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## SKILLS

Adobe Photoshop  
Adobe Premiere Pro  
Adobe Lightroom  
Excel  
Google Analytics  
Facebook Analytics  
Digital Photography  
Copywriting  
Grantwriting  
Facilitation  
Digital Marketing  
Program Design  
Program Evaluation

## AWARDS

Caucus Foundation Award, 2022  
Albert P. Weisman Award, 2022  
Prism Photo Workshop, 2021  
Jackie Robinson Foundation, 2009-13  
UCLA VIP Scholars, 2009-13  
UCLA AAP Scholars, 2009-13

## EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

<b>Columbia College Chicago</b> Master of Fine Arts, Creative Producing	May 2022
<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b> Bachelor of Arts, International Development Studies - Emphasis: Latin America Minor, African-American Studies	June 2013
<b>Reiki Level II Practitioner, San Francisco Reiki Center</b>	2018
<b>200 Hour Yoga Teacher Certification, Zen Yoga Garage</b>	2019
<b>Restorative Justice Facilitation, SEEDS Restorative Justice Center</b>	2022
<b>Mental Health First Aid, Sista Afya Community Mental Wellness</b>	2022

## FILM PRODUCTIONS

<b>Writer, Director, Producer</b>	<b>Short Narrative</b>	<b>Grist</b>	2023
<b>Co-Producer</b>	<b>Feature Doc</b>	<b>Thank You for Thinking of Me, dir. Akram Shibly</b>	2023
<b>Writer, Director, Producer</b>	<b>Short Narrative</b>	<b>Sante</b>	2022
<b>Production Assistant</b>	<b>Feature Narrative</b>	<b>The Batman, dir. Matt Reeves</b>	2022
<b>First Assistant Director</b>	<b>Digital Web Series</b>	<b>The Red Line Series, dir. Adenike Thomas</b>	2021
<b>Writer, Producer</b>	<b>Short Narrative</b>	<b>Lumens, dir. Hannah Russell</b>	2021
<b>Production Assistant</b>	<b>Feature Narrative</b>	<b>Memento Amare, dir. Lavinia Simina</b>	2018

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS & SCREENINGS

<b>Delta Sigma Theta Black History Festival</b>	<b>Elgin Community College, Chicago IL - Forthcoming</b>	2023
<b>Black Harvest Film Festival</b>	<b>Gene Siskel Film Center, Chicago IL</b>	2022
<b>The Black Archive, dir. Resita Cox</b>	<b>Blanc Gallery, Chicago IL</b>	2021
<b>Black Plant-It</b>	<b>Art West Gallery, Chicago IL</b>	2021

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

<b>Allied Media Conference, Detroit MI</b> Co- Facilitator, "Give the Police Departments to the Grandmothers: Building Ecosystems of Safety & Care" On behalf of Equal Justice USA	June 2022
<b>Glendale Community College LGBTQ Summit, Glendale CA</b> Presenter, "Out on Screen: Safety, Community, and Queerness in Black Popular Culture"	June 2021
<b>i/Mages of Tomorrow Anti-Conference, Goldsmiths University, London UK</b> Presenter, "Love as Revolutionary Practice: Capturing Black Intimacy On Screen"	June 2017

## RECENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Grassroots Capacity Building Specialist

Equal Justice USA – Remote

February 2022 - Present

- Consult and accompany grassroots organizations in Newark, New Jersey founded to create community-based violence intervention approaches. Involves program model creation, budget review, strategic planning, and funding opportunity sharing.
- Design and conduct needs assessments for organizational leaders and staff to evaluate fiscal health, governance, team culture and wellness.

### Production Intern

Havas – Chicago, IL

May 2021 - August 2021

- Act as production assistant on promotional shoots with clients including the National Association of Realtors, Hefty Reynolds, Moen, and Camel. Involved compiling notes and arranging storyboard decks, conducting research on prospective directors, and attending client meetings, location scouts, and shoots.
- Maintain and update talent database consisting of production houses, emerging directors, and special effects artists for prospective bids and collaboration.

### Co-Founder, Co-Director

Black Brown + Breathing – Chicago, IL

August 2020 - Present

- Co-founded a collective of wellness practitioners, visual artists, and community organizers to create spaces of healing, social awareness, and political advocacy for Black and Brown residents on Chicago's south and west sides.
- Organize, promote, and co-facilitate monthly healing-centered activations in Chicago's natural areas – parks, forest preserves, and community gardens – as well as virtual spaces during the winter.
- Develop and maintain over two dozen partnerships with local government offices, cultural institutions, and arts organizations including the Chicago Parks District, Cook County Forest Preserve, Field Museum, and Outdoor Afro.

### Communications Manager

Equal Justice USA – Brooklyn, NY [Remote]

January 2019 - January 2021

- Managed all digital external communications for an organization founded to transform the U.S. justice system by advocating for trauma-informed responses to violence. Included graphics, fact sheets, social media, and blog posts.
- Collaborated with organizational leadership to draft and implement a multimedia narrative shifting campaign to transform national discussions of trauma, violence, and justice in the U.S.
- Produced a national video campaign for National Survivors/Victims' Rights Week, featuring community partners across five cities centering the need for healing justice for survivors of harm.
- Created and managed an annual editorial strategy to oversee digital publications, using Google and Facebook Analytics to track ad spend, ROI, and progress on KPIs.
- Co-developed a content creation strategy to relaunch and manage two organizational WordPress-based websites.

### Development Coordinator

FreeFrom – Los Angeles, CA

August 2017 - August 2018

- Oversaw all fundraising, grant management and sponsorship acquisition for a national non-profit supporting survivors of domestic violence to gain financial independence needed to permanently leave their abusers.
- Worked directly with the Executive Director to raise over \$170,000 in individual donations, matching grants and special events during the month of October that lead the organization to win the 2017 Allstate Purple Purse Challenge.
- Raised an additional \$75,000 in private foundation dollars within a 6-month period.
- Coordinated and produced all donor correspondence and marketing materials such as bi-monthly newsletters, end of year reports, pitch decks and gift acknowledgement.

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