

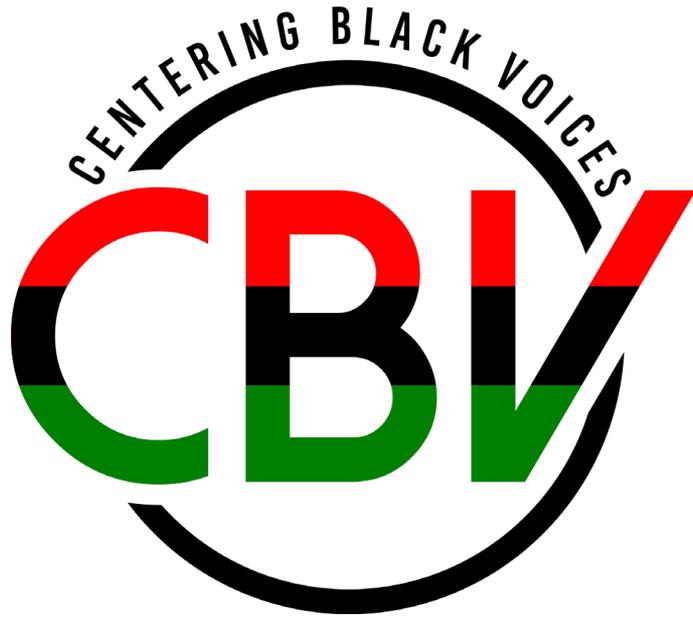
In All Ways Human

Community engaged research,
visual storytelling and narrative change
as tools for resilience building in
Black boys and young men

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A community engaged program of research committed to affirming the humanity of Black boys, men, and families through trauma-informed praxis that prevents violence, promotes healing, and advances racial equity.



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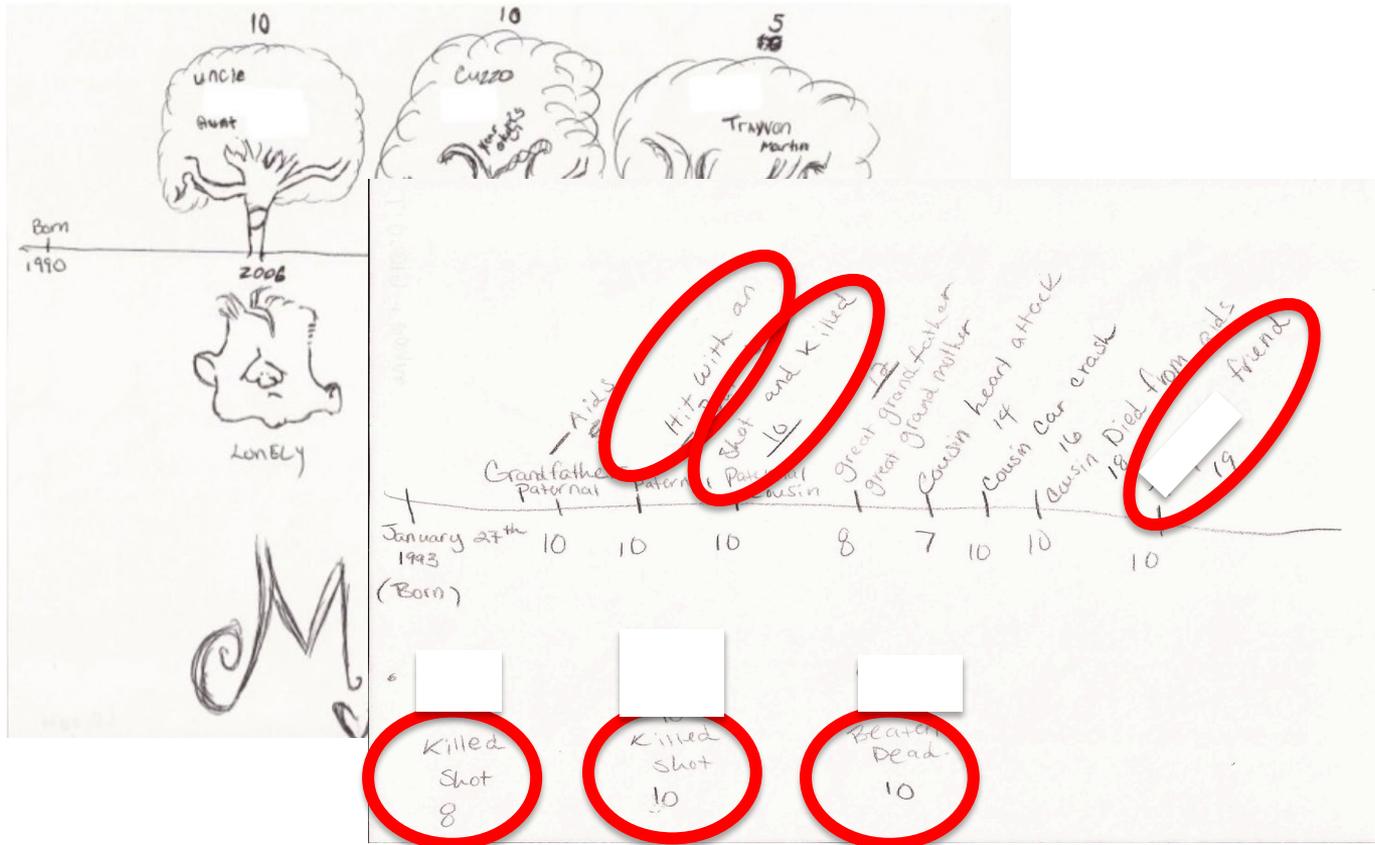


