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Diverse: Issues In Higher Education highlights 25 outstanding women during Women's History Month.

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FAIRFAX, Va. — In honor of Women's History Month, **Diverse** will publish its annual special report recognizing women's contributions to higher education.

The **March 4, 2021 edition** represents our 10th anniversary of highlighting women who have made a difference in the academy by tackling some of higher education's toughest challenges, exhibiting extraordinary leadership skills and making a positive difference in their respective communities.

The 2021 class of leading women in higher education are (in alphabetical order):

1. **Dr. Neeli Bendapudi**, president, University of Louisville
2. **Dr. Venessa A. Brown**, associate chancellor and chief diversity officer, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
3. **Dr. Karen Carey**, chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast (UAS)
4. **Laurie A Carter**, president, Shippensburg University
5. **Dr. Robin R. Means Coleman**, associate provost for diversity and inclusion and chief diversity officer, Northwestern University
6. **Dr. Karlyn Crowley**, provost, Ohio Wesleyan University
7. **Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond**, professor of education emeritus and founding president of the Learning Policy Institute, Stanford University
8. **Dr. Carol Fierke**, provost and executive vice president, Brandeis University
9. **Dr. Angélica Garcia**, president, Berkeley City College

10. **Dr. Ayanna Howard**, dean of college of engineering, Ohio State University
11. **Parneshia Jones**, director, Northwestern University Press
12. **Caroline Laguerre-Brown**, vice provost for diversity, equity and community engagement, George Washington University
13. **Dr. Cynthia Lindquist**, president, Cankdeska Cikana Community College
14. **Dr. Felicia McGinty**, executive vice chancellor of administration and planning, Rutgers University
15. **Tracey L. Meares**, Walton Hale Hamilton professor of law and founding director of the Justice Collaboratory, Yale Law School
16. **Dr. Traci L. Morris**, director of the American Indian Policy (AIPI) Institute, Arizona State University
17. **Dr. Erica Muhl**, president, Berklee College of Music
18. **Dr. Maureen Murphy**, president, College of Southern Maryland
19. **Madeline Pumariega**, president, Miami Dade College
20. **Desiree Reed-Francois**, athletic director, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
21. **Dr. Jeanne Craig Sinkford**, dean emerita, College of Dentistry, Howard University
22. **Raquel Tamez**, CEO, Society of Hispanic Engineers
23. **Nancy Jean Tubbs**, director, LGBT Resource Center, University of California, Riverside
24. **Tara VanDerveer**, head women's basketball coach, Stanford University
25. **Dr. Geraldine Young**, chief diversity and inclusion officer, Frontier Nursing University

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MDC president promotes Harrison to provost

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Miami Dade College (MDC) North Campus President Malou C. Harrison was recently named the College's new provost, making her the chief academic officer responsible for the creation and implementation of the academic priorities of the college, and for the allocation of resources that will support those priorities.

Harrison, who holds a doctorate in higher education and community college leadership from Walden University, is a respected leader with more than 35 years of transformative leadership experiences championing the cause of underserved students in public higher education. She has served in various capacities at the college, including president of multiple campuses and dean of students.



Malou C. Harrison/MDC

Throughout her tenure, Harrison has led the establishment of many high impact partnership initiatives at the college that have furthered equity, academic excellence and student success, as well as holistic services such as Single Stop, Year Up and Educate Tomorrow.

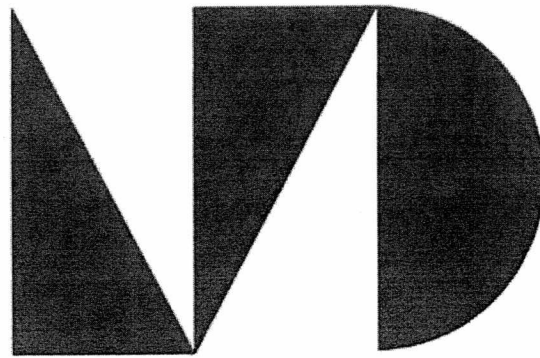
Harrison has been at the helm of resource development that has garnered substantial funding from a combination of private sources as well as public funders, such as the National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Education to support Trio, Title V and Title III programs, as well as numerous educational and undergraduate science research programs aimed at advancing minority student attainment in STEM disciplines.

Among her numerous published works, she authored a chapter for the book "Engaging African American Males in Community College" titled "Community Colleges: Fertile Ground for Black Male Student Success."

Look for a larger profile on Harrison and her priorities in the coming weeks, along with more on leadership change at MDC.

Registration Open for Miami Dade College's New IBM Cybersecurity Practitioner Course | #computersecurity | #comptia

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Miami, Jan. 20, 2021 – Miami Dade College (MDC) and IBM are offering a new **IBM Cybersecurity Practitioner** course designed for those interested in a career as a security analyst. With cyber attacks on the rise, cybersecurity is one of the most in-demand and growing industries across the county. **The four-week course is offered at no cost and starts Feb. 8.**

"We are excited to host a new cohort for the IBM Cybersecurity Practitioner course as it will provide students the opportunity to learn and work with industry-leading tools. This course will provide students an affordable way to enter the in-demand field of cybersecurity and is another example of our strong partnership with IBM," said Jorge Ortega, director of MDC's Cybersecurity Center of the Americas.



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The course is open to new and existing students 18 and older with some foundational IT knowledge. It is offered through MDC's Cybersecurity Center of the Americas and will be 100% online, with content being delivered via a self-paced online platform together with weekly virtual meetings with an instructor.

Students who successfully complete the course will earn two IBM digital badges that they can share across their professional networks: IBM Enterprise Security in Practice and IBM Security Operations Center in Practice. The course also creates a pathway to more advanced cybersecurity training and badges from the Cybersecurity Center of the Americas.

The IBM Cybersecurity Practitioner course is part of a strategic partnership between MDC and IBM launched in 2020, which aims to increase the College's offerings of emerging technology initiatives and to incorporate IBM Skills Academy courses in its curriculum to prepare students with an advanced education in highly sought-after technology careers.

"Providing training and curriculum for the next generation of cybersecurity professionals is critical for our digital world and to help enterprises implement world-class security programs," said Dr. Naguib Attia, IBM Global University Program vice president. "IBM is proud to work with MDC to ensure everyone has the opportunity to join this cutting-edge technology field."

For more information and to apply, visit <https://mdc.tips/IBMcyberpractitioner>.

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EC-Council Unveils Award-Winning Cybersecurity Programs and Instructors from 2020

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- UMBC Training Centers (North America)
- InfoSec Institute Inc. (North America)
- My Computer Career.com (North America)
- Simplilearn Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (North America)
- Firebrand Training Limited (Europe)
- GOPAS A.S. (Europe)
- Global Knowledge – UK (Europe)
- Global Knowledge – Netherlands (Europe)
- Proyecto Universidad Empresa S.L. (Formerly known as PUE) (Europe)
- Sysdream (Europe)
- Strong Security Brazil (LATAM)
- ETEK International Holding Corp. (LATAM)
- Sites Learning India Pvt Ltd. (South Asia)
- Cartel Software Pvt. Ltd. (South Asia)
- Koenig Solutions Ltd. (South Asia)
- Infosec Train (Training Div of Azpirantz Technologies LLP) (South Asia)
- SSDN Technologies Pvt Ltd (South Asia)
- IT Security Training and Solutions (Middle East)
- PT. Inixindo Persada Rekayasa Komputer (APAC)
- NEC Management Partner Co., Ltd. (APAC)
- ST Electronics (e-Services) Pte. Ltd. (Comat) (APAC)
- Kaplan Higher Education Academy Pte. Ltd. (APAC)
- BridgingMinds Network Pte. Ltd. (APAC)
- Torque Technical Computer Training Pvt. Ltd. (APAC)
- New Horizons Systems Solution Ltd (Nigeria) (Africa)

EC-Council ATC Best Newcomer Award



- RSA Security LLC (North America)
- Securium Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (South Asia)
- Brain4ce Education Solution Private Limited (South Asia)
- e-Work (Africa)
- Insight Information Technology (Middle East)
- Formatech Dubai FZ LLC (Middle East)

EC-Council Academia Partner of the Year Award

- Western Governors University (North America)

EC-Council Academia Circle of Excellence Award

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- University of Phoenix (North America)
- ECPI University (North America)
- Independence University (North America)
- PSB Academy Pte. Ltd. (APAC)

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- North Central Texas College (North America)

EC-Council Academia Innovator of the Year Award

- Forsythe Technical Community College (North America)

EC-Council Instructor (CEI) of the Year Award

- Eric Reed (North America)
- Antonio Da Silva (Europe)
- Dennis Paul Nino Sanchez (APAC)



- Szu-Mu Ho (APAC)
- Belly Rachdianto (APAC)
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- Leonardo La Rosa (LATAM)

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- Kevin King (North America)
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- Marcus Clark (North America)
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- Sergey Klevogin (Europe)
- Andre Pevidor de Almeida (LATAM)
- Eder Luis Oliveira Goncalves (LATAM)
- Anita Ratnasari (APAC)
- Chih-Wei Fang (APAC)
- Alex Toh Aik Meng (APAC)
- Hardshad Rai (APAC)
- Desi Ramayanti (APAC)
- Patrick Asamago (Africa)
- Aziz Magdy Ghaly (Africa)
- Mohamed Elsayed Mohamed Abdelghani (Africa)
- Amreet Manoj Visal (South Asia)
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EDITOR'S PICK

WATCH NOW: Tunstall grad reaching into clouds with New College Institute program

By Holly Kozelsky

Jan 18, 2021

Amazon reStart AWS NCI graduation

New College Institute's Amazon re/Start program trains students to work on Amazon's data storage system on the Cloud.

