

**EDUCATION**

**SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)**

*August 2013 - May 2017*

*African American Studies, Women & Gender Studies*

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**AREA RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES**

*August 2023 - Present, Director of Grant Initiatives*

- Reviewed and processed invoices for various non-profit grantees with combined operating budgets of \$1.5 million.
- Provided technical assistance to grantees through site visits, check-ins, and feedback on monthly reporting.
- Facilitated contract signing, compliance with grant exhibits, and adherence to state requirements.

**AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE**

*January 2018 – August 2023, St. Louis Peace Program Associate*

- Organized St. Louis area youth around social justice issues, particularly the school to prison pipeline
- Coordinated a youth activist council of twelve members from across the St. Louis region or organized a campaign (Real Student Safety) aimed at raising awareness of gun violence and urging local school boards to shift safety
- Facilitated conflict resolution workshops and restorative justice circles in partner Saint Louis Public Schools with collaborative K-12 teachers leading to 50 suspensions being prevented in 2018-2019 alone.

*June 2022 – September 2022, Interim Director*

- Oversaw program logistics for the local 1–3-person office
- Developed and managed an operating budget of \$283,022 (\$42,010 for programs).
- Coordinated our local training (Freedom School) to raise consciousness of intersectional racism and teach antiracist principles and strategies for high school and college student leaders

**CURE VIOLENCE**

*May 2020 – December 2022, Outreach Associate*

- Collaborated with a team of outreach workers and violence interrupters to reduce gun violence in the Wells-Goodfellow and Hamilton Heights communities leading to a 70% drop in homicides between 2020-2021 ([STLPR, Lippman 2022](#)).
- Led conflict mediation between adverse parties to achieve positive agreements toward peace.
- Coordinated case management of high-risk residents to reduce recidivism
- Organized community events to build relationships, educate the public, and provide information and access to wrap around services
- Designed and developed monthly reports to ensure compliance with contractual measurables.

**FREEDOM COMMUNITY CENTER**

*April 2021 - October 2021, Violence Interventionist*

- Co-facilitated bi-monthly community conversations about violence with survivors, former perpetrators, and residents to promote communal healing
  - Managed residents on their path to a violence free and self-sufficient path as a part of a diversion program through a partnership with the Circuit Attorney's Office that pursued equitable outcomes for justice-involved individuals.
  - Developed a program curriculum for Free Us, an organization initiative that employed anti violence objectives.
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**COMMUNITY AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES/LEADERSHIP**

**THE VILLAGE**

*November 2022 – Present, Volunteer*

- Co-created curriculum around enrichment for young boys (Elementary to High School).
- Conducted research on black male students, education, and community engagement
- Co-developed workshops including “Etiquette for Young Black Men,” “Financial Literacy,” and “Black Men Write Poetry.”

**SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY BLACK STUDENT ALLIANCE**

*May 2016 - May 2017, President*

- Managed a \$27,254 programming budget.
- Led bi-monthly all-group, and weekly leadership meetings

## **METRO ST. LOUIS COALITION FOR INCLUSION AND EQUITY**

*August 2010 – Present, Volunteer*

Helps assist with organizational programming around public health. Previous efforts include community gardening, clean up, block parties, and co-founding Tribe X, a youth-led social justice organization.

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

**WESTERN JOURNAL OF BLACK STUDIES:** *Co-Contributor*

*Winter 2015*

Co-published article titled “Ferguson, USA: A Scholar's Unforeseen Connection and Collision with History.” This work is part of a special issue that looks at social unrest in Ferguson.

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## **AWARDS**

**JAMES D. COLLINS AWARD FOR STUDENT ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:** *Medal Recipient*

*April 2017*

Recognized amongst twenty-one students for scholarship and creativity by the African American Studies program amongst 691 undergraduates within the College of Arts and Sciences at Saint Louis University.

**JAMALA ROGERS YOUNG VISIONARY AWARD:** *Scholarship Recipient*

*October 2014*

Received a \$2,000 educational award by Jamala Rogers, a long-time St. Louis civil rights activist.