

Warachal Eileen Faison was born and raised in Warsaw, North Carolina, a small town in eastern North Carolina and currently resides in Jersey City, New Jersey. She is quite proud of her upbringing and education in North Carolina, including graduating from North Carolina Central University followed by receiving a Doctor of Medicine from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine. Warachal completed her psychiatry residency at UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine and her geriatric psychiatry fellowship at Duke University School of Medicine.

As a child, Warachal was surrounded by loved ones who collected stamps or had general philatelic interests. Thus, her early desire to collect stamps was born out of interactions with her father, mother, brother, and paternal grandmother. Warachal still remembers combing through large bags of stamps as a child and matching them to their appropriate places in a huge binder.

Although other interests captured her attention as she continued her schooling, her philatelic interest peaked again a few decades later as she listened to her brother, Walter Lee Faison, speak passionately about an incredible stamp society, Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections.

Warachal was gifted an ESPER membership by her brother in 2014. She soon became immersed in stamp activities and quickly saw the importance of increasing ESPER's outreach to increase awareness about this stamp society. Subsequently as ESPER's first Social Media Director, she expanded ESPER's outreach via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest.

Warachal has participated in other roles including actively participating as a member of the ESPER Media Task Force as well as having the opportunity to interview stamp artist, Jerry Pinkney, during the 2016 World Stamp Show.

Warachal focuses on a number of themes as she collects stamps

and covers. In particular, she is drawn to philatelic material highlighting the following: Black history, women, health, places she has visited, and childhood interests. Why does she collect? Her answer is simple...hashtag included: #StampsTeach!