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### Summary of Qualifications & Accomplishments

- Seasoned Community Development, Arts Administration, Civic Design, Equity & Culture Facilitator, Policy and Multi-sector Engagement professional
- Award-winning Multi-media Artist (poetry, prose, beadwork, landscape photography, film production and painting) and creative placekeeper in neighborhood revitalization
- 25 years of career experience; 18 years in project management and executive leadership
- Experienced in research, grant writing and fundraising.
- Led successful policy advocacy campaigns, organizational development consultant providing technical assistance, strategic planning, event planning and program development.
- *Areas of Work:* Planning, Civic Design, Arts and Placemaking, Civic Engagement, Public Relations, Partnership Management, Policy Advocacy & Research, Workforce Development, Transportation & Transit Equity, Environmental & Public Health, Food Security/ Urban Agriculture, Youth Development, Inclusion & Diversity training, Research & Analysis, Civic Engagement & Advocacy, Organizational Strategic Planning, Program Evaluation, Conflict Resolution & Violence Prevention, Grant Writing & Fundraising, Event Planning
- Computer Program Proficiency: Word Processing (Microsoft Word, Works); Data Entry & Research (Excel, SPSS, STATA); Presentations & Publications (Power Point, Publisher); Graphic design (Adobe InDesign, Photo Shop, Microsoft Paint); Marketing/Communications (Constant Contact, MailChimp); Audio (Garage Band, Audiology)
- Mapping and CAD Rendering (ArcGIS, SketchUp)
- Film Production & Video Editing (iMovie, Final Cut Pro, Movie Maker)
- HTML coding/Website design (Adobe Dreamweaver CS5, Drupal, WordPress)
- Fluent in Haitian-Creole, intermediate Spanish, intermediate French, conversational Japanese

### Education, Certification & Training

#### **Education:**

Master of Civic Media and Art Practice	Emerson College	2017
Master of Public Policy	Tufts University, Urban & Environmental Policy & Program	2015
Non-profit Management & Leadership	Boston University School of Management	2010
B.A. English; Social & Political Systems	Pine Manor College	2007

#### **Certification:**

Legislative and Civic Advocacy	Commonwealth Seminar	2009
Community Trauma Intervention	Center for Trauma Psychology	2009

## **Training:**

Design & Public Policy	Rhode Island School of Design	2016
Community Engaged Research	University of California, Santa Cruz	2016
Human Centered Design	IDEO.org	2015
Youth Development	UMass Boston	2006
TERC Mathematics	MA Dept. of Early Education & Care	2005

## **Academic Teaching and Engagements**

- Visiting Scholar, Tufts University School of the Museum of Fine Arts, 2026 – present. Research: *Social Practice Arts as Interventions in Chronic Social Problems*.
- Professional Development Trainer (Adjunct Lecturer), Tufts University. *Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice in Policy and Planning*. September 2024 – 2025
- Adjunct Lecturer, Northeastern University. *Racial Justice, Inclusion and Belonging in Policy and Planning*. May 2024 – present
- Visiting Scholar, Tufts University Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning, 2022 – 2023. Research: *Incorporating Racial Equity Education in Planning Curriculum Design; Human Analog Interventions and Digital Disruption Representative in Environmental Psychology of Urban Design*.
- Guest Lecturer. “Creative Placemaking Through an Equity Approach.” University of Cincinnati. April 2024
- Guest Lecturer. “Defining Your Unique Arts Career.” Tufts School of the Museum of Fine Arts, April 2023
- Guest Lecturer. “Arts, Equity and Cultural Policy.” University of Cincinnati, April 2023
- Guest Lecturer. “Nuances in Organizing and Community Development.” Tufts University, February 2023
- Guest Lecturer. “Program Design and Implementation.” Tufts University, November 2022
- Guest Lecturer. “Cultural Policy - Creative Placemaking: Theory and Practice.” University of Cincinnati, March 2022
- Student Project Advisor. *Community Development*. Harvard Graduate School of Design, Spring 2020
- Guest Design Critic: *Future of Streets: Los Angeles*. Harvard Graduate School of Design’s Future of Streets Spring Studio, 2019
- Student Project Advisor. *Transportation & Land Use*. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Spring 2018
- Student Project Reviewer. *Future of Streets*. Harvard Graduate School of Design, May 2018
- Guest Lecturer. *Transportation and Social Mobility*. Harvard Graduate School of Design, March 2018
- Guest Lecturer. *Equity in Planning and Policy: Fairmount Corridor*. Northeastern University, October 2017
- Guest Lecturer. *Policy and Planning Professionals in Community Practice*. Tufts University UEP, October 2017
- Guest Lecturer. *Transportation Planning and Equitable Bikeshare*. Tufts University UEP, June 2017
- Guest Lecturer. *Participatory Democracy: Lessons from Boston*. UMass Boston, April 2017
- Guest Lecturer. *Urban Planning and Social Justice*. Boston University Metropolitan College, November 2016
- Guest Lecturer. *Foundations in Planning: Local Examples*. Tufts University, October 2016
- Guest Lecturer. *Planning and Policy with an Equity Lens*. Tufts University, October 2016
- Research Assistant. The Engagement Lab, Emerson College, September to December 2016

