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Recipient of the Association for Social Economics' 2022 Thomas F. Divine Award for lifetime contributions to social economics; the 2022 Distinguished Faculty Award from the John Jay Alumni Association; the Association of Co-operative Educators 2021 award for Outstanding Contribution to Co-operative Education and Training (award was named for her in 2022); and the 2017 CASC Merit Award for exemplary contributions to the field of co-operative studies (from the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation); Professor Gordon-Nembhard is a political economist specializing in community economic development, solidarity economics, cooperative economics, Black Political Economy, and popular economic literacy. Her research and numerous publications investigate problematics and alternative solutions in community economics, worker ownership, racial wealth inequality, community-based asset building, community-based approaches to justice, and the benefits and impacts of cooperatives on communities, especially Black American and racialized communities. She is co-editor with Ngina Chiteji of *Wealth Accumulation and Communities of Color* (University of Michigan Press 2006); and author of "African American Cooperatives and Sabotage: The Case for Reparations" (*Journal of African American History* 2018), for example.