

To inspire more Americans to support Black-owned businesses...

To stimulate more supplier diversity in corporate America...

To support companies that depend on diverse suppliers...

To economically empower their community...

One African American family made a year-long commitment to shop only from Black-owned businesses

Author Maggie Anderson has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, BET News and CBS Morning News, among many other national television and radio shows. She has become the leader of a 'conscious consumerism' movement that supports quality black businesses and mainstream companies with substantive supplier diversity.

"[A] dynamite subject ... an effective probe into how African Americans spend so much money that flows so overwhelmingly out of their community." — *Publishers Weekly* 

"Both heart-wrenching reality check and urgent call to action, *Our Black Year* is an inspiring and often mind-bending case study of what it takes to make self-help economics a reality of day-to-day living for African Americans. The economic odyssey of the Anderson family is nothing short of heroic."

-ALFRED EDMOND JR., editor-at-large, Black Enterprise

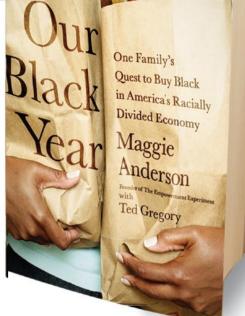
"An important book that provides a path for others to follow." —MARC MORIAL, president and CEO, National Urban League

"An eye-opening book that should be read by anyone interested in the nation's racial and economic divide." —Huntington News

"Blistering, honest... [a] clear-eyed perspective on how African Americans got to where they are today." —Book Page

"Anderson's book successfully illuminates the roadblocks faced by Black business owners and the racial divide that continues to persist in the U.S. economy... [T] his book will appeal to students of sociology and economics as well as those looking for inspiration to effect positive change in their communities."

-Library Journal



"The Empowerment Experiment is a movement that the African American community needs to embrace.

-RON BUSBY SR., president, U.S. Black Chamber, Inc.

"Thank God for this level of commitment to our Black community. Our Black Year is an incredible documentation of what we all could do, if we just made up our minds to do it."

-CATHY HUGHES, founder/chairperson, Radio/TV One, Inc.

Speaker/Media Credentials, 2009-2023 – Margarita Anderson, CEO, The Empowerment Experiment, and Author, Our Black Year



### **BIO/ ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ AWARDS**

#### FOUNDER, THE EMPOWERMENT EXPERIMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

AUTHOR, OUR BLACK YEAR: ONE FAMILY'S QUEST TO BUY BLACK IN AMERICA'S RACIALLY DIVIDED ECONOMY

In 2009, global media covered Maggie Anderson, Congressman John Lewis' former aide, President Barack Obama's former law student, and a successful corporate executive, as she lived out her public pledge to "buy Black" exclusively for an entire year. This stand was a major sacrifice. Her family was threatened. Her mother was dying of pancreatic cancer the whole year through, and died shortly afterward. She was raising two toddlers. There was no Black owned grocery store. Maggie's historic year AKA "The Empowerment Experiment" resulted in a landmark Kellogg study proving nearly 1 million new jobs could be created if Black owned firms received a small increase in support; her critically acclaimed book, *Our Black Year*; tens of millions in revenue for and deposits into Black owned businesses and banks; and an unprecedented amount of mainstream media, university, and corporate attention specifically on Black owned businesses, systemic racism in the American economy, and economic inequality.

*Publishers Weekly* called Our Black Year, "Dynamite!" and "an effective probe into how African Americans spend so much money that overwhelmingly leaves their communities." *Library Journal* raved, "Anderson's book successfully illuminates the racial divide that continues to persist in the U.S. economy...appeals to those looking for inspiration to effect positive change in their communities." *Book Page* added, "Blistering. Honest...Offering a clear-eyed perspective on how African Americans got to where they are and what they can do to support black business owners." Marc Morial (CEO, National Urban League) called it "An important book...a path for others to follow". Alfred Edmond (Editor in Chief, *Black Enterprise*) stated, "the Andersons' economic odyssey is nothing short of heroic." "Thank God for this level of commitment to our Black community," said Cathy Hughes, owner of Radio One/ TV One. Since taking her stand, Maggie has given thousands of speeches and interviews hosted by the most respected corporations, universities, trade/ professional/ faith/ civic and rights institutions, and media. Millions have shed tears while taking notes as she teaches the victorious yet violent history of Black owned businesses and Black economic unity; preaches about economic justice and empowerment; and shares The Empowerment Experiment, and how it has since changed and 'saved' her life, powering her through life-threatening bouts against a rare form of muscular dystrophy in 2015, and cancer, in 2021.

