

Curriculum Vitae
Charlene A. Carruthers

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in African American Studies

Present

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Washington University in St. Louis

St. Louis, MO

Master of Social Work

August 2009

Concentration in Urban Development and Public Policy

Illinois Wesleyan University

Bloomington, IL

B.A. in History & International Studies

May 2007

TEACHING & TRAINING EXPERIENCE

- Lecturer, Black Lives Matter Movement Course, co-taught with Dr. Barbara Ransby, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Instructor, Community Organizing Concentration, Engage Chicago, Northwestern University
- Lead Facilitator, Black Seed Project, Minnesota
- Campus Camp Wellstone Trainer, Wellstone Academy
- Leadership Team, Trainer and Coach, New Organizing Institute New Media BootCamp
- Faculty, Center for Progressive Leadership
- Vote Program Curriculum Developer & Trainer, Young People For & People for the American Way

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *Unapologetic: A Black, Queer and Feminist Mandate for Our Movement*, Beacon Press, (non-fiction book)
- *Toni Morrison's Work Taught Us That Blackness is Queer*, Out.com (online)
- *Why and How I Am Choosing to Be a Mother*, Zora.medium.com (online)
- *Remnants of Survival: Black Women and Legacies of Defiance*, essay in *The Burden: African Americans and the Enduring Impact of Slavery*, Wayne State Press (anthology)
- *In Defense of Korryn Gaines, Black women and Children*, Colorlines.com (online)
- *Hearing Assata Shakur's Call: A Black Feminist Reflection on "To My People,"* Women's Studies Quarterly (print)
- *Black Study and Black Struggle: Response to Robin D.G. Kelley*, The Boston Review (online and print)

SELECTED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- University of Alabama at Birmingham, Unapologetic by Charlene Carruthers Book Reading and Discussion, 2019
- University of California Berkeley, 400 Years of Resistance to Slavery and Injustice Symposium, Panelist, 2019
- Stanford University, "Freedom Dreaming In the 21st Century," African and African American Studies Program 50th Anniversary, Keynote Speaker, 2018
- Minnesota State University, "Unapologetic: A Black, Queer and Feminist Mandate for Our Movement," Pan-African Conference, Keynote Speaker, 2018
- Yale University, PRIDE Opening Event, Keynote Speaker, 2018
- North Carolina State University, "Our Voices, Our Bodies, Our Stories," Keynote Speaker, 2018
- National Women's Studies Association, Combahee Revisited, Movement for Black Lives & Current State of Black Feminist Organizing and Leadership: Intergenerational Conversation Opening Plenary, Co-Presenter, 2017
- American Sociological Association 111th Annual Meeting, "Protesting Racism" Plenary, Co-Presenter, 2016
- Illinois Wesleyan, "Killing the Black Imagination," Keynote Speaker, 2016
- Wellesley College, "A New Black Activism," Keynote Speaker, 2015
- Barnard College, "Girls Behind Bars: Black girls and the school-to-prison pipeline," Co-Presenter, 2015
- University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, "Finding Us in Ferguson: A Community Conversation," Keynote Speaker, 2014
- Governor State University, "21st Century Activism through Solidarity," Keynote Speaker
- California State University Monterey Bay, "Justice and Freedom for All Black People," Keynote Speaker

FELLOWSHIPS

- Mellon Cluster Fellowship in Gender and Sexuality, Northwestern University, Present
- Presidential Freedom Scholar, Marguerite Casey Foundation, Present
- 2019 – 2020 Annenberg Innovation Lab Civic Media Fellow, University of Southern California
- 2019 Roddenberry Fellow, Roddenberry Foundation
- 2018-2019 Leading from the Inside Out Fellow, Rockwood Leadership Institute
- 2017-2018 Social Change Initiative Fellow
- 2015-2016 Arcus Leadership Fellowship, Arcus Foundation
- 2012-2013 Front Line Leadership Academy, People for the American Way, Young People For
- 2011-2012 New Leaders Council Fellow, New Leadership Council

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2017 YWCA Dr. Dorothy Height Award
- 2017 Young Alumni of the Year, Illinois Wesleyan University
- 2016 Vernita Gray Community Activist Award, National Organization of Women –

- Chicago Chapter
- 2016 The GOOD 100 2015 Front Line Human Rights Defender, Dublin Platform for Human Rights Defenders
- 2015, 2016, 2017 The Root 100 List
- 2015 Organizer of the Year, New Organizing Institute
- 2015 Trailblazer Award National Coalition of 100 Black Women

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chicago Center for Leadership and Transformation (CCLT)

Chicago, IL

Founder and Executive Director

- The CCLT is a locally rooted and nationally connected leadership training organization for Black, Brown, AAPI and Indigenous social justice activists and community organizers who are committed to the project of collective liberation.

Black Youth Project 100 (BYP100)

Chicago, IL

National Director

November 2013 - December 2018

- Led the strategic direction and fundraising for a national organization of young Black activists organizing chapters in eight states across the country, across national partnerships and collaborations.

National People's Action

Chicago, IL

Director of Online Engagement

February 2013 - November 2013

- Served as lead digital strategist at a national network of over 30 grassroots organizations with over 40 years of fighting for economic and racial justice.

ColorOfChange.org

New York, NY

Campaign Manager

January 2012 - February 2013

- Developed strategy and created targeted, rapid response online campaigns engaging over 800,000 members in voter protection, media accountability, corporate accountability and criminal justice.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Ultraviolet, Senior Advisor
- Women's Media Center, Special Project Manager
- Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law, Program Coordinator
- Campus Camp Wellstone Trainer, Wellstone Academy
- Leadership Team, Trainer and Coach, New Organizing Institute New Media BootCamp
- Faculty, Center for Progressive Leadership
- Vote Program Curriculum Developer & Trainer, Young People For & People for the

- American Way
- Online Communications Strategy Consultant, Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

- Democracy Now!: Handcuffed While Dying: Police Killing of Black Teenager Paul O'Neal Sparks Protests in Chicago
<https://www.facebook.com/BYP100/videos/1177424348975561/>
- In These Times: Not Your Grandfather's Black Freedom Movement: An Interview with BYP100's Charlene Carruthers
<http://inthesetimes.com/article/18755/charlene-carruthers-on-byp200-Laquan-McDonald-and-police-violence>
- The Cairo Review: Black Power
<https://www.thecairoreview.com/q-a/black-power/>
- GOOD Magazine: The leader of unapologetically black activism
<https://www.good.is/features/issue-36-charlene-carruthers>
- CNN: An Inclusive Vision of Black Activism
<http://www.cnn.com/videos/politics/2015/08/04/disruptors-charlene-carruthers-black-youth-project-100-origwx-bw.cnn>