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EDUCATION

Institution	Degree	Major
University at Buffalo	<i>PhD in progress</i>	Curriculum, Instruction, and the Science of Learning
Stephens College 2015	Bachelors of Science	Education

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIP

Graduate Fellow at the Center for K-12 Black History and Racial Literacy Education
University at Buffalo Graduate School of Education, Dr. LaGarrett King

Schomburg Fellowship and Graduate Assistantship
University at Buffalo Graduate School of Education

EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS/DISTINCTIONS

Certification: Early Childhood Education
Certification: Elementary Education

Centering Blackness in Teacher Education through the Use of African-American Digital Archives Institute
Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Eastern Region Program, Waynesburg University

Niagara Frontier Reading Council Certificate of Recognition
Niagara Frontier Reading Council (NFRC), 2024

Learning and Instruction Good Trouble, Excellence in Equity, and Social Justice Award *University at Buffalo Graduate School of Education, 2023*

Progress in Education Nominee
Columbia Public School District, 2021

Columbia Fund for Academic Excellence Award
Columbia Public School District, 2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Higher Education

Spring 2023 - Present
 Adjunct Professor

University at Buffalo

Spring 2024 - Summer 2024
 Senior Research Aide

University at Buffalo
 Dr. Tasha Austin

2021-2022
 Cooperating Teacher of Pre-service Teachers

Columbia Public Schools & University of Missouri- Columbia

2018-2019
 Supervisor of Pre-service Teachers

Stephens College

Elementary Education

2019-2022	Kindergarten Teacher	Columbia Public Schools
2020-2021	Lead Kindergarten Social Studies Curriculum Developer	Columbia Public Schools
2019-2022	Mini MACScholars (Multicultural Achievement Committee) Sponsor	Columbia Public Schools
2018-2019	Lead Elementary Classroom Teacher	The Children's School at Stephens College
2015-2018	Elementary Classroom Teacher	The Children's School at Stephens College

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

Books

James, D. (2023). *Beyond February: Teaching Black History Any Day, Every Day, and All Year Long*. Routledge.

Journal Articles

James, D. & King, L.J. (2024). Black history mandates ain't new: (Re)covering and (Re)membering the work of Madeline Morgan. *Theory & Research in Social Education*.

James, D. & Austin, T. (2023). "Community is Wherever I Am": A Sista Circle on Othermotherwork in Teacher Education. *Journal of African American Women and Girls in Education*. (Accepted with revisions).

Pitts, B., **James, D.** & Simmons, G. (2023). [Deconstructing Dread: Teaching through Black histories](#). *Review of Education, Pedagogy, and Cultural Studies*.

Pitts, B. & **James, D.** (2023). Committed to Teaching Black History: Children's Books That Champion Black Historical Consciousness. *Social Studies and the Young Learner*.

Pitts, B. & **James, D.** (2023) [Committed to Teaching Black History: Children's Books that Champion Black Historical Consciousness](#). *Social Studies and the Young Learner*.

Book Chapters

Jones, B., **James, D.**, King, L.J. & Bibbs, D.N. (Submitted, 2023). We have joy but what about rage?: An Examination of the Black History 365 Elementary Textbooks.

Other Publications

James, D. (2024). [Teach Black History Year-Round. Celebrate in February](#). Teacher2Teacher.

Bibbs, D., Henry, A., **James, D.**, Simmons, G. (2024). [The Black History That Moves Us](#). Education Week.

James, D. & Pitts, B. (2023) [Why Not Sign? Classrooms as Sites of d/Deaf and Multilingual Literacy Development](#). *Michigan Reading Journal*.

James, D. (2023) [How to Teach Your Kindergartener About Black History](#). *Pregnancy & Newborn Magazine*. (source).

King, L.J., Simmons, G. & **James, D.** (2023) [How to Teach Black History: A Resource List](#). *Education Week*.