For her sustained activism, inspirational life story and her hard-hitting speeches, she was chosen by BET and Centric TV as one of "The Most Fascinating Women of 2016", and the YWCA as "The Women of the Year" for her work countering racism in the economy. Other distinctions include the Stacey Hall Humanitarian Award (presented by Kansas State University), the President's Award (presented by National Association of Market Developers), the Madame CJ Walker Trailblazer Award (presented by the National Council of Black Women 100), the Black Brilliance and Advocacy Award (presented by the Harvard Black Law Student Association), just to name a few. Maggie continues to receive numerous honors, proclamations and awards from the most elite and iconic civic and professional organizations, universities, corporations, municipalities and rights groups such as the National Bar Association, the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, Harvard University, New York Life, and many more.

Her most recent campaign - created in response to the wave of activism after the murder of George Floyd - is the Black Owned Hair Care Challenge ("BOHCC"), an empowerment and education campaign to restore the Black hair care industry's indisputable capacity to create much needed jobs, wealth, entrepreneurship, and economic unity in the Black community. The BOHCC is funded by Maggie's foundation, The Empowerment Experiment Foundation, Inc. (a 501c3).

Maggie, a native of Liberty City in Miami, Florida and the first American-born child of Cuban immigrants, has a BA from Emory University; and a Juris Doctor (JD) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Chicago. She lives in Oak Park, Illinois with her husband of 23 years, John C. Anderson (AB, Harvard University, 1993; MBA, Kellogg Graduate School of Management, 1999) and their teen daughters, Cori and Cara.

### RESUME

# EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts (BA), Political Science, Emory University, 1993

Juris Doctor (JD), Concentrations in Securities, M&A, Intellectual Property, University of Chicago, 1998 Master of Business Administration (MBA), Majors in Strategy and Economics, University of Chicago, 2001

## WORK EXPERIENCE

2012 – Present, Author, "Our Black Year"
2008 – Present, CEO & Founder, The Empowerment Experiment (EE) and The EE Foundation
2006 – 2009, Vice President, Marketing & Strategy, Diversity Spectrum; and Senior Consultant – Stax Consulting, Inc.
(both were part-time, working while at home with two infant daughters)
2004 – 2006 – Stay at home Mother
2001–2004, Corporate Strategy Manager, CEO's Speechwriter – McDonald's Corporation

# DESCRIPTION OF EXPERTISE AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION/TOPIC

Via the press coverage, the compelling story of the family's stand and sacrifice, and the credibility of the historic experiment, Maggie and her family articulated and proved the importance of self-help economics in the Black community and increased awareness about how the lack of local businesses and professionals leads to the social crises that disproportionately impact Black families and neighborhoods. Their stand and experiment have also created a call to action for American consumers of all backgrounds who care about underserved minority communities to work together so that these families, entrepreneurs and neighborhoods can depend less on government intervention to resolve the problems - and to instead drive more direct investment in minority communities via investing in representative and substantive supplier, franchisee, vendor and dealer diversity.

In 2011, Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management completed the landmark study based on their experiment; and Maggie finished her book, *Our Black Year*. The book, represented by William Morris Endeavor, the largest talent agency in the world, released in February 2012 and receives rave reviews from icons like Cathy Hughes, Marc Morial and Alfred Edmond, along with *Publishers Weekly, Book Today*, and *Library Journal*.

