

**What Can I Do With A Black Studies Major?  
500+ 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!

Most of the entries contain a one-sentence summary of the person’s occupation, the type of degree obtained in Black Studies, and additional (usually graduate) degrees in other disciplines which the person was granted.

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**Adewale Troutman**.....Director of the Louisiana Metro Health Department. Formerly director of the Fulton County (Atlanta) Department of Health and Wellness. Currently professor at the University of South Florida.  
M.A., State University of New York-Albany. M.D., New Jersey Medical School.

**Sharon W. West**.....Manager of Tampa (Florida) Housing and Community Development. Formerly Executive Director of the Buffalo Housing Authority.  
B.A., University of Buffalo.

**Neil Williams**.....Captain, United States Air Force.  
B.A., University of Northern Colorado.

**Ben Wilson**.....Director of New Hampshire's Bureau of Historic Sites.  
B.A., Syracuse University. M.S. in building conservation, University of York (England).

## ***Business, Industry, Labor***

**S. Kathryn Allen**.....Co-Founder and Co-President of The Answer Companies in Washington, DC, involved in site development, construction management and renovation, title and escrow.  
A.B., Smith College. J.D., Boston College.

**Michelle Harris Anderson**.....Executive Director of the Mrs. New Jersey United States Pageant. She is a former Miss Delaware (1995) who competed in the Miss America Pageant.  
B.A., Duke University.

**Christopher Asher**.....Owner of Gold Medal Excellence, a sports training/conditioning firm.  
B.A., California State University at Northridge. M.Ed., Azusa Pacific University.

**M. Ayanda Bam**.....Senior Manager at Adam Smith International, a British professional services company located in London, England.

B.A., Amherst College.

**LaShauna Barboza**.....Pharmaceuticals sales representative for Daiichi Sankyo.

B.A., Amherst College.

**John Barros**.....Restaurateur. Co-owner of Restaurante Cesaria serving Cape Verdean cuisine. Former member of Boston School Committee. Current Boston's Chief of Economic Development.

B.A., Dartmouth College.

**Kevin Baum**.....Financial Operations Manager at Recover America, a home energy efficiency company in San Diego.

B.A., University of California at Santa Barbara.

**Afiya Bediako**.....Associate at Goldman Sachs.

B.A., Amherst College.

**Adda Birnir**.....CEO of Skillcrush, an online digital skills learning firm.

B.A., Yale University.

**Adolph S. Blackson III**.....Director of Security at Guard Management Inc. in San Diego, CA.

B.A., California State University.

**Ahndrea L. Blue**.....Owner of Pinnacle Equities Investments, LLC. Attorney and former CEO of the Seattle Urban League.

B.A., J.D., University of Washington.

**Sara Brady**.....President of Sara Brady Public Relations, Inc. (Orlando, Florida), formerly policy director of MassVote (Boston, Massachusetts).

B.A., University of California at Santa Barbara.

**James Brantley**.....Zoo Keeper at Brookfield Zoo. Formerly Director of Community Relations for Zoo New England-Franklin Park Zoo. Currently education specialist at the Chattanooga Zoo.

B.S., B.A., majored in Zoology and African American Studies, University of Tennessee.

**Johnathon E. Briggs**.....Vice President for Communication Strategy at Public Communications Inc. in Chicago.

B.A., Stanford University. M.P.H., DePaul University.

**Peter-Charles Bright**.....Global Property Specialist at Keller Williams New York City, an upper-tier real estate firm selling multi-million dollar properties world-wide.

A.B., Harvard University.

**Mishka Brown**.....Independent broadcast media professional, owner of Aerolith Inc., a media consulting and technology development company in New York City.

B.A., Yale University.

**Rochelle Brown**.....Television producer-author and co-owner of Powerhous Productions. Producer of the top-rated show “Emeril Live” and other popular shows on the Food Network.  
B.A., Rutgers University.

**Vivica Brown**.....Deputy Assistant General Manager of the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.  
B.A., University Virginia. J.D., California Western School of Law.

**Natatasha Foreman Bryant**.....Entrepreneur, CEO of Foreman & Associates, LLC.  
B.A., California State University-Long Beach. MBA, Kaplan University.

**Paul E. Butler**.....Television Project Manager and Director of Program Enterprises for VH1 Music First and Country Music Television (CMT).  
B.A., University of Rochester. J.D., Harvard University.

**Peter C. B. Bynoe**.....Pro Basketball Franchise Owner. First African American to own a NBA franchise when he purchased the Denver Nuggets in 1989. Other business ventures followed.  
B.A., MBA, J.D., Harvard University.

**Kassahun Checole**.....Publisher, founder and owner of Africa World Press and Red Sea Press.  
B.A., Binghamton University.

**Nicole Childers**.....Senior Producer at American Public Media. Former Executive Producer at National Public Radio (NPR).  
B.A., University of Pennsylvania.

**Kent Codrington**.....Tax Specialist at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).  
B.A., California State University at Los Angeles.

**Afi K. Daitey**.....Director of Strategy, Partnerships, and Operations for the Khana Group, a West African-focused social impact firm.  
B.A., Rutgers University. M.Ed., Harvard University.

**Brad Davidson**.....Vice President, Top 40 Promotion, Columbia Records.  
B.A., University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

**Monica Dillingham**.....Director of Information Technology for the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO).  
B.A., University of Maryland.

