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EDUCATION

2018 Executive Program in Arts Strategies National Arts Strategies & University of Pennsylvania, Washington, DC/Philadelphia, PA

2010 MALS in Art & Culture, Creative Writing Concentration University of Denver, Denver, CO

2004 BS in Organizational Management Saint Augustine's College, Raleigh, NC

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<u>Fellowships</u>

2015-2016 Harvard University Boston, MA
Nasir Jones Fellow, Hip Hop Archive at the Hutchins Center for African & African
American Research

2014-2015 Center for Community Change Washington, DC Distinguished Writing Fellow

Residencies

2005-Present St. Joseph's Historic Foundation Durham, NC

Artist in Residence

2006-2011 Saint Augustine's College English Department Raleigh, NC

Artist in Residence

Freelance/Editing Experience

2015 - Present Contributing Writer, Clarion Content, www.clarioncontent.com

2013 - 2015 Contributing Writer, Oak City Hustle, www.oakcityhustle.com

2004 - 2013 Editor, Inside Out, Saint Augustine's College Literary Magazine

2011 Columnist, Diamond Diva Magazine, www.diamonddivamag.com

2011 Editor, Love Letters to my Child, Black Poetry Theatre (ISBN 978-1257122462)

2006 - 2011 Contributing Writer, Tribes Magazine, www.tribesentertainment.com

2007 Contributing Writer, The Industry Cosign, www.theindustrycosign.com

2007 Contributing Writer, Harlem World Magazine, harlemworldblog.wordpress.com

2007 Contributing Writer, Urban Literature Magazine, www.urbanliterature.com

2003 Contributing Writer, Blazzin Magazine, www.blazzin.com

Theater Experience

2008-Present Black Poetry Theatre Durham, NC

Actor, writer, director and producer: Definition of a Hero, Herstory Through His Eyes,

Confessions of a Lounge Singer, The Game Stage Director and Producer: The Spectrum

Sound Director and Producer: Epic of Eve, Love Letters to my Child, and Verbal Portraits

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2018 The Artscenter Carrboro, NC

Writer & Director: Tend to your own House (Flip the Script: A Play in Progress)

2018 Bull City Black Theatre Festival Durham, NC

Actor, Writer, & Director: *Definition of a Hero* (Black Poetry Theatre)

2018 The Carolina Theatre Durham, NC

Narrator: Ron McCurdy's *The Langston Hughes Project: Ask Your Mama (12 Moods for Jazz)*

2016-2017 UNC Chapel Hill English Department Chapel Hill, NC

Actor: Staged reading of It Can't Happen Here by Sinclair Lewis and John C. Moffitt

2016 Ambitious Ladies Dominating Dreams Durham, NC

Writer: The Final Curtain Call

2007-2008 Alternate Perspective Ensemble Theater Durham, NC

Actor and writer: Black Poetry, Herstory of Love: A Stronger Daye

2000-2002 DMOST Productions Durham, NC

Actor: Right is Right: A Hip Hopera

2001-2002 National Ensemble Theater Raleigh, NC

Actor: A Soldiers Story, Fences, IMAGES: A Multimedia Party

Performance Experience

1999-Present Featured Performer

Festival/Conferences

Ahoskie, NC - Faith Community Conference on Youth Health Disparities

Albuquerque, NM - 2005 National Poetry Slam

Alexandria, VA - Quill Week Poetry Festival

Atlanta, GA - 2011 Southern Fried Poetry Slam, Funk Jazz Café, 2016 National Poetry Slam

Austin, TX - 2003 Austin International Poetry Festival, 2007 National Poetry Slam

Birmingham, AL - 2006 Southern Fried Poetry Slam

Boston, MA - 2011 National Poetry Slam, 2013 National Poetry Slam

Brooklyn, NY - 2014 & 2016 National Black Writer's Conference

Carrboro, NC - Carrboro Arts Festival, West End Poets Festival

Charlotte, NC - Charlotte Shout Arts Festival, 2005 Southern Fried Poetry Slam, 2012 National Poetry Slam, Communities in Schools 2012 Summer Institute Charlotte, 2015 Boom Charlotte Performing Arts Festival, 2016 Soul Junction Historic West End Music Festival

Columbia, SC - 2007 Southern Fried Southeastern Regional Poetry Slam

Durham, NC - 2004 & 2005 Durham's Spoken Word Hip Hop Festival, Surge Conference, Bull Durham Blues Festival, NC Festival of the Book, Hip Hop Film Fest, Durham Juneteenth Celebration, 2009 Southern Fried Poetry Slam, Bimbe Cultural Arts Festival, Artsplosure

Arts Festival, 2014 We Are One Conference After Hours Soul Vibration Lounge, 2014 Art of Cool Music Festival. Durham 150

Fayetteville, NC - Artcoustic Soul Arts Festival, 2019 Southern Fried Poetry Slam

Greensboro, NC - MoSoul Poetry Festival, 2016 Southern Fried Poetry Slam, 2017 National Folk Festival, Love is a Drug (Red Hot Organization)

Greenville, SC - 2014 Southern Fried Poetry Slam

Knoxville, TN - 2010 Southern Fried Poetry Slam, 2019 Big Ears Festival

Louisville, KY - 2017 Southern Fried Poetry Slam

Madison, WI - 2008 National Poetry Slam

Miami, FL - 2004 Southern Fried Poetry Slam

Little Rock, AR - 2015 Southern Fried Poetry Slam

Oakland, CA - 2014 & 2015 National Poetry Slam

Pompano Beach, FL - Ext 36 Slam Poetry Festival

Raleigh, NC - The Prideland Pilgrimage Festival, Spark Con Arts Festival, African American Cultural Celebration, Bopscotch/Hopscotch Music Festival, Communities in Schools 2012 Summer Institute Raleigh, Raleigh Film and Art Festival, African American Cultural Festival

San Antonio, TX - 2018 Southern Fried Poetry Slam

St. Louis, MO - Spoken Word Expo, 2004 National Poetry Slam

St. Paul, MN - 2010 National Poetry Slam

Tallahassee, FL - 2008 Southern Fried Poetry Slam

Washington DC - Split this Rock Poetry Festival

West Palm Beach, FL - PSI 2009 National Poetry Slam

Colleges/Universities

Belmont, NC - Poetry Night at Belmont Abbey College

Burlington, NC - Elon University's Elevations Poetry Corner

Chapel Hill, NC - Can a Rose Grow From Concrete at UNC-Chapel Hill, The Search for a ONEderful Man at UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC Wordsmiths Slam at UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC Rejects Open Mic at UNC-Chapel Hill, Carolina Collegiate Slam at UNC-Chapel Hill