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Chronologies of Loss

Andrew



How Baltimore invented neighborhood segregation

By Matthew Yglesias | @mattyglesias | matt@vox.com | May 10, 2015, 9:30am EDT

Fueled by gun violence, cities across the US are breaking all-time homicide records this year

By Priya Krishnakumar, Emma Tucker, Ryan Young and Pamela Kirkland, CNN

🕒 Updated 4:18 PM ET, Sun December 12, 2021

Residents call for action as Baltimore again homicides



NEWS > LOCAL NEWS



Baltimore City outpaces it's 2021 murder rate with 31 homicides in 25 days

Surveillance video captures the moments leading up to a man being shot to death

Baltimore's mayor proclaimed, slums in order to reduce the spread of communicable diseases, and to protect property values

and local policies to quarantine slums—policies that continue to the policies still disproportionately direct neighborhoods and away from

Triple Pandemics: COVID, Racism, Violence+

OPINION

DREIER: The Peculiarly Silent Pandemic of Gun Violence in the Black Community



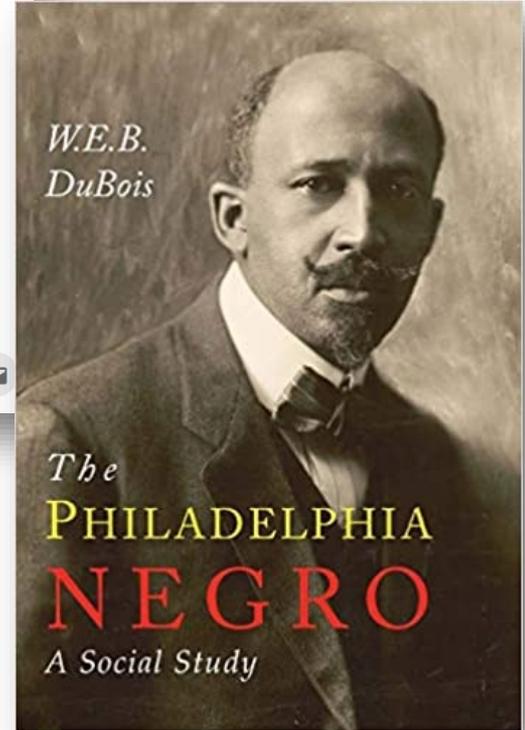
by WI Guest Author

November 3, 2021



“The most difficult social problem in the matter of Negro health is the peculiar attitude of the nation toward the well-being of the race. There have, for instance, been few other cases in the history of civilized people where human suffering has been viewed with such peculiar indifference.”

