

# TOKEYA C. GRAHAM, EdD (she/her)

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## CONTACT INFORMATION



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## AREAS OF SPECIALTY

- Anti-Racism and Racial Equity
- Composition, Creative Writing, and Literature
- Curriculum Design
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Education and Executive Leadership
- Strategic Planning

## WORK HISTORY

Soulustainable Living LLC

**Founder/Equity & Inclusion Strategist/Executive Coach** 2019 – Present

Monroe Community College

**English Professor** 2007 – Present

## RELEVANT COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT SERVICE

- ENG/PHL Dept. Student Awards Committee, 2021 – Present
- Future of the Downtown Campus Steering Committee, 2023 – 2024
- Human Services and Education Department, Hiring Committee, May 2023 – Present
- Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (TRHT) Campus Center Planning Committee, 2022 – Present
- Monroe Community College Strategic Planning Leadership Team, 2021 – 2022
- “Who Have I Served Today?” Co-Facilitator, 2020 – 2022
- African American Affinity Group (3AG)
  - Vice Chair, Aug. 2023 - Present
  - Secretary, 2017 – Jul. 2023
- Black Student Union at the Downtown Campus Advisor, 2011 – Present
- Striving Towards Acceptance, Equity & Inclusion Group, Co-Facilitator, 2017 – 2018
- Dr. Alice H. Young Diversity Internship Program Redesign, 2016 – 2022
- Monroe Community College Foundation Grants Committee, 2017 – 2018
- Monroe Community College Diversity Council, 2012 – 2016
- Monroe Community College Middle States Steering Committee, 2014 – 2015

## **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION PRESENTATIONS**

- “Surviving Pregnancy,” Keynote, First Annual Black Maternal Conference, Gather Our Collective Healing, 2024
- “Black Women Entrepreneurs,” Keynote, Economic Empowerment & Entrepreneur Expo, The Legacy Drama House, 2024
- “A Journey to Healing: Woman to Woman,” Keynote, BIPOC PEEEEEEK Partners in Community Development Women’s Brunch, 2024
- “Intersectionality,” Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys, 2022
- “When and Where We Enter: Black Women Faculty and the Politics of Care,” Monroe Community College, 2021
- “There Are Levels to This: Working Toward Racial Equity,” University of Rochester Medicine: Pediatric Behavioral Health & Wellness, 2021
- “What Does a Commitment to Equity-Minded Pedagogy and Social Justice Look Like?,” Monroe Community College, 2021
- “How Can We Best Address Equity Issues Raised by the Pandemic for Education?,” Colloquium Presenter, University of Rochester, 2020
- “An Opening ‘Talk to Teachers’,” Teaching and Creativity Center, Monroe Community College, 2020
- “Get on Board: Building Inclusive Practices for an Equity-Minded Board of Directors,” Greater Rochester Association of Women Attorneys, 2020
- “Anti-Blackness: Pogroms, Lynchings, and Other Aggressions” Long Table Discussion Panelist, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Arts: Activating Arts and Justice, 2020
- “The Fragility of Freedom: A Virtual Long Table Conversation” Long Table Discussion Panelist, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Arts: Activating Arts and Justice, 2020
- “#BlackLivesMatter: Black History Month Presentation,” Alfred State College, 2020
- “James Baldwin’s America: Race and Modern Society,” Filling Station, 2019
- “Building an Inclusive Classroom,” Genesee Community College, 2019
- “Inclusive Literature for Educators,” Writers & Books, 2019
- “Rebuilding Community Amid Societal Unrest,” Keynote, Students of Color Leadership Summit, St. Bonaventure University, 2019
- “The Etymology of the N-Word and Other Racial Slurs,” St. Bonaventure University, 2018
- “Cool It Now: James Baldwin’s America,” Monroe Community College Humanities Institute, 2018
- “Cultural Competence in Literature,” Genesee Community Charter School, 2018
- “Cultural Competence in Literature,” Pittsford Central School District, 2018
- “Integrating Materials with Diverse Identities and Perspectives,” Panelist, Monroe Community College Winter Teaching Institute, 2018
- “Crafting a Culturally Competent Curriculum,” Webster Central School District, 2017
- *I Am Not Your Negro* Film Discussion “RABJ Black Cinema Series,” Panelist, Rochester Association of Black Journalists, 2017

## PANEL FACILITATOR

- “Soulstainable Living Presents The Women Gather: Conversations—Body Positivity,” 2024
- “Soulstainable Living Presents The Women Gather: Conversations—(Peri)Menopause,” 2024
- “Interview with Senator Samra Brouk,” Private Fundraiser, 2022
- “Critical Race Theory: How a Legal Framework Became a Political Flashpoint,” University of Rochester, 2021
- “Women Supporting Women,” Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Monroe Community College, 2019
- “Makes Me Wanna Holler: The Healing Power of Justice and Love Through the Lens of African American Literature,” Clergy Mental Health Consultation, Office of Mental Health Promotion, Department of Psychiatry, University of Rochester Medical Center, 2019
- “Cultural Awareness: Why We Need It,” Urban Suburban Program, 2019
- “A Divided City: Navigating Race, Gender, and Class in the Rustbelt,” *The Ladder* Literary Conference, Writers & Books, 2018
- *Black Women’s Book Festival*, 2017
- *Voices of Experience*, Women’s Foundation of Genesee Valley, 2015 – 2018
- *Rochester’s Black Author Expo*, 2015 – 2018

