

What Can I Do With A Black Studies Degree?: 1000 Answers

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The interdisciplinary field of Blacks Studies—alternatively called African American Studies, Afro-American Studies, Africana Studies, Pan African Studies, or Black World Studies, depending on the school where it is offered---is a relative newcomer on the academic scene and its proponents have had to defend its theoretical underpinnings and practicality, something which the traditional liberal arts fields are also challenged to do but not to the same extent. Since the establishment of the nation’s first Black Studies department in 1968 at San Francisco State University, and despite the wide acceptance and institutionalization of Black Studies in academia, there still remains the nagging question about its ability to produce outstanding citizens equal in quality to individuals who as undergraduates majored in, say, history or English or art. Black Studies has now been around long enough to notice its handiwork: men and women constructively contributing to society, employed in a wide variety of professions.

It is a difficult task to compile a list of noteworthy people who majored in Black Studies because there are so many who could easily qualify. This list merely scratches the surface. Black Studies attracts a broad spectrum of interested scholars. Not only persons of African descent, but also persons of European, Asian, Latino, Middle Eastern, and Native American descent are represented in the list. Some of those mentioned are virtually household names or have received considerable local or regional attention. It is interesting to note which schools have produced large numbers of high achievers on the list, and rather surprising to learn that many medical professionals first earned degrees in Black Studies. Professions range from A (Astronaut) to Z (Zoo administrator). In short, the answer to those asking what can a person do with a Black Studies major is simple: Anything!

Everyone on this list completed a degree in Black Studies. Most of the entries contain a one-line summary of the person’s occupation, the type of degree obtained in Black Studies (typically the bachelor’s degree) and the school at which it was obtained, and additional (usually graduate) degrees in other disciplines which the person was granted. Broad headings under which persons are listed are:

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Dawud Ingram.....Real Estate Salesman with Gotham Realty, LLC.
B.A., Drew University.

Jessica Ingram-Bellamy.....Division Director of Marketing at The Trust for Public Land.
Formerly Advertising Director. Better World Advertising, a social marketing agency.
B.A., Cornell University; M.A., Columbia University.

Kerlyne Jean-Baptiste.....Founder and CEO of KerlyGirl, a natural hair care products company based in Providence, Rhode Island.
B.A., Brown University.

Ralph Jean-Noel.....Account Manager at Facebook.
B.A., Lehigh University.

Kanem Johnson.....Compliance Officer at Barclay's Investment Bank. Former financial advisor at Barclay's Capital Inc., associate at Citigroup, and basketball star at Wesleyan College.
B.A., Wesleyan College.

Julia Baker Jones.....Director of the Chidsey Center for Leadership Development at Davidson College. Business consultant. Graduated in the top 10 percent of her business school class at Stanford.
B.A., Carlton College; MBA, Stanford University.

T. J. Jones.....Senior Director of E-Commerce at Fendi (Italian luxury goods and jewelry).
B.A., Harvard University.

Laurie M. Jonsson.....Founding Director of Expedia and former co-owner of a cruise line, an investment company, and co-founder of the University of Washington's Center for Women and Democracy. On Board of Directors of Puget Sound Bank.
B.A., University of Washington.

Kristin R. Jordan.....Book Publisher, owner of Pens Up Press.
B.A., Brown University.

Michael Joukowsky.....President of Crawford High Performance Composites, Ltd., chairman of the investment committee of the Joukowsky Family Foundation.
B.A., Brown University; MBA., Babson College.

Mazuba Kapambwe.....Creative Associate at Ku-Atenga Media, managing social media platforms.
B.A., State University of New York at Albany.

Masako Kawazoe.....HR Generalist with Pasona N A Inc. and TS Consulting International recruiting workers for Japanese companies located in North America.
B.A., California State University-Northridge; M.A., Temple University.

Siphokazi Koyana.....Member of the Board of Directors of the Shanduka Group Pty. Ltd. (Republic of South Africa); Director of Siyazithanda Projects, a business research consultancy.
B.A., Smith College. M.A., Yale University. Ph.D., Temple University.