Daniel Caccavelli of Dry Fork is one of those students. Caccavelli, 25, is a 2013 honors graduate of Tunstall High School and a 2017 graduate of Averett University with majors in math, computer science and biomedical sciences.

After college, he had an internship as a research assistant at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research for almost 3 years, he said.

"Even though I already have a bachelor's degree, I felt the ability to put the skills in use was missing a little," he said. That's why he thought having cloud practitioner certification through Amazon Web Services, with training through NCI's Amazon re/Start program, would help.

He described the Cloud as "the act of being able to store your items for your company remotely rather than locally."

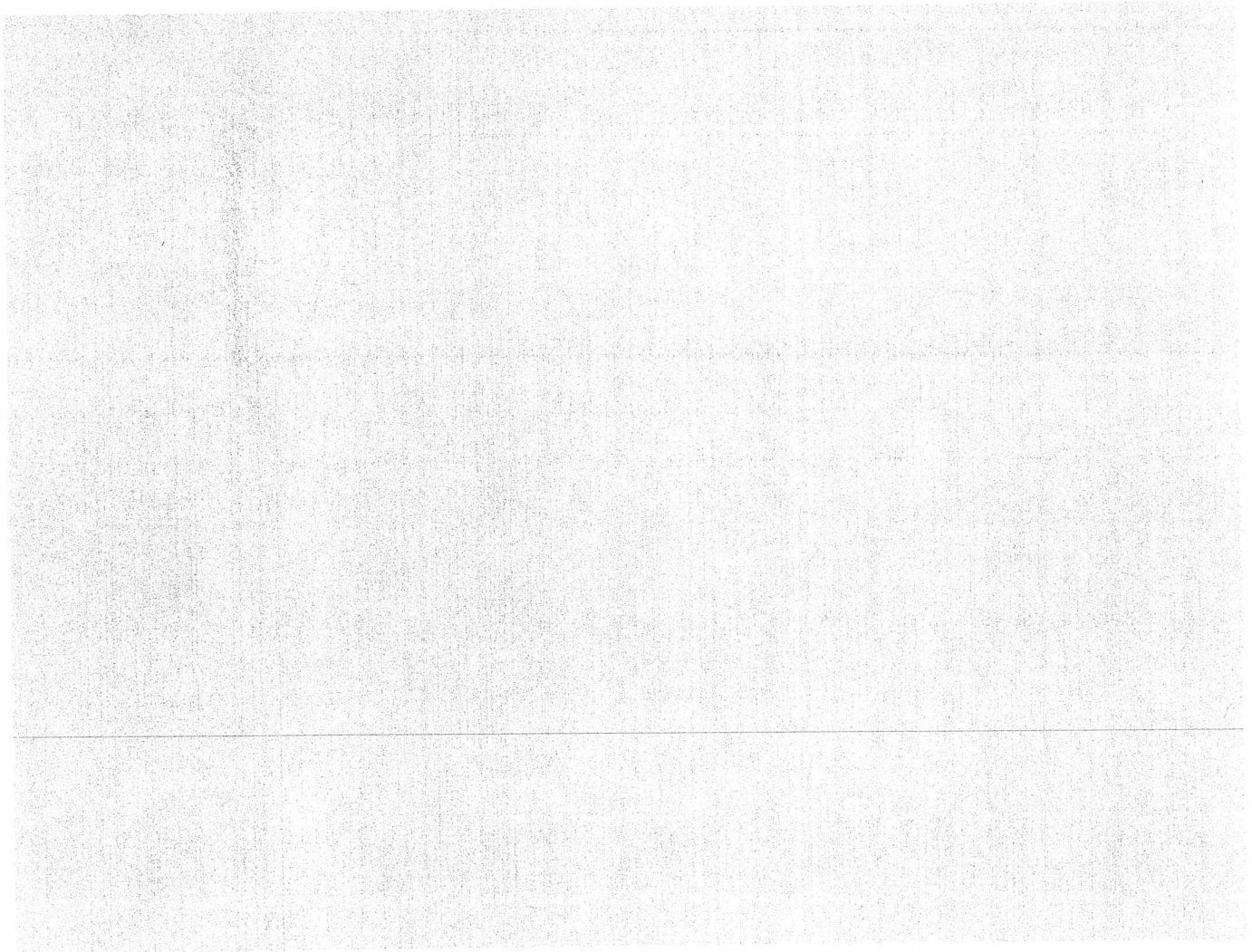
Remote data storage is "through a hosting website such as Amazon Services," Caccavelli. Through Amazon, "you have backup when you need it. You pay for the size used. They have a ton of different services."

The program is "prepping us to use a large portion of the Amazon web service," he said.

“Working through this class 40 hours a week has really given me a sense of accomplishment,” Caccavelli said. He credited instructor Dunieski Otano for forging “the backbone for being able to cement all these ideas from daily lessons.” Otano is listed on NCI’s website as staff, and his own website lists him as an AWS Certified IT and programming instructor at Miami Dade College & Generation USA in Florida.

A \$100,000 grant from the Tobacco Commission helps fund the program, it was announced during NCI’s Nov. 30 board meeting.

That funding is for programs “for people in the Tobacco Commission footprint, southern and southwestern Virginia,” Jackson said. NCI is “looking for people in the Lynchburg footprint, and we would go across the state” for students.



This screenshot shows Daniel Caccavelli's computer screen as his instructor, Dunieski Otano, reviews his work.

SCREENSHOT

NCI Coordinator of Student Engagement Chris McDonald presented a program about re/Start during the board meeting.

More than 400 people from across the U.S., a quarter of them from Virginia, applied to the program, he said: "I've been on the phone with just different people from all over just begging to get into this program."

Caccavelli said that the students in his cohort "are Virginia-based from all over the state." By taking the class remotely, students are "able to meet all these people you would probably never meet. That's the luxury of having it online at this time."

The students range in age from just out of high school to their 40s, he estimated.

The course is open to people who have a high school diploma or General Equivalency Diploma, Jackson said.

NCI can loan laptop computers to students in the program, Jackson said. Students who need help with internet access are able to use the internet at NCI and at two locations offered by the University of Virginia at Wise.

Its goal is to have 25 to 30 students in each of its four sessions, McDonald said, but the first session, held in the fall, had 10.

"They are really enjoying the program and some of them actually want to take the program again because they're having so much fun and they're learning so much," he said.

After Amazon held a "mock interview training session," nine of those 10 were called for job interviews, and six received callbacks, McDonald said.

Another cohort is in session now, he said, with the third starting March 12 and the fourth starting June 8. When asked this week how many students are in the program, McDonald left the question to Maura Keaney of the Collaborative Communications PR firm in Washington D.C., to answer; she replied, 30.

During the board meeting, New College Foundation Director Kevin DeKoninck asked, "Is there a desire to get people to live here and work here?"

"We have a team that's working locally with different organizations and businesses that are around the Martinsville-Henry County area as well as Pittsylvania County and Roanoke," McDonald told him, "but there's not a lot of IT in this area, just with it being so rural, but we are pushing for them to stay in this area."