## PUBLICATIONS

- *Soulstainable Living: The Magazine Nov/Dec 2023*, Soulstainable Living, 2023
- *Soulstainable Living: The Magazine Sep/Oct 2023*, Soulstainable Living, 2023
- *Collective Impact Youth Summit Self-Care Journal*, ROC the Future, 2022
- “If Only for a Moment...Today,” *Upstate Gospel Magazine*, May 2020
- “Leaders: We Need Transparency, Policy Change, and Action,” *Democrat and Chronicle*, Guest Essay, 2020
- “5 Women I Admire,” Path to Excellence Magazine, September 2019
- “Black Lives Matter: An Obituary,” *Lake Effect Magazine*, Summer 2018
- “8 Women of Color on Whether Women’s History Month Matters,” *Bustle*, 2017

## PRODUCTIONS/CREATIVE PRESENTATIONS

- *Soulstainable Living Presents...The Women Gather: Conversations*, 2024
- *Poetry & Jazz* Featured Poet, Just Poets & The Little Theatre, June 2023
- *When and Where We Enter: Black Women Writers + Intersectional Arts Activism*, w/ We All Write, Seneca Falls Dialogues, 2018
- *We All Write Presents BirthWrite*, Rochester Fringe Festival, Co-Writer/Performer w/ We All Write, 2018/2017
- “Civil Writes: Remembering MLK,” w/ We All Write, St. John Fisher College, 2018
- “#BlackWomenMagic,” w/ We All Write, Pittsford Mendon, 2018
- “And Ain’t I a Woman? A Long Table Conversation,” 21<sup>st</sup> Century Arts, 201

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- *The Avenue Blackbox Theatre*, Board of Directors, Co-Chair, Aug. 2023 – Present
- *Roc Women's Business Center*, Advisory Board of Directors, Chair, June 2023 – Present
- *Democratic Legislative District 25* Committee
  - Chair, 2022 – Present
  - Member, 2016 – Present
- *Charity ROCs*, Founder, 2012 – Present
- *Writers & Books*, Artistic Advisory Committee, 2022
- *The Hub585*, Board of Directors
  - Board Chair, 2021 – 2022
  - Board Secretary, 2021
- *Women's Foundation of Genesee Valley*
  - After School Literacy Program and Voices of Experience, Chair, 2014 – 2020
  - Board of Directors, 2011 – 2016
- *Common Ground Health*, Community Engagement African American Team, 2020
- *The Avenue Black Box Theatre*, Literary Curator, 2018 – 2022
- *Democrat and Chronicle*, Time to Educate, Expert Advisory Panel, 2018 – 2020

## AWARDS/HONORS

- *James and Bessie Hamm Award*, The Black Storytelling League of Rochester, NY, 2024
- *Jacqui Cady Annual Advocacy for Children Award*, Roc the Future Alliance, 2023
- *The Seven Pearls of Excellence in Education Award*, Theta Omega Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., 2022
- *Social Activist Award*, The Reentry for Community Development Center, 2020
- *Raymond L. Graves Community Service Award*, Black Student Caucus, Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School, 2020
- *Keeper of the Flame*, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, 2019
- *Arts Award*, The Rochester Chapter of the Links, 2019
- *Professional Women's Award*, The Rochester Genesee Valley Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc., 2019
- *Women of Excellence*, Rochester Business Journal, 2019
- *Leadership Award*, Women's Foundation of Genesee Valley, 2018
- *Young Professional Finalist*, ATHENA Awards, 2017
- *Community Service Award*, BreakThru Magazine, 2016

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES

- *Life Coaching Certification*, Felix Harder
- *Wellness Coaching Certification*, Felix Harder
- *Adult Mental Health, First Aid USA*, National Council for Mental Wellbeing
- *Advanced Equity Literacy Facilitator*, Equity Literacy Institute
- *Equity Literacy Facilitator*, Equity Literacy Institute

- *Diversity and Inclusion*, Certificate, Cornell University
- *Mentors in Violence Prevention*, Certificate, Monroe Community College
- *SafeZone Project (LGBTQ+)*, Certificate, Monroe Community College
- *STARS Project (Military)*, Certificate, Monroe Community College
- *Reading + Discussion Group* Facilitator training, Humanities NY
  - James Baldwin Scholar-Facilitator
  - Audre Lorde Scholar-Facilitator

## **ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

Greater Rochester Health Foundation, Healthy and Equitable Futures

**Racial Equity Consultant** 2021 – Present

University of Rochester/East EPO, Step to College

**Curriculum Coordinator and ELA Instructor, Summer Boot Camp** 2019 – Present

WAYO LP 104.3 FM and WGMC Jazz 90.1 FM

**Host, Weekly Soulustainable Living Radio Show (volunteer)** 2017 – Present

## **EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Education (EdD) Educational Leadership (Higher Education focus)**

Warner Graduate School of Education at University of Rochester

*Tyll van Geel Leadership Award Winner*

**Master of Arts (MA) – English**

The School of Arts and Sciences at University of Rochester

**Bachelor of Science (BS), Summa Cum Laude – English (Creative Writing track)**

State University of New York at Brockport

**Associate of Applied Science (AAS) with Distinction – Human Services**

Monroe Community College