## Work Experience

***Powerful Pathways*** ***Global*** ***Dec 2013 – present***

**Founder, Principal and Creative Director**

See section below for more details.

***Tufts University*** ***Remote/ Medford, MA*** ***Feb 2022 - present***

**Program Manager, Racial Equity in Policy and Planning Fellowship**

Recruited to lead and develop DEI programming of a new fellowship program for students in the Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning. Supports fundraising and partner recruitment.

***CBS Studios*** ***Los Angeles, CA*** ***Oct 2022 – August 2023***

**Co-Director, CBS Studios Leadership Pipeline Challenge [Contract]**

Led and developed programming for a cohort of emerging filmmakers, assigned to produce short films for local non-profit organizations.

***American Academy of Arts and Sciences*** ***Cambridge, MA*** ***Dec 2018 – 2021***

**Program Officer – Humanities, Arts and Culture**

Managed and liaised with the Commission on the Arts, a national cohort of arts leaders and scholars. Led the development of research examining the role of arts in the U.S. Directed the development of, co-wrote and edited two research reports; “[Art for Life’s Sake: The Case for Art Education](#)” and “[Art Is Work: Policies to Support Creative Workers.](#)” . Developed national partnerships with the National Endowment for the Arts, Americans for the Arts, national and regional arts funders, and several US congress men and women. Recruited partners and stakeholder focus group participants across age groups and public, private, and non-profit organizations. Designed and led public engagement activities: 7 workshops, 3 webinars, 4 Commission meetings, and co-organized a national conference on the humanities and sciences in partnership with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Scaled and supervised a team of researchers and coordinators.

***Cambridge Community Arts Center*** ***Cambridge, MA*** ***Nov 2019 – Aug 2020***

**Teaching Artist**

Taught Digital Photography, Print Design and Business Development for Artists for the teen program. Managed partnership with Google.

***Fairmount/ Indigo Network*** ***Boston, MA*** ***Apr 2016 – Dec 2019***

**Network Director**

Managed a collective of over 30 organizations and coalitions serving the Fairmount line corridor neighborhoods - Hyde Park, Mattapan, Dorchester and Roxbury. Spearheaded community engaged research initiatives and transit infrastructure and community development policy reform. Organized community events and outreach initiatives.

***Metropolitan Area Planning Council*** ***Metro-Boston, MA*** ***July 2012 - Dec 2013***

**Community Liaison & MetroFuture Events Coordinator**

Worked at a regional planning agency as a liaison to 151 member municipalities. Planned & facilitated outreach and engagement activities to support planning and policy work. Served as link to community partner organizations and grass tops leaders. Provided training and advisory support to agency staff on community engagement strategies and interactive meeting design. Supported research projects and assisted in developing reports to supplement planning projects and policy campaigns. Managed administrative aspects of various

activities. Developed monthly events promoting examples regional activities that support the Metro Boston regional plan.

***City Coordinating Council on Children, Youth & Families***      ***Cambridge, MA***      ***Oct 2008 – July 2012***

**Policy Researcher/ Youth Engagement Coordinator**

Coordinated the youth arm of a joint municipal policy board (now called the Cambridge Mayor's Youth Council). Researched local and state legislation, developed reports and performed data analyses on various policy topics. Planned and facilitated youth meetings and activities to design and implement civic engagement projects. Prepared and design weekly youth meetings and train participants in executing community projects. Managed additional administrative activities. Participated in city-wide policy meetings with the mayor and other public officials. Served as an annual delegate at the National League of Cities Conference. Received a commendation from the Mayor and Princeton Prize in Race Relations for leading successful campaigns and projects.