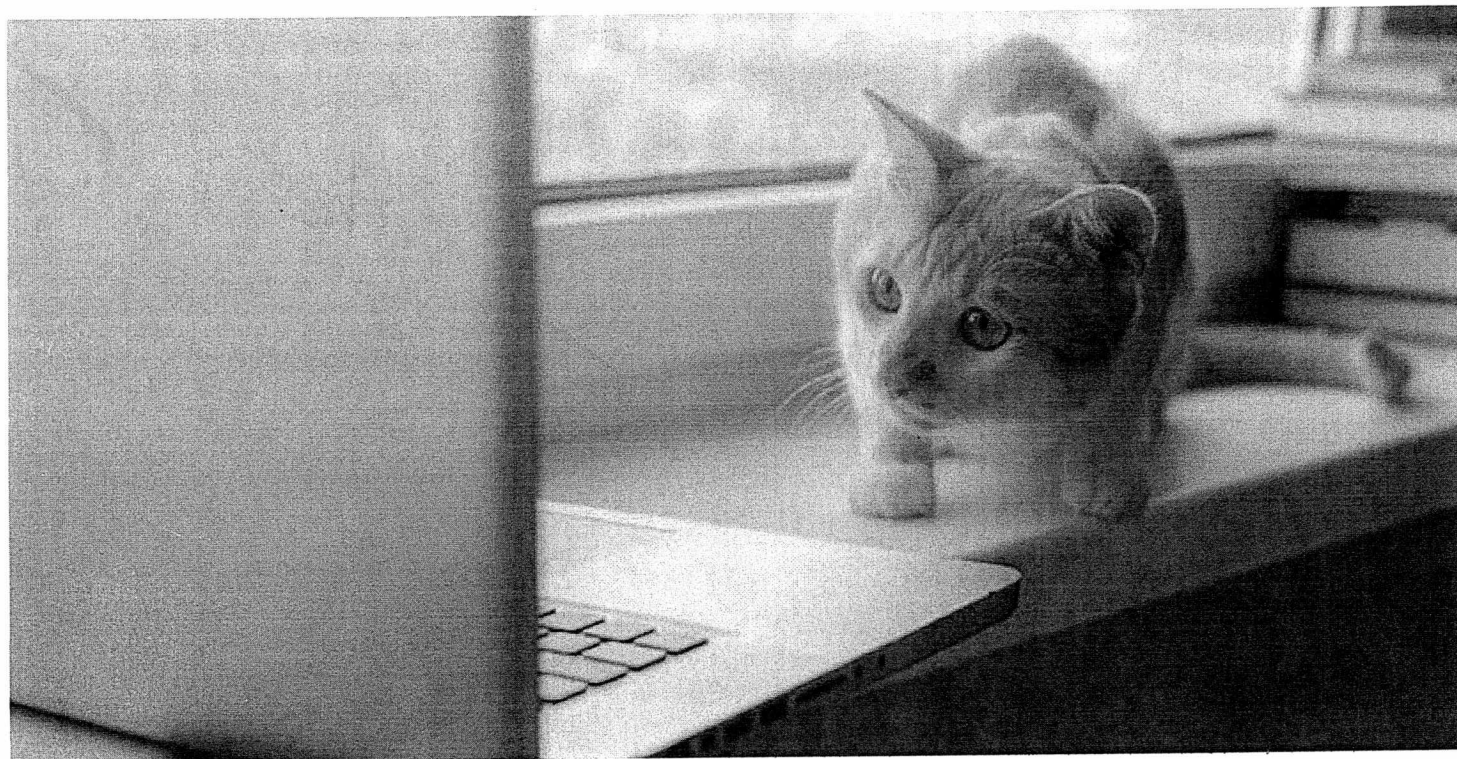
NCI's "commitment to the Tobacco Commission is first get local jobs for students" that complete the program, Jackson said. "We have not had a whole lot of success with employers in the region participating in this, so our primary focus has been on remote work, so people will not have to leave the region to have a career. The zero sum game is we don't want people to have to move" to get jobs.

"If they chose to leave, of course, then that's entirely up to them."

As Virginia secretary of technology from 2014 to 2018, Jackson was credited with luring Amazon's HQ2 to Northern Virginia, according to NCI Board Chair Bill Stanley, when she was hired at NCI. Jackson, a resident of Poquoson, since January 2018, has been president of Apogee Strategic Partners in Poquoson and Richmond and has been interim executive director of NCI since June 2019.

Holly Kozelsky reports for the Martinsville Bulletin. She can be reached at holly.kozelsky@martinsvillebulletin.com

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Your Week in Virtual Book Events, Jan. 18th to Jan. 24th

Featuring Matthew Salesses, Nadia Owusu, Kevin Barry, and More

By Kiki Nicole

January 19, 2021



Ten Evenings: David Treuer

Monday, January 18th, all-day

As part of the Pittsburgh Arts and Lectures series, Ojibwe author David Treuer will discuss his most recent book combining history and memoir, *The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present*. Buy a virtual pass to watch anytime online for one week at \$15 per ticket, \$10 for student tickets, [here](#).

OB Hardison Poetry Series: Not Just Another Day Off

Monday, January 18th, 10:00am EST

East City Bookshop will partner with the Folger Shakespeare Library for this event from the O.B. Hardison Poetry Series, celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Poets and actors will come together for this event to read their work as well as the historical speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, James Baldwin, and more. Free, with registration.

Envisioning Black Womanhood in Art and Poetry

Monday, January 18th, 1:30pm EST

Poet Amanda Holiday (*The Art Poems*) will host a virtual session of art and poetry from Black women including work from the facilitator as well as that of Lucille Clifton (*Blessing the Boats*), Rita Dove (*Collected Poems 1974-2004*), Harryette Mullen (*Urban Tumbleweed*) and the artworks of Zanele Muholi, Virginia Chihota, Lynette Yiadom-Boakye, and more. There will be interactive visual prompts and discussions to gain a greater understanding of ideas, textures, and expressions utilized by Black women visual and literary artists employed to 'picture Blackness.' There is a £12 donation suggested in order to register [here](#).

P&P Live! Chris Lombardi | *I AIN'T MARCHING ANYMORE* with Jonathan W. Hutto

Monday, January 18th, 6:00pm EST

Journalist Chris Lombardi will discuss her newest book tracing soldier dissent, *I Ain't Marching Anymore* with veteran Jonathan W. Hutto, Sr. for Politics and Prose Live! Free, via Zoom.

Cate Marvin and Lawrence Joseph

Monday, January 18th, 7:00pm EST

For KGB Monday Night Poetry, authors Cate Marvin (forthcoming book *Event Horizon*) and Lawrence Joseph (*A Certain Clarity: Selected Poems*) will read their work. Free, via Zoom.

NOURISH: Seattle Book Launch

Monday, January 18th, 9:30pm EST

To celebrate the book release of *Nourish*, a project based on the intersection of food and community organizing in Seattle, three organizers featured in the book will participate in a round table discussion. Evana Enabulele, JM Wong, and Kalayo Pestaño will share their stories in the event, hosted by CEO of Nourish, Nica Sy. Free, via Facebook Live.

Lunchtime Story with Nikki Grimes and Elizabeth Zunon: *Off to See the Sea*

Tuesday, January 19th, 12:00pm EST

Brave and Kind Books welcomes *New York Times* bestselling author Nikki Grimes and illustrator Elizabeth Zunon as they share their new picture book, *Off to See the Sea*. Free. Register here.

When Sunday Comes Virtual Event

Tuesday, January 19th, 6:00pm EST

University of Illinois Press welcomes Claudrena N. Harold, author of the new book, *When Sunday Comes*, in conversation with writer and musician Greg Tate (*Flyboy 2*) and author Corey D.B. Walker (*A Noble Fight*) about the sacred soundscapes and search for the Divine in Black music. Free, via Zoom.

Cast in Firelight: A Virtual Evening with Dana Swift and KayLynn Flanders

Tuesday, January 19th, 6:00pm EST

Books & Books welcomes author Dana Swift in celebration of her YA fantasy debut, *Cast in Firelight*. Novelist KayLynn Flanders (*Shielded*) will moderate the conversation. Free, via Crowdcast.

Lisa Gardner in Conversation with Riley Sager

Tuesday, January 19th, 6:00pm EST

New York Times bestselling author Lisa Gardner will present her newest thriller, *Before She Disappeared*, via Facebook Live. She will be joined by special guest host, Riley Sager (*Survive the Night*). Free.

Sankofa presents: Nnedi Okorafor and Glory Edim

Tuesday, January 19th, 6:30pm EST

Sankofa Video, Books & Cafe will host this virtual conversation with award-winning author, Nnedi Okorafor and Glory Edim (*Well-Read Black Girl*) to celebrate the launch of Okorafor's new book, *Remote Control*. The first 100 attendees to order the book from Sankofa will receive an enamel pin and signed bookplate. Free, via Crowdcast.

Writers Live! Amber Ruffin and Lacey Lamar

Tuesday, January 19th, 7:00pm EST

Siblings Amber Ruffin and Lacey Lamar will discuss their new book, *You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey: Crazy Stories about Racism* for the Enoch Pratt Free Library. They will be joined in conversation by Mykel Hunter of WEAA FM. Free. Register here.

Kristin Cashore: Winterkeep Book Launch! Now with Sarah Enni

Tuesday, January 19th, 7:00pm EST

Kristin Cashore launches her newest book, *Winterkeep*, next in the series of Graceling Realm books in this virtual event hosted by Brookline Booksmith. Author, podcaster, and journalist Sarah Enni (*Tell Me Everything*) will join her in conversation. Free, with registration.

Craft in the Real World: Matthew Saleses with Brandon Taylor

Tuesday, January 19th, 7:00pm EST

Author Matthew Saleses (*I'm Not Saying, I'm Just Saying*) will discuss how to reimagine craft and the workshops through exercises and suggestions to rebuild syllabi,

grading and classroom practices that interrogate the lack of diversity at the core of published fiction: how we teach and write it. He will be joined by author Brandon Taylor (*Real Life*). Free, via Zoom.

Tuesdays with BOA Editions: Kathryn Nuernberger

Tuesday, January 19th, 7:30pm EST

Kathryn Nuernberger will be in conversation with BOA Publisher and Executive Director Peter Connors to discuss Nuernberger's newest poetry collection, *Rue*. Free. Register here.

Janice P. Nimura and Emily Silverman

Tuesday, January 19th, 7:30pm EST

Greenlight Bookstore will host author and historian Janice P. Nimura for the launch of her new book, *The Doctor's Blackwell*, a powerful work of feminist, medical, and US history. She will be joined in discussion by Emily Silverman, founder and host of the medical storytelling community, The Nocturnists. Free, with registration.

The Echoing Ida Collection

Tuesday, January 19th, 7:30pm EST

Charis Books and More celebrates the release of *The Echoing Ida Collection* with co-editor Dr. Cynthia Greenlee and Atlanta contributors and activists: Bianca Campbell, Quita Tinsley Peterson, and Samanthat Daley, in conversation moderated by local organizer Tamika Middleton. The event is co-sponsored by the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History and The Lola. Free, via Crowdcast.

