

DR. MONIQUE Y. WELLS – SPEAKER INTRODUCTION

Monique Y. Wells is a native of Houston, Texas and a long time resident of Paris, France. She is co-owner of Discover Paris! (www.discoverparis.net) – a travel-planning service that specializes in personalized, self-guided travel itineraries. Over the years, Dr. Wells has created self-guided itineraries and customized, private, guided walking tours on topics as diverse as Art Nouveau architecture, Paris' 20th-century literary women, and Afrocentric art galleries for those wanting an in-depth travel experience in the City of Light. A two-time book author, freelance journalist and editor, and avowed Francophile, she has written for the International Herald Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle, Los Angeles Times, France Today and Upscale Magazine. One of her essays was published in a women's anthology entitled *France, A Love Story*, edited by Camille Cusumano (Seal Press, 2004). She has spoken about Paris at many venues, including the American Library in Paris; Alliance Française in Houston, San Francisco, and Salt Lake City; and Barnard College. Her blog, Entrée to Black Paris™ (<http://entreetoblackparis.blogspot.com>), features the history, culture and contemporary life of African/Diaspora Paris. Dr. Wells writes for and edits Discover Paris' monthly newsletter entitled *Paris Insights* (www.discoverparis.net/newsletter.html). Discover Paris! published several of these newsletters in the book *Paris Insights – An Anthology* (www.parisinsights.com/thebook.php; Tom Reeves, author; 2010).