Maya Lake.....Owner of Boxing Kitten, a fashion and apparel company whose clothing has been worn by Beyonce, Rihanna, Alicia Keyes, Erykah Badu, and others.
B.A., Wesleyan University.

Todd Lane.....Business Funding Consultant at Freed Wealth in Houston, Texas.
B.A., Rutgers University.

Dominic Latty.....Importer, owner of Beaudier Imports (Florida), founder of nonprofit Virgin Island Youth Advocacy Coalition (VIYA).
B.A. in computer science and Africana Studies, Brown University.

Travis LoDolce.....Manager of Marketing & Advertising for the San Francisco Giants.
B.A., University of California at Santa Barbara.

Riana Lynn.....Owner of FoodTrace, connecting restaurants to distributors and farmers.
B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Jay Madden.....Architect, owner of Jay Madden Architect in Harvey Cedars, New Jersey.
B.A., Rutgers University.

Paula Madison.....President and General Manager of KNBC (Los Angeles).
B.A., Vassar College.

Challyn Marie.....Entrepreneur. Owner of Bikram Yoga Marina Del Rey. Former owner of Bubbles (children's entertainment and activities center) in Santa Monica.
B.A., UCLA.

Ashindi Maxton.....Union Executive at SEIU International. Former Director of Research & Special Projects, Democracy Alliance, a socially responsible financial investment company.
B.A., University of California at Berkeley.

Chrissa McFarland.....CEO of Patientory, a health data management company.
B.A., Cornell University; MBA, Wake Forest University.

Lutalo McGee.....Real Estate Broker, owner of Ani Real Estate in Chicago.
B.S., Eastern Illinois University.

Kaitlin McGaw.....Co-Founder of Alphabet Rockers, a twice Grammy-nominated children music company in Oakland, California.
B.A., Harvard University.

Midori McSwain.....Strategist at Commonwealth, a McCann Erikson marketing/advertising company in Detroit.
B.A., Northwestern University.

Mandla Msimang.....Founder and Managing Director at Pygma Consulting, a South African regulatory and research firm assisting private businesses and nonprofits.
B.A., Cornell University; M.Sc., London School of Economics.

Frank Michael Munoz.....Marketing Coordinator at Vermont Creamery.
B.A., University of Virginia. M.Ed., University of Vermont.

Russell Murphy.....Senior Director for Corporate Communications at Lime (transportation/micromobility company).
B.A., State University of New York-New Paltz.

Aziza Nicholson.....Hair Stylist, owner of A II Z, Ltd., and head of the international nonprofit Women Empowerment Project promoting natural hair care.
B.A., Miami University.

Ryan Nissim-Sabat.....Labor Union Organizer for UNITE HERE in Philadelphia.
B.A., Ohio State University.

Robert Norris.....Executive Vice President of Century Housing Corporation.
B.A., University of California at Santa Barbara; MBA, University of Phoenix.

Nina Oduro.....Employment Consultant, founder and editor of AfricaDevJobs.com, connecting job seekers to jobs in Africa.
M.A., Columbia University.

Michael O’Neal.....Licensed Insurance Agent, New York Life Insurance Company.
M.A., UCLA.

Ryan Osodolor.....Financial Representative at Northwest Mutual.
B.A., San Diego State University.

Taylor Parsons.....Sommelier (wine steward) and jazz musician at Los Angeles restaurant
Republique.
B.A., Brown University.

Daniel R. Patton..... Vice President, Digital Products at JPMorgan Chase & Co.
B.A., University of Pennsylvania; MBA, University of Chicago.

Nick Peterson.....Founder of Peterson Watch Company, rugged watches for athletes.
B.A., Harvard University.

Ya-Awa Phall.....Inside Sales Representative at Leaseweb in Manassas, Virginia.
B.A., M.A., University of Maryland.

Steven Phillips.....Attorney. At age 28 became the youngest member of the San Francisco
Board of Education. Started his own successful high tech company, law firm, and nonprofit
company. Written numerous newspaper articles and made many television appearances.
B.A., Stanford University; J.D., Stanford U. Law School.

