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Barbara served as Director of Upward Bound, a college preparatory program for promising students from low-income households in a joint appointment, 2004-2012. She continues to communicate with Upward Bound graduates and their parents and is proud of their accomplishments.

She received the Bachelor of Arts from Texas Southern University; Master's in Community & Regional Planning and Ph.D. (Geography & Planning) from University of Texas-Austin. She was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Ghana 2013-14. She is a Fulbright Scholar and founding member of the African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA). Her current research focus is on the Global African Diaspora.

Barbara is the proud mother and grandmother of a daughter and son, and grandson. She and her husband, Dr. Jacob U. Gordon, share a blended family of six children and three grandchildren. Her major goals in "retirement" are to learn to play the flute, paint portraits, and write a historical novel.