Charlotte, NC - Queens University Poetry Showcase

Durham, NC - 2011 NCCU Education Symposium, Duke University's Body Rock: A Cabaret for Consent, NCCU Poetry Jam, Duke University's MLK Day Celebration 2012, Duke University's Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated presents Rock The Mic, NCCU presents The Front Porch with Tim'm West, Durham Technical Community College Poetry Slam, Durham Technical Community College Black History Month Program

Elizabeth City, NC - PACE Poetry Show

Fayetteville, NC - Methodist University's Southern Writer's Symposium, Fayetteville State University's Poetry n Motion

Greensboro, NC - UNCG Black Arts Festival, NC A&T State University's Absolute Artistry

Greenville, SC - Erskine College Poetry Night

Lorman, MS - Alcorn State University Poetry Jam

Miami, FL - A Night of Support at Florida International University

Orlando, FL - Women's Appreciation Cipher at University of Central Florida

Raleigh, NC - NCSU's 15th Annual Heritage Day & Symposium, NCSU's Rhythm & Rhyme, Shaw University's CASES program, Meredith College Black History & Spirituality Series. Meredith College MLK Commemorative Service, Shaw University Black Poets Speak Out

Roxboro, NC - Piedmont Community College Tutor Awards, Piedmont Community College Poetry Month Showcase, Piedmont Community College Trio Program

Utica, NY - Utica College Reading Series

Washington DC - American University's Freedom Day Festival

Winston Salem, NC - Winston Salem State University Homecoming Poetry Showcase, Winston Salem State University Poetry Slam

Museums/Galleries

Charlotte, NC - Harvey B. Gantt Center for African American Arts+Culture

Durham, NC - Carrack Modern Art, LabourLove Art Gallery, Mercury Studios, Pleaides Gallery

Greensboro, NC - International Civil Rights Museum

Raleigh, NC - NC Museum of Art, Flanders Art Gallery, NC Museum of History

Washington, DC - National African Art Museum (Smithsonian)

Brooklyn, NY - Brooklyn Museum, Richard Beavers Gallery

Little Rock, AR - Arkansas Art Center

Music Venues

Brooklyn, NY - BAMcafe

Carrboro, NC - Cat's Cradle

Chapel Hill, NC - Local 506

Durham, NC - Motorco Music Hall, The Pinhook, Casbah, Beyu Caffe, Local Jazz at the Fruit

Raleigh, NC - Pourhouse Music Hall, Lincoln Theatre, Kings Barcade

Wilmington, NC - The Soapbox

Bookstores

Washington, DC - Mahogany Books

Poetry Venues

Columbia, SC - The Art Bar

Los Angeles, CA - Da Poetry Lounge

Manhattan, NY - Bowery Poetry Club, Nuyorican Poets Café

Washington DC - Bus Boys and Poets

Atlanta, GA - Apache Café

Poetry Slams

Alexandria, VA - Poetry Slam Alexandria

Asheville, NC - Asheville Poetry Slam

Atlanta, GA - Rough Language Slam

Boston, MA - Cantab Lounge Poetry Slam, Lizard Lounge Poetry Slam, House Slam

Charlotte, NC - SlamCharlotte Poetry Slam, Face Off: Word Wars

Chapel Hill, NC - Sacrificial Poets Voicebox Slam

Denver, CO - Slam Nuba (The Crossroads Theatre)

Fayetteville, NC - Marquis Poetry Slam

Greenville, SC - Witsend Poetry Slam

Oakland, CA - Golden State Poetry Slam

Richmond, VA - Slam Richmond, Writer's Den Poetry Slam

Rocky Mount, NC - The Mount Collective Open Mic

San Diego, CA - Elevated Poetry Slam

Washington DC - Bus Boys and Poets 11th Hour Slam

Winston Salem, NC - Piedmont Poetry Slam, Slam Winston

Poetry/Arts Events

Atlanta, GA - Slam Duets

Carrboro, NC - Heirs to a Fighting Tradition

Charlotte, NC - Rhythm Theory Tuesdays, Touch One Thursdays, Ssssh Poetry Night, S.W.I.S. Open Mic, Word 4 Word Open Mic, I Am Art

Chapel Hill, NC - Vague Metaphor, Un Mot Parle: A Spoken Word, Poetry Out Loud District Competition, Touchstones Open Mic

Chicago, IL - People's Vocal Reactionary Liberation Movement, Uhuru Poetry Nights, Essence of Life, Soul Speaks

Columbus, GA - The Compound

Columbus, OH - Writer's Block Poetry Night, The Ness Open Mic

Columbia, SC - Soulful Recital, Thursday Night at Mr. B's, Mind Gravy Open Mic, The Art Bar

Durham, NC - Poetry vs Hip Hop, Love Notes 5

Fayetteville, NC - Poetry n Motion, Urban Renaissance, Lyric Soul Café, Art Meets Life

Greensboro, NC - The Collective, The Remedy, Art of Spoken Word, Reason's 2 Rhyme Freedom Slam, Sessions of the Serengeti, Late Night Lyrics, Reign Supreme Word Clash

Greenville, NC - I Am Not Damaged Goods, Spoken Serenity, Lyrical Elevation

Jacksonville, NC - Soul Sessions

Kinston, NC - Illusions Open Mic

Norfolk, VA - The Word Fair, Urban Safari, Word Up

Raleigh, NC - The Spot, The Remedy, The Cypher, The Lesson, Harlem 21, The Show, Talented Tuesdays, The BDC, Sunday Night Live, Poetry Power, Stammer, Poetic Collections, Triangle Kwanzaa Celebration, Open Mic Live, Rhythm Theory Tuesdays, Word?, Montego Bay, Ushairi, C3, The Poetry Spot, Nappy Luv, Love Jones Wednesdays, Zydeflows, Word on Wednesdays, The O.C.D. Tour, Speak Easy Thursdays, Spoken Lingo, Triangle Hip Hop is Dead, Black Soul Café, R.A.P. It Up, Acoustic Poetry Open Mic, Art of Spoken Word, Hip Hop...Alive and Unplugged, Sucka Free Sundays, Poets Unplugged, SoulXpressions, Erotic Poletry, City Soul Café All White Party

Richmond, VA - Tropical Soul

Spartanburg, SC - Jazz Poetry Garaj

St. Louis, MO - Legacy Books Open Mic

Sumter, SC - Sumter Authentic Voices Arts Series

Toronto, CA - Up From the Roots When Brother's Speak

Washington DC - The Poets Den, Java Head Café, Bohemian Café, Gallery 409 I-95 Slam, The Poetry Games at the Smithsonian