Angie Thomas presents *Concrete Rose*

Tuesday, January 19th, 8:00pm EST

The Festival of Literary Diversity, Canada's first festival for diverse authors and storytellers, welcomes best-selling author, Angie Thomas, as part of her much-anticipated virtual tour for *Concrete Rose*. Tickets are CA\$32.84, which includes a copy of the book. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, January 18th here.

Martín Espada and Dennis Bernstein: *Floaters*

Tuesday, January 19th, 9:00pm EST

Martín Espada will read and discuss poetry from his new book, *Floaters*, converse with Dennis Bernstein, and answer audience questions. Presented by KPFA Radio 94.1 FM. There is a suggested donation of \$1-20 to attend, via Zoom.

Lunch Poems presents Adrienne Drobnies and Michael Mirolla

Wednesday, January 20th, 3:00pm EST

Lunch Poems at SFU features poet Adrienne Drobnies (*Salt and Ashes*) and author Michael Mirolla (*At the End of the World*) for a lunchtime poetry reading. Free, with registration.

Kevin Barry in Conversation with Susan Orlean

Wednesday, January 20th, 7:00pm EST

Prairie Lights Virtual will host a reading and conversation with author Kevin Barry to celebrate the release of his new story collection, *That Old Country Music*. He will be joined by *New York Times* bestselling author Susan Orlean (*The Library Book*). Free. Register here.

Black Narrators Audiobook Panel

Wednesday, January 20th, 8:00pm EST

Loyalty Bookstores and Macmillan Audio will team up for a special panel with Black audiobook narrators Robin Miles, JD Jackson, Landon Woodson, and Jeanette Illidge, moderated by Loyalty's programs and marketing manager Christine Bollow. Free, with registration.

Skylit: *Sanctuary* by Emily Rapp Black, with Sarah Sentilles

Wednesday, January 20th, 9:30pm EST

Emily Rapp Black will discuss her newest memoir, *Sanctuary*, that unpacks the various notions of resilience we carry as a culture. She will be joined in conversation by Sarah Sentilles (*Stranger Care: A Memoir of Loving What Isn't Ours*). For Skylit Books. Free, via Crowdcast.

New Directions in Feminism and Global Race Studies

Thursday, January 21st, 12:00pm EST

University of Illinois Press authors Annette Joseph-Gabriel (*Reimagining Liberation: How Black Women Transformed Citizenship in the French Empire*) and Tiffany N. Florvil (*Mobilizing Black Germany: Afro-German Woman and the Making of a Transnational Movement*) join other scholar-authors for a lively conversation about global race studies, Black diaspora studies, and transnational feminism. Free. Register [here](#).

Lunchtime Reading: torrin a. greathouse with Zeyn Joukhadar

Thursday, January 21st, 2:00pm EST

Women & Children First welcomes torrin a. greathouse for a reading in celebration of her debut poetry collection, *Wound from the Mouth of a Wound*. She will be joined by author Zeyn Joukhadar (*The Thirty Names of Night*). Free, via Crowdcast.

***Mobilizing Black Germany* Virtual Book Launch: Tiffany N. Florvil in conversation with Keisha N. Blain**

Thursday, January 21st, 4:30pm EST

Dr. Tiffany N. Florvil will celebrate the release of her book, *Mobilizing Black Germany*, in this virtual event hosted by University of Illinois Press. She will be joined in conversation with Dr. Keisha N. Blain (*Set the World on Fire*). Free, via Zoom.

The Black Matter is Life: Poetry for Engagement and Overcoming – Love, Love, Love

Thursday, January 21st, 5:00pm EST

Black Heritage Trail NH will host a winter virtual reading series of public discussions exploring the rich traditions of African American poetry. This event will feature guest poet, Pulitzer Prize winner Jericho Brown (*The Tradition*). Register [here](#). Free.

Glory in the Dark: Performance and Practice ft. Visual Artist Shikeith

Thursday, January 21st, 6:00pm EST

The Center for African American Poetry and Poetics (CAAPP) and the August

Wilson House presents the August Wilson House Fall/Winter Fellow and CAAPP Artist-in-Residence, Shikeith in a virtual performance and reading from the artist and local poets. Free, via Crowdcast.

Writer to Writer: Nandi Comer and Jonah Mixon-Webster

Thursday, January 21st, 7:00pm EST

Writer to Writer: Conversations on Crafts and Featured Readings series pairs writers together to read from their work and to discuss all aspects of being a working writer in a live virtual event. Poets Nandi Comer (*Tapping Out*) and Jonah Mixon-Webster (*Stereo[TYPE]*) will be featured in this event. Free, with registration.

The Prophets: A Virtual Evening with Robert Jones, Jr. and Deesha Philyaw

Thursday, January 21st, 7:00pm EST

Books & Books and Miami Book Fair present an evening with author Robert Jones, Jr. as he discusses his highly-anticipated debut novel, *The Prophets*, with fellow debut author Deesha Philyaw (*The Secret Lives of Church Women*). Free, via Crowdcast.

Kevin Coval: A BreakBeat Poetry Reading

Thursday, January 21st, 7:00pm EST

Hosted by Galena Public Library District, Kevin Coval (*Everything Must Go*) will read his award-winning poetry in this virtual event, followed by a Q&A. Free. Register [here](#).

Amber Ruffin and Lacey Lamar with Lacey Schwartz Delgado

Thursday, January 21st, 7:00pm EST

Writer, performer, and late-night talk show host, Amber Ruffin with her sister Lacey Lamar will talk with Lacey Schwartz Delgado and share absurd anecdotes from their new book, *You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey*. Free, with registration.

Infinitum: An Afro-futurist Tale – Tim Fielder in conversation with Edward Hall and Victor LaValle

Thursday, January 21st, 7:30pm EST

Charis Books and More with the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African

American Culture and History welcomes illustrator, cartoonist, and animator, Tim Fielder, in conversation with authors Edward A. Hall (*Dread Isle*) and Victor LaValle (*The Changeling*) for a celebration of Fielder's new book *Infinitum*, an Afrofuturist graphic novel. Free, via Crowdcast.

Jeff Porter in conversation with Meghan Daum

Thursday, January 21st, 8:00pm EST

Boswell Books welcomes author Jeff Porter in conversation about navigating grief as well as his newest book, *Planet Claire*, with author Meghan Daum (*The Problem with Everything*). Free, via Zoom.

Bloom with Elana Bell & Brooklyn Poet Laureate, Tina Chang

Thursday, January 21st, 7:30pm EST

Women Writers in Bloom Poetry Salon celebrates the release of Elana Bell's new book of poetry, *Mother Country*, with a reading featuring special guest poet Tina Chang (*Hybrida*), Brooklyn's Poet Laureate. There will be a brief Q&A session following the poetry reading. Salon curator JP Howard (*SAY/MIRROR*) and Salon poet, Cynthia Manick (*Blue Hallelujahs*), will co-host. Free, with donations welcome. Register here.

P&P Live! Nadia Owusu | *Aftershocks* with Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah

Thursday, January 21st, 8:00pm EST

Award-winning author, Nadia Owusu, discusses her new memoir, *Aftershocks*, with Nana Ajei-Brenyah (*Friday Black*) for Politics and Prose Live! Free tickets are available on a limited first come, first served basis, with other options to purchase a copy of Owusu's book. Reserve a spot here.

America Is Not The Heart

Thursday, January 21st, 8:00pm EST

Author Elaine Castillo will converse with writer and editor John Freeman (*Tale of Two Planets*), including a reading by Castillo and questions from the audience, in celebration of her debut novel, *America Is Not the Heart*—the California Book Club's January 2021 selection. Hosted by *Alta*. Free, via Zoom. Register here.

South Asian Writers Resist

Thursday, January 21st, 9:00pm EST

Presented by Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center, in partnership with Los Angeles Poet Society, Tia Chucha Press, and the Tuesday Night Project, seven South Asian writers will read their work responding to urgent global rights issues. The gathering — held eighteen months after the Indian government stripped the province of Kashmir of its special status and just one day after the transfer of power in the US — will create space for writers to forge connections across local and global borders. Featuring readings from Tanzila “Taz” Ahmed (*The Day the Moon Split in Two*), Neelanjana Banerjee (*Indivisible*), Torsa Ghosal (*Open Couplets*), Arshia Fatima Haq, Sorayya Khan (*City of Spies*), Mahmud Rahman (Mahmudul Haque’s *Black Ice*) and Shreerekha Subramanian (*Women Writing Violence*). Hosted by Sehba Sarwar (*Black Wings*). Free, with registration.

Our Edges Touched: Poets and Artists in Collaboration

Thursday, January 21st, 9:00pm EST

Hugo House will host a reading/showing of collaborative book projects with poet and artist pairs: Matthea Harvey and Amy Jean Porter (*Of Lamb*), Elizabeth Bradfield and Antonia Contro (*Theorem*), and Sierra Nelson and Loren Erdrich (*I Take Back the Sponge Cake*). A discussion between the artists and time for audience questions will follow the presentation. Free, via Zoom.

Skylit: *The Library of Esoterica: Tarot* by Jessica Hundley and *Astrology* by Andrea Richards

Thursday, January 21st, 9:30pm EST

Skylit Books celebrates *The Library of Esoterica: Tarot* and *The Library of Esoterica: Astrology*, the first and second volumes from TASCHEN’s *Library of Esoterica* series documenting the creative ways we strive to connect to the divine. Series editor Jessica Hundley and Andrea Richards, author of *Astrology*, will discuss their work. Free, via Crowdcast.

