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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST, Amherst, MA

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Minor in Legal Studies & Afro-American Studies Completed 10/2017
 - *Certificate in Civil Engagement and Service Learning*

RESEARCH INTERESTS & FELLOWSHIPS

ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION, Amherst, MA

06/2018

W.E.B. Du Bois Fellow

- Conducted photo-ethnography exploring the concept of radical softness in relation to Black queer and trans men/masculine-identifying people who have survived intimate partner violence.
 - *Areas of Focus: Intersectional Feminism, Anti-Racism and Oppression Training, Liberation Psychology, Critical Masculinities, Complementary and Alternative Healing Modalities, Community Mental Health, Trauma Informed Care, Suicide Awareness and Prevention, Black and Indigenous Queer Studies.*

EXPERIENCE

HEALING WHILE BLACK LLC, Albany, NY

10/2016 – Present

Founder, Curator

- Created online platform for mental health and wellness for Black LGBTQIA+ people.
- Coordinated with organizations such as My Brother's Keeper and the Vera Institute to implement anti-oppression training for professionals in higher education and the corporate sector.
- Amassed over 300+ partnerships with organizations and health professionals to provide low-cost therapy/healing circles for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

RUSSELL SAGE COLLEGE, Albany, NY

02/2020 – Present

Academic Counselor – Higher Education Opportunity Program

- Conducted talent searches for promising students of color facing financial challenges in New York City
- Supported caseload of thirty students during their summer enrichment program and matriculation into RSC.

IN OUR OWN VOICES, Albany, NY

06/2019 - 09/2019

YMSM/MSM Program Coordinator

- Oversaw programmatic functions to support GBTQ men of color in New York's Capital Region
- Compiled community contacts to provide linkages to PrEP and HIV/HCV testing.

BLACK MEN OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD, Springfield, MA

05/2017 – 10/2017

Facilitator

- Collaborated with Springfield Men of Color Health Alliance to craft workshops addressing mental health stressors in the workplace.

COALITION OF SCHOOLS EDUCATING BOYS OF COLOR, Amherst, MA

08/2018 – 02/2019

Graduate Mentor

- Facilitated weekly meetings with juniors and seniors discussing racism, masculinity, sexism, and relationships.
- Provided college and major advising for students and FAFSA support for parents.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Boston, MA

04/2016 – 06/2017

University Student Trustee – Amherst Campus

- Successfully advocated for system-wide bill of rights for survivors of sexual assault.

STUDENT BRIDGES, Amherst, MA

09/2013 – 01/2018

Policy Advocacy Coordinator

- Conducted internal review of university efforts to recruit and retain students of color.
- Co-authored diversity strategic planning document designed to combat implicit bias among faculty.

UNITED STATES STUDENT ASSOCIATION, Washington, D.C.

08/2014 – 03/2016

Chair – People of African Descent Caucus

- Organized voting rights rallies with NAACP and National Action Network.

References: Furnished Upon Request

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INVITED PRESENTATIONS

THEATER IN MOTION , <i>Queens, NY</i> <u>Co-Host and Facilitator - Come Heal With Us: A Virtual Presentation and Conversation in Observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month</u>	10/2020
JEWEL THE GEM PRODUCTIONS , <i>New York, NY</i> <u>Invited Guest – Still Here: Surviving & Thriving Through Suicidal Ideation</u>	09/2020
MY BROTHER’S KEEPER BALTIMORE , <i>Baltimore, MD</i> <u>Invited Panelist – You Matter: A Virtual Conversation Between Boys and Men of Color</u>	09/2020
VERA INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE , <i>New York, NY</i> <u>Invited Panelist – Second Annual Summer Justice Forum</u>	08/2020
EMBRACE YOUR UNKNOWN , <i>New York, NY</i> <u>Invited Panelist – For Us, By Us: Black Mental Health Virtual Summit, Anti-Racist Solidarity in Practice</u>	08/2020
JEWEL THE GEM PRODUCTIONS , <i>New York, NY</i> <u>Co-Organizer & Facilitator – Sunday Survivor Healing Circle: Facilitator for Breakout Group for Cisgender Men</u>	07/2020
BLACK MEN HEAL , <i>Philadelphia, PA</i> <u>Invited Guest – King’s Corner: A Virtual Safe Space for Men – Mental Health Effects of Police Violence</u>	06/2020
BALDWIN’S SECOND GENERATION , <i>Hartford, CT</i> <u>Keynote Speaker: A Black Queer Summit</u>	05/2020
BLACK MEN CRY TOO , <i>New York, NY</i> <u>Invited Guest: A Conversation on Surviving Suicide as Black Men</u>	05/2020
UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW SCHOOL OF CRITICAL STUDIES , <i>Glasgow, SC</i> <u>Selected Panelist: Science Fiction and the Medical Humanities Conference</u>	07/2020
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS , <i>Toronto, ON</i> <u>Invited Panelist: National Student Congress</u>	11/2015

SKILLS

Software: Audacity, Adobe Audition, Photoshop, FinalCutPro, Microsoft Office, ProTools, Salesforce, Google, Beacon, Colleague, Moodle, Blackboard.

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