Wilmington, NC - Kiss 94.1/Coast 97.3 Poetry Jam

Event Hosting Experience

2001-Present

Brown Summit, NC - NC Climate Justice Summit

Charlotte, NC - Slam Charlotte Poetry Slam, Lyrics & Libations

Chapel Hill, NC - Vague Metaphors, The Prototype, Words of Wisdom Open Mic, UNC Wordsmiths Grand Slam

Durham, NC - Mic Mondays, Duke University's Body Rock: Cabaret for Change, Fantastic Four Artist Showcase, NABFEME Woman Who Jam, Jambalaya Soul Slam, Spoken Word/Hip Hop Festival, Hip Hop Summit, Shairi's Poetry Night, Bimbe Poetry Slam, Words of Wisdom Open Mic, Public Allies NC's An Evening with Sonia Sanchez, Jordan High School Student vs Teacher Slam, The GetWrite, Art of Cool Third Friday Jazz Concert Series, Catch the Fire: A Night of Conscious Words and Music, The Art of Cool 1 Year Anniversary Concert, Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Incorporated Charity Ball, Margaret Brunson's Purposeful Roots Book Tour, Art of Cool Music Festival, Durham Technical Community College Poetry Slam, NuSoul Natural Hair & Beauty Expo, 2BeatHIV Proclamation Day, NC WARN 30th Anniversary Celebration, National Domestic Workers Alliance's We Dream in Black initiative launch, SUSNC Art Heals Poetry Slam, Durham County Poetry Out Loud Finals

Fayetteville, NC - Move: Hip Hop for Change

Greensboro, NC - The Collective, Late Night Lyrics Poetry Slam, Say Word, 2017-2020 Poetry Out Loud State Finals

Raleigh, NC - The Cypher, A Spoken Word For You, Poetic Collections, Rappers vs. Poets, Jambalaya CIAA Talent Showcase, Spirit Fest, Any Given Sunday Hip Hop Showcase, Triangle Hip Hop Summit, Extraordinary Penmanship, Poetry Spark & Story Spark (Spark

Con Arts Festival), Love vs Lust, NC Museum of Art Poetry Slam, Shaw University Homecoming Hip Hop Poetry Slam, City Soul Café, Spoken Lingo, Art of Cool First Friday Jazz Concert Series, Real Poetry Real Talk, 2018-2019 Village Tent at the African American Cultural Festival

Washington, DC - 2015 Individual World Poetry Slam Erotic Poetry Slam

Winston Salem, NC - Winston Salem State University Homecoming Lecture/Poetry Showcase, SECCA's Rise Up Winston Salem (Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art), National Black Theatre Festival Midnight Poetry Series

Wilmington, NC - Big Beat Battle, Hitcha Off Entertainment Beat Battle, Battlefied of Beats

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2019-Present	The Watering Hole	Columbia, SC
Chairman of the Board, Board of Directors		
2017-2019	Southern Fried Poetry Incorporated	Atlanta, GA
Advisory Bo	ard, Board of Directors	
2012-2014	Sacrificial Poets Youth Poetry Organization	Chapel Hill, NC
Chairman of the Board (2012-2014), Board member		
2011-2012	Stand Up Speak Out NC	Durham, NC
Board Member, "Healing Through the Arts" program consultant		
2010-2012	St. Joseph's Historic Foundation	Durham, NC
Board Member		
2010-2011	Seven City Art Society	Alexandria, VA
Artistic Consultant		

GRANTS

- 2019 Creation Fund Grant from the National Performance Network creation of *Death of Cochise* stage play, co-commissioned by St. Joseph's Historic Foundation/Hayti Heritage Center, Durham, NC & The Wilson Center, Wilmington, NC
- 2011-2019 Durham Arts Council Season Grant Program Jambalaya Soul Slam/Slam Academy Poetry & Spoken Word Program at the St. Joseph's Historic Foundation/Hayti Heritage Center, Durham, NC
- 2011, 2013 Durham Merchants Association Charitable Foundation Jambalaya Soul Slam/Slam Academy Poetry & Spoken Word Program at the St. Joseph's Historic Foundation/Hayti Heritage Center, Durham, NC
- 2011 Mary Duke Biddle Foundation Jambalaya Soul Slam/Slam Academy Poetry & Spoken Word Program at the St. Joseph's Historic Foundation/Hayti Heritage Center, Durham, NC

AWARDS/HONORS

- 2019 Honoree, African American musicians and artists, Black History Month Recognition by NC Governor Roy Cooper
- 2015 Indy Arts Award Winner, Indy Week Magazine
- 2015 Southern Fried Southeastern Regional Poetry Slam Runner Up
- 2014 Southern Fried Southeastern Regional Poetry Slam Championship
- 2014 2nd Annual Spoken Word Gala Honoree
- 2012 National Poetry Slam Group Piece Finals Runner Up
- 2012 Ink Slam Los Angeles Runner UP
- 2010 & 2011 Southern Fried Southeastern Regional Poetry Slam Slammasters Slam Champion
- 2010 National Poetry Awards Winner: Slam Coach of the Year, Slam Team of the Year (Bull City Slam Team)
- 2010 3rd place finish at the National Poetry Slam
- 2010 Southern Fried Southeastern Regional Poetry Slam Championship
- 2009 Southern Fried Southeastern Regional Poetry Slam Runner Up
- 2007 National Underground Spoken Word and Poetry Awards Nominee (NUSPA), Great Publishing
- 2004 Indy Arts Award Winner, Independent Weekly Magazine