Carlos A. Pimentel.....President of Invictus World Wide LLC, a music talent management,
booking agency, filmmaker representative and sports agency firm.
B.A., SUNY-Binghamton; J.D., American University.

Fabio Price.....Self-Employed Equity Trader, former Italian restaurant general manager.
B.A., UCLA.

Nancy Rhyme..... Chief Operating Officer and Director of Legislative Strategies at the
Primacy Strategy Group.
B.A., University of Wisconsin.

Dawn Ridley.....President of the marketing firm Ridley & Associates LLC. Also taught
marketing at Johns Hopkins University.
B.A., Indiana University; MBA, Clark Atlanta University.

Algene T. Sajery.....Vice President of the Office of External Affairs at the U.S. International
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B.A., Howard University.

Sunita Saligram.....Director of Strategic Response at Facebook.
B.A., New York University; MPA., Harvard University.

Detavio Samuels.....President of One Solution and CEO of The Bare Group.
B.A., Duke University; MBA, Stanford University.

P. J. Douglas Sands.....Tourism Area Manager for the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism.
B.A., Barnard College. L.L.B., University of London.

Chyann Sapp.....Real estate agent at the Corcoran Group, New York City.
B.A., CUNY Hunter College.

Mark Douglas Smith.....President and CEO of California Healthcare Foundation. Currently practices HIV care at San Francisco General Hospital.
A.B., Harvard University; MBA, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business; M.D., University of California at San Francisco.

Angela Solomon.....Executive Talent Recruiter focused on minority-race personnel for nonprofit organizations.
B.A., Vassar College.

Naiman S. Starks.....Vice President of Hearing Operations at National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).
B.A., University of Maryland; J.D., Harvard University.

Johnny Temple.....Publisher and Editor-in Chief of Akashic Books, winner of the 2013 Ellery Queen Award from the American Association of Publishers, essayist.
B.A., Wesleyan University.

Craig Thompson.....Founder and President of Thompson Communications, an education and media consulting firm. Partner in Venable LLC. Hosted radio and television talk shows in Baltimore.
B.A., University of Maryland; J.D., University of Maryland.

Hailu Timbo.....Grocery Store Director (Hy-Vee in Waterloo, Iowa).
B.A., University of Iowa.

Nyahalay Tucker.....Licensed Real Estate Salesperson in New York and Connecticut
B.A., SUNY-Stony Brook; M.A., City University of New York.

Lucas Turner-Owens.....Fund Manager at Boston Ujima Project, supporting minority-owned small businesses; B.A., Wesleyan University.

Dexter B. Upshaw Jr.....Director of Youth and young adults at Rising Star Baptist Church (Conroe, Texas), and Marketing Director for Gamma Phi Delta Christian Fraternity.

B.A., Yale University.

Chas Walker.....Union organizer for SEIU District 1199 (healthcare and social service workers).B.A., Brown University.

Krystal Waller.....Associate Banker at JP Morgan Chase in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
B.A., University of Pittsburgh.

Tytianna Wells.....Publisher. Founder and CEO of Honey Tree Publishing, LLC; Illustrator.
B.A. and M.A., University of Louisville.

Daniel Weisman.....Artist Manager at Roc Nation, an entertainment company founded by Jay Z with offices in New York and Los Angeles.
B.A., Emory University.

Jaandra Wheeler.....Insurance Underwriter at State Farm Insurance in Savannah, Georgia.
B.A., Savannah State University.

Stephen White.....Board Member of Dubset Media Holdings. Formerly President of Gracenote, a digital media technology subsidiary of Sony Corporation of America.
B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Sheryl Wilkerson.....Vice President for Government Affairs at Michelin North America.
B.A., Indiana University; J.D., Georgetown University.

James Williams.....Fiber Supply Associate at International Paper.
B.A., Brown University; M.S. in environment and resource policy at Tufts University.

Thomasina H. Williams.....Vice President at Wells Fargo Private Bank and legal consultant.
B.A., Mount Holyoke College. J.D., University of Michigan.

