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Bachelor of Science in Education, Cleveland State University, *Cum Laude*, 1995

Professional Summary

Versatile storyteller with decades of experience as an actor, award-winning writer, and independent publisher. Proven ability to craft compelling content across media platforms and engage diverse audiences. Adept at editorial leadership, public communication, and performance.

ACTING EXPERIENCE

Commercial and Theatrical Actor, New York City

1980–1991, 2017–2024

WRITING & EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

- *EastCleveland.org* — Website Developer, Designer, Administrator, Content Creator (2013–2021)
- American Greetings — Greeting Card Writer and Editor (Twice Awarded) (1995–2010)
- *Lotus Sutra Buddhism* on Substack — Content Creator (Spring 2025–present)
- *The East Cleveland Narrator* — Publisher and Writer (2014–2015)
- *Greater University Circle Neighborhood Voice* — Writer and Photojournalist (2010–2012)
- *Plain Dealer* — Guest Commentator (2000, 2013)
- PreMedia Global — Copy Editor (2011)
- *Highlights for Children* Magazine — Editorial Consultant (2007)
- Forest Hill Publishing, LLC — Publisher and Founder (2004–present)
- *Span Connection* (SPAN) — Contributing Writer (2005)
- *Catalyst-Cleveland* — Contributing Writer (1999)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS (Selected Publications)

- *Taneesha Never Disparaging*, Wisdom Publications (2008)
- *A History of the Civil Rights Movement*, Mason Crest Publications (2012)
- *Malik Had a House*, Learning A-Z (2011)
- Teen Health manuscript (w/ Dr. Linda Bradley, M.D.), Cleveland Clinic Press (2006–2011)

CONTRIBUTING AUTHOR OR EDITOR

- *Children's Writers Guide to 2009*, Institute of Children's Literature (2009)
- *Gumbo for the Soul*—The Recipe for Literacy in the African-American Community, Gumbo for the Soul Publications (2007)
- *Illuminations: Expressions of the Spiritual Experience*, Ten Speed Press (2006)
- Editor, *LeBron James—King of the Court* by B.J. Robinson, Forest Hill Publishing (2005)