W.E.B. DuBois, *The Philadelphia Negro*, 1899



Posttraumatic Stress in Context

*“I just be mindful of my surroundings, I don’t ever be loafing, for real. **I stay on point.** I never let my guard down. Anywhere you go. Have to stay alert at all times. Doesn’t matter where you go, anybody can just go at you for real, and just take your life for real . . . I’m just like, “Adam, you have to stay on point cause anything could happen, for real.” **I don’t want to lose my life. I want to live, you know . . .”***

Adam, 21

Smith & Patton, 2016, *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*

The screenshot shows a web browser interface. At the top, the URL <https://www.theatlantic.com> and the date "2021/04" are visible. The main title of the article is "The Burden of Being 'On Point' - The Atlantic". Below the title is a preview of a journal article from the American Psychological Association. The journal title is "American Psychologist", Volume 73, No. 6, pages 753-767, published in 2018. The article title is "Understanding Development of African American Boys and Young Men: Moving From Risks to Positive Youth Development". The authors listed are Noni K. Gaylord-Harden (Loyola University Chicago), Oscar Barbarin (University of Maryland), Patrick H. Tolan (University of Virginia), and Velma McBride Murry (Vanderbilt University). At the bottom of the screenshot, a caption reads: "Apr 26, 2021 — The Burden of Being 'On Point'. Too often, traumatized Black boys' behavior is pathologized. It's actually rational. By Adam Harris."

Criminal. Violent. Angry. Lazy.

Animals. Predators. Thugs.

“Between me and the other world there is ever an unasked question...How does it feel to be a problem?”

W.E.B. DuBois, *The Souls of Black Folk*, 1903

“I’m tired of answering the question, “Is Baltimore really like *The Wire*?” Answer: “Yeah it’s a complete shit-hole war zone depending on what street you turn down. I’m tired of looking at 11-year olds as potential thieves, muggers and murderers on my walk home from the office...I’m tired of being looked at like prey.”

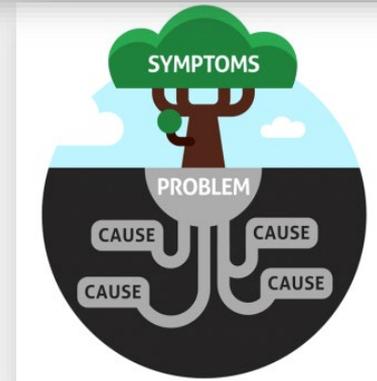
Tracey Halvorsen, President & Chief Visionary Officer, Fastspot, Baltimore, MD, 2014

Guns and lies US news

Black communities are most victimized by gun violence. Too often it’s assumed we are to blame

Gregory Jackson Jr

When I was shot, I was interrogated as if I were the guilty party. All people saw was a Black man with a gunshot wound who was in the wrong neighborhood



WHITE SUPREMACY & DEHUMANIZATION

Addressing Root Causes for Resilience Building



- **What if more Americans perceived young Black men as people deserving of human dignity and investment instead of problems to be policed and punished?**
- **What if we could see the full range of young Black men’s humanity—their unaddressed pain and their overlooked promise—and respond with compassionate, strategic actions directed by their voices and stories?**
- **What if we could transform the ways we are seen, see one another, and see ourselves?**

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Community Engaged Research, Visual Storytelling, and Narrative Change as Tools to Disrupt Dehumanizing Narratives of Black Boys, Men, and Families

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Disrupting Dehumanizing Narratives of Black Men in Poverty

UNCG NEWS

PROFESSOR AWARDED \$100,000 GATES FOUNDATION GRANT

Posted on June 10, 2020



UNC Greensboro's **Dr. Jocelyn R. Smith Lee** has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** for her project "Disrupting Dehumanizing Narratives of Black Men in Poverty."

