

# JOSHUA S. ODAM

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## EDUCATION

### **UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST, Amherst, MA**

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Minor in Legal Studies & Afro-American Studies Completed 10/2017
  - *Certificate in Civil Engagement and Service Learning*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS & FELLOWSHIPS

### **ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION, Amherst, MA**

06/2018

#### W.E.B. Du Bois Fellow

- Conducted photo-ethnography exploring the concept of radical softness in relation to Black queer and trans men/masculine-identifying people who have survived intimate partner violence.
  - *Areas of Focus: Intersectional Feminism, Anti-Racism and Oppression Training, Liberation Psychology, Critical Masculinities, Complementary and Alternative Healing Modalities, Community Mental Health, Trauma Informed Care, Suicide Awareness and Prevention, Black and Indigenous Queer Studies.*

## EXPERIENCE

### **HEALING WHILE BLACK LLC, Albany, NY**

10/2016 – Present

#### Founder, Curator

- Created online platform for mental health and wellness for Black LGBTQIA+ people.
- Coordinated with organizations such as My Brother's Keeper and the Vera Institute to implement anti-oppression training for professionals in higher education and the corporate sector.
- Amassed over 300+ partnerships with organizations and health professionals to provide low-cost therapy/healing circles for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

### **RUSSELL SAGE COLLEGE, Albany, NY**

02/2020 – Present

#### Academic Counselor – Higher Education Opportunity Program

- Conducted talent searches for promising students of color facing financial challenges in New York City
- Supported caseload of thirty students during their summer enrichment program and matriculation into RSC.

### **IN OUR OWN VOICES, Albany, NY**

06/2019 - 09/2019

#### YMSM/MSM Program Coordinator

- Oversaw programmatic functions to support GBTQ men of color in New York's Capital Region
- Compiled community contacts to provide linkages to PrEP and HIV/HCV testing.

### **BLACK MEN OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD, Springfield, MA**

05/2017 – 10/2017

#### Facilitator

- Collaborated with Springfield Men of Color Health Alliance to craft workshops addressing mental health stressors in the workplace.

### **COALITION OF SCHOOLS EDUCATING BOYS OF COLOR, Amherst, MA**

08/2018 – 02/2019

#### Graduate Mentor

- Facilitated weekly meetings with juniors and seniors discussing racism, masculinity, sexism, and relationships.
- Provided college and major advising for students and FAFSA support for parents.

### **UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Boston, MA**

04/2016 – 06/2017

#### University Student Trustee – Amherst Campus

- Successfully advocated for system-wide bill of rights for survivors of sexual assault.

### **STUDENT BRIDGES, Amherst, MA**

09/2013 – 01/2018

#### Policy Advocacy Coordinator

- Conducted internal review of university efforts to recruit and retain students of color.
- Co-authored diversity strategic planning document designed to combat implicit bias among faculty.

### **UNITED STATES STUDENT ASSOCIATION, Washington, D.C.**

08/2014 – 03/2016

#### Chair – People of African Descent Caucus

- Organized voting rights rallies with NAACP and National Action Network.

*References: Furnished Upon Request*

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## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

<b>THEATER IN MOTION</b> , <i>Queens, NY</i> Co-Host and Facilitator - <u>Come Heal With Us: A Virtual Presentation and Conversation in Observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month</u>	10/2020
<b>JEWEL THE GEM PRODUCTIONS</b> , <i>New York, NY</i> Invited Guest – <u>Still Here: Surviving &amp; Thriving Through Suicidal Ideation</u>	09/2020
<b>MY BROTHER’S KEEPER BALTIMORE</b> , <i>Baltimore, MD</i> Invited Panelist – <u>You Matter: A Virtual Conversation Between Boys and Men of Color</u>	09/2020
<b>VERA INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE</b> , <i>New York, NY</i> Invited Panelist – <u>Second Annual Summer Justice Forum</u>	08/2020
<b>EMBRACE YOUR UNKNOWN</b> , <i>New York, NY</i> Invited Panelist – <u>For Us, By Us: Black Mental Health Virtual Summit, Anti-Racist Solidarity in Practice</u>	08/2020
<b>JEWEL THE GEM PRODUCTIONS</b> , <i>New York, NY</i> Co-Organizer & Facilitator – <u>Sunday Survivor Healing Circle: Facilitator for Breakout Group for Cisgender Men</u>	07/2020
<b>BLACK MEN HEAL</b> , <i>Philadelphia, PA</i> Invited Guest – <u>King’s Corner: A Virtual Safe Space for Men – Mental Health Effects of Police Violence</u>	06/2020
<b>BALDWIN’S SECOND GENERATION</b> , <i>Hartford, CT</i> Keynote Speaker: <u>A Black Queer Summit</u>	05/2020
<b>BLACK MEN CRY TOO</b> , <i>New York, NY</i> Invited Guest: <u>A Conversation on Surviving Suicide as Black Men</u>	05/2020
<b>UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW SCHOOL OF CRITICAL STUDIES</b> , <i>Glasgow, SC</i> Selected Panelist: <u>Science Fiction and the Medical Humanities Conference</u>	07/2020
<b>CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS</b> , <i>Toronto, ON</i> Invited Panelist: <u>National Student Congress</u>	11/2015

## SKILLS

Software: Audacity, Adobe Audition, Photoshop, FinalCutPro, Microsoft Office, ProTools, Salesforce, Google, Beacon, Colleague, Moodle, Blackboard.

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