When Maggie speaks and lectures about *Our Black Year*, she offers a story and hard-earned wisdom that no one else can. She draws from the unsung story and success of Black owned businesses and neighborhoods in America; Dr. Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement, and how Black entrepreneurship, economic solidarity, and business success helped both; presents the lessons learned from her ancestors' and her family's buy Black stands, and delivers an inspirational and intelligent message about the possibility and promise of homespun economic empowerment in America, the business case and job-creating, racism-countering, community-empowering opportunity of supplier diversity and proactively, publicly, collectively supporting locally-owned businesses; and teaches the specific cultural, societal and economic importance of successful Black owned banks and businesses, and the fundamental inclusion of and investment in Black owned businesses by the government, Corporate, and university/nonprofit sectors for countering structural racism and improving the American economy.

Her areas of expertise: race and the economy, Black business/economic history, minority entrepreneurship, consumerism, economic empowerment, buying local/ buying Black/ buying American, economic activism, supplier diversity, self–help economics, corporate – community reciprocity and partnership.

## **NOTEWORTHY MEDIA COVERAGE & COMMENTARY**

#### INTERNATIONAL PRESS, TELEVISION INTERVIEWS

The Guardian, Featured Guest Editorial by Maggie Anderson, "The original Buy Black movement uplifted entire communities. It can happen again", December 14, 2022 French M6, Enguête Exclusive (translation The Exclusive Survey, French TV news show akin to 20/20), documentary entitled "USA : la nouvelle élite noire" (translation USA: The New Black Elite), November 2020 NBC News, "Race and Chicago", October 2020 Bloomberg News, "Black Owned Businesses Hope Summer Boon Continues", October 2020 ABC/ Disney, Localish Show, "Black Owned Businesses and Entrepreneurs Rebuild America", June 2020 The New York Times, front page, Style section, "Buying Black, Rebooted", December 2019 USA Today, feature story, "How blacks took banking into their own hands", February 2017 Associated Press story, picked up by ABC News and several other national online, TV and print media, August 2016 NBC News/ NBC Black feature stories, July and August 2016 SRF, the largest media network in Switzerland, TV segment and radio interview, July 2016 BET/ Centric Honoree, "16 Most Fascinating Women of 2016" (TV segment, article in Upscale magazine), March 2016 Front page, New York Times, front page, Business section, "Blacks Are Challenged to Buy From Black-Owned Businesses to Close Gap", November 14, 2015 TED Talks, TEDx Baltimore, Jan 2014; TED Talks, TEDx Grand Rapids, May 2014 Front page, Chicago Tribune, March 9, 2009 and January 10, 2010 Front page, Los Angeles Times, March 16, 2009 Front page, Washington Post, January 10, 2010 BET, BET News Interview with Samson Styles, May 2009 CBS News, The Morning Show with Harry Smith, July 2009 CNN, Interview with Don Lemon, March 2009 CNN, Interview with Joe Johns, November 2010 CNN, The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer, April 2009 CNN, What Matters with Suzanne Malveaux, March 2012 CNN, televised TIME Magazine interview with repeated airs, May – August 2009 C–SPAN, After Words Book Review/Interview with Washington Post's Krissah Thompson, March 2012 C-SPAN, Live Coverage of Keynote Address at Women of Color Empowerment Conference, September 2014 FOX News, Fox Business with Neal Cavuto, March 2009 MSNBC, Interview with Tameron Hall, March 2009 PBS, Newshour with Jim Lehrer interview with Paul Solman, June 2012 TV One, Black Enterprise Black Business Report with Caroline Clark, May 2011 TV One, NewsOne Now, Interview with Roland Martin, December 2013 and December 2015

List above does not include numerous national and local radio shows, blogs, magazine and newspaper stories like *Tom Joyner Morning Show*, several NPR interviews, *Huffington Post* and *Black Enterprise* stories, and local coverage of Maggie's speeches and lectures. For more, see what follows.