Smith Lee is one of just 28 grantees across the nation to be selected as part of the Gates Foundation's Voices for Economic Opportunity Grand Challenge. The purpose of the Grand



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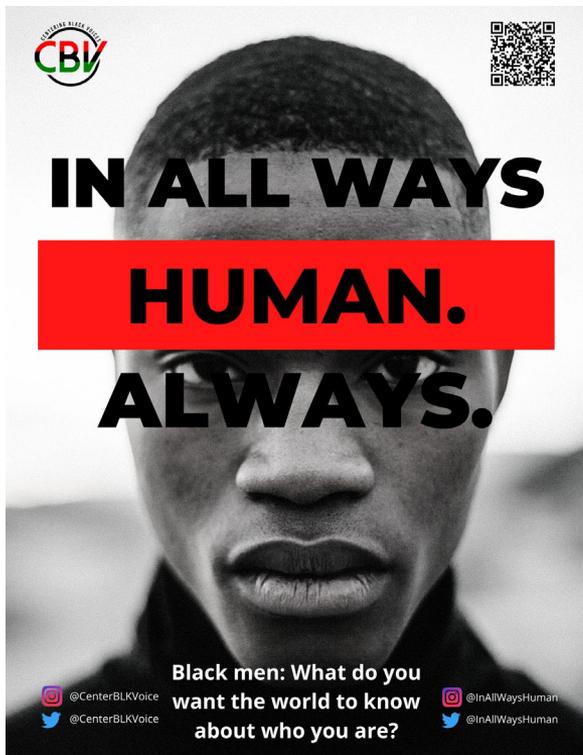
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Voices for Economic Opportunity Grand Challenge Award



Pandemics and Project Pivots



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ALWAYS.**

**Black men: What do you
want the world to know
about who you are?**

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Portrait Project and Narrative Change Campaign





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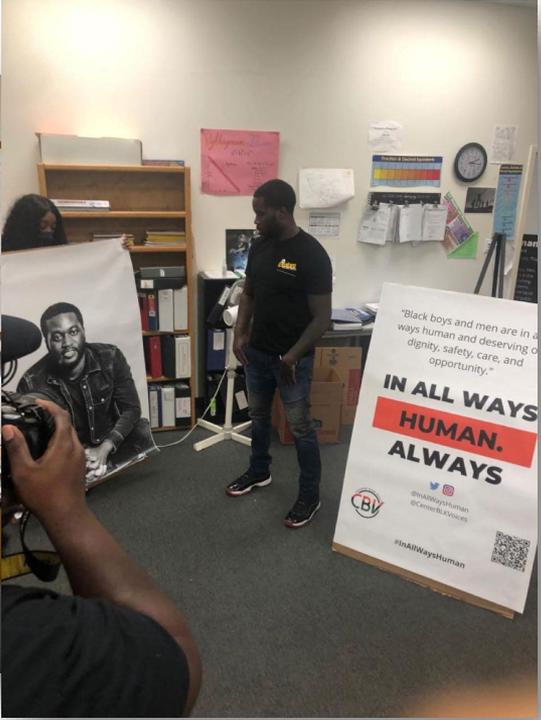


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Portrait Reveals: Redefining Possibilities



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Share about
#BlackLivesMatter
and Follow US
@BlackLivesMatter
@GeorgeLocke





EXIT

ME?
SARCASTIC?
NEVER.

CASHA RECORD
VAG GWA

Starbucks: In All Ways Human Pop-Up Exhibit











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When people look at me they assume that I am mean and I am a criminal taking part in the violence in Baltimore.

When in reality, I am not violent. So many people in my circle are dying, I am starting to become numb to it. I am also a family man and a proud father. I take care of my family. I am funny and goofy. Don't judge me.

Get to know my story.

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Amplifying Marginalized Voices

Planned Actions

- Website: www.inallwayshuman.com
- Social Media Campaign
 - @DrJocelynSmith
 - @CenterBLKVoices
 - @InAllWaysHuman
- Outdoor Wheat Paste Installation
- Starbucks Exhibit
- Photobook
- Short Documentary

Next Steps

- Standing Indoor Exhibits
 - Community partner site
 - Strategic sites in Baltimore
 - Strategic private partnerships
- High Profile Dissemination
- Secure Additional Funding
- Evaluating Impact
- Expanding the National Footprint
- Movement Building

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Thank You and Continued Conversation

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