James, D. (2022) [Children Will Ask Questions About Race. How Will Teachers Answer](#)

[Them?](#) *Teach for America.*

James, D. (2021) [A Recipe for Young Historians.](#) *Education Week.*

James, D. (2021) [Motivating Writers Through Blogging \(One Thing You Might Try...\)](#) *Stenhouse Blog.*

Guest Editorships

King, L., Pitts, B., & **James, D.** (2023) [*Social Studies and the Young Learner Special Issue: K-6 Black History Education.*](#)

Works in Progress

Monreal, T. **James, D.** & Ender, T. (2024). Baseball, Race, Latinidad, The Dominican Republic...and Iowa? (Book Chapter)

Refereed Presentations

James, D. (2024). *Who Are Your People?* Presented at the Teaching Black History Conference.

Tulino, D. & **James, D.** (2024). *What's Love Got To Do With It? Two Educators Journeys Towards Educational Justice.* Presented at New England Educational Research Organization.

Simmons, G., King, L.J., & **James, D.** (2024). *What's in a Black History Course? An Examination of High School Black History Syllabi.* Presented at the American Educational Research Association Conference.

Adu-Gyamfi, M., Pitts, B., **James, D.**, Simmons, G., & Tulino, D. (2024). *The Hoped For Illusions in Education and Collaboration.* Presented at the American Educational Research Association Conference.

Monreal, T., **James, D.** & Bassarath, R. (2024). *Where Might Arturo Schomburg Fall in This Standard?: Examining Afro-Latinxs in New York State Social Studies Standards.* Presented at New York State Foundations of Education Association Conference.

Bibbs, D.N. & **James, D.** (2024). *(A)rtificial (I)nvibility: The Erasure of Black Bodies.* Presented at University at Buffalo Graduate School of Education GSE Research Symposium.

Simmons, G., **James, D.** & Pitts, B. (2023). *Dreadful for Whom? Deconstructing Dread in Black History Education.* Presented at College and University Faculty Assembly

Conference.

Bassarath, R., **James, D.** & Monreal, T. (2023). *Where Might Arturo Schomburg Fall in This Standard?: Examining Afro-Latinxs in New York State Social Studies Standards.*

Presented at

College and University Faculty Assembly Conference.

James, D. (2023). *Celebrating Black Voices and Supporting Black Teachers in Teacher Education.* Presented at National Council of Teachers of English Conference.

James, D., Simmons, G., Tulino, D., Pitts, B. & Adu-Gyamfi, M. (2023). *Connections Between Racial Literacy Development, Educators, and Text: K-12 Educators and Texts Supporting a Black Historical Consciousness.* Presented at National Council of Teachers

of

English Conference.

James, D. (2023). *How Does This Connect to Black History? Black History Beyond February.*

Presented at National Council of Teachers of English Conference.

James, D. & Green, E. (2023) *The Power of Picture Books: Integrating Social Studies and Literacy.*

Elementary Classroom. Presented at The Educator Collaborative. Virtual.

James, D. & Pitts, B. (2023). *Welcome to the (Ci)Cypher: Sampling the "Breaks" within Black History Picture Books.* Teaching Black History Conference.

James, D. (2023) *Black History Toolbox: Resources You Need to Teach Black History in the Elementary Classroom.* Presented at The Educator Collaborative. Virtual.

Simmons, G., Adu-Gyamfi, M., Pitts, B., **James, D.**, & Tulino, D. (2023). *Getting closer to "the truth": Racial Literacies in Black History Education.* Presented at the American Educational Research Association Conference.

Pitts, B. & **James, D.** (2022). *K-5 Black History Revolution: Authentically Teaching Black History to our Youngest Scholars.* Presented at the National Council for Social Studies Conference.

King, L., Simmons, G., Pitts, B., **James, D.**, & Tulino, D. (2022) *Black Epistemologies in K-20 Schools: Practices, Problems, and Possibilities, in Black History Instruction.* Presented at the American Educational Studies Association Conference.

James, D. (2022). *Africa, Amazing Africa.* Presented at the Teaching Black History Conference.

