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Academic Summary

European academic power has made understanding and respecting the history of certain racial and cultural groups difficult. I seek to investigate true cultural histories. The impression that is made on human beings from the early days of education is framed so that we are taught hierarchal histories of different people and their cultures. I have used the Afrocentric Paradigm and the Afrocentric theory to develop my own awareness of the need for critiquing and pushing the main ideas of history past racial limitations. My academic mission is to correct the misleading philosophy of discourse about Black and White, the Westerner and the Other, the Israeli and the Jew, and the Palestinian and the Arab. My perspective is driven by philosophy and epistemology, so deeper meaning and clarity are important for challenging the White and Western cultural hegemony.

Education

Doctoral Student in Africology and African American Studies

Temple University – first years Candidate Fall 2024

Since it is my first year in a PhD program I am putting together the path of my dissertation on race, culture, and the impact of racism on society. I am lucky to be guided by Molefi Kete Asante and the other professors at Temple University. This period of my education will be to research the larger institutions of philosophy that have distorted the cultural reality of the rest of the world. European philosophy has historically mesmerized the intellectual pursuit of knowledge in many fields of social, psychological and political theories and research. Once this stage of my education is complete, I will look for work in higher education involving the institutional discourse around race and culture.

Master's Degree in Africology and African American Studies

Temple University – 2024

My experience in history made the philosophic awareness of time and geography central to my position to research. Afrocentric theory became a necessity for looking at Africa and the Diaspora. The syllabus for each class taken became my roadmap for understanding the fundamental need for a paradigm. My philosophical knowledge from the westernized academy was drastically changed. From Hegel to post-structuralism is the frame of knowledge which I have come from. Helping me to understanding the setting and place of the western mind, Africology became the clear discipline that can truly interrogate data and correct the inappropriate distortion of western intellectual hegemony. Throughout my Master's experience I took classes on Pan Africanism, African Religion, Mdw Ntr (hieroglyphs), Africana Philosophy, and seminars for Black Studies history, W.E.B. DuBois and Cheikh Anta Diop.

Bachelor's Degree in History with Minor in Arabic

Temple University – 2021

Focusing in language and culture of the Arabian Peninsula with the cultural contacts of the west and south-western Red Sea. Interests with the African continent started with research into southern Africa and the 20th century decolonization period. At the same time, learning Dr. Asante's Afrocentric values of heritage and history, together, allowed for a more focused contextual experience during research. This provides clear comprehension of the early modern European explorers or anthropologist who wrote history; what are they saying about Africa and her people? What do we know now that these Europeans were ill-informed about? A more solid historical presentation can come from giving agency and heritage back to the communities that have been demeaned throughout the modern period

Associates Degree with Honors

Community College of Philadelphia – 2018

Focused in Anthropology and History classes. Developed a basic understanding for doing research and historical writing. Eurocentric education of culture and history. However, this will be the foundation that breaks down with the further education at Temple University.

Work Experience

The Book Trader – Used Bookstore in Old City Philadelphia

Assistant Manager – Started 2023 – current position

This bookstore has been in Philadelphia for 50 years. While working here I organize the African American, Middle East, Islam and Archaeology sections. Part of my job is looking up titles to access value for our online specials collection of rare books or price it for the sales floor. I know the ins-and-outs of maintaining, categorizing, restocking, and pricing a wide range of books, music, dvds, and records. As the weekend supervisor it is necessary that business flows efficiently throughout the days. Friday to Sunday are our busiest days and I open and close the store each day of the weekend.

United States Federal Gov't – House of Representatives – District 07

Intern for Rep. Patrick Meehan – January - May 2016 & July - November 2017

I was able to fit in well with the co-workers and immediately contribute to case work and communicating with the constituents. They had me take lead of office upkeep, which consisted of tending the filing cabinets, removing old cases and filing the new and updated issues. Selected twice for the internship and have standing relationships with past supervisors.

Snyderman's Gulf

Operations Manager 2011-2016 (prior to college)

As a family gas station/repair garage my responsibilities were having the gas open to customers during operating hours. There was the ordering products and inventory control, and maintenance of in-ground tanks; the gas pumps I was certified in service and repair. My job abilities allowed for garage work as well. I am an experienced mechanic with 4 years (2007-2011) of education as an apprentice under my father (52 years' experience; 38 years under my grandfather.)

Leadership and Volunteer Experience

The Sacred Seeds Inc. – Sustainable Agriculture & Education Non- Profit.
Assistant Director in Philadelphia – started 2018 – current position

As a startup non-profit for education, nutrition and empowerment, we are in the midst of funding for our Greenhouse to start making these highly nutritious greens for community health initiatives. Major league soccer player from the Toronto Football Club, C.J. Spong, and I have been taking lead on locating financial support to find way to decrease the number of iron deficient children in underprivileged communities. We have the opportunity to work with the Philadelphia community, but also have made presentations and held seminars at James Madison University, Virginia, where C.J. has created a neighborhood soccer park. My job is to gather a following for events to build our support for our localized events. I reach out to schools for education seminars for children and their parents to attend. I also travel for conventions or events that are around the culture that we are involved with, like nutrition, non-profits, and community leadership seminars.

Awards and Acknowledgements

Accepted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Chapter at the Comm. Coll. Of Philadelphia 2017.

Accepted to be a member in Temple University's Sigma Alpha Pi Honors Chapter 2018.

Accepted into the National Society of Leadership and Success 2019.

Honored on Dean's list in Fall of 2020.

Academic Presentations and Conferences

NeMLA – March 2025 – 56th Annual NeMLA Conference – “Common Ground: Du Bois and Fanon's Representation of Identity by Cultural Location”

OAAAGS –April 2023 – 2nd Annual Graduate Student Conference – “Du Bois’ Contributions to Deconstructing Biological ‘Race:’ His Innovative Contribution to the Evolving Subject of ‘Race’ and Early Black Social Sciences”

Languages

Arabic – I can read, write, speak and communicate FusHa, Modern Standard and the Palestinian/Jordanian dialect.

Hebrew – I can read Classical and Religious texts.

Bahasa Indonesia – High Elementary understanding of common conversations and communicating with native speakers