CURATORIAL PROJECTS

- 2019 Saints & Aints Sunday Service, Northstar Church of the Arts (Durham, NC)
- 2019 All the Things: A Poetry Reading Union Member House (Durham, NC)
- 2017-2019 Mind, Body, & Art North Carolina Counseling Association Conference/NC Association of Multicultural Counseling & Development (Durham, NC)
- 2019 A Love Jones Night Union Member House (Durham, NC)
- 2017 Poetry vs Hip Hop Durham Poetry vs Hip Hop (www.poetvshiphop.live)
- 2017 Rhythms of Race Exhibit Poetry Slam North Carolina Museum of Natural Science (Raleigh, NC)
- 2016-2018 Uptown Poetry Lounge Uptown Bar & Lounge (Durham, NC)
- 2016 Conversations on Cool: Poem, Monk, and Trane Art of Cool Music Festival (Durham, NC)
- 2016 Radicalism in Voice and Pen featuring Mahogany Browne Harvard University's Hip Hop Archive and Research Institute (Cambridge, MA)
- 2015-2017 Campaign 4 Change Power of Words Slam Various venues (Durham, NC)
- 2013-2015 City Soul Café Smokin Grooves Bar & Grill (Raleigh, NC)
- 2012-2016 The GetWrite: A Unique Jazz & Poetry Experience Spartacus Restaurant (Durham, NC) & Carmen's Cuban Café (Morrisville, NC)
- 2011-2015 NCSM Poetry Slam NC Museum of Art (Raleigh, NC)
- 2002-Present Jambalaya Soul Slam St. Joseph's Historic Foundation/Hayti Heritage Center, Hayti Heritage Center (Durham, NC)
- 2008-2012 Words of Wisdom Open Mic Mansion 462 (Chapel Hill, NC), Nightlife Comedy Club & Lounge (Durham, NC), LabourLove Gallery (Durham, NC), Time

- Out Bar & Grill (Durham, NC)
- 2011-2012 College Night, Slam Lite NC Museum of Art (Raleigh, NC)
- 2011 Poetry Jazz Café Communities in Schools (CIS) Annual Convention (Pineville, NC)
- 2008-2011 Poetry Spark Spark Con Arts Festival (Raleigh, NC)
- 2010 An Evening with Sonia Sanchez Public Allies of NC Fundraiser, Carolina Theatre (Durham, NC)
- 2010 Love vs Lust Poetry Showcase Cherry Bounce Arts Festival (Raleigh, NC)
- 2009 Southern Fried Southeastern Regional Poetry Slam St. Joseph's Historic Foundation/Hayti Heritage Center (Durham, NC)
- 2008-2009 Durham Be Easy Music/Arts Festival in partnership with Durham Parks & Recreation (Durham, NC)
- 2008-2009 Story Spark Spark Con Arts Festival (Raleigh, NC)
- 2007 Hip Hop Summit North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC)
- 2006 Women Who Jam NABFEME (Durham, NC)
- 2005 Move: A Free Concert for the Community NC Peace and Justice Coalition (Fayetteville, NC)
- 2005 Fantastic Four Hip Hop Showcase St. Joseph's Historic Foundation/Hayti Heritage Center, Hayti Heritage Center (Durham, NC)
- 2004-2005 Spoken word & Hip Hop Festival St. Joseph's Historic Foundation/Hayti Heritage Center, Hayti Heritage Center (Durham, NC)

COMMISSIONED WORK

- 2019 "Emancipated" Al Strong and the 99 Brass Band, Pinecomb presents at Sertoma Amphitheatre Bond Park (Cary, NC)
- 2019 "Hip Hop Through the Years" William Peace Hip Hop Summit, William Peace University (Raleigh, NC)
- 2019 "Purposeful Gardening" World Aids Day Video Project, Adolescent Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions (ATN) at UNC (Chapel Hill, NC)
- 2019 "Southern Creativity" *Durham Symphony Orchestra presents Songs of the South: a celebration of Southern artistic creativity*, Durham Symphony Orchestra (Durham, NC)
- 2018 "Selected Works of Langston Hughes" *Durham Symphony Orchestra presents a tribute to Langston Hughes and Ella Fitzgerald*, Durham Symphony Orchestra (Durham, NC)
- 2017 "Trees" Together: an Affinity for One Another, Pleiades Gallery (Durham, NC)
- 2016 "Speak for a Cure" 2BeatHIV Project (Durham, NC)
- 2016 "Fish Bowl," "Perception," Last Time," and "Roll Dem Bones" *Durham Symphony Orchestra: Duke Ellington and Malcolm X*, Durham Symphony Orchestra (Durham, NC)
- 2009 "Blues Traveler" *Bull Durham Blues Festival*, St. Joseph's Historic Foundation/Hayti Heritage Center (Durham, NC)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2016 Everything Worth Fighting For: An Exploration of Being Black in America. Flowered Concrete Press (ISBN 978-0692713426)
- 2012 Freedom Papers. HPJ Writeeasy Publishing (ISBN 978-0615598277)
- 2010 The Innovator. HPJ Writeeasy Publishing (ISBN 978-0578051086)

Edited Works

- 2018 "Bad Boy Records," "Cypher," "Organized Konfusion," "YO! MTV Raps"

 St. James Encyclopedia of Hip Hop Culture. edited by Thomas Riggs. Gale, a Cengage Company (ISBN 9781410380821)
- 2011 "Holla If You Hear Me: Giving Voice to Black Male Youth Through Hip Hop" *The Secrets for Motivating, Educating, and Lifting the Spirit of African American Males.* edited by Ernest H. Johnson, Ph.D. iUniverse, Incorporated (ISBN 978-1462046447)

Features

- 2017 "Wilted Flowers" *Hand in Hand: Poets Respond to Race* ed. Al Black & Len Lawson. Muddy Ford Press LLC (ISBN 9781942081098)
- 2009 "Bang Bang" & "Silent Cries" *Campaign 4 Change Testimonials: The Book of Truth.*Pendium Publishing House (ISBN 978-0981688398)
- 2007 "Privilege" The Cost of Privilege. By Chip Smith. Camino Press (ISBN 978-0979182808)

Articles/Essays

- 2018 "Why 9th Wonder Stayed" *Oxford American's Southern Music Issue: North Carolina*. Oxford American (Winter 2018)
- 2015 "Much Ado about Pricing" Clarion Content. Clarion Content (30 December)
- 2015 "Thinking of My Mother and our Broken Economy" *TalkPoverty.org* (27 May)
- 2015 "Letter to the Editor: HBCU Faculty Shape New Narrative on Student Support" *HBCU Digest* (21 May)
- 2015 "The Challenge of being an Artist: Gemynii Evolving" *Clarion Content*. Clarion Content (4 April)
- 2015 "The Challenge of being an Artist: Quentin Talley" *Clarion Content*. Clarion Content (1 April)
- 2015 "Caution: Artist Working" *Clarion Content*. Clarion Content (30 March)
- 2015 "Three Years after Trayvon Martin: Power Built from Tragedy" *From Our Blog*. Center for Community Change (26 February)
- 2015 "Rapsody's Going Home" Oak City Hustle Vol 5. Oak City Hustle (Jan)
- 2014 "The Politics of the Holidays" *From Our Blog*. Center for Community Change (25 February)

DISCOGRAPHY

2007 *The Jim Crow Jackson Experiment*, Amplified Truth Music Group/Amp Truth Records & Gridin Records (Hip Hop)

