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#### **Education**

### **Columbia University**

Nonfiction Writing Master of Fine Arts 2018

### **Emerson College**

Writing, Literature and Publishing Bachelor of Arts 2014 Magna Cum Laude

### **Employment**

# **Washington University**

St. Louis, Missouri July 2021 - present

**Assistant Professor of Creative Writing** 

## Ithaca College

Ithaca, New York August 2020 - May 2021

Assistant Professor of Nonfiction Writing

### **African American Policy Forum**

New York, New York September 2018 - March 2020

Writing Director

### **Undergraduate Writing Program at Columbia University**

New York, New York September 2016-May 2018

Instructor of Undergraduate Writing

**Graduate Teaching Fellow** 

### **Creative Writing Summer Program for High School Students**

New York, New York

June 2018-August 2018

Advanced Seminar Instructor Advanced Workshop Instructor

### **Children's Aid Society**

New York, New York

June 2016-August 2016

Journalism and Media Studies Internship Coordinator

**Columbia Artists/ Teachers** 

New York, New York

**Upward Bound** October 2015-May 2016

**Expository Writing Co-Instructor** 

Columbia University School of the Arts Dean's Office

New York, New York

Alumni and Student Affairs Fellow September 2015-May 2016

**GrubStreet Literary Arts Center** 

Boston, MA

GrubDaily Blog Assistant June 2015-August 2015

**Emerson College Office of Diversity and Inclusion** 

Boston, MA

Office Assistant, Staff Writer for *The Luminary* 

June 2013-August 2014 Instructor Assistant at Charles Beard Summer Arts Exploration

Program

Punknews.org

New York, New York

Staff Interviewer July 2009- Present

**National Association of Black Journalists** 

College Park, MD

**Program Assistant** May 2010-August 2010

**Publications** 

**Books** 

Boyz n the Void: A mixtape to my brother Beacon Press. 2021

**Plays** 

Say Her Name: The Lives That Should Have Been

Co-written with Kimberlé Crenshaw and Julia Sharpe-Levine

**Essays** 

"Has Gen Y transcended race?" The Daily Voice.com, 2008

"Obama ruined my game." Salon.com, 2009

"How the GOP can right itself." Ebonyjet.com, 2009

"Sotomayor's effect on race debate." The Grio.com, 2009

- "Religion and young black America." The Grio.com, 2009
- "The Unbearable Lightness of Being Steph Curry." Slate.com 2016
- "Punk Rock and Protest." The Baffler.com 2016
- "Are These Warriors Less Manly?" The Baffler.com 2017
- "I Am Not a Fish Dating a Bird." The Baffler.com 2017
- "The Dog Delusion." The Baffler.com 2017
- "Devin McKnight's Punk Pulpit." The Baffler.com 2017
- "Queer Poserdom." The Baffler.com 2018
- "Apex Predators and Elena Ferrante." The Baffler.com 2018
- "Feedback Loop." The Baffler.com 2019
- "On Jawbreaker and His Pop Punk Awakening." Afropunk.com 2019
- "I Witnessed a Night of Powerful POC Punk in Brooklyn." Afropunk.com 2019
- "Rebelmatic, The 1865, The Veldt, Rock Max Fish." Afropunk.com 2019
- "The NBA Strike and the Limits of the Left's Class-Centric Politics" *TheNewRepublic.com* 2020
- "If They're Losing, Who's Winning?" Guernica Magazine 2020.

#### **Interviews**

- "Big D and the Kids Table (Dave McWane)." Punknews.org, 2009
- "David 'Spoonboy' Combs." Punknews.org, 2009
- "Atreyu (Marc McKnight)." Punknews.org, 2010
- "Balance and Composure (Jonathan Simmons)." Punknews.org, 2011
- "All Time Low (Jack Barakat)." Punknews.org, 2011
- "Allison Weiss." Punknews.org, 2012
- "Joey Cape." Punknews.org, 2012
- "Tony Sly." Punknews.org, 2012
- "Vinnie Caruana." Punknews.org, 2013.
- "Candy Hearts (Mariel Loveland)." Punknews.org, 2013
- "Antarctigo Vespucci (Chris Farren)." Punknews.org, 2014
- "Jabari Asim." Mosaic Magazine, 2015

#### News

- "Paul Delaney." NABJ.org, 2010
- "Michelle Singletary." NABJ.org, 2010
- "Phillip Lucas." NABJ.org, 2010

#### Awards, Honors

National Achievement Scholar 2004

Selected for inclusion in New York Times "Idea of the Day" Blog June 18, 2009

Dean's List at Parkland College 2010

Dean's List at Emerson College 2013

Columbia University Graduate Teaching Fellow 2016-2018