

Dr. Bakari K. Lumumba was born and raised in the gym city of Dayton, Ohio. He is a graduate of Wright State University (2014) holding bachelor's degrees in the fields of African/African American Studies and Sociology and is a (2018) graduate of Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership & Public Affairs and Center for International Studies, holding master's degrees in Public Administration and African Studies. Dr. Lumumba holds a doctorate in Higher Education Student Affairs (HESA) with a cognate in African American perspectives from The Ohio University Patton College of Education. His dissertation, *On Intersectional Ground? Examining the Efficacy of Black Cultural Centers in the Era of Intersectionality*, explores how Black Cultural Centers challenge the codification and canonization of Whiteness in higher education as human and Black as subhuman in three distinct ways: epistemologically, ideologically, and spatially. As BCCs serve as a decolonial counter space of identity and resistance to the isolating Eurocentric behavioral expectations and the materiality of historically White institution's campus ecology, via the concept of Marronage (Marronage is a concept that reflects the practice of African flight (Sankofa), or the intention of becoming free)

Dr. Lumumba has also received numerous awards, including Wright State University's (WSU) 2016 Alumni of the Year Award, Sinclair Community College's NIA (Purpose) Award, and the Nation of Islam's Black Excellence Award. Dr. Lumumba is a frequent lecturer at colleges, universities, and community centers across the country relating to Pan-Africanism, Black student success, and motivational speaking. Dr. Lumumba is also a devout Pan-Africanist who has worked tirelessly on numerous community initiatives to help restore African people to their traditional greatness. He is also the father of two beautiful children Amir and Zaina Lumumba. His research interests are Pan-Africanism, Black Racial Identity Development, Black Education, and Anti-Blackness.

His favorite quotes are as follows:

*"If you lack confidence in self, you are twice defeated in the race of life, but if you have confidence, you have won the race before it has even begun!!!!"*

Marcus Garvey

*"The battlefield is everywhere, there is no sheltered rear."*

Paul Roberson

*“What we do must be done together as both male and female, for there is a female as well as male side to truth, and those who do not honor it do harm to both male and female.”*

Anna Julia Cooper