MUSICAL FEATURES

- 2019 Madrique, "Intro," Grandma Said (Hip Hop)
- 2019 Stranga the Great, "El Dorado," *Epiphany* (Hip Hop)
- 2019 FAOA, "Intro," Blacklisted (Hip Hop)
- 2019 The Flow, "The Voyage," *Time-EP* (Hip Hop)
- 2019 JSwiss, "Famous" ft Marcus Machado, Every Word is a Dollar (Hip Hop)
- 2017 Tai Allen, "Crown" No Jewels Soundtrack (Soul)
- 2017 Defacto Thezpian, "Hey Stranger" Burgundyskylines (Hip Hop)
- 2016 Cyrano Sinatra/Sharp Cuts, "Osso Buco" Good Eats (Hip Hop)
- 2016 Zoocrü, ""Remtro, Pt. 1" & "Remtro, Pt. 2" Lücid (Jazz)
- 2015 St. Nickel, "Young Blood" Rebirthday (Hip Hop)
- 2014 Major Green, "One Day" Board The Plane (Hip Hop)
- 2014 JSwiss, "Karma feat Karen Bernod" ALLCAPSNOSPACES (Hip Hop)
- 2014 Descendent, "Road to the Future" Road to Greatness: Journey of a Lost Soul (Hip Hop)
- 2014 HeavyLight, "Hyper" "Canned Soul Food" Oceans 11 EP (Hip Hop/Soul)
- 2014 Swayze, "Intro" and "Outro" *Swayze Nation*, Swayze Jones/D.R.S. Productions/G.H.S.L. (Hip Hop)
- 2014 Eternal, "Lift Me Up" Age Of Eternal EP (Hip Hop)
- 2013 NC Music Love Army, "Get Free feat Shirlette Ammons" We Are Not For Sale: Songs of Protest (Folk/Alternative/Rock/Hip Hop)
- 2013 SkyBlew, "Running in Place feat Sarah Kaboom" *Window Seat On That Midnight Train*, Star Performance Media (Hip Hop)
- 2013 Kaze, "Underground Railroad" *Black Kennedy*, Sound of the Culture (Hip Hop)
- 2013 AMSOC, "Tit4Tat" Background Check 2 Mixtape (Hip Hop)
- 2013 Seven Da Pantha, "YLie?" *Halo-Graphik*, Soundchamba Productions (Hip Hop)
- 2013 B. \$tacks, "City of Medicine" *Root of all Evil*, Faculty Entertainment (Hip Hop)
- 2013 Team Madison, "Swine Merchant Intro" *Swine Merchant*, Brain Kave Music Group, LLC (Hip Hop)
- 2012 Kourvioisier, "Fear of Progress Intro" Fear of Progress EP, FlavorFruit Studios (Hip Hop)
- 2011 Khill, "Declaration of an Independent," khillmusic.com (Hip Hop)
- 2011 Azon Blaze, "Verbal Vision" *Back to School Vol 2*, Dotgetit.com (Hip Hop)
- 2011 Free Agent Jasun, "Man's World" The Stop, Look, Listen Project, Dotgetit.com (Hip Hop)
- 2011 Sum-Thyng Like a Poet, "Nothing Physical" *This is Life: A Lifestyle not a Hobby* (Spoken Word)
- 2011 The Big Chill, "Megan Goode (Cypher 1.0)" *Truth, Music, & ZigZags* (Hip Hop)
- 2011 Chedda Chap, "The Written Method" Masters of Ceremony, 24/7 Music (Hip Hop)
- 2010 Elion the Great, "Poetic License" *The Elion Show 2* (Hip Hop)

- 2010 SkyBlew, "Flowers in May" Feels Like Home LP, 2 Steps Above the Stars (Hip Hop)
- 2009 L.E.G.A.C.Y., "The Greatest" Suicide Music, Hall of Justus Music Group (Hip Hop)
- 2009 Diablo Archer, "Everyday Hero (remix)" I Fly Archer, Devil's Advocate Music (Hip Hop)
- 2009 Red Sky Lullaby, "Lovesick," Red Sky Lullaby (Electro-Funk)
- 2008 Diablo Archer, "Fear of Flying" *Icarus Complex*, Devil's Advocate Music (Hip Hop)
- 2007 Clutch Paris, "Proper Introduction" *Atlantic Connection All Stars*, BBE (Music Compilation)
- 2007 Mr Thing, "Ordinary Guy" "It's So Good" Grindin Vol. 1, Grindin Records (Hip Hop)
- 2007 Diablo Archer, "Get Known ft. Khill" *The Wakeup Call*, Devil's Advocate Music (Hip Hop)
- 2007, Nervous Reck, "Teachers, Senators, & Govenors" *I Got What It Takes*, All Terrain Music (Hip Hop)
- 2006 Cheddar Chapp, "The Next Chappter" *The Next Chappter*, All Terrain Music (Hip Hop)
- 2006 HipHopSite, "The Worst ft. Khill" *Preemptive Hype Vol. 14*, HipHopSite.com (Hip Hop)
- 2004 DJ Chela, "Invisible Man" DJ Chela 4 President (Hip Hop)
- 2001 Resonated Records presents, "Flowing into this Mic" *Locally Respected Volume I*, Resonated Records (Music Compilation)

TV/RADIO/VIDEO/FILM APPEARANCES

- 2019 "Konversations," Komplex Creative (podcast)
- 2018 Voice over work, CBS17 News
- 2017 News feature, *ABC 11*, "Hip-hop as literature: Durham Scholar Dasan Ahanu returns from Harvard"
- 2017 Guest performer, *The Root*, "The Root Live (FB)"
- 2017 News feature, NBC News, "Dear Mr. President: Letters on North Korea's Threats"
- 2014 Guest appearance, UNC-TV, "Black Issues Forum"
- 2013 Feature presentation, TV One, "Lexus' Verses and Flow"
- 2013 Feature presentation, WXRP Radio, "Conscious Groove"
- 2013 Feature presentation, TMIC Radio, "Lyrical Cypher Show"
- 2013 Feature presentation, The Voice 90.1, "The Poetry Café"
- 2012 Feature presentation, Ocity Metro Radio, "Verbal Moxie Ep 8"
- 2011 Film feature, Polished Souls & CotLu films, "Stray"
- 2011 Guest performer, FOX 50, "The B Spot"
- 2011 Feature presentation, *NBC-17*, "My Carolina Today"
- 2007 2009 On Air Program Host, WCOM 103.5 FM, "The EP: Extraordinary Penmanship"
- 2008 Feature presentation, UNC-TV, "North Carolina Visions: An Independent Film Series"
- 2007 News feature, My RDC28, "Brand Newz"
- 2006 Video feature, Doc Sinn Entertainment, "The Pavement Show"
- 2006 Documentary feature, Sandra Jacobi Productions/Oak Drive Video Productions, "Poet Son"
- 2005-2006 Contributing Guest Artist, *National Public Radio (NPR)*, "News and Notes with Ed Gordon"
- 2004 Radio feature, WUNC 91.5 FM, "The State of Things"
- 2003 Contributing Artist and On-Air Program Host, WAUG 750 AM, "Critical Reflections"

PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 "When the Beat Drops: From the Booth, to the Stage, and in the Videos" Central Carolina Community College (Sandhills, NC)
- 2019 "When the Beat Drops: From the Booth, to the Stage, and in the Videos" Sandhills Community College (Pinehurst, NC)
- 2019 "When the Beat Drops: Talking Consent" Winston Salem State University (Winston Salem, NC)
- 2019 "Must be Love on the Brain" Promoting Healthy Relationships" Winston Salem State University (Winston Salem, NC)
- 2019 "When the Beat Drops: From the Booth, to the Stage, and in the Videos" NCCU Women's Center, North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC)
- 2019 "When the Beat Drops: Talking Consent" NCCU Women's Center, North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC)
- 2019 "How to Operate as a Male in a Me Too Society" Winston Salem State University (Winston Salem, NC)
- 2018 "The Impact We Make Every Day: Reflecting our Societal Context" NC Arts Council Art's Education Symposium, The Carolina Theatre of Durham (Durham, NC)
- 2018 "When the Beat Drops: From the first verse to the closing credits" Chancellors Forum on Sexual Assault, North Carolina A&T State University (Greensboro, NC)
- 2018 "Everything Worth Fighting For" SwitchPoint, Intrahealth International (Saxaphaw, NC)
- 2018 "The Art of Reimagining" Shaping our Communities: Artists at Work, Ella Fountain Pratt Emerging Artist Award Celebration, Durham Arts Council (Durham, NC)
- 2018 "I Can Feel the City Breathing: A conversation about sex, relationships, and trauma" Chancellors Forum on Sexual Assault, North Carolina A&T State University (Greensboro, NC)
- 2018 "Inclusion and Bridge Building" UNC Chapel Hill Campus Unity Dinner, Department of Diversity and Inclusion, UNC Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, NC)
- 2017 "Health Equity in the Arts" Health Equity Lunch & Learn Series, NC Office of Minority Health (Raleigh, NC)
- 2017 "When the Beat Drops: Passionfruit, Loyalty, & 4:44" Domestic Violence Awareness Month Program, North Carolina Central University Women's Center (Durham, NC)
- 2017 "Art, History & Faith" Black History & Spirituality Series, Meredith College (Raleigh, NC)
- 2017 "Art and Social Justice" Resistance Con (Durham, NC)
- 2017 "Spoken Word Storytelling" Art Line, City of Raleigh Capital Area Transit (Raleigh, NC)
- 2017 "Black Representations in the Media" Good Morning AmeriAKA, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., UNC Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, NC)
- 2016 "Requiem for Change" NC Sexual Health Conference (Morrisville, NC)
- 2016 "Brown Bag Daddy: Radical Voice and Artistic Expression" TEDxDurham: Centers and Edges (Durham, NC)
- 2016 "Setting and Achieving Goals" Trio Student Services, Piedmont Community College, Roxboro, NC (June)
- 2016 "Shots Fired: Examining A Lyrical Canon" UMASS Boston (Boston, MA)
- 2016 "Shots Fired: Examining A Lyrical Canon" Lena Park CDC (Dorchester, MA)

- 2015 "Shots Fired: Examining A Lyrical Canon" Carrack Modern Art Gallery (Durham, NC)
- 2015 "Shots Fired: Examining A Lyrical Canon" Saint Augustine's University (Raleigh, NC)
- 2015 "Shots Fired: Examining A Lyrical Canon" Northeastern University (Boston, MA)
- 2015 "Shots Fired: Examining A Lyrical Canon" Harvard University (Cambridge, MA)
- 2014 "Hip Hop History" Hip Hop is Reality, Winston Salem State University (Winston Salem, NC)
- 2015 "Poetry and Healing" #Stigma: Face it, Stomp it, Slam it, Norfolk State University (Norfolk, VA)
- 2015 "Radical Voice & Resistance" Ghandi-King Conference, Lemoyne College (Memphis, TN)
- 2015 "Radical Voice & Artistic Expression" Arterveners Conference, Duke University (Durham, NC)
- 2015 "Poetry Slam" NCSU Campus Life, North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC)
- 2014 "Hip Hop and Entrepreneurship" Hip Hop is Reality, Winston Salem State University (Winston Salem, NC)
- 2014 "Hip Hop and Higher Ed" Charlotte Teen Education Summit, UNC Charlotte City Center Campus (Charlotte, NC)
- 2013 "The Art of Spoken Word Storytelling" TEDxDuke, Duke University (Durham, NC)
- 2013 "The Emcee and the Poet in Hip Hop" Hip Hop is Reality, Winston Salem State University (Winston Salem, NC)
- 2013 "The Popular Classroom: Integrating Popular Culture" Right Place, 'Write' Time: Fostering Student Success in Writing and Critical Thinking, Saint Augustine's University (Raleigh, NC
- 2013 "Look What We Have Here: Uncovering the Subtle Narratives About Black Identity" Representations of Black Masculinity and Femininity in the Telling of Our Stories, Saint Augustine's University (Raleigh, NC)
- 2012 "The Green Lantern Effect: Courageous Creative Expression" TEDxDuke, Duke University (Durham, NC)
- 2010 4 "Elements of Hip Hop Education, The Power of Poetry/Art of Spoken Word" Hip Hop Education for Educators, NC Center for Advancement of Teaching (Cullowhee, NC)
- 2010 "4 Elements of Hip Hop Education, The Power of Poetry/Art of Spoken Word" The Last Dropout, NC Center for Advancement of Teaching (Cullowhee, NC)
- 2009 "Empowerment Through Creative Writing" CISNC 20th Anniversary Training Conference, Pinehurst Resort (Pinehurst, NC)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Coordinator/Director

- 2018 Conference Director Beats n Bars Hip Hop Festival (Durham, NC)
- 2017 Spoken Word Coordinator National Folk Festival (Greensboro, NC)
- 2017 Host Coordinator Art of Cool Festival (Durham, NC)
- 2009 Festival Coordinator Southern Fried Poetry Festival (Durham, NC)