***Multicultural Youth Tour Of What's Now (mytown Inc)***      ***Boston, MA***      ***Oct 2008 – Sep 2010***

**Collaborations & Partnerships Director/ BRICK Program Manager**

Revised the curriculum and coordinated the expansion of nationally recognized program, establishing 8 new program sites and serving over 130 new youth participants. Recruited and trained a dozen high school aged youth to learn and lead cultural walking tours serving over 2000 clients annually. Designed and executed evaluation tools. Produced and trained teens to co-produce educational documentary videos ([www.youtube.com/user/mytownyouthguide](http://www.youtube.com/user/mytownyouthguide)). Raised \$113,000 through direct programming and assisting in other fundraising activities. Developed and managed 30 + agency partnerships and corporate sponsorships. Launched 3 neighborhood-wide and city-wide Initiatives.

***Spontaneous Celebrations***      ***Roxbury/Dorchester MA***      ***Dec 2007 - Oct 2008***

**Interim Arts Director**

Supervised staff and developed a series of programming for middle and high school aged youth. Trained the youth in performing for public performance events.

***Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative***      ***Roxbury/Dorchester MA***      ***June 2004 - Nov 2007***

**Special Projects Manager & Events Coordinator**

- **Environmental & Experiential Education Coordinator/ Teaching Assistant (Placed at Young Achievers Pilot School):** Developed partnerships. Coordinated experiential education curriculum activities for all grade levels. Managed resource and network documentation. Designed and delivered staff trainings. Lead after school program. Supervised 8<sup>th</sup> grade environmental internship project. Led in-classroom instruction of experiential learning sessions.
- **Community Dialogue Forums & Events Coordinator:** Liaison to Coalition of 25 + city and community agencies. Successfully coordinated 16 summer community forum and arts events engaging Boston residents and reducing youth violence. Hired and trained youth staff. Performed community outreach.
- **Violence Prevention Coordinator & Community Liaison:** *Uphams Corner Violence Prevention Partnership.* Hired, trained and supervised organizers in community violence prevention strategies. Supervised community assessment process. Co-wrote assessment report.
- **Summer Youth Job Program Coordinator:** Stabilized summer employment and recreation program for 75 youth ages 14 -22. Collaborator and liaison to the City of Boston and 27 Dorchester/Roxbury agency sites. Trained junior supervisors and facilitated career development workshops. Designed newsletters. Participated in Planning Committee to design and implement school year program and helped plan community events such recreational and community arts activities.
- **Pledge Walk Fundraiser Manager:** Organized the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Walk for Dudley pledge-fundraiser as part of the Multicultural Festival in 2006. Recruited partner organizations, corporate sponsors and over 250 registered walkers. Managed public relations and marketing activities. Raised \$26,000 in sponsor and individual

donations through grassroots efforts in less than two months; net \$33,000. Co-chaired the 2006 & 2007 Walk Committee.

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***John Winthrop Elementary School*** ***Dorchester, MA*** ***2004 - 2006***

**After-school Program Director**

Directed the after-school enrichment program serving grade K-5. Supervised a staff and managed day to day administrative operations. Designed and trained staff in the educational, recreational, and arts and crafts activities. Met with teachers to align program learning activities with day-school curriculum. Planned and supervised field trips worked hands-on with staff to design events and external activities. Re-launched the parent council meetings. Provided homework help and parent consultation.

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***Citizens Schools – Salemwood School*** ***Malden, MA*** ***2003 - 2004***

**Teaching Associate**

After-school enrichment program teacher for a nationally scaled youth development organization serving middle school-aged youth. Designed group-led educational, recreational, and arts and crafts curriculum for learning sessions. Supervised field trips. Worked hands-on with staff to design events and external activities. Provided homework help and parent consultation.

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***King Open (formerly Harrington School)*** ***Cambridge, MA*** ***2002 - 2003***

**Teaching Assistant/ Substitute Teacher**

Conducted learning sessions w/ children K 1-2. Aided lead teacher with daily activities. Supervised recreational sessions.

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***Pine Manor College BPS Girls Conference*** ***Chestnut Hill, MA*** ***2002 - 2005***

**Assistant Coordinator / Conference Presenter**

Organized event and managed financial affairs. Supervised and trained the youth planning committee. Recruited presenters and facilitated workshop during event.