SLAMLANDIA: January

Thursday, January 21st, 10:00pm EST

Slamlandia is a poetry open mic and slam that meets every month to provide a welcoming space for all literary communities in Portland. Hosted by poet Julia Gaskill and featuring poet Sheila J. Sadr (*Birthday Girl*). Free, via Zoom.

P&P Live! Mark Leyner | *Last Orgy of the Divine Hermit* with Porochista Khakpour

Friday, January 22nd, 6:00pm EST

Author Mark Leyner will join Politics and Prose Live! to discuss his new book, *Last Orgy of the Divine Hermit*, in a conversation with writer Porochista Khakpour (*Brown Album*). Free. Register [here](#).

An Evening with Wallace Lane

Friday, January 22nd, 7:00pm EST

Enoch Pratt Free Library will host Baltimore poet, writer, author, and teacher Wallace Lane (*Jordan Year*) as he previews new work alongside other local creators. Free, via Zoom.

Recognize Fascism: A Science Fiction and Fantasy Anthology Panel

Friday, January 22nd, 7:00pm EST

Porter Square Books presents a panel discussion with the contributors to the new anthology, *Recognize Fascism: A Science Fiction and Fantasy Anthology*, edited by Crystal Huff. Huff will touch base with many of the global authors in this short story collection on recent events and imagined possibilities within the worlds of the anthology. The panel will feature contributors Brandon O'Brien, Octavia Cade (*The Stone Wētā*), Rodrigo Juri, Laura Jane Swanson, Lucie Lukačovičová, Kiya Nicoll, and others. There will be time for questions following the talk. Free, via Crowdcast.

Launch Party! *Certain and Impossible Events* by Candace Opper

Friday, January 22nd, 7:00pm EST

White Whale Bookstore will host the launch for Candace Jane Opper's debut book,

Certain and Impossible Events. She will be joined by authors Sarah Minor (*Bright Archive*) and Aisha Sabatini Sloan (*The Fluency of Light*) for a reading. Free, with registration.

Tom Vanderbilt Discusses *Beginners* with Virginia Heffernan

Friday, January 22nd, 8:00pm EST

Rescheduled from its original date of January 6, 2021, author Tom Vanderbilt will discuss his new book, *Beginners*, with journalist, critic, and author Virginia Heffernan (*Magic and Loss*) on P&P Live! Free. Register here.

EJ Koh in conversation with Cathy Park Hong

Friday, January 22nd, 9:00pm EST

Author EJ Koh will discuss her prose book, *The Magical Language of Others: A Memoir*, with poet and essayist Cathy Park Hong (*Minor Feelings*) for Elliott Bay Book Company. Free with the option to purchase a paperback copy of Koh's book. Via Zoom.

Poetry: Maggie Smith

Friday, January 22nd, 10:30pm EST

Seattle Arts and Lectures will host a digital poetry reading featuring Maggie Smith (*Keep Moving*). Online ticketing is based on pay-what-you-can pricing, ranging from \$10 to \$100 based upon what feels right to you and the number of people who will be watching along with you. The event will go live Friday at 7:30 PM PST/ 10:30 PM EST and will be available for viewing a week afterwards. Reserve a spot here.

Dante Micheaux: *Circus*

Saturday, January 23rd, 12:30pm EST

Presented by Writers and Books, author Dante Micheaux (*Circus*) will read his poetry. Free, with registration.

Samantha Shannon launches *The Mask Falling* with Melinda Salisbury

Saturday, January 23rd, 3:00pm EST

Bestselling author Samantha Shannon will celebrate the launch of *The Mask Falling*,

the fourth book in *The Bone Season* series with Brookline Booksmith. She will be joined by critically acclaimed YA novelist, Melinda Salisbury (*Hold Back the Tide*). Free. Register [here](#).

Eastwind Book Club: Ed Lin

Saturday, January 23rd, 5:00pm EST

Author Ed Lin shares his new book, *David Tung Can't Have A Girlfriend Until He Gets Into An Ivy League College*, with Eastwind Book Club. Free, via Zoom.

Reaching for Joy: Four Poets Read

Saturday, January 23rd, 6:00pm EST

Four poets — Jeanne-Marie Osterman (*Shellback*), Janice N. Harrington (*Primitive: The Art and Life of Horace H. Pippin*), Laure-Ann Bosselaar (*These Many Rooms*), and Christopher X. Shade (*Shield the Joyous*)— read from their recent books to honor loss and grief, while simultaneously celebrating hope and healing. This poetry reading is co-hosted by online literary journal, Cagibi, and SF Bay Area independent press, Paloma Press. Free, via Crowdcast.

Skylit: Goldie Vance: The Hocus Pocus Hoax by Lilliam Rivera, with Cecil Castellucci

Saturday, January 23rd, 6:00pm EST

Author Lilliam Rivera will discuss her second original novel based on the comic series, *Goldie Vance* — a middle-grade novel featuring 8 full-color comic pages about a queer, bi-racial supersleuth. She will be joined in conversation with YA author Cecil Castellucci (*Shade, The Changing Girl*). Free, via Crowdcast.

Say It Hurts: A Queer Grief Reading and Launch

Saturday, January 23rd, 7:00pm EST

White Whale Bookstore will host a queer grief reading and launch for Lisa Summe's debut collection of poetry, *Say It Hurts*. She will be joined by writers Sara Watson, Jari Bradley, Micaela Corn, and Diannely Antigua (*Ugly Music*). Free, with registration.

One Book – One Community: Author Talk with Jason Reynolds

Sunday, January 24th, 4:00pm EST

Critically acclaimed YA and middle-grade author and the current Young People's Ambassador for Literature, Jason Reynolds will give an author talk. For this program, nine central Ohio library systems have partnered to encourage all central Ohio families, friends, and co-workers to read *STAMPED: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi. Free, via Crowdcast.

The Rib King: A Conversation with Ladee Hubbard and Susanna Morris

Sunday, January 24th, 6:30pm EST

Charis Books and more welcomes acclaimed Ladee Hubbard in conversation with writer and professor Susana Morris (*The Crunk Feminist Collection*) for a celebration of Hubbard's novel, *The Rib King*. Free, via Crowdcast.

A Roots. Wounds. Words. Monthly Storyteller Showcase

Sunday, January 24th, 7:00pm EST

COUNTERpult Storyteller Showcase will celebrate emerging BIPOC, LGBTQIA+POC, and justice-involved storytellers in this virtual event. Al Valentín, Andres Chulisi Rodriguez, Camille Dantzler, and Mariam Sardar will perform. This event is donation-based to support future programming and artists. Reserve a ticket [here](#).

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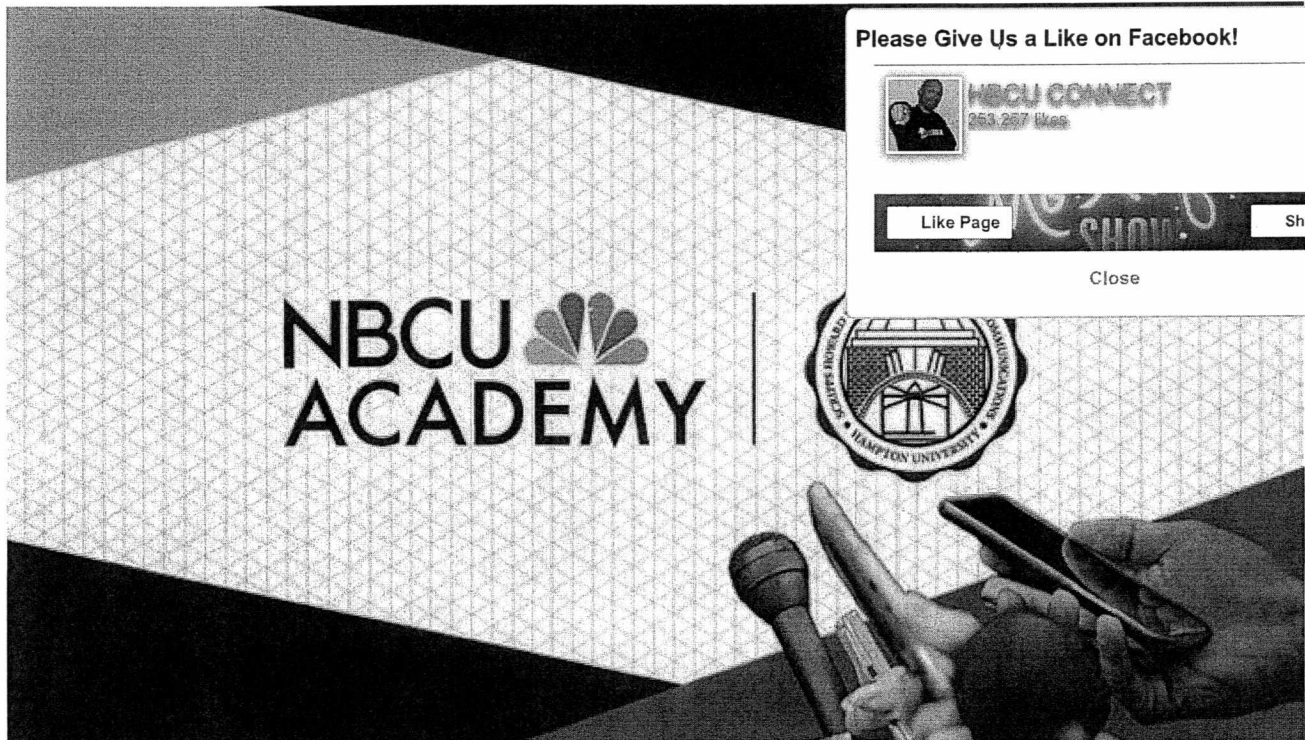
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PRESS RELEASE FROM HAMPTON UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK (January 14, 2021) – NBCUniversal News Group launched NBCU Academy, a new, innovative, multiplatform journalism training and development program for four-year university and community college students through education, on-campus training, and online programming. The initiative includes a curated onsite curriculum for a hands-on learning experience with world-class NBCU News Group journalists, funding for accredited journalism programs and scholarships.