Trenessa Williams.....Bookstore Owner (Kizzy's Books and More, LLC) in Orlando, FL.
B.A., Florida A&M University; MBA, Nova Southeastern University; DBA, Walden Univ.

Young Williams.....Licensed Real Estate Appraiser and high school math teacher.
B.A., California State University at Los Angeles.

Denequa Williams-Clarke.....Entrepreneur, Owner of Brooklyn Lit, a luxury hand-poured soy wax company.
B.A., SUNY-Albany.

Robert Wilson.....Contracts Specialist for the U.S. Air Force, Wright Patterson Air Force Base. B.S., Miami University; MBA, University of Phoenix.

Jeremiah Wise.....Chief Financial Officer of the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Formerly Director of New Airport Business Development, Indianapolis International Airport. B.A., Yale University. M.A., New York University.

Carter Woodruff.....Supervisor of Operations at Des Moines Water Works. Formerly Secretary/Treasurer of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees of Iowa. B.A., Luther College.

Sean Yeager-Diamond.....Personal Trainer, owner of Promethean Fitness. B.A., University of California at Santa Barbara.

Katie Zacarian.....Facebook Product Marketing Manager. B.A., Harvard University.

Performing Arts & Entertainment

Mame Adjei.....Miss Maryland USA 2015. Double major in political science and African-American Studies. She has modeled and worked in nonprofits. B.A., Virginia Commonwealth University.

Tatyana Ali.....Actress (“Fresh Prince of Bel Air), model, R&B singer. B.A., Harvard University.

Michelle H. Anderson.....Singer and beauty contestant and consultant. Was Miss Delaware 1995. Has sung at pro sports events and at Harlem’s Apollo Theater. Active in civic and political groups. B.A., Duke University.

Gabrie’l J. Atchison.....Choreographer, dancer, author. Established a production company. B.A., Brown University; Ph.D. in Women’s Studies, Clark University.

Angela Bassett.....Actress. Winner of the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in 1994 and an Oscar nominee for the movie “What’s Love Got To Do With It.” B.A., Yale University; M.A., Drama, Yale University.

Ryan Michelle Bathe.....Actress of stage, screen and TV. Appeared in “ER”, “Boston Legal”, etc. B.A., Stanford University; MFA, New York University.

Regina Bell.....Popular R&B Singer (ten albums). B.A., Rutgers University.

Kehli Faulkner Berry.....Dance Instructor, founder of DIVA dance team in Compton, California.

B.A., California State University at Dominguez Hills.

Rashida Bumbry.....Director of Artistic Affairs at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts.

B.A., Oberlin College, M.A., New York University (both degrees in African American Studies).

Nick Cannon.....Actor, TV Host, Comedian, and Rapper.

B.A., Howard University.

Andrew Case.....Musician. Drummer with the 10-piece world beat Outer Circle Orchestra in Buffalo, New York. Day job is Physician's Assistant in orthopedic surgery.

B.A., University of Buffalo; B.S., D'Youville College.

Julius Brewster-Cotton.....Professional Dancer with the El Taller Coreografico in Mexico City, Mexico. Formerly with the Dayton (Ohio) Contemporary Dance Company. He was an Arts Commissioner for the city of Centerville, Ohio.

B.A., Southern Methodist University.

Rody Chiong.....Actor and musician. Has appeared in Hollywood movies, plays, and accompanied Sania Twain and Celine Dion with his violin and fiddle.

B.A., Indiana University.

Harlina Churn-Diallo.....Choreographer-Artistic Director. Founder and Director of Imani Dance Company. Winner of several regional awards.

B.S., University of Louisville.

Emelia Cowans.....Make-up Artist, broadcast journalist, museum spokesperson.

B.A., Indiana University.

Francine Daniels.....Actress, playwright, director, and producer.

M.A., Ohio State University; J.D., University of San Francisco.

Nehassaiu deGannes.....Actress, playwright, poet, storyteller.

B.A., Temple University; MFA, Brown University.

Yaya DaCosta.....Model-Actress. Appeared on the TV reality show "America's Next Top Model," winning second place, later picked to portray Whitney Houston in a biopic.