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***Metropolitan Council Incorporated (METCo Inc)*** ***Roxbury, MA*** ***2001 - 2008***

**Tutor /Student Mentor**

Tutored students from grades 1 – 12 in all area subjects. Developed specialized curriculums and learning games. Mentored students and performed referrals as needed.

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***The City School*** ***Boston, MA*** ***2001 - 2002***

**Program Assistant**

Supervised a group of high school students in grades 9 – 12 for social justice education youth development program. Designed and facilitated program workshops and community events. Assisted in operating logistics of program, clerical and office duties.

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**Research & Publications**

- Author: [Navigating the Storm: Trends and Strategies to Survive and Thrive in the New Non-profit Sector – Book \(working title, in progress\)](#).
- Co-author and Co-editor: [Artists at Work: Policies for the Creative Workforce](#). The American Academy of Arts and Sciences. October 2021
- Co-author and Co-editor: [Arts for Life's Sake: The Case for Arts Education](#). The American Academy of Arts and Sciences. September 2021
- Song, Lily and Michel, Allentza. *Just Don't: Common Pitfalls of Equity Practice and How to Avoid Them*. AMPLIFY: The Boston Society of Landscape Architects Field Book. Issue 11. 2020, pages 20-22

- Song, Lily and Michel, Allentza. [Design Studio First Aid Kit](#). Harvard Graduate School of Design Co-Design Group. 2020
- Data Analyst: *By Artists, For Artists* - Massachusetts State Artist Survey, July 2018
- Project Manager and Editor: *Increasing Ridership on the Fairmount Line*. Nelson Nygaard, April 2017
- Author: *The Fairmount Indigo Network: Policies and Practice*, January 2017
- Contributor: Warren, Mark. [Youth Power and Leadership in the Boston Youth Justice Movement, 2005-2008](#). April 2015
- Editor & Co-Author: *Results of the Youth Survey, conducted for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority*, March 2011
- Project Manager and Editor: *Respect for Cultural Diversity & Practices at Cambridge Rindge & Latin School*, June 2010
- Project Manager and Editor: *Racial Equity in Student Achievement at Cambridge Rindge & Latin School*, June 2009
- Project Manager and co-Editor, Researcher: *Violence Prevention in Upham's Corner: Results from the Community Assessment*, November 2006
- Author: *The Power and Problems of School Choice in Boston Public Schools*, April 2003

### Consulting

**Founder & Creative Director, Powerful Pathways (2014 – present):** [Powerful Pathways](#) is an award-winning social practice and creative agency that works in policy, planning and civic design utilizing media arts and the application of design thinking principles. Through our cross sector and intercultural expertise, we provide consulting services to non-profit, public agencies and social enterprises, and implement “civic hacks” to advance solutions that drive innovative and inclusive economic, community, environmental and social change. This includes but is not limited to: Designing strategic events in the areas of Urban Policy & Placemaking; Creative Community Engagement and User Experience Strategy; Equity, Cultural Competency and Diversity & Inclusion trainings; Program Design and Development Research and Project Technical Assistance. Past clients include (selected list):

- Town of Arlington, MA – *Racial Equity Training and Reform of Municipal Services*
- Mel King Institute – *Community Organizer Workshop Facilitator*
- Groundwork USA – *Brownfields Visioning Process, SW Fresno CA*
- New Sector Alliance – *Racial Equity Trainer*
- Greater Boston Nazarene Compassionate Center – *Housing Planner, Community Engagement Facilitator*
- Fab Foundation/ Fab Labs for America – *Event Planner, Graphic Designer*
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, DUSP/Media Lab – *Bus Rapid Transit Researcher*
- Interaction Institute for Social Change – *Engagement Lead, GoBoston 2030*
- Boston Public Health Commission – *Violence Prevention Trainer*
- Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority – *Title VI Advisor*

**Freelance for Change (2005 – 2013):** Freelance consultant providing technical assistance, program and curriculum design, organizational development, research support to non-profits and education institutions. Clients included:

- City Year, Boston, MA – *Staff Training Facilitator*
- United Way of Massachusetts Bay & Merrimack Valley, Boston, MA – *Facilitator*
- The Black Ministerial Alliance – *Asset Mapping Researcher*
- Greater Boston Nazarene Compassionate Center – *Program Facilitator and Staff Trainer*
- Hawthorne Community Center – *Culture for Change, Roxbury, MA – Program Facilitator*
- WriteBoston – *ELL Haitian Student Instructor*
- RAW Arts, Lynn MA – *Workshop Facilitator*
- “e”-Inc / The Environmental Action Center – *Program Facilitator*