In keeping with Comcast NBCUniversal and NBCU News Group's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, the multi-year partnership involves 17 academic partners including Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions and colleges with significant Latino, Asian American and Pacific Islander, Black, Indigenous and tribal populations – reaching students from underrepresented groups including those from diverse racial, ethnic, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, economic, and geographic backgrounds.

"Creating an inclusive culture for journalism that represents the communities we serve is at the very core of what we do," said NBCU News Group Chairman Cesar Conde. "Through NBCU Academy, we have the opportunity to widen our extraordinary legacy by building on-ramps for a talented generation of journalists and storytellers who—for so long—may have been overlooked."

NBCU Academy will invest a total of \$6.5 million to the initiative, including scholarships worth \$3.5 million over the next two years. In addition to providing equipment and collaborating with professors to develop seminar courses, NBCU News Group journalists, executives, and management from editorial and production teams across NBC News, MSNBC, ****, and Telemundo News will participate as guest lecturers to provide real-world insight and mentorship.

In addition, NBCU Academy will create and offer educational content to help inform, inspire and develop early-career professionals and seasoned journalists who want to remain up-to-date on changes in this fast-moving industry.

Academic partners include:

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The Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, LA

NBCU Academy builds on the foundation of NBC University, which NBC News launched nearly a decade ago as a training program for young journalism professionals at diversity journalism conferences and conventions, including at the Asian American Journalists Association, The National Association of Black Journalists, The National Association of Hispanic Journalists, The National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, Native American Journalists Association, the Online News Association and many more. NBCU Academy is an expansion of that initiative, offering new institutional partnerships.

In June 2020, Comcast NBCUniversal announced a multi-year \$100 million commitment to help address **** and inequality. NBCU Academy is part of that pledge and focuses on providing tools, resources, and platforms for young, underrepresented voices. In July 2020, NBCU News Group announced the Fifty Percent Challenge Initiative, an aggressive action plan to turn the NBCU News Group employee base to be 50% women and 50% people of color.

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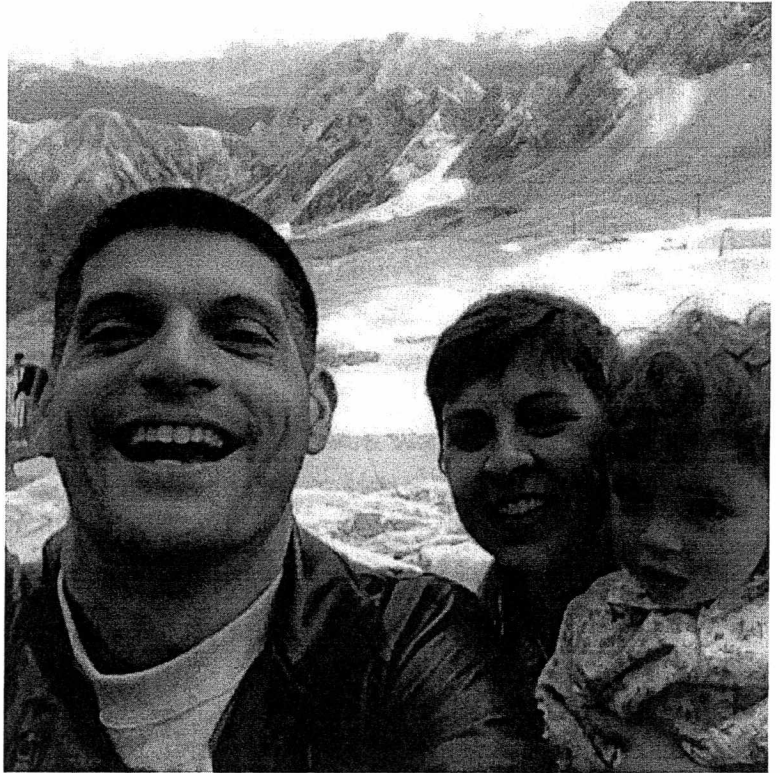
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Michael Lopez '20, Rose Lopez '20 and their daughter Annie.

By David Drucker

January 20, 2021 at 11:00am

Michael Lopez '20 is a bit of a thrill-seeker. In his 20s, he picked up a guitar, started a folk-rock band and moved to Nashville. In his 30s, he became a paratrooper for the U.S. Army in Germany before busting his leg on a jump.

Now, using his degree from FIU, Lopez is beginning another career: mathematics. And he finds it just as engaging as his other stops.

"I feel like a wizard, to be honest with you. The stuff we math people do, you can't see. You can't see a derivative or an integral. But without them, we can't do all of these really cool

things like split the atom, or build computers, or be able to talk to each other over the Internet," Lopez says.

Lopez is beginning a job at NASA as an optical engineer, someone who works with telescopes and other visual technology.

He was what some professors call a "mature student." Although faculty don't receive dates of birth or personal contact information from their pupils, a student's performance sometimes makes it clear that he or she is not 18 years old.

"He got a 100 percent on his first two exams," remembers Professor Taje Ramsamujh in the Department of Math and Statistics. "He is able to see the big picture better than most people. And that is because of his mathematical maturity."

It is a maturity that Lopez built by seeing a lot of the world.

Born to Cuban parents in Hialeah, Lopez had a taste for adventure growing up. He and his cousins were surfers who roamed up and down the Florida coastline looking for the tallest waves. After breaking all of his boards, though, Lopez chose a new hobby.

"I heard Bob Dylan when I was a younger guy, and I said, 'Oh yeah, I could totally do that,'" Lopez says of the famed singer-songwriter.

Lopez was set on becoming a professional musician. He learned the guitar and harmonica, spending his time in libraries studying song books. The young performer played at bars and clubs across Miami.

After a couple of years playing, Lopez decided his solo act needed to expand. He had a friend named Rose whom he knew from his day job at Starbucks. He also had a crush on her.

"He said, 'I need you to play with me.' And I loved him. So I said, 'OK,'" says Rose Lopez MFA '20, now Michael's wife.

The duo started dating. They packed their bags and moved to Chicago. There, they built up their musical chops while living in a basement apartment. After a couple years, they moved to Nashville and recruited more musicians to their group. They formed a four-piece band called The Heavy Love Cult.



The Heavy Love Cult. From left to right: Rose Lopez, Michael Lopez, Emily D'Andrea and Sean Zwicke.

"My favorite part was getting up there in front of a bunch of strangers and singing a song you wrote. It's not even about anyone liking it or anything. It's just having the gooseballs to go up there. It was so liberating and so thrilling. I guess I'm just a junkie for that feeling," Lopez says.

At some shows the band was loved and at some shows they were "just so, so bad," Rose recalls. It all came to a conclusion when a thought entered Lopez's head that forced him to reconsider his career. It was triggered by seeing a poster of the Rolling Stones, where each member of the rock group was dressed head-to-toe in eccentric clothes.

"It was then that I started to realize, I just couldn't be that guy to do nutty stuff to get my music known," Lopez says.

He shifted his focus away from music as he acted on a desire to serve his country. In 2013, Lopez enlisted in the Army. The Miami native was assigned to be a paratrooper in Germany.

Right before leaving, he proposed to Rose. She said yes and followed him to Europe.

"I was thinking, 'He is going to go off to have adventures and tramp through the woods as a soldier. I'm not going to be left behind. I'm going to join the Army too,'" Lopez says.

Since they were married, the Army allowed the couple to live together in Germany. They stayed for four years. Lopez initially wanted to serve longer, but he had a family to look after. His wife had given birth overseas. And after breaking his leg on a jump, Lopez knew he wouldn't be of much use to the military.



Lopez and his daughter Annie at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin. And so Lopez decided to get a college degree in math, a subject he had been passionate about since he was a child. He started at Miami-Dade College online while in the Army. His wife, an FIU student at the time, convinced him to finish his bachelor's at Miami's state university when they returned to the U.S.

At FIU, Lopez gained a group of people to learn from as well as a quiet place to concentrate. His home base became a cluster of chalkboards outside the math department in Deuxieme Maison.

"I would just sit there all day between classes and do my homework or go over some topic I didn't understand on the chalkboard. The cool thing is you have all these math majors and professors walking through. They would say, 'Oh, you should try it this way,' or 'Hey, you should think about it this way,'" Lopez says.

Now, as Lopez begins his new job, he readily admits that he's taken a difficult, abstract path to being a mathematician. But that's not a bad thing, he says.