James, D. (2021). *Investigating Greenwood with The Black History Club.* Presented at the Teaching Black History Conference. Virtual.

James, D. (2021). *Black to School*. Presented at the Teacher Summer Reboot Conference. Virtual.

James D. (2021). *Bringing Black History into the Classroom*. Presented at the Revolutionary Educator Conference. Virtual.

James, D., Pitts, B., Thompson, T. & Hurley, R. (2020) *Building a Black History Program*. Presented at the Teaching Black History Conference. Virtual.

James, D. (2019) *Celebrating Black History*. Presented at the Teaching Black History Conference.

James, D. (2019) *Bonafide Jabberwalkers*. Presented at the Write to Learn Conference.

James, D. & Clifton, L. (2018). *Defining Literacy: A Literary Journey*. Presented at the Write to Learn Conference.

James, D. (2017). *Teaching Space through Hip Hop*. Presented at the Arts Integration in Education Summit.

Invited Presentations

Speaker. Beyond February. Africana Studies Lecture and Workshop Series XVI. School District of Philadelphia. 2024.

Speaker. Beyond February: How does this connect to Black History? University of Missouri College of Education & Human Development. 2024.

Speaker. Educator Night. Alice Ever After Books. 2024.

Speaker. Going Beyond February Webinar. Multicultural Classroom. 2024.

Keynote Speaker. Teach Black History All Year. Black History Institute. Virtual. 2024

Facilitator. “*Beyond February Book Workshop*”. Center for K-12 Black History and Racial Literacy Education. University at Buffalo. 2023

Facilitator/Keynote. “Black History Toolbox: Teaching Black History Beyond February”. Red Clay Consolidated School District. 2023.

Guest speaker. [“#TeachBlackHistory Any Day, Every Day, and All Year Long”](#). Center for K-12 Black History and Racial Literacy Education Saturday School: Black History Nerds. 2023.

Guest lecturer. “Decolonizing Artificial Intelligence”. University at Buffalo. 2023.

Guest lecturer. "Committed to Teaching Black History". University of Virginia. 2023.

Guest presenter. "Black History Toolbox". Keystone State Literacy Association. 2023.

Guest lecturer. "Inclusion and Community in Schools". University at Buffalo. 2023.

Keynote speaker. Social Studies Coalition of Delaware. 2023.

Guest lecturer. "Appropriate for Whom?" University of North Texas. 2023.

Guest Lecturer. "The Power of Picture Books". University of Missouri- Columbia.

Keynote speaker. National Alliance of Black School Educators Senior Sendoff Ceremony. Virtual. 2023.

Keynote speaker. University of Missouri Teacher Education Conference. Virtual. 2022.

Presenter. Build Your Stack Best Books of the 2021-2022 School Year. Virtual. 2022.

Guest Speaker. "Black Joy in the Classroom". Mid-Missouri Literacies and Languages for All meeting. 2022.

Presenter. "Beyond the Books: Teaching Literacy through Social Studies". Columbia Public Schools Professional Development Day. 2022.

Presenter. "Celebrating Black History Year Round". PBS SoCal. Virtual. 2022.

Facilitator. "Investigating Greenwood with the Black History Club". Art Exhibit. Boone County History & Culture Center. 2021.

Presenter. Black History 365 Webinar. Juneteenth KC. 2021.

Panel presenter. "Teaching Juneteenth with Children's Books with Carole Boston Weatherford and Dr. Amanda Vickery". Lee & Low Books. Virtual. 2021

Panel Presenter. "Beyond Inclusion Ed Talks: Creating a Welcoming Environment for All. Interactive Q & A Panel". Beyond Inclusion. Virtual. 2021.

Presenter. "Black History in Social Studies". Columbia Public Schools Professional Development Day. Virtual. 2021.

Presenter. "Beyond February". Tennessee Council for Social Studies Conference. Virtual. 2021

Presenter. "Celebrating Black History Year Round". PBS SoCal. Virtual. 2021

Keynote Panel Presenter. *A Black Women's History of the United States* Keynote Panel. Teaching Black History Conference. Carter Center. K. Gross, D. Berry, L. Levy, D. James, and J. Hoover. Virtual.

