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**EDUCATION**

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| **Indiana University-Bloomington** Bloomington, Indiana  Ph.D.  Major: African American and African Diaspora Studies  Advisor: Jakobi Williams, Ph.D.  Dissertation: “A Divided Bronzeville: How Race and Class Created Separate Housing Institutions for African Americans in the Black Metropolis”    **Chicago State University** Chicago, Illinois  M.A.  Major: History    **Marquette University** Milwaukee, Wisconsin  B.A.  Major: Political Science and Africana Studies  **RESEARCH INTERESTS**  Public Housing Policy, Urban Development, African American Social History, Digital Humanities, Black Diaspora Comparative History, Black Cultural Expressions (Film, Music, and Art), Black Existentialism, Black Male Identity  **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**  **Postdoctoral Research Scholar 2023-**  *Department of African American Studies University of Illinois Urbana Champaign*   * **AFRO 220: Introduction to Research Methods**   **Adjunct Instructor, Department of Social Sciences 2022-**  *Malcolm X College, Chicago, IL*   * **AFRO 101: Introduction to African American Studies**   **Associate Instructor, 2019- 2022**  *Department of African American & African Diaspora Studies Indiana University*   * **AAAD-A 113: Atkins Living Learning Center Foundational Course: Black Identity** * **AAAD-A 113: Atkins Living Learning Center Foundational Course: African American Women’s History** * **AAAD-A 113: Atkins Living Learning Center Foundational Course: Black Urban History**   **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**  **Postdoctoral Research Associate 2023-**  *University of Illinois Urbana Champaign- Department of African American Studies*   * Conducting research on the Chicago neighborhood of Bronzeville using the digital methods to produce a moving timeline of the Black Metropolis * Interprets data and trends, summarize oral histories, and prepare a visual digital presentation of research on Bronzeville * Developing website for dissemination of research both analytical, oral histories and digital mapping |
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**INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

**Graduate Mentor- Atkins Brother Hood Circle 2022-2023**

*Atkins Living Learning Center Indiana University*

* Mentored 15 male students living in the Atkins Living Learning Center
* Coordinated biweekly group circle meetings to discuss academic success, masculinity, and social/emotional wellbeing in a safe nurturing environment.
* Conducted one on one meetings with male students to discuss avenues for success in college and beyond.
* Coordinate meetings with prospective faculty to discuss how they fit with AAADS

**Vice President & Faculty Liaison AAADS Graduate Society**

*Indiana University Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies*

* Assist in planning and execution of the Herman C Hudson Symposium and other events surrounding the promotion of scholarship and collegiality within AAADS.

**Graduate Representative Dean's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

*Office of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Multicultural Affairs*

* Meet month with Dean of Students and Dean of graduate School to discuss diversity and inclusion as communicated through the perspective and experience on campus as an IU student.
* Contribute to the decision-making process made by university administrators.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**360 Nation** Chicago, IL  **2020- Present**

* Primary grant writer securing funding for all programs.
* Collaborate with other volunteers as part of Lil’ Miracle’s program to provide food, hygienic essentials, and baby supplies for community residents of the West Side of Chicago.
* Volunteer at the Community Garden at Sumner Math & Science Academy to help youth procure their own vegetables to deliver to residents of East Garfield Park

**CONFERENCE, INVITED TALKS AND SELECTED PANELS**

**Conference Presentations**

“A Symbol and A Man: A Historiography of Malcom X,” Paul Lucas Graduate Conference. Indiana University Bloomington, October 2018.

“Where Do We Go: A Black Existentialist Look at Black Studies,” National Council for Black Studies Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2019.

“The Ties that Bind: Generational and Cultural Differences Affecting African-American Families,” Herman C. Hudson Symposium. Indiana University, March 2019.

“Moving Past Deficiency: How a Strengths-Based Approach Can Help Educate Black Boys,” National Council for Black Studies Conference. Atlanta, Georgia, March 2020. (Presentation cancelled because of the Indiana University Covid-19 Travel Ban)

“When it Explodes: Exploring Historically the Riots and Racial Uprisings of Black Chicago,” Herman C. Hudson Symposium. Indiana University, April 2021.

“Therapy at the Shop: Black Barbershops and Black Men's Mental Health,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference. Montgomery, Alabama, September 2022.

“Forming a Community: Heartbreak and Triumph in Making Black Chicago,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 2024.

**Invited Talks**

**“**AI & Bias” Chancellor's Senior Leadership Council Annual Retreat, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL (April 2024).

**Selected Symposiums and Panels**

Discussant, “Bright Young Things: Chicago’s New Negro Intellectual Club and The Wonder of Books” Black Metropolis Research Consortium, Chicago, IL

**PUBLICATIONS**

**"**360 Nation: Bridging the Gap Between the Black Community and Africana Studies” National Council for Black Studies *Annual Report* (March 2022)

**“**Black Mayors, Black Politics, and the Gary Convention” *Black Perspectives*, African American Intellectual History Society, March 22, 2022.

**SELECT PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP/COMMENTARY**

2025: “Brandon Stokes from U of I speaks about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,” segment, CiLiving. *WCIA*. 17 January

**GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

**William Wiggins Award Outstanding Instructor of Record (2020-2022)**

**Gene Branigin Fellowship (2020)**

**IDAH HASTAC Scholarship Program (2021-2022)**

**IU MLK Student Organization Grant (2022**)

**BMRC Short Term Fellowship (2022)**

**IU College Pathways Fellowship (2022)**

**PROFFESIONAL Affiliations**

* **American Evaluation Association (AEA)**
* **Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)**
* **National Council for Black Studies (NCBS)**