## **REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & HOSTS (in alphabetical order)**

African American Chamber for Westchester Annual Juneteenth Awards Banguet 2011, 2012 - Keynote Speaker African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey Annual Holiday Banquet 2011, 2012 – Keynote Speaker African American Chamber of Commerce of PA, NJ, DE Kick Off Event 2010 – Keynote Speaker American College 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for African American Financial Professionals, 2012 – Featured Speaker American College 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for African American Financial Professionals, 2013 – Opening Keynote A. Philip Randolph Institute 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, 2019 – Keynote Speaker Austin Black Business Expo, 2012 – Keynote Speaker Birmingham Black Expo and Convention, 2011 – Keynote Speaker Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE), 2011 – Plenary Keynote Speaker California Black Chamber of Commerce Ron Brown Economic Development Conference, 2012 – Keynote Speaker Chicago Minority Enterprise Development Week, 2011 – Panelist, Honoree Chicago Urban League Black History Month Business Diversity Celebration, 2012 – Keynote Speaker City of Antioch Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration, 2014 – Keynote Speaker Coalition of Black Trade Unionists International Convention, 2019 – Keynote Speaker Columbus African American Chamber of Commerce Launch Event 2012 – Keynote Speaker Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference, 2009, 2010, 2012 – Panelist, Honoree Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference, 2011 – Cong. Convers Panel, Emerging Leaders Panel Congressional Black Caucus Minority Business Awards Banquet, 2010 - Honoree Contra Costa Black Chamber Annual Juneteenth Business Awards, 2013 – Keynote Speaker Delta Sigma Theta, San Antonio Alumnae Chapter Financial Fortitude Conference, 2020 – Keynote Speaker Durham Minority Enterprise Week Honors Luncheon, 2019 – Keynote Speaker eBay, Black History Month Speaker, February 2022 – Keynote Speaker Economy League of Greater Philadelphia, GPLEX 2020 - Keynote Speaker Frasernet PowerNetworking Conference, 2010 - 2013 – Featured or Keynote Speaker "For the Culture" Kansas Annual Culture and Empowerment Festival, August 2023 – Gala Keynote Speaker Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council Opportunity Fair, 2012 – Keynote, Sponsors Luncheon Houston Black Real Estate Association Installation and Awards Gala, 2023 – Keynote Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce, Annual State Convention, 2009 and 2019 – Keynote Speaker International Soul Music Summit, 2010 – Keynote Speaker Kellogg Annual Black Management Association Conference, 2012 – Panelist Maryland/DC Minority Supplier Development Council Annual Meeting, 2011 – Keynote Speaker Memphis Black Business Association Annual Financial Empowerment Symposium, 2023 – Keynote Speaker Miami Dade Chamber of Commerce, Business Empowerment Luncheon, 2016 – Keynote Speaker Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council, 2013 – Keynote Speaker Milwaukee Urban League, Equal Opportunity Day Luncheon, 2012 – Keynote Speaker National African American Insurance Association (NAAIA), 2013 – Keynote Address National Alliance of Market Developers (NAMD) National Conference, 2010 – Keynote Address National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), 2011 – Opening Session with Marc Morial National Association of Counties (NACO) Legislative Conference, 2014 – Luncheon Speaker National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB) Annual Convention, 2016 – Opening Keynote Speaker National Black Women's Expo and Convention, 2010 – Presentation and Keynote Speaker National Federation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE), Annual Retreat, 2010 – Lecture and Luncheon Keynote National Minority Supplier Dev Council (NMSDC), Natl Conference, 2011, 2012 – Presenter (2011) Honoree (2012)