B.A., Brown University.

Andre De Shields.....Actor, director, narrator, labor union activist, adjunct professor. Has appeared in a number of movies, television shows, and stage shows. He has won an Emmy and been nominated for a Tony Award. Has honorary Doctor of Fine Arts from the University of Wisconsin.

M.A., New York University.

Charles Dumas.....Actor, director, and theater professor at Penn State. Appeared in several popular Hollywood movies and is seen on such TV shows as “Law & Order.”
B.A., State University of New York-New Platz; J.D., Yale University.

Sonja Eddy.....Actress who plays Epiphany Johnson on TV’s “General Hospital,” numerous other TV roles, also roles in the musicals “Into the Woods” and “South Pacific.”
B.A., University of California at Davis.

Annjanue Ellis.....Actress (“Ray”, “Freedomland”, “Undercover Brother”, et al.)
B.A., Brown University.

Christina Elmore.....Actress (“Fruitvale Station,” “The Last Ship”).
B.A., Harvard University; M.F.A., American Conservatory Theater.

Stacy Epps.....Singer-Attorney. Hip hop and jazz singer. Entertainment attorney at Epps Harrell LLC.
B.A., University of Virginia. J.D., University of Southern California.

Jinho Ferreira.....Playwright, actor, and police officer
B.A., San Francisco State University.

Angela M. Farr-Schiller.....Theater Director, professor, dramaturg, and Director of Art Education at ArtsBridge Foundation for the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, in Atlanta.
M.A., New York University; Ph.D., Stanford University.

Pierce Freelon.....Jazz/Hip Hop Historian, musician, band leader, Durham (N) city councilman, college professor, and journalist.
B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; M.A., Syracuse University.

John Futrell (aka, Panama Soweto).....Spoken Word Artist, poet, emcee in Denver, Colorado.
B.A., Metropolitan State University.

Lafayette Gilchrist.....Jazz Pianist. Has released four albums. Leads the band The New Volcanoes.
B.A., University of Maryland.

Ebony Grissett-Delgado.....Dance School Owner (Chatham Dance Connection) in Pittsboro, North Carolina.
B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

LeShawn D. Holcomb.....Education/Teaching Artist at the Actors Theatre of Louisville (KY).
B.S., California State University at Fullerton.

C. J. Hunt.....Comedian, middle school English teacher, founder of comedy theaters in New Orleans and Austin, Texas.

B.A., Brown University.

Marsha Jackson-Randolph.....Show Director at Walt Disney World.
B.A., Smith College (cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa).

Jeremiah Jahi.....Actor, director, screenwriter.
B.A., CUNY-Brooklyn College. B.S., CUNY-City College.

Nathan James.....Dramaturg at August Strindberg Repertory Theater, Actor/Poet/Playwright,
First Place Winner of Amateur Night at the Apollo (2014).
B.A., University of Pittsburgh; MFA, Pennsylvania State University.

Daniel Alexander Jones.....Performance Artist, writer, and director.
B.A., Vassar College; M.A., Brown University.

Donald W. King.....Acting Director. Founder and Artistic/Executive Director of the
Providence (RI) Black Repertory Company. Adjunct professor at Brown University.
B.A., Brown University.

Yolanda King.....Actress-Instructor. Daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. Taught theater at
Fordham University and acted in stage productions across the country.
B.A., Smith College.

Donald E. Lacy Jr.....Actor, comedian, director, talk show host.
B.A., San Francisco State University.

Sanaa Lathan.....Award-winning Hollywood actress. Played the female lead role in the movie
“Out of Time” (2003) starring Denzel Washington and has appeared in episodes of television’s
“Nip/Tuck.”
B.A., UC-Berkeley; M.A., Yale School of Drama.

Alphonso McAuley.....Actor, appearing in movies TV and numerous commercials.
B.A., California State University at Fullerton.

Agnes Ntow.....TV and Radio Host-Producer in Ghana and former Miss Ghana USA.
B.A., Loyola University.

