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## **PUBLISHED WORKS**

- 2021 - TRANSBRATIONS YouTube show (Host/Producer/Writer 40 episodes)
- 2023 The Eventuality of Justice: Thoughts on the Arrest of Tupac's Alleged Killer Publisher Rock The Bells
- 2022 *Broke Neck Mountain* Emerge: Lambda Fellows Anthology Vol. 7 Publisher Lambda Literary Foundation
- 2021 *I Love You Timothy M. Dean* Black Femme Collective Publisher Eleven 25 Media
- 2018 *Fire Hazard* Emerge: Lambda Fellows Anthology Vol. 3 Publisher Lambda Literary Foundation
- 2017 *I Caught One* Happy Hour anthology Publisher Flashpoint Productions
- 2017 *Morphine* Emerge: Lambda Fellows Anthology Vol. 2 Publisher Lambda Literary Foundation
- 2014 *Ratcliff* The Bronx Memoir Project, Vol. 1 Publisher the Bronx Council on the Arts

## **FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

- 2025 New York State Council on the Arts Individual Artist
- 2025 Intercultural Leadership Institute Fellow (ILI) Year 6
- 2023 City of West Hollywood Rainbow Key Award
- 2023 National Arts and Disability Center Artist Achievement Award
- 2023 Bronx Recognizes Its Own (BRIO) nonfiction award, Bronx Council on The Arts
- 2022 Bronx Documentary Center Film Fellowship (finalist)
- 2017 National Association of Latino Arts & Cultures (NALAC), Leadership Institute (NLI) Fellow
- 2016 Lambda Literary Foundation Fellow (CA) LGBT Emerging Writers Retreat
- 2015 VONA/Voices of Our Nation Arts Foundation Fellow, writing retreat University of Miami, Florida
- 2014 Bronx Recognizes Its Own (BRIO) nonfiction award, Bronx Council on The Arts
- 1993 Discover Card Community Excellence Essay

## **GRANTS**

- 2024 Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs Public Space Activation Fund Arts and Social Wellness
- 2024 Trans Justice Funding Project
- 2023 Trans Justice Funding Project
- 2023 New York State Seed Funding
- 2022 Mayer Foundation
- 2022 New York City Arts Educator Emergency Relief Fund Grant Round III
- 2022 New York City Small Business Resilience Grant
- 2022 City of West Hollywood Transgender Arts Initiative Grant
- 2021 New York City Department of Cultural Affairs City Artist Corps Grant
- 2021 New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA), Barbara and Carl Zydney Grant for disabled artists
- 2021 Cultural Solidarity Fund
- 2021 Center for Cultural Innovation California Quick Grant
- 2021 Arts Activation Fund: Corona Memorials Department of Cultural Affairs City of Los Angeles
- 2021 National Association of Latino Arts & Cultures (NALAC) Actos de Confianza: Relief Grant
- 2021 California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant
- 2021 The Foundation for Contemporary Arts (FCA), Emergency Grant
- 2020 National Arts Disability Center (NADC), Arts & Accessibility Technical Assistance Grant
- 2020 The Foundation for Contemporary Arts (FCA) COVID-19 Relief Fund
- 2020 Queer Writers of Color Relief Fund Grant
- 2020 United States Artists Relief Grant Cycle III

- 2020 Small Business Administration Grant
- 2020 Poets & Writers COVID-19 Relief Artist Grant
- 2020 City of West Hollywood Transgender Artist Initiative Grant
- 2019 Episcopal Actors Guild of America Grant
- 2019 NYC Department of Cultural Affairs SU-CASA
- 2018 California Art Leaders Investments (CALI) Grant
- 2017 National Arts Disability Center (NADC), Arts & Accessibility Technical Assistance Grant
- 2017 Creative Capacity Fund's Quick Grant
- 2016 Episcopal Actors Guild of America Grant
- 2016 National Arts Disability Center (NADC), Arts & Accessibility Technical Assistance Grant
- 2015 Change Inc. Grant, Robert Rauschenberg Foundation
- 2015 National Arts Disability Center (NADC), Arts & Accessibility Technical Assistance Grant
- 2015 Mayer Foundation Grant
- 2013 Actors Fund of America Grant

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2024 The Association of Writers & Writing Programs Conference Community Scholarship
- 2021 Lambda Literary Foundation LGBTQ Emerging Writers Retreat Virtual Scholar
- 2016 Bryn Kelly Scholarship, Lambda Literary Foundation

## CERTIFICATES & PROCLAMATIONS

- 2024 Senator Anthony J. Portantino (D-CA 25th District) Certificate of Recognition
- 2024 Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas (D-CA 28th District) Certificate of Recognition
- 2024 Los Angeles County Board Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell Proclamation
- 2024 Los Angeles City Councilman Curren D. Price Jr, Certificate of Recognition
- 2024 Congresswoman Judy Chu (D-CA 28th District) Certificate of Heroism
- 2024 Assemblyman Rick Chavez Zbur (51st Assembly District) Certificate of Recognition