Workshop Facilitator

2019 "The Art of Engagement" Title IX Training, Saint Augustine's University (Raleigh, NC)

- 2019 "Poetry and Spoken Word" Finding Your Voice Spring Breakthrough Course, Duke University (Durham, NC)
- 2019 "The Power of Poetry" NEA Challenge Grant, Central Carolina Community College (Sanford/Pittsboro/Lillington, NC)
- 2019 "Tangible Abstract: The Power of Imagination" Provident 1989 Power Lunch, Provident 1989 (Durham, NC)
- 2019 "The Art of Change: Art-Based Initiatives" Black Communities Conference, Carolina Theatre (Durham, NC)
- 2019 "Sit+Chat" Southbound Exhibit, Duke University's Power Plant Gallery (Durham, NC)
- 2019 "The Art of it All" Pleasure. Power. Politics. Practice., NC Sexcon (Raleigh, NC)
- 2019 "Spoken Word and Poetry Slam" Blue Ribbon Summer Writing Intensive, Blue Ribbon Mentoring Program (Chapel Hill, NC)
- 2019 "Art of Spoken Word" Choice Not Chance All Male Conference, East Millbrook Middle School (Raleigh, NC)
- 2019 "Pop Culture in the Classroom" William Peace Hip Hop Summit, William Peace University (Raleigh, NC)
- 2019 "Poetry and Spoken Word" Averett University (Danville, VA)
- 2019 "DIY, crafting your own arts event or action" NC Arts Council Gathering of Millennial Traditional Artists, Duke University (Durham, NC)
- 2019 "Hip Hop and Spoken Word" NC Climate Justice Summit (Brown Summit, NC)
- 2019 "Slam Poetry for Teens" ASC's Connect with Culture Day, ASC. Culture For All. (Charlotte, NC)
- 2018 "When Healthy Manhood Goes Pop" Community College Summit, North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault (Raleigh, NC)
- 2018 "Solutions in Victim Care" "Focus Groups/Listening Sessions Tool Kit" HBCU CEP Summer Campus Leadership Summit, North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault (Winston Salem, NC)
- 2018 "Musicology 101" "Argument & Persuasion" "Community Organizing" Young Advocates Institute, North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault Biennial Conference (Greensboro, NC)
- 2018 "The Art of Dissent: Arts Activism & Radical Transformation" The Free Movement Conference (Wilmington, NC)
- 2017 "Curriculum Talks" "Program Roundtable" HBCU Summit, North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault Biennial Conference (Greensboro, NC)
- 2017 "Art and Human Rights" K-12 Global Education Summit Human Rights and Social Justice, Friday Center UNC Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, NC)
- 2017 "Do it For the Culture" "GetOut: Racism and Oppression" Young Advocates Institute, North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault Biennial Conference (Greensboro, NC)
- 2017 "Healing Through the Arts" From Premise to Practice: Applying a Comprehensive Trauma Lens, North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault Biennial Conference (Winston-Salem, NC)
- 2017 "Slam Poetry" Pamlico Writer's Conference (Pamlico, NC)
- 2017 "Writing Workshop" Hamilton Course, Duke University (Durham, NC)
- 2017 "Healing Through the Arts" A Call to Men: LIVERESPECT Conference (Charlotte, NC)
- 2017 "Poetry & Spoken Word" School Counseling, Garner High School (Garner, NC)
- 2016 "Poetry & Spoken Word" Poetry Club, Wilson Early College (Wilson, NC)

- 2016 "Radical Voice & Artistic Expression" Dupp & Swat (Charlotte, NC)
- 2016 "The Art of Spoken Word" NC WARN Member Assembly (Hillsborough, NC)
- 2016 "Spoken Word, Rap, and Rebellion" A Thousand Words: Stagville, J Cardinal Events (Stagville, NC)
- 2015 "The Art of Emceeing" Fundamentals of Hip Hop, Blumenthal Performing Arts Center (Charlotte, NC)
- 2015 "Rhythm, Rhyme and Revolution: The Art in Getting Free!" NC Climate Justice Summit (Brown Summit, NC)
- 2015 "Rhythm, Rhyme and Revolution: The Art in Getting Free!" Durham County Public Library (Durham, NC)
- 2015 "Writing About Art" Educators Night Out: Reflect and Connect, North Carolina Museum of Art (Raleigh, NC)
- 2015 "Poetry & Spoken Word" Youth Poetry Workshop, North Carolina Museum of Art (Raleigh, NC)
- 2015 "Radical Voice & Artistic Expression" Arterveners Conference at Duke University (Durham, NC)
- 2015 "Radical Voice & Artistic Expression" RVAE, Carrack Modern Art (Durham, NC)
- 2014 "Poetry and Healing" Speak Now, Duke University (Durham, NC)
- 2014 "Poetry and Spoken Word" Broughton High School (Raleigh, NC), Pace Academy (Carrboro, NC)
- 2014 "History of Music Workshop" The Beast, Wakefield Middle School (Raleigh, NC)
- 2014 "Writers Workshop" FMC Butner Poetry Group, Federal Medical Center (Butner, NC)
- 2013 "Writers Workshop" Southern Writer's Symposium, Methodist University (Fayetteville, NC)
- 2013 "Poetry Workshop" Marquis Poetry Workshop, Marquis Market (Fayetteville, NC)
- 2012 "Poetry Workshop" Zion Productions' Lyrical Elevation Workshop, Tipsy Teapot (Greenville, NC)
- 2012 "Poetry Workshop" DREAMS of Wilmington (Wilmington, NC)
- 2012 "Poetry and Expression" Boys & Girls Club of Goldsboro (Goldsboro, NC)
- 2012 "Spokenword and Hip Hop" NC School of Science and Math (Durham, NC)
- 2012 "Being Successful" Blue Ribbon Mentor Advocate, Chapel Hill Teen Center (Chapel Hill, NC)
- 2011 "Poetry and Spoken Word" Smith Middle School (Chapel Hill, NC), Broughton High School (Raleigh, NC), Northside High School (Pinetown, NC), PACE Academy (Carrboro, NC), Northern High School (Durham, NC)
- 2012 "Slam Poetry" Northside High School (Pinetown, NC)
- 2011 "Identity and Self" Alcorn State University (Lorman, MS)
- 2011 "Preparing for Tomorrow" Holly Springs High School (Hollys Springs, NC)
- 2011 "The Art of Poetry" Chewning Middle School, North Carolina Foundation for Public School Children Grant (Durham, NC)
- 2006-2011 "Art and Purpose" Cases Program, Shaw University (Raleigh, NC)
- 2010 "Poetry" Philo Middle School (Winston Salem, NC)
- 2010 "Craft and Creativity" Poetry Take Out Poets Retreat, Black Poetry Theatre (Emerald Isle, NC)
- 2009 "Creative Writing" Mallarme Players M.A.P. Program, Durham Nativity School (Durham, NC)