Jeanita Weathersby Olowe.....Professional Dancer, Choreographer, and Programs and
Operations Manager at Contemporary Dance Theater in Cincinnati, Ohio.
B.A., University of Cincinnati.

Pat Patterson.....Miss Indiana 1971. Later known as the jazz recording artist Kellee Patterson.
B.A., Indiana University.

Michael Peace.....Christian Rap Artist with hit albums in the 1980s and 1990s, youth ministries director, president of Michael Peace and Associates.
B.A., SUNY-Brockport.

Issa Rae.....Actress, writer, producer.
B.A., Stanford University.

Brianna J. Robinson.....Opera Singer (soprano) with the Boston Lyric Opera.
B.A., Wesleyan University.

Amanda Seales.....Entertainer (actress, presenter, rapper, songwriter, comedian, author .
M.A., State University of New York at Purchase.

Root Boy Slim (born Foster McKenzie III).....Legendary alternative blues/rock band leader, founder of Root Boy Slim and the Sex Change Band popular on the East Coast in the late 1970s and early 1980s home-based in the Washington, DC area.
B.A., Yale University.

Drew Shoals.....Jazz Drummer. Award-winning drummer who has performed with top jazz artists. Composes for the Drew Shoal Collective (CD release in 2007).
B.A., Whitman College; J.D., University of Pennsylvania.

Jacob Slichter.....Grammy-nominated musician (drummer) and co-founder of the rock band “Semisonic”.
B.A., Harvard University.

Ebonie Smith.....Award-winning Audio engineer, music producer, singer-songwriter.
B.A., Barnard College.

Kenny Sultan.....Bestselling Author of blues guitar music books and instructional videos.
B.A., University of California at Amherst.

Myra Lucretia Taylor.....Actress in productions on Broadway, Off Broadway, and for awhile performed with Britain’s Royal Shakespeare Company.
B.A., Yale University.

Robin Thede.....Comedy Writer-Comedian, host of BET’s “The Rundown With Robin Thede.”
B.A., Northwestern University.

Ryan Hope Travis.....Artistic Director of the Paul Robeson Performing Arts Company, playwright, choreographer, and actor in regional theater. College instructor.
B.A., Fort Valley State University; M.A., Syracuse University; M.F.A., University of Florida.

Melissa Walker.....Professional jazz and pop singer. Sang at Lincoln Center under the direction of Wynton Marsalis, the Berlin Jazz Festival, etc. Four CD albums to her credit. B.A., Brown University.

D.A. Wallach.....Musician, former lead singer in “Chester French”; business investor. B.A., Harvard University.

Angela Watson.....Dancer and choreographer (African specialty), storyteller. B.A., Howard University; Master’s degree in dance, Drexel University.

Visual & Decorative Arts

M. K. Asante Jr......Filmmaker, author, poet, professor. B.A., Lafayette College; M.F.A., University of California at Los Angeles.

Lauren Tate Baeza.....Curator of African Art at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta. B.A., UCLA.

Brittany Ballard.....Independent film producer, writer, curator, and Director of Programming for the Urbanworld Film Festival. B.A., University of California at Santa Barbara.

Jim Barry.....Artist and art lecturer at the California Institute of Technology. B.A., University of California-Santa Barbara, 1986.

Rachel Bass.....Award-winning filmmaker B.A., Amherst College. MFA, Chapman University

Regina Bell..... Legendary R&B singer; winner of Grammy, MTV, and other awards. B.A., Rutgers University.

Jessica Bellamy.....Motion infographic designer at GRIDS in Louisville, Kentucky. B.A., B.A. in drawing and B.F.A. in graphic design, all three degrees at University of Louisville.

Joi Bivins.....Chief Curator at the International African American Museum in Charleston in South Carolina. B.A., University of Michigan; M.A., Cornell University.

Katherine Bowser.....Art Director of Graphic Designer. B.A., Harvard University.

Rod Brown.....Comic Book Artist and creator of Native Comics. B.A., Emory University; B.A., Art Institute of Atlanta.

Stanford W. Carpenter.....Comic Book Artist, anthropologist, professor. Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Institute of Comics Studies.
B.A., Portland State University; Ph.D., Rice University.