- The Curley School, Jamaica Plain, MA – *Restorative Discipline Trainer*
- The City School - Dorchester, MA
- The Benjamin Banneker School, Cambridge, MA – *Educator Reflection Workshop Facilitator*
- United Students for Fair Trade – *Organizing Toolkit and Reflection Trainer*
- Environmental Health Coalition, National City, CA - *Advisor on Youth Development Programming*
- Equal Exchange, West Bridgewater, MA – *Reflection and Mission Impact Facilitator*

### Awards & Recognitions

- Commendation, Town of Randolph, MA, March 2025
- FANM VANYAN Haitian Women Leaders Award, Nehemiah Project, March 2025
- Civic Game Changer Award (Powerful Pathways), Commonwealth Seminar, November 2024
- Governor’s Commendation. Healey Administration, November 2024
- Hometown Hero Award, Celtics Foundation, 2023
- Graduate Alumni Outstanding Service Achievement Award, Tufts University, 2022
- Forbes Next 1000, Forbes Media, December 2021
- Perez Prize in Civic Design and Public Art, Americans for the Arts, June 2021
- City of Boston City Council Resolution (for policy and racial justice advocacy in transportation), February 2020
- ‘Love Your Block’ Arts and Neighborhood Beautification Award, November 2017 (Powerful Pathways)
- City of Cambridge City Council Resolution (for successful public policy advocacy in transportation), July 2012
- Princeton Prize in Race in Race Relations (for the Racial Equity in Cambridge Rindge & Latin High School project), 2012
- ‘Culture for Change’ Artist Youth Worker Award, 2008
- ‘Big Picture’ Award - Opening Doors Ceremony, The City School, 2005
- Unsung Hero Award, The City School, 2004

### Fellowships, Independent Projects & Internships

<b>Creative Community Fellow, National Arts Strategies</b>	<b><i>National</i></b>	<b>2016 - 2017</b>
Cohort member of national creative placemaking fellowship.		
<b>Association for Community Design Fellowship</b>	<b><i>Chicago, IL</i></b>	<b>2015</b>
Inaugural ACD fellow, assisting in the design of a mural project with Foundations College Prep school.		
<b>Keio University Short Term Learning Exchange</b>	<b><i>Tokyo/Fukushima, Japan</i></b>	<b>2015</b>
Participated in short term cultural and history immersion program. Researched disaster relief and reconstruction strategies in Fukushima to identify transferable models to developing countries, and awareness art projects.		
<b>New Sector Alliance Fellowship</b>	<b><i>San Francisco, CA</i></b>	<b>2011</b>
Assigned to Youth Uprising Inc in Oakland, CA as a Work Experience Counselor/ Program Coordinator/Case Manager for summer job program. Supervised a youth team that conducted a food desert mapping research project. Trained youth to create violence prevention video projects.		
<b>CECOCAFEN – Coffee Cooperative</b>	<b><i>Matagalpa, Nicaragua</i></b>	<b>2007</b>
Participant in a learning exchange at a fair-trade coffee coop in South America.		
<b>The City School – Operations Intern</b>	<b><i>Boston, MA</i></b>	<b>2003</b>

Assistant to the Executive Director. Designed newsletter and recruited entry submissions. Wrote donation letters and edited funding proposals. Developed data reports and office memos. Compiled research on youth development best practices. Attended staff meetings and recorded meeting minutes.

**Pine Manor College – Editing Intern**

**Chestnut Hill, MA**

**2002-2003**

Peer reviewed and edited *Éire-Ireland*, an academic interdisciplinary journal. Wrote and reviewed response letters and solicited media permissions.

