio Havana Cuba. In 2013, she was conferred The Friendship Medal by the Council of State of the Republic of Cuba. The medal is presented to foreigners and organizations for their solidarity with the Cuban Revolution who have "Contributed to peace and the progress of humankind."

Dr. Mealy has served as a board member of IFCO -Pastors for Peace, the advisory board of "While We are Still Here," and is a member of the National Conference of Black Lawyers (NCBL).

Her current book project with several young activist-scholars is simply title :

*The Next Chapter: An intergenerational Discourse on Fidel and Malcolm X: Memories of a Meeting.*