Terence Carter.....Executive Vice President, Drama and Comedy Development, at Twentieth Century Fox Television.
B.A., Harvard University (magna cum laude).

Tia Maria Dunkley.....Mixed Media Artist.
M.A., Atlanta University.

Ava DuVernay.....Filmmaker. Director of the movie “Selma” (2015). Owner of The DuVernay Agency, a marketing and PR firm.
B.A., UCLA.

Joy Fennell.....Fashion and Celebrity Makeup Artist.
B.A., University of Maryland.

Erik Ford.....Digital Director at Heavy Heavy, a web and logo design firm in San Antonio, Texas.
B.A., Wesleyan University.

Terri Gentry.....Interior Designer, owner of A Terrific Design.
B.A., Metropolitan State University; MH, University of Colorado at Denver.

Joseph Geran Jr.....Sculptor, model-maker, jewelry designer and manufacturer. Also was Dean of Students at the Rhode Island School of Design.
B.A., San Francisco State University.

Daisy Giles.....Portrait Painter, multimedia artist, creative consultant, writer.
B.A., University of Minnesota.

Robert Henry Graham.....Artist-educator. His paintings have been displayed in more than 70 solo exhibits since 1968. He was Professor of Art at Virginia Tech.
M.A., University of Wisconsin; M.F.A., University of Wisconsin.

Sarah J. Glover.....Award-winning photojournalist at the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and social media editor at NBC-10 in Philadelphia. Pres. of Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists.
B.A., Syracuse University.

Thelma Golden.....Art Museum Director. Director and Chief Curator at the Studio Museum in Harlem. She has contributed to books and articles on American art.
B.A., Smith College.

Jean-Patrick Guichard.....African Art Marketing Specialist, owner of Guichard Art Solutions.

B.A., San Francisco State University.

Shawnya L. Harris.....Curator at the Georgia Museum of Art.

B.A., Yale University; M.A., Ph.D., University of North Carolina.

Brandon Hawkins.....Visual Artist, muralist, teacher in Cincinnati, Ohio.

B.A., University of Cincinnati.

Joanne Hyppolite.....Curator at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of African American History and Culture.

B.A., University of Pennsylvania; M.A., UCLA; Ph.D., University of Miami.

Eugenie J. Joo.....Curator. Director of Art and Cultural Programs at Instituto Inhotim in Brumadinho, Brazil. Formerly contemporary art curator at the New Museum in New York City. Winner of the 2006 Walter Hopp Award for Curatorial Achievement.

B.A., Vassar College; Ph.D., University of California-Berkeley.

Issa Komada-John.....Exhibition Director for the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts in Brooklyn New York.

B.A., Brown University.

Donald E. Lacy Jr.....Comedian, actor, director, filmmaker in the Oakland Bay Area.

B.A., San Francisco State University.

Dawit Lessanu.....Chief Architect and Director Research and Innovation at Associated Press.

B.A., Rutgers Univ.; B.S, in mechanical engineering, Rutgers Univ.; MBA, Univ. of Phoenix.

Newton Mayenge.....Fashion Model-Actor in Los Angeles.

B.A., University of North Carolina.

Aaron McGruder.....Creator of the nationally syndicated comic strip “The Boondocks.”

B.A., University of Maryland.

Katina Faye Mercadante.....Documentary Filmmaker

B.A., Amherst College

Leigh Morfoot.....Film Production Company Co-founder. Produced two films pertaining to media and law.

B.A., University of Virginia.

Kelli Morgan.....Independent Curator.

Ph.D. and graduate certificate in public history–museum studies, University of Massachusetts.

Tchaiko Omawale.....Filmmaker, producer-director, screenwriter.
B.A., Columbia University.

Joel Plummer.....Sports Photographer, owner of Plummer Media & Entertainment, LLC.
B.A., Rutgers University.

Jared Richardson.....Humanities and Art Collecting Consultant.
M.A., Ph.D., Northwestern University.

Lauren Roedner.....Museum Curator/Collection Manager at U.S. Department of State.
B.A., Gettysburg College.