"The hardest things are the most worth doing. They give you the most pleasure, stress, anxiety and fear, but they also give you something you will never get from anybody else. No one can tell you the things you will learn when you accomplish something hard," Lopez says.

In 2021, Lopez is beginning a master's in mathematics at Johns Hopkins University.

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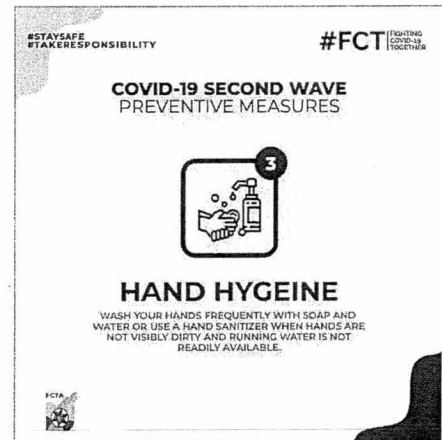
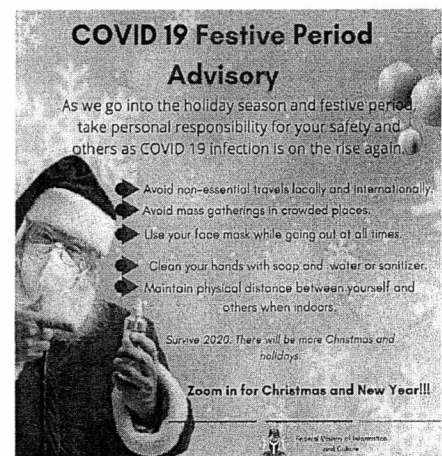


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US-based Nigerian billionaire to invest N3bn in Fidelity Bank

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Dr Oluleye Adigun, a US-based Nigerian billionaire, has revealed ongoing effort to invest three billion naira (\$6.8million) in Fidelity Bank through shares acquisition.

"With the right people, with great mind and good intentions, Nigeria can be like US and other thriving countries. I need to build my own too. Nigeria is my home regardless of what I have here in US."

He narrated how his previous efforts to purchase failing Polaris Bank in Nigeria was thwarted, on the grounds that he was not known in Nigeria and being an investor from Southern Nigeria.

Adigun described the experience as very horrible, saying that the task of building a greater Nigeria was a collective responsibility, which must be devoid of ethnic sentiment.

"When I decided to start investing in the Nigerian economy, I first heard of Polaris Bank. So I decided to buy a failing bank and Polaris came up through my connections with CBN.

"I was connected to Mr. Peter Aletor who is coordinating with AMCO in buying 80 percent shares of Polaris bank and save it from closing. I was later informed by Mr. Peter that Polaris board members met and decided that they are not selling control of the bank to a Southerner," he said.

He said it was Aletor who later told him to buy small shares from other reputable banks like Guaranty Trust Bank or Fidelity Bank, and this prompted his decision to buy enough shares from Fidelity bank to become a board member.

"We are going through that process now and should be completely done in a few weeks. This is a billion naira project and hope it goes well. I have built myself from making less than 30,000 dollars yearly to having a net worth of over 100 million dollars within the last four years.

"We are all Nigerians and looking to better our country together. We can't fix Nigeria if we are all divided. As Nigerians, we need to change our mindset to fix and make Nigeria better together," he said.

He said he was also in the process of applying for a banking license with CBN to dive into fintech.

NAN reports that Adigun was an old student of Olivet Baptist High School in Oyo, Miami Dade college, Florida Atlantic University and Walden University.



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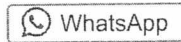
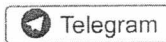
He has served in several U.S organisations as a Police Officer, Substance Abuse Counselor and Clinical Director before he opened his first business in 2017.

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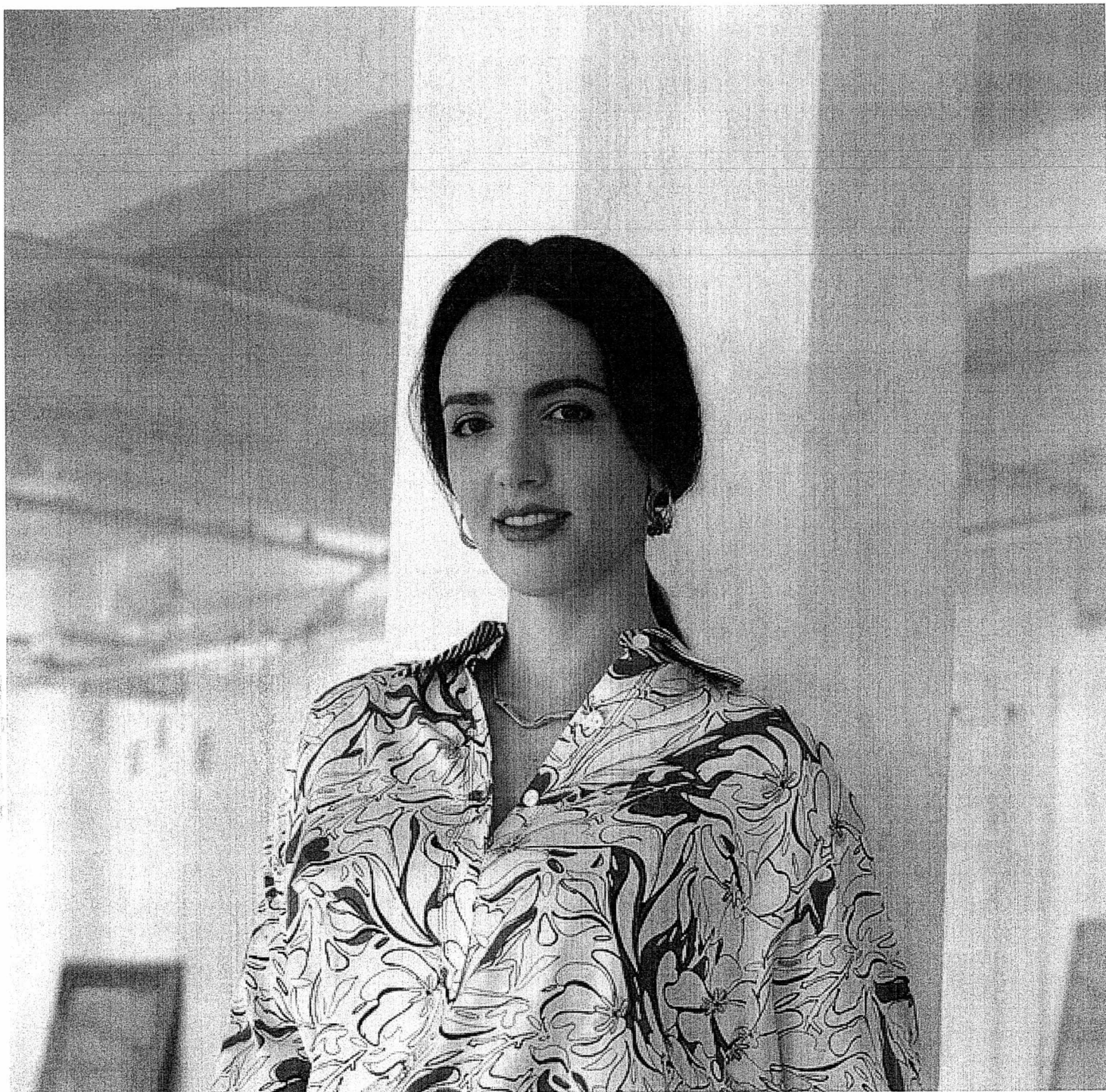
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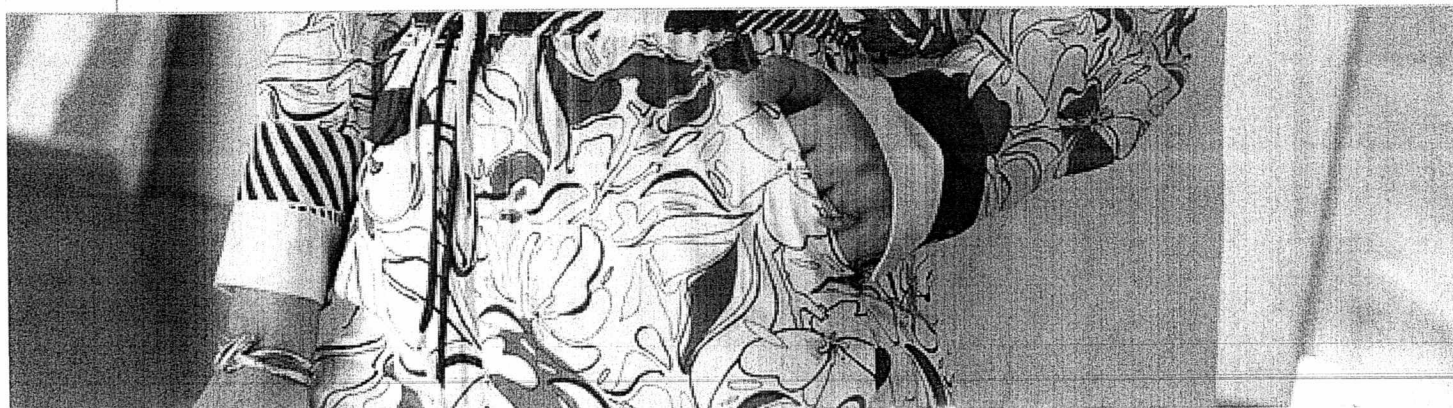
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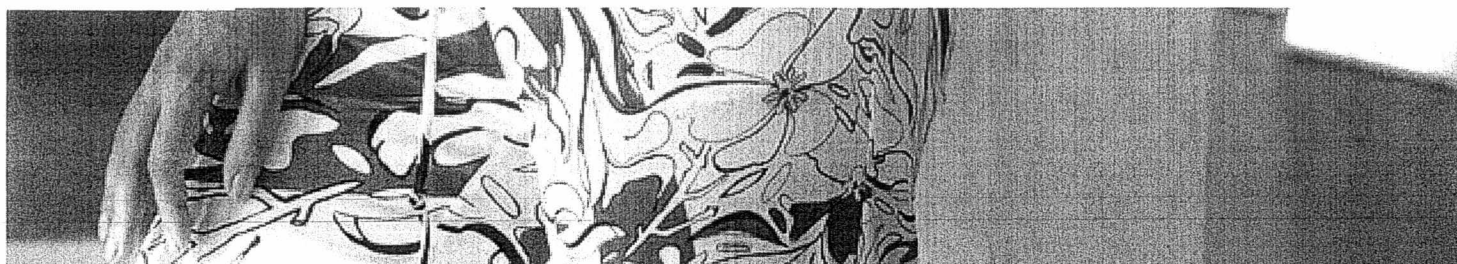