- 2009 "The Happening: Writing and Performance Workshop" Creativity Is Me Magazine (Durham, NC)
- 2008-2009 "Rhythms of Agreement" Mary E. Phillips High School (Raleigh, NC)
- 2006-2009 "Metaphor in Poetry" Leesville Middle School (Raleigh, NC), Reedy Creek Middle School (Cary, NC), Jordan High School (Durham, NC)
- 2007 "The Art of Performance" Duke Drama Workshop, Duke University (Durham, NC)
- 2005-2007 "Take a Stand" Hayti Heritage Center (Durham, NC)
- 2006 "Striving for Success" Education Summit, Durham Public Education Network (Durham, NC)
- 2006 "Art, Hip Hop, and Teaching" Let's Talk Race, UNC Teaching Fellows, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, NC)
- 2006 "Creative Writing" Potentialis ACES program, The ArtsCenter (Carrboro, NC)
- 2006 "The Soul of Anti-Racism: What Moves You" The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wilmington (Wilmington, NC)
- 2005 "Creative Writing" Community Writing Program, Mary E. Phillips High School (Raleigh, NC)
- 2005 "Poetry Workshop" Spoken Word Hip Hop Festival, Hayti Heritage Center (Durham, NC)
- 2005 "Hip Hop Elements" Broughton High School (Raleigh, NC)
- 2004-2005 "Writing and Performance" Day of the Poet, Orange County High School Outreach Program, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, NC)
- 2004-2005 "Teaching Creative Writing to Youth" Literacy for Photography Project, Center for Documentary Studies, Duke University (Durham, NC)
- 2004 "Hip Hop Literacy" SCALE Literacy Conference, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, NC)
- 2004 "Authentic Voices Poetry Workshop" City of Sumpter, Sumpter Opera House (Sumpter, SC)
- 2003 "Cultivating and Building Legacies" African American Male Summit, State of NC Office of the Governor (Greensboro, NC)
- 2003 "Writing Poetry" Poetry Club, Garinger High School (Charlotte, NC)
- 2003 "Spoken Word Poetry and Performance for Youth" Greensboro Public Library (Greensboro, NC)

Panelist

- 2019 "Spoken Word" NC Writer's Conference (Lexington, NC)
- 2018 "Stakeholders Role in PrEP" Are We PrEPared? Ignite Durham (Durham, NC)
- 2017 "Black History Month Program" FACE IT and the Department of Psychology, Norfolk State University (Norfolk, VA)
- 2017 "Storytelling and Sense of Place in NC" North Carolina: The New American Heartland, National Humanities Center (Durham, NC)
- 2017 "Rhythms of Spoken Word" Village Tent, African American Cultural Festival (Raleigh, NC)
- 2017 "The Listening: JAY-Z's 4:44 with Estate Creative Agency" Be Connected Series, Beyu Caffe (Durham, NC)
- 2017 "Self-Destruction pt. 2" FACE IT and the Department of Psychology, Norfolk State University (Norfolk, VA)
- 2016 "Author Panel" "Un-Wine" Invictus Office Center (Durham, NC)

- 2016 "Real Talk About Elections" Hip Hop Caucus/Respect My Vote, Beyu Caffe (Durham, NC)
- 2016 "Durm Talks: Activism and Movement Building" Be Connected Series, Beyu Caffe (Durham, NC)
- 2016 "A Ta-Nehisi Coates interview with Dr. Brenda Greene" National Black Writers Conference, Medgar Evers College (Brooklyn, NY)
- 2016 "Service to the Community and Activism" Triangle Diversity Alliance Conference, Saint Mary's School (Raleigh, NC)
- 2016 "Hip Hop and Social Justice/BLM" Honors College, UMASS Boston (Boston, MA)
- 2016 "Self-Destruction: Different Day, Same Song?" FACE IT and the Department of Psychology, Norfolk State University (Norfolk, VA)
- 2013 "I'm Not Just Black in February" Gamma Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc, Saint Augustine's University, 2013
- 2012 "Pre-Election Town Hall Meeting" One Million Strong: Photographs by Katina Parker, Hayti Heritage Center (Durham, NC)
- 2010 "Social Activism Forum" PURPLE, Duke University (Durham, NC)
- 2010 "Unveiling Invisibility: On Issues in African America" The Freshman Honors Seminar Symposium, NC Central University (Durham, NC)
- 2009 "Hip Hop History" Clarence E Lightner Youth Academy, Marbles Kids Museum (Raleigh, NC)
- 2006 "The Importance of Education" The Time is Now Education Summit, Durham Public Education Network (Durham, NC)

Moderator

- 2017 "One MC to Another" Beats n Bars Hip Hop Festival (Durham, NC)
- 2015 "State of the Black Arts Forum" Black Poetry Theatre/Black Opps/MOJOAA Performing Arts Company, North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC)
- 2009 "Creative Presentations" State of North Carolina Undergraduate and Creative Research Symposium, University of North Carolina Wilmington (Wilmington, NC)

Judge

- 2014-2016 Emerging Artists Literature Panel Emerging Artist Literature Grant, Durham Arts Council (Durham, NC)
- 2010-2014 Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest Orange County Regional Qualifier and North Carolina State Semi-Finals/Finals
- 2012 Emerging Artists Literature Panel Emerging Artist Literature Grant, Durham Arts Council (Durham, NC)
- 2011-2012 Youth Prophecy Poetry Contest Duke Human Rights Center Pauli Murray Project (Durham, NC)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Music Department, Department of African, African American & Diaspora Studies 2016-Present Visiting Lecturer

Rockingham Community College

Pay it Forward Mentoring Program 2016-2017 Professional Mentor & Consultant

Saint Augustine's University

English Department
Spring 2017 Adjunct Professor
2011 – 2015 Assistant Professor
2006 – 2011 Artist in Residence

Johnston Community College

English Department Fall 2016

ECPI

Arts & Sciences 2014

Duke University

Duke Young Writer's Program 2011-Present Guest Facilitator 2005-2010 Instructor

Center for Documentary Studies

2002-2006 Instructor