Ben Selkow.....Award-winning filmmaker (HBO, CNN, Weather Channel, Sundance Channel)
B.A., Wesleyan University (with honors).

Abdul Sharif.....Photographer, owner of Abdul Sharif Photography in Louisville, Kentucky.
B.S., University of Louisville.

Vanessa Broussard Simmons.....Supervisory Archivist at the National Museum of African
American History in Washington, D.C.
B.A., University of Maryland; M.A., George Washington University.

Myshell C. Tabu.....Graphic Designer for the Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs,
former owner of Myshell Tabu Designs, actress, dancer.
B.A., California State University at Dominguez Hills.

Hank Willis Thomas.....Conceptual Artist, photographer.
B.F.A., New York University; M.A., M.F.A., California College of the Arts.

Joyce Treasure.....Artist in Birmingham, United Kingdom.
B.A., Birmingham City University.

John Trevino.....Los Angeles-based photographer.
B.A., University of California at Santa Barbara. MFA., Howard University.

Justin Warren.....Photographer. Photography/Visual Arts Instructor at Life Learning
Academy in San Francisco.
B.A., UCLA.

Marco Williams.....Documentary Filmmaker.
M.A. and M.F.A., UCLA.

Yacob Williams.....Mural Artist. Paints in the Albany, New York neighborhood of Arbor Hill.
B.A., SUNY-New Platz.

Brandon Wilson.....Filmmaker, screenwriter, and high school teacher.
B.A., MFA, UCLA.

Literature, Poetry, Drama

Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche.....Novelist, finalist for the 2014 National Book Award for *Americanah* (Alfred Knopf).
M.A., Yale University.

Joshua Bennett.....Spoken Word Poet. He has performed at the White House, the Kennedy Center, Sundance Film Festival, NAACP Image Awards, etc.
B.A., University of Pennsylvania (magnum cum laude); M.A., University of Warwick.

Tiana Clark.....Award-winning poet.
B.A., Tennessee State University; MFA, Vanderbilt University.

Michael Datcher.....Award-winning poet and journalist who has made numerous TV and radio appearances. Author of *Raising Fences: A Black Man's Love Story* (2001).
M.A., UC-Berkeley.

L. Divine.....Author of 15 popular novels, set in high school, aimed at black young adult (teenage) female readers.
M.A., M.Ed , UCLA.

John G. Hall.....Writer of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry.
B.A., University of Massachusetts at Boston; M.Ed., Converse College.

Katori Hall.....Multiple award-winning playwright (“The Mountaintop,” “Hurt Village,” et al.)
B.A., Columbia University; M.F.A., Harvard University.

Suzette Harrison.....Romance Novelist.
B.A., University of California-Santa Barbara.

Myesha Jenkins.....Award-winning poet residing in Johannesburg, South Africa. Anti-apartheid activist and feminist.
B.A., University of California at Riverside.

Bruce A. Jacobs.....Winner of the prestigious Naomi Long Madgett Poetry Award, and author of the critically acclaimed nonfiction book *Race Manners* (1999).
B.A., Harvard University.

Daniel Alexander Jones.....Award-winning playwright, director, educator.

B.A., Vassar College; M.A., Brown University.

Devorah Major.....In 2002 she officially became the third Poet Laureate of San Francisco. She is also a trained actress, dancer, novelist, instructor, and editor.
B.A., San Francisco State University.

Felicia Mason.....Author of 14 romance novels. Winner of Reviewer's Choice Award from *Romantic Times* and *Affaire de Coeur* Best Contemporary Ethnic Novel Award.
M.A., University of Maryland.

Ethelbert Miller.....Award-winning poet, editor, college administrator and founder of the D.C. Humanities Council.
B.A., Howard University.

Gloria Naylor.....Novelist. Winner of the prestigious National Book Award in 1983 for *The Women of Brewster Place* (Viking Press). Guggenheim Fellow and National Endowment Fellow. She has taught at Penn, Cornell, and the University of Kent (England). Established her own multi-media production company.
M.A., Yale University, 1983.

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