Speaker/Media Credentials, 2009-2023 – Margarita Anderson, CEO, The Empowerment Experiment, and Author, Our Black Year National Organization of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCCHE), 2012 – Keynote Speaker National Urban League Conference, 2011 – Small Business Day Luncheon Keynote Speaker National Urban League Conference, 2012 – Small Business Day/ Supplier Diversity Panelist New Jersey NAACP State Conference, 2012 – Plenary Speaker North Carolina Institute for Minority Economic Development Conference, 2012 – Featured Speaker North Central Minority Supplier Development Council, Business Opportunity Exchange, 2018 – Keynote Speaker Northern District Baptist Association Annual MLK Conference, 2012 – Keynote Speaker Northern VA Black Chamber of Commerce Launch Event, 2016 - Keynote Speaker Partners for Racism Free Community Annual Forum, 2014 – Keynote Speaker PA/NJ/DE Minority Supplier Development Council Annual Meeting, 2012 – Keynote Speaker Riverside County CA Black Chamber Annual Awards Banguet, 2011 – Keynote Speaker Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation and Awards Banquet, 2019 – Keynote Speaker So. California Minority Supplier Development Council Annual Supplier of the Year, 2013 – Keynote Speaker Sustainable Business Network National Social Venture Institute, 2012 – Luncheon Keynote Speaker TED Talks, TEDx Baltimore, 2014; TEDx Grand Rapids, 2014 Tuskegee University's Booker T Washington Economic Development Conference, 2010 – Keynote Speaker University of California, Berkeley Black Coalition Conference, 2012 – Keynote Speaker University of California, Los Angeles, Reframing Urbanism and Economics Summit, 2020 – Panelist, Featured Speaker University of Chicago Black MBA Conference 2009 - Panelist, Honoree US Black Chamber Annual School of Chamber Management, 2011 – Keynote Speaker, Seminar Presentation US Black Chamber, Solutions Series Speaker, 2014 – Keynote Speaker US Coast Guard, Annual MLK Commemorative Event, 2016 – Keynote Speaker Western Regional Minority Supplier Development Council (WRMSDC) Annual Meeting, 2018 – Keynote Speaker

# HOST UNIVERSITIES

Belmont University, January 2011 – MLK Speaker 46th Annual Big 12 Conference of Black Student Governments (Regional Conference of Black student leaders from Big 12 schools including Baylor University, Iowa State University, Kansas State University, Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma, University of Kansas, University of Missouri, The University of Texas at Austin, Texas Tech University, Texas Christian University), February 2023 – Keynote Speaker Central State University, April 2012 – Annual Night of Philanthropy Gala, Keynote Speaker Claflin University, January 2016, – Convocation Speaker Clark Atlanta University Business School, February 2012 – Annual LEAD Conference, Keynote Speaker Clemson University, August 2014 – Diversity Month Keynote Speaker Clemson University, January 2015 – MLK Speaker Columbia Business School, February 2012 – Black History Month Speaker Columbia University, February 2013 – Black History Month Speaker Concordia University, January 2013 – MLK Speaker Eastern Illinois University, February 2012 - Black History Month Speaker Emory University, January 2021 – Annual MLK Tribute & Lecture, Keynote Speaker FAMU, October 2013 – Homecoming Keynote Speaker Florida Memorial College Homecoming, October 2013 – Guest Speaker Georgia State University, College of Business, February 2012; College of Education, October 2010 – Guest Lecturer George Washington University – Guest Lecturer

Speaker/Media Credentials, 2009-2023 – Margarita Anderson, CEO, The Empowerment Experiment, and Author, Our Black Year Harvard University, Kennedy School, February 2017 – Black History Month Lecturer Harvard University, Law School, April 2018 – 50 Year Black Law Student Association (BLSA) Celebration Howard University, January 2016 – Guest Speaker Iowa State University, Fall 2012 – Guest Lecturer Kansas State University, February 2016 – Keynote Speaker, Black History Month Livingstone College, November 2013 – Keynote Speaker, Annual Assembly Michigan State University, February 2024 – Opening Speaker – Women of Color Community Conference Morgan State University, February 2014 – Keynote Speaker, Black History Month Community Celebration New York University, Stern Business School, April 2012, MLK Speaker 2023 – Guest Lecturer Northwestern University, Kellogg Graduate School of Management, November 2009 and 2010 – Guest Speaker Northwestern University, January 2019 – MLK Week Keynote Speaker Occidental College, March 2018 – Women's History Month Speaker Princeton University, February 2013 – Black History Month Speaker Roosevelt University, Heller Business School, February 2013 – Black History Month Speaker Rutgers Business School, January 2018 – MLK Day Speaker San Diego State University, April 2018 – Economic Empowerment Action Summit Keynote Speaker Suffolk University, October 2012 – Guest Lecturer Southern Illinois University, February 2013 – Black History Month Speaker Texas A&M University, January 2015 – MLK Day Speaker Tuskegee University, September 2010, 2012 – Guest Speaker; June 2021 – BTW Annual Summit Keynote Speaker University of California, Berkeley, March 2012 – Guest Speaker University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, November 2009 and February 2011 – Black History Mont Speaker University of Cincinnati, November 2009 - Guest Speaker University of Mary Williams, February 2017 - Black History Month Speaker University of Minnesota, April 2016 - Keynote Speaker University of Nebraska, November 2014 – Keynote Speaker University of Texas at Austin, February 2011 – Keynote Speaker