## RESIDENCIES

- 2025 The Chateau d'Orquevaux Artists & Writers Residency & The Denis Diderot Grant
- 2023 18<sup>th</sup> Street Arts Center (CA)
- 2021 Lambda Literary Foundation LGBTQ Emerging Writers Retreat
- 2019 Springboard for the Arts, Hinge Artists Residency (MN)
- 2018 Sundress Academy for Arts, Writer in Residence (TN)
- 2017 Lambda Literary Foundation LGBTQ Writing Residency, Otis College of Art & Design (CA)

## READINGS

- 2025 *Show Me Love* at BAAD! (NY)
- 2021 Tupac Shakur's 25th Death Anniversary Tribute, *The Rose that Grew from Concrete* Zoom
- 2021 Lambda Literary Scholars Zoom
- 2021 Tupac Shakur's 50th Birthday Celebration, *The Rose that Grew from Concrete* Zoom
- 2021 *Honoring our Trancestors*, City of West Hollywood Zoom
- 2021 Fifth Annual Black Queer Studies Lecture, College of Staten Island CUNY Zoom
- 2020 Remembering Rodney Glen King, *The Riot Within* Zoom
- 2020 Lambda Literary LitFest *Sex & The Body* Zoom
- 2019 Transvisionaries, BAAD! (NY)
- 2019 Springboard for the Arts, Hinge Artists Residency (MN)
- 2018 New School University (NY)
- 2018 McNally Jackson Bookstore (NY)
- 2018 Persistent Voices and Reimagine End of Life Event Series, BAAD! (NY)
- 2018 First Mondays, Performance Space (NY)

- 2018 Sundress for the Arts, Firefly Farms (TN)
- 2017 National Association of Latino Arts & Cultures Leadership Institute (TX)
- 2017 Lambda Literary LGBT Writing Retreat, Otis College Art/Design (CA)
- 2017 Transvisionaries, BAAD! (NY)
- 2017 Lambda Literary Fellows Emerge anthology reading, Marvin's Bar (DC)
- 2016 Lambda Literary LGBT Writing Retreat, University Southern California
- 2015 Bronx Scribe Stories, BAAD! (NY)
- 2015 Voices of Our Nation Arts Foundation, VONA, University of Miami (FL)
- 2014 Bronx Literary Festival, Bronx Public Library (NY)

## SELECTED PANELS, TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 The 25th anniversary of Transgender Day of Remembrance, honoring Meraxes Medina (CA)
- 2024 National LGBTQ Institute on Intimate Partner Violence LGBTQ+ Survivor Leadership Summit (CA)
- 2024 In Full Bloom Transcending Gender film screening and Q & A @ BAAD! (NY)
- 2023 Gig Worker Learning Project Participatory Analysis Research Workshop Session 1 (virtual)
- 2023 The Workers Lab & Aspen Institute *Future of Work Initiative* Virtual
- 2022 *TRANSBRATIONS @* the Connie Norman Transgender Empowerment Center (CA)
- 2021 *Demystifying Artists Grants* Panel Zoom
- 2020 Lambda Literary Foundation Lit Fest *Sex Body & Politics* Zoom
- 2019 *Bow Down Kink Out @* Leslie Lohman Museum (NY)
- 2019 Alliance of Artist Communities Conference Rural Residences Artist Engagement (MN)
- 2017 National Association of Latino Arts & Culture (NALAC), Leadership Institute (NLI) (TX)

## EDUCATION

- 2015 Fundraising Fundamentals Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (NY)
- 2008 West Los Angeles City College (CA)
- 1997 Santa Monica City College (CA)
- 1996-1997 California State University Los Angeles, Radio TV & Film Broadcasting (CA)

## TEACHING & WORKSHOPS

- 2022 Pen Americas Prison Writing Program Mentor (NY)
- 2019 Write On! (20-week course) Boston Road Senior Citizen Center (NY)

## AWARDS JUROR & GRANTS PANELIST

- 2023 Pittsburgh Foundation 2nd annual Exposure Artist grants panelist
- 2023 Pittsburgh Foundation 13th annual Advancing Black Arts Is Pittsburgh (ABAP) grants panelist
- 2023 National Association of Latino Arts Cultures (NALAC), Fund for the Arts (NFA)
- 2022 Bronx Council on the Arts grants panelist
- 2021 West Hollywood Arts & Cultural Affairs grants panelist
- 2020 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards juror
- 2019 Lambda Literary Foundation awards juror
- 2016-2018 New York State Council on the Arts grants panelist
- 2017 Lambda Literary Foundation awards juror
- 2017 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards juror
- 2015 Brooklyn Art Council grants panelist
- 2015 Bronx Council on the Arts grants panelist
- 2015 Queens Art Council grants panelist

## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2024 Shepherd's Door Domestic Violence Resource Center Board Member(CA)
- 2015 Lambda Literary Foundation (NY)
- 2013 Transgender Legal Defense Education Fund (TLDEF) Name Change Project (NY)
- 2007 Actors Fund of America (CA)
- 2006 West Hollywood Food Coalition (CA)
- 2005 Magic Johnson Foundation (CA)
- 2005 Heal The Bay (CA)
- 2002 Trace Magazine (NY)

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