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Black Atlanta Documented Premieres First Episode: “What Is Black Atlanta Documented?”



ATLANTA, GA – March 16, 2026 – A new digital platform dedicated to preserving the voices and stories that define Black Atlanta debuts today with the premiere episode of **Black Atlanta Documented (BAD)**, titled “**What Is Black Atlanta Documented?**”

The inaugural episode features an in-depth conversation between BAD Founder and Executive Producer **Dr. Janita Poe** and Consulting Producer **Vince “The Voice” Bailey**, introducing audiences to the initiative’s mission to document the people, institutions, and communities that have shaped what is often called the “Mecca of the South.”

Through an engaging dialogue, Poe and Bailey discuss why capturing Black Atlanta’s story in real time is both historically important and culturally urgent.

“Black Atlanta has played an outsized role in shaping American culture, politics, business, and civil rights,” Poe said. “But too often, the responsibility for preserving our story has been left to others. **Black Atlanta Documented exists so that we can document our own history—in our own voices—for future generations.**”

The episode also addresses the broader national context in which BAD is emerging. As political opposition to diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives grows across the country, Poe says independent platforms dedicated to documenting Black experiences are becoming increasingly vital.

“In an era when some institutions are backing away from conversations about systemic racism and Black achievement, **projects like Black Atlanta Documented are not just important—they are essential to preserving an accurate historical record,**” Poe said.

Black Atlanta Documented is designed as a living digital archive that blends journalism, oral history, and multimedia storytelling. The initiative documents Atlanta's historic institutions, influential leaders, and emerging voices through interviews, research, and visual storytelling.

During the premiere episode, Poe and Bailey also preview several individuals with interviews in the can as well as several the initiative has in the pipeline..

The project has already generated strong early momentum online. Its first seven YouTube Shorts have averaged more than **71,000 views each**, signaling growing interest in a platform dedicated to preserving Atlanta's Black legacy while documenting the city's present.

BAD's leadership team includes Bailey as Consulting Producer along with almost two dozen journalists, scholars, political leaders and Atlanta-based cultural influencers who are helping build the platform.

Together, they hope to create a digital resource that will serve local audiences while also becoming a valuable archive for students, researchers, and members of the global African diaspora interested in Atlanta's outsized cultural and political influence.

How to Watch and Connect

Watch the premiere episode, **“What Is Black Atlanta Documented?”** and follow the project's growing archive of interviews and stories.

Website: blackatlantadocumented.com

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Media Interviews: Dr. Janita Poe and select contributors are available for interviews.

About Black Atlanta Documented (BAD)

Founded by Dr. Janita Poe, Black Atlanta Documented is a multimedia storytelling initiative dedicated to documenting the people, institutions, and communities that define Black Atlanta. Through digital media, oral histories, and interviews, BAD aims to become the premier online destination for Black Atlanta stories past and present.