**Jinida Doba**.....Associate in Dorsey & Company, strategic consultants to management in Cleveland, Ohio. Formerly Advertising Account Executive at Highland PR in Akron Ohio.  
B.A., Kent State University.

**Kristen Erickson**.....Broker at J.P. Morgan Securities.  
B.A., Brown University.



**Ryan Ford**.....Executive Vice President and Chief Creative Officer at Cashmere Agency, a lifestyle marketing firm in Los Angeles.  
M.A., University of California at Los Angeles.

**Hector Gonzalez**.....Fire Safety/Emergency Action Plan Director at Morgan Stanley.  
B.A., SUNY-New Platz.

**Shawn Granberry**.....Media entrepreneur and philanthropist, CEO of Watch Now Networks.  
B.A., University of California at Berkeley.

**Kaneisha Grayson**.....Graduate school admission consultant, owner of the consulting firm The Art of Applying in Austin, Texas.  
B.A., Pomona College. MBA, Harvard University.

**Daoud Hadee**.....Owner of Unlimited Chemicals, LLC.  
B.A., University of California at Riverside.

**Nicole Harris**.....Marketing strategist, Director of Audience Marketing at The Deal, LLC.  
B.A. in Black Studies at Oberlin College and M.A. in Black Studies at New York University.

**Jerome Henry**.....Account strategist at SteelHouse (advertising) and CEO of Electric City.  
B.A., California State University at Northridge.

**Michael Holmes**.....President and founder of Rx Outreach (St. Louis), former executive at Edward Jones and Automatic Data Processing.  
B.A., Washington University.

**Tamara Ibezim**.....Senior Operations Analyst at Merrill Lynch.  
B.A., The College of New Jersey.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

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

**Challyn Marie**.....Entrepreneur. Owner or 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.

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

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

**Yvette Moyo**.....Publisher of South Shore Current Magazine. President and CEO of Resource Associates International, Ltd., a marketing firm. Formerly President of Real Men Cook/MOBE.  
B.A., Eastern Illinois 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.

**Michael O'Neal**.....Licensed insurance agent, New York Life Insurance Company.  
M.A., UCLA.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**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.

**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).

**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.

**Emelia Cowans**.....Make-up artist, broadcast journalist, museum spokesperson.  
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.

**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.

**Annjunae 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.

**Pierce Freelon**.....Jazz/hip hop historian, musician, band leader, college professor, and journalist.  
B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. M.A., Syracuse University.

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

**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).

**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.

**Leigh Morfoot**.....Film Production Company Co-founder. Produced two films pertaining to media and law.  
B.A., University of Virginia.

**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.

**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

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

## *Visual & Decorative Arts*

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

**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.

**Jessica Bellamy**.....Graphic Designer at GRID, a graphic design firm in Louisville, Kentucky.  
B.A., B.A. in drawing and B.F.A. in graphic design, all three degrees at University of Louisville.

**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.

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

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

**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. President 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.

**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.

**Dawit Lessanu**.....Chief Architect and Director Research and Innovation at Associated Press.  
B.A., Rutgers University. B.S, in mechanical engineering, Rutgers University. MBA, University of Phoenix.

**Aaron McGruder**.....Creator of the nationally syndicated comic strip “The Boondocks.”  
B.A., University of Maryland.

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

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

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

**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.

**Nadine Wasserman**.....Curator, art critic.  
M.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison

**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. and 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.

**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. and M.Ed at UCLA.

**Danielle Evans**.....Winner of the 2011 PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize for the short story collection *Before You Suffocate Your Own Fool Self* (Riverhead Books).

**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.

**Jill Nelson**.....Novelist, freelance journalist and former staff writer at the *Washington Post*. Winner of the America Book Award for her memoir, *Volunteer Slavery* (1993). She is Professor of Journalism at the City College of New York.  
B.A., City College of New York. M.A., Columbia School of Journalism.

**Sandra Jackson-Opoku**.....Poet-Novelist. Also award-winning educator and travel journalist.  
B.A., University of Massachusetts.

**Irene Smalls**.....Award-winning author of 17 children's books.  
B.A., Cornell University.

**Natasha Tarpley**.....Award-winning author of books for children and adults.  
B.A., Harvard University.

**Veona Thomas**.....Playwright, Executive Director of REJOTI Traveling Theatre Productions.  
B.A., Lehman College.

**Linda Trice**.....Children's book author and book reviewer. Former elementary school teacher.  
Ph.D. in Black Studies, Union Institute and University.

## *Sports*

**Christopher Asher**.....Head Coach of Track and Field at California State University at Los Angeles, assistant coach track coach at UCLA since 2012.  
B.A., California State University at Northridge.

**Renee Bostic**.....Athletic Director at Medgar Evers College. Formerly women's basketball head coach at West Virginia State University.  
B.A., College of the Holy Cross.

**Ronnie Bowman**.....Athletic Director for Jefferson County Public Schools (Kentucky).  
B.S. and M.S. in Pan-African Studies, University of Louisville. M.Ed., University of Louisville.

**Shannon Boxx**.....Olympic gold medalist, women's pro soccer star.  
B.A., University of Notre Dame.

**Coretta Brown**.....Women's Basketball Head Coach at Thomas University.  
B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Wiley Brown**.....Head Basketball Coach at Indiana University-Southeast.  
B.A., University of Louisville.

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