### **Civic Leadership & Volunteerism**

- **City of Boston Design Vision Community Advisory Board (2023 - 2024)** – Served as an advisor to a citywide urban design visioning process.
- **Co-Founder/ Board of Directors – Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (2018 – present)** - Member of the governing body of a community-elected group to oversee and mediate development projects and advocate for the preservations and growth of the community.
- **Steering Committee Member - Network of Artist Administrators of Color of Boston (2017 - present)** - Supporting the advancement of arts administrators through planning social events and professional development programming.
- **Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Business Advisory Committee – City of Cambridge (2022 -2023)** Reviewed strategies to attract and retain businesses owned by people of color in the city.
- **Young Professionals in Transportation, Boston chapter (2019 - 2021)** – Served on the board of a local chapter of the national young adult transportation professionals association.
- **We Design Advisory Committee, Design Museum Foundation (2019 -2022)** – Provide ongoing advisory support for the execution of traveling exhibit showcasing diverse individuals doing innovative and diverse work in the field of design.
- **Board of Directors, Boston Arts Music Soul Festival (2018 –2022)** – Provided guidance to the executive director and fiduciary oversight to Boston’s premier arts and soul music festival organization.
- **Planning Committee Member – Innovative Stable Housing Initiative (2017-2019)** – A committee convened to plan the strategic release of a community benefits fund program designed to support innovative affordable housing.
- **Advisory Board Member, Generation Citizen Vote16USA (2016 -present)** – Advisor on national voting policy reform campaign
- **Member and Research Contributor, Gentrification Learning Community (2014 -2016)** – Invited to participate in a cohort with recognized community leaders and researchers, identifying policy strategies and best practices to circumvent housing displacement in Greater Boston.
- **Steering Committee, URBAN.Boston (2013 -present)** – Leadership body overseeing activities of participatory action research think tank comprised of academics and community-based organizations.
- **Executive Committee, The League of Women Voters – Boston (2013 - present)** - Supporting non-partisan legislative advocacy for local chapter of a national non-profit organization.
- **Board of Directors, Bird St Community Center (2013 -2017)** – Member of the Strategic Planning Committee
- **Steering Committee Co-Chair, Inaugural Boston Participatory Budgeting Project (2014)** - Co-chaired Steering Committee representing The City School on Boston’s 1<sup>st</sup> youth-led citywide democratic process determining the expenditure of \$1 million in capital funds.
- **Fairmount Indigo Corridor Planning Initiative - Blue Hill Ave/Cummins Working Advisory Group (2012 -2015)** - Mayoral appointment to advisory group to assist in Blue Hill Ave/Cummins Hwy station area planning.

- **Board of Directors, Greater Boston Nazarene Compassion Center (2010 -2013)** – Serving on Fundraising Committee and as Youth Development and Community Programs Advisor to a multi-service, faith-based non-profit agency primarily serving the Greater Boston Haitian community.
- **Founding Board Member, Twentieth Century Contenders (2008 - 2010)** – Served as Clerk for a non-for-profit organization that provided out-of-school time competitive academic and athletic leagues focused on middle school aged youth.
- **Board of Directors, The City School (2000 -2006)** – Served as Chair of the Board Development Committee; Clerk of the Executive Committee; and Members of the Fund Development and Strategic Planning Committees to a Boston social justice education organization for teenage youth.
- **Founder: For Youth Inc, Mattapan, MA. (2005 and 2006)** – Created & led an out-of-school time program for at-risk Mattapan area teen girls, ages 13 -17. Programming included entrepreneurship training, college readiness, academic support, nutrition and fitness training and leadership development through community service.
- **Co-Founder/Advisory Board Co-Chair: Beantown Society, Jamaica Plain, MA (2004 - present)** – Supporting a youth-led out-of-school time violence prevention program.

**Affiliations/ Coalitions (past and present):**

- Action for Equity – *Advocacy group campaigning for equitable community development and public policy throughout Greater Boston*
- Community Supported Film – *organization that supports documentary filmmaking.*
- Fairmount/ Indigo Corridor Network – *Cross sector collective working towards corridor neighborhood improvements*
- Gentrification Learning Community – *Research Group convened to explore gentrification prevention strategies.*
- Boston Leaders United for the Future of Education – *Education Advocacy Organization*
- Help Students Vote! Coalition – *Lead Organizer for student voter engagement campaign*
- Filmmakers Collaborative – *Member of organization that provides film development support.*
- Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau Multicultural Committee - *Advisory*
- South End Youth Worker’s Alliance – *Affiliation to Promote Youth Worker platform and events.*
- Fields Corner Collaborative – *Created neighborhood-wide agency partnership.*
- Mattapan Matrix – *Advisor and consultant in community resource building action coalition*
- Massachusetts Communities Action Network – *Advocacy Coalition for state-level funding and policy reform for youth & human service programs*
- Upham’s Corner Violence Prevention Coalition – *Founding coordinator for Dorchester-based violence prevention initiative.*
- United Youth & Youth Workers of Boston – *Youth & Youth Workers uniting to advocate for increased funding and programs to support youth and youth workers.*