# LARGE HOST CORPORATIONS

Allstate American Express American Family Insurance American Grocers (Owners of Bi-Lo, Winn Dixie) Amway Arizona Public Service (State's energy company) Chapman & Cutler (global law firm) Chicago Federal Reserve Bank Cintas CUNA Mutual DropBox eBay Empower Exelon Faegre, Baker, Daniels (global law firm) Fifth Third Bank Ford/ Ford Hall Forum Hallmark Industrial Bank Intel International Paper Jacksonville Energy Jenner & Block Legal Shield Liberty Bank Marsh & McClennan New York Life Nielsen Office Max **OneUnited Bank** PNC Bank Sears South Coast Paper **Travelers Insurance Truist Bank** 

#### OTHER HOST ORGANIZATIONS (Civic, trade, professional, faith, rights, political groups and government)

100 Black Women (Phoenix) African American Chamber of Commerce for Cincinnati and Greater Kentucky African American Chamber of Commerce for PA, NJ, DE African American Chamber of Dallas and Fort Worth African American Chamber of New Jersey African American Chamber of Westchester and Rockland Counties Alabama Area Council of Churches Alabama Area Council of Community and Independent Churches Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Amistad Bar Association Cook County Bar Association Atlanta Metro Black Chamber of Commerce Atlanta Urban League Black Chamber of Arizona **Beaumont NAACP** Charlotte Mecklenburg Black Chamber of Commerce Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council Chicago Urban League **Cities United** City Club of Cleveland City of Antioch City of Atlanta City of Birmingham

City of Durham Office of Equity & Inclusion

- **Coalition of Black Trade Unionists**
- **Collective Empowerment Group**
- Colorado Black Women for Political Action
- Columbus African American Chamber of Commerce
- Concerned African Women, Inc.
- **Congressional Black Caucus Foundation**
- Cook County Bar Association
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
- Ebenezer Church (Dr. King's home church in Atlanta)
- Federal Housing Finance Agency
- Friendship West Baptist Church (Rev. Dr. Freddy Haynes' Church)
- Grand Rapids Black Chamber of Commerce
- Grand Rapids Urban League
- Greater Durham Black Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Houston Black Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Mt. Nebo AME (Pastor Jonathan Weaver)
- Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council
- Greater New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (Benjamin Hooks' Church)
- Greater Sacramento Urban League
- Greenville Chamber of Commerce
- Hartford Black Chamber of Commerce
- Holly Springs Chamber of Commerce
- Houston Black Chamber of Commerce
- Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce
- INROADS
- International Black Economic Forum
- Jackson Memorial Church (Harriett Tubman's Church in Long Island, NY)
- Jacksonville Urban League
- Kansas Black Chamber of Commerce
- Kellogg Black Alumni Association
- LINC UP
- Madison Public Schools
- Maryland/DC Minority Supplier Development Council
- Metropolitan Chicago YWCA
- Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce
- Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council
- Milwaukee Urban League
- Mt. Ennon Baptist Church (Pastor Dr. Delman Coates)
- Mountain Region Minority Supplier Development Council
- National Association of Black Alcoholic Beverage Companies
- National Association of Black Women Lawyers
- National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs

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YWCA