Invited Interviews

UNTenured Podcast. Episode 2: UNBothered. 2024.

Multicultural Classroom. Episode 75: Teaching Black History in K-3. 2023.

The Liberation Lab Podcast. Episode 11: We Are Not An Elective. 2023

WBFO NPR. What's Next? Black History Nerds Unite. 2023.

Black Gaze Podcast. It's Black Brilliance for Me: Black History 365. 2023.

Regenerative Ed Podcast Episode #54: Teaching Black History All Year + Joy Picture Books, and Teaching Kindergartners (and Teachers). 2023.

The TeachHER Podcast Episode 33: Dawnavyn James. 2023.

How to Teach Your Kindergartner About Black History. *Pregnancy and Newborn Magazine*. 2023.

Identity Talk Live Interview: Episode #22 Dawnavyn James. 2023.

Hallway Hideout: Season 3, Episode 6 What's in the Secret Sauce? 2023.

Heartland Pod: Dawnavyn James has a Chat, with Kristine Linke. 2023.

ESSENCE Girls United Interview: How To Provide Emotional Support for Teachers. 2022.

Hallway Hideout: Episode 18 Keys to the Queendom. 2022.

Free Speech with Liberation Lab (Instagram Live). 2021.

Lit Chat Live- Lit is Black: Highlighting Black History, Culture and Experiences in LITeracy with Natasha McDaniel (Instagram Live). 2021.

Black on Black Education Podcast: Episode 58. 2021.

Institutes/Conferences: Attendee

2024 Africana Studies Lecture and Workshop Series XVI (School District of Philadelphia)
New England Educational Research Organization (NEERO)

American Education Research Association Conference (AERA)
New York State Foundations of Education Association Conference

- 2023** Race Research and Justice Early Career Professional Learning Series
National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS)
College and University Faculty Assembly (CUFA)
National Council of Teachers of English Conference (NCTE)
The Educator's Collaborative Fall Gathering (online)
American Education Research Association Conference (AERA)
The Educator's Collaborative Spring Gathering (online)
Teaching Black History Conference
- 2022** National Council for the Social Studies Conference
College and University Faculty Assembly of the National Council for the Social Studies Conference
American Educational Studies Association Conference
Centering Black Children Education Conference (online)
Smithsonian National Education Summit (online)
Teaching Black History Conference
Center for K-12 Black History and Racial Literacy Black History Nerds Saturday School (online)
- 2021** Teaching Black History Conference (online)
Indigenous Peoples' Day Curriculum Teach-In (online)
Carter Center K-12 Black History Education Black History Nerds Saturday School (online)
- 2020** Teaching Black History Conference
- 2019** Teaching Black History Conference, Carter Center
The Write to Learn Conference
- 2018** Teaching Black History Conference
STEM For All Video Showcase
The Write to Learn Conference
Arts Integration and STEAM Online Conference

Courses Taught

Improving Elementary Social Studies

Spring 2023

Graduate Level, University at Buffalo, Graduate School of Education

Fall 2024

Introduction to Education

Undergraduate Level, University at Buffalo

Fall 2023

Spring 2024

Service

President

*University at Buffalo**Learning and Instruction Graduate Student Association*

2024

Communications Chair

College and University Faculty Assembly Graduate Forum

2023 & 2024

Black History Consulting & TrainingRed Clay Consolidated School District
(Delaware)*K-3 Teachers*

March 2024

Red Clay Consolidated School District
(Delaware)*K-3 Teachers*

December 2023

Minnesota Public Schools
*Social Studies & Literacy**K-5 Teachers*

2022-2023

Center for K-12 Black History and Racial
Literacy Education*Book Club Facilitator*

October 2023

Delaware Public Schools
Social Studies Coordinators
K-5

Spring 2023

Red Clay Consolidated School District
(Delaware)*Elementary Educators*

August 2023