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**Sample Artistic Practice/Media/ Arts Programming Leadership**

**Video Production:**

- Co-operative Living: Lessons Learned in Nicaragua – Mini-Documentary, 2012
- MYTOWN BRICK Program advertisement, 2009
- Young Achievers – Unity Day, 2009
- The Writing Centers, WriteBoston, 2008
- “E”-Inc Public Service Announcement - producer, choreographer and videographer.  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zhFWlODwn4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zhFWlODwn4); copyright 2007

### **Art Exhibits/ Showcases:**

- Featured Artist - Caribbean Artists of the Diaspora in Boston, Institute of Contemporary Art Boston, January – September 2024
- Co-Producer and content curator – “Boston’s Apollo.” Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, February – November 2020
- Tufts and PT Barnum Entertainment Alumni Showcase; September 2019
- Under the Same Sky: Landscape Photography – Impact Hub Art Fest, 2017
- Under the Same Sky: Landscape Photography – On the Line, Spoke Gallery, February – April 2016
- MYTOWN Summer Photography Program, August 2010
- Curator and Floor Manager, Youth Art Exhibit- The City School Closing Ceremony, 2000
- Poetry/Spoken Word – various venues (1989 – present)

### **Arts/Cultural Planning - Ongoing Projects (via Powerful Pathways)**

- **Mattapan Open Streets/Open Studios**  
A community-driven arts design and placemaking initiative to promote local artists, community and economic development.
- **Bi-Annual Engaging Immigrant Entrepreneurs & Small Business Owners Forum**  
Creator and Lead Coordinator of the biennial business development forum geared to training CDCs, immigrant business attorneys, capital lenders and other financial institutions in cultural awareness to better support immigrant owned businesses and startups.
- **Boston’s Black & Brown Creatives**  
Creator and lead administrator of an online community of Boston-area creative professionals of color. Currently at over 1200 members.

### **Speaking Engagements/Conferences**

- Speaker. “Arts and Transportation: Tools for Organizational Change.” Smart growth America Equity Summit, March 2025.
- Commencement Speaker. Tufts Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning, May 2024
- Co-Keynote Speaker. Intersections: Mobility, Equity, and the Built Environment Conference. October 2022
- Course Instructor. “Placemaking vs Placekeeping: Steps to More Equitable Arts Interventions.” Americans for the Arts. March 2022
- Congressional Briefing: The Value of Equitable Arts Education. National Endowment for the Arts, December 2021. <https://artslab.tamu.edu/congressional-briefing-the-value-of-equitable-arts-education>
- Panelist. “Transportation Equity at the Neighborhood Level – Mattapan.” Moving Together Conference, Massachusetts Department of Transportation. December 2021
- Panelist. “The Future of Creative Work.” Western Arts Federation Creative Vitality Summit. October 2021
- Moderator. “[Now What? An Action Plan for Advancing Arts Education.](#)” Arts Education Partnership. September 2021
- Panelist. “Black-Owned Businesses in Boston.” WeWork & Black Economic Alliance of MA. August 2021
- Presenter. “Cultural Planning with an Equity Lens.” Americans for the Arts, June 2021
- Presenter/Interviewee. Perez Prize Winner Announcement. Americans for the Arts, June 2021
- Panelist. “Racial Equity in Transportation Planning and Engineering.” Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). June 2021

- Presenter. “Community Engaged Design: Anti-Displacement Project Case Study”, Vanderbilt University, February 2021
- Panelist. “[New Directions in Federal Arts Policy](#).” Western Arts Federation Arts Leadership & Advocacy Seminar, February 2021
- Presenter. “Creative Placemaking at the Grassroots.” Metropolitan Area Planning Council. November 2020
- Panelist. “Creating a Community Engaged Process.” Vital Village Virtual Learning Lab. November 2020
- Panelist. “Solving Sustainability through Diversity, Inclusion and Race.” Boston GreenFest. August 2020
- Presenter. “Data Informed Community Engagement.” Women Innovation Conference. July 2020
- Interviewee. “Community Planning from the Inside Out.” [B-Change podcast](#), February 2020
- Interviewee. “Bringing Organizers Together Across the Generations.” We Hold These Truths by Michael Jacoby Brown. Arlington Access TV, November 2019
- Co-presenter. “Community Engagement: Bring Us Your Challenges” RailVolution, September 2019
- Panelist. “Diversifying Design for Education.” Design Museum Boston, July 2019
- Panel Presenter. “Race Talk: Increasing Diversity in Planning.” Mass Association of Planning Directors Conference, May 2019
- Presenter. “Equitable Community Engagement Strategies: The Fairmount Corridor.” RailVolution, October 2018
- Co-Organizer & Presenter. Boston’s Creative Economy Mingle. City of Boston, September 2018
- Presenter. “Biking and Bike Share: Racial Equity in Cities.” Boston Neighborhood Bike Forum, June 2018
- Panel Presenter. “How to Close the Wealth Gap.” May 2018
- Panel Presenter. “Racial Justice in Practice.” Tufts University, April 2018
- Panel Presenter. “The Future of Transportation.” Congress for New Urbanism - New England Conference, March 2018
- Workshop Presenter. “Creative Placemaking in Communities of Color.” National Placemaking Summit, May 2017.
- Panel Presenter. “A Dream Imagined: Race, Ethnicity and the Struggle for Boston's Future.” University of Massachusetts Boston CANALA Institutes Conference, May 2017
- Master of Ceremonies. Urban Manufacturing Alliance Gathering, May 2017
- Workshop Co-presenter. “How much power should residents have to shape development?” MA Smart Growth Alliance Conference, May 2017
- Organizer & Master of Ceremonies. Fairmount/Indigo Network Corridor-wide Community Forum. December 2016
- Panel Presenter. “Re:Development: The Discourse on Urban Development and Arts and Culture.” Fort Port Arts Community and Atlantic Wharf Gallery, June 2016
- Panel Presenter. “Equitable Strategies & Practices for Public Engagement.” MA Smart Growth Alliance, June 2016
- Panel Presenter. “Youth Grassroots Organizing for Transit Justice.” Rail Users Network Conference, May 2016
- Panel Presenter. “Tufts Urban & Environmental Program MPP Alumni Forum.” Tufts University, April 2016
- Panel Presenter. “Racial Equity in New Economy Strategies & Sustainable Futures” MA Peace Action’s Sustainable Security Conference, November 2015.
- Organizer & Master of Ceremonies. The Biennial Engaging Immigrant Entrepreneurs & Small Business Owners Forum, February 2013; November 2015, December 2017

- Keynote Speaker/Presenter. Association for Community Design Conference, June 2015.
- Keynote Class Speaker. Tufts Commencement; Department of Urban and Environmental Planning, May 2015
- Panel Judge. Cambridge Ridge & Latin School Environmental Entrepreneurship Competition, January 2015
- Panel Presenter. "The Non-Profit Industrial Complex." Open Hillel Conference, September 2014
- Workshop Presenter. "Strategies for Inclusive and Equitable Public Engagement in Planning Processes." Citizen Planner Training Collaborative, March 2014.
- Interviewee and Advisor. "Boston Youth Social Movements Research Project." UMASS Boston. February 2014
- Presenter & Volunteer Organizer. Radical Futures: A Conversation with Angela Davis & Noam Chomsky, November 2012
- Organizer and Workshop Facilitator. Real Food Challenge Northeast Regional Summit, February 2011
- Co-facilitator. United Way Community Ambassadors Caucus, September 2010
- Sponsored Cohort Member. World Social Forum (New England Freedom Riders), June 2010
- Interviewee. "MYTOWN Program Spotlight." Boston Neighborhood Network News TV, June 2009
- Interviewee. "Youth and Hip Hop." Boston Neighborhood Network News TV, May 2007
- Sponsored Cohort Member. Kellogg Foundation Food & Society Conference, April 2007
- Master of Ceremonies. Slice of Rice's "The World is Yours" Youth & Allies Conference, June 2006
- Panel Speaker. "SAVE CPCS" Community Forum, April 2006
- Workshop Facilitator. "Reflecting on Racial & Cultural Efficacy in Food Justice Movements" and "Creating Your Farm to School Program" United Students for Fair Trade Convergence, March 2005
- Presenter & Co-Coordinator. "The history of Hip Hop and its Current Impact on Urban Youth" Boston Public Schools Girls Conference, May 2002, 2003, 2004