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otra industria diferente, de alto impacto y con un pronóstico de crecimiento muy alto. Eso fue lo que hice.

¿Qué parte de la experiencia junto a Frank Gehry te empujó a reorientarte al entorno digital?

Mucha. Todo lo que diseñábamos allí pasaba por un proceso tanto físico como digital: hacíamos modelos físicos, los escaneábamos con maquinaria 3D, los trasladábamos al entorno digital... No pensábamos en ellos como entes separados, sino que siempre iban juntos. Por otro lado, Gehry no solo es un genio, sino también un gran emprendedor. Tiene 90 años y aún hace de relaciones públicas a diestro y siniestro, atendiendo personalmente a sus clientes. Ese equilibrio entre el emprendimiento y la creatividad me animó a asumir el riesgo de crear mi propia empresa a partir de la hibridación entre los espacios públicos y la tecnología, dando lugar a un mercado muy diferente.

¿Cómo surgió tu primer proyecto en ese nuevo mercado?

Cuando dejé el estudio, hace unos tres años, hice consultoría y joyería con impresión 3D, pues detecté una falta de creatividad en otros diseñadores de la misma rama. Quería que lo que la clienta iba a llevar puesto fuera también una pequeña obra de arte. La cadena de grandes almacenes Nordstrom lanzó una línea de joyería en 3D en la que detecté algunas carencias: piezas muy grandes, poco combinables.... Por entonces todas las chicas querían tener un anillo de impresión 3D, era muy novedoso. Así que lancé **PIEMER**, mi propia línea. Fue todo un

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Respuesta de las encuestas.

Me permitió mezclar la moda y la tecnología de forma revolucionaria y, viniendo del espacio online al *offline*, me ayudó a contemplar nuevas posibilidades y la importancia de la experiencia del usuario. Veía a las vendedoras como tiburones detrás de los clientes y me decía: 'Estos productos se venden solos, ¿por qué se esfuerzan tanto?'. Con el gran cambio sobrevenido en la última década con las

redes sociales, exploré la creación de **FlickPlay como herramienta para potenciar la experiencia de marca** y cómo podía encajar en el mercado de las redes.

¿Cómo se gestó ese proceso?

Estudí las tendencias que ganaban terreno en *offline* y *online*. Por ejemplo, el Museo del Helado, al que los usuarios de redes acudían con frecuencia para crear contenidos. En lo digital, la fiebre de **Pokémon Go**. Ambos casos evidenciaban la tendencia de unir lo físico con lo digital, así que evalué cuáles eran las plataformas que daban pie a compartir esos momentos.

Frente a Twitter, que se mueve en una dimensión, con texto e imágenes, estaban Instagram, TikTok y Snapchat, que lo hacen en dos, con imágenes y vídeos. **Era el momento de pensar en tres dimensiones, uniendo los espacios físicos con los digitales para crear experiencias relevantes en ubicaciones y ciudades significativas, y que cambiasen continuamente.** El potencial para las empresas de medios y las marcas era enorme, porque les permitía customizar sus contenidos de manera interactiva sin la necesidad del espacio físico. Así que fundé **FlickPlay**, una aplicación que permite compartir en redes sociales vídeos e historias con esas ubicaciones en realidad aumentada, fusionando la experiencia física con la digital. En la era de la Covid-19, esta herramienta da vida a los espacios. Además, FlickPlay incorpora juegos y recompensas que incentivan la interacción con el espacio físico y la competencia entre grupos.

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Con la pandemia y la omnipresencia del comercio digital, es cada vez más difícil **que las personas vayan a comprar a tiendas físicas. FlickPlay les empuja a hacerlo.** Por ejemplo, en Los Ángeles, una marca de surf creará contenidos en una playa, pero también una firma de lujo puede recurrir a bellas localizaciones para presentar sus productos. Con el juego de la aplicación, los usuarios visitan esos espacios y acumulan puntos que pueden canjear por premios en las tiendas físicas.

El beneficio para las marcas es doble: por un lado, generan tráfico hacia las tiendas y, al ir a buscar un regalo, quienes acuden están mucho más receptivos al discurso del vendedor sobre otros productos, lo que dispara la posibilidad de compra.

Además, el regalo fomenta la adherencia del cliente a la marca. Por otro lado, permite a las marcas recurrir a los contenidos de su clientela y crear otros propios para sus campañas, mostrando en ellas los lugares favoritos de su target e incluyendo a voluntad sus elementos identitarios y los productos que quieren promocionar.

FlickPlay ya está operativo en Estados Unidos y su desembarco en España es inminente. ¿Cuál será el siguiente paso?

A medio y largo plazo, nuestro objetivo es que, sea cual sea el lugar que visites, puedas realizar contenido creativo sobre él que sea mucho más atractivo e inmersivo que la propia realidad. Aún nos queda mucho por hacer

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1826 Nace en Galeana, Nuevo León, Mariano Escobedo, destacado militar liberal, uno de los principales héroes de la lucha contra el imperio de Maximiliano.

1861 En México, el gobierno federal publica las Leyes de Reforma, expedidas en Veracruz por el presidente Benito Juárez.

1897 Nace el poeta mexicano Carlos Pellicer. Entre sus obras destacan "Piedra de sacrificio" y "Subordinaciones".

1901 Nace en Banes, Cuba, Fulgencio Batista, que en 1952 con el grado de sargento dará un golpe de Estado, y asumirá de manera dictatorial el mando del ejército y la presidencia de la República de Cuba.

1912 Nace el antropólogo y escritor mexicano Fernando Benítez, quien destaca sobre todo como periodista, profesión a la que dedica 70 años de su vida, a tal grado que es llamado "El Padre de los Suplementos".

1914 El escritor ruso Máximo Gorki es autorizado a regresar a su país tras ocho años de exilio.

1920 En EE.UU. Entra en vigor la Ley Volstead, conocida popularmente como "Ley Seca", consistente en la ilegalización de la fabricación, elaboración, transporte, importación, exportación y venta de alcohol. Casi inmediatamente las bandas mafiosas comenzarán a disputarse el mercado clandestino de este producto, siendo peor el remedio que la enfermedad. Finalmente, en 1933, la Ley será derogada vista su perversidad.

1924 Nace la actriz de cine Katy Jurado, en Guadalajara, Jalisco.

1933 Nace Susan Sontag, ensayista, novelista y activista. La estadounidense, una de las más grandes figuras de la intelectualidad.

1934 Nace el actor mexicano Freddy Fernández "El Pichi". Inicia como actor juvenil, junto a Pedro Infante. Actúa en más de 90 películas, 25 obras de teatro y series de televisión, entre ellas "Los amores de Chucho el Roto".

1939 Aparece la primera publicación de "Superman" en historietas. Este personaje es creado en 1938 por dos jóvenes estudiantes de Cleveland, Ohio (Estados Unidos): Jerry Siegel, quien tiene la idea del nuevo héroe, y Joseph Shuster, quien lo dibuja.

1944 Reino Unido: el general estadounidense Dwight D. Eisenhower, llega a Londres para ponerse al frente de las tropas que lucharán en Europa en la Segunda Guerra Mundial.

1948 Nace John Carpenter, en Nueva York, Estados Unidos, uno de los más renombrados directores de cine de terror moderno.

1952 Se crea el estado de Baja California, al ser modificados los artículos 43 y 45 de la Constitución.

1956 Por mandato constitucional, el islamismo se convierte en la religión oficial de Egipto.

1957 El legendario "Cavern Club" de Liverpool abre sus puertas por primera vez. Años más tarde, le da la oportunidad de tocar allí a un grupo de la ciudad, "The Beatles".

1957 Muere el director de orquesta italiano Arturo Toscanini, quien destaca por su excepcional memoria musical, que le permite memorizar las partituras de Ludwig van Beethoven, Giuseppe Verdi y Richard Wagner, entre otros autores.

1969 El estudiante Jan Palach se prende fuego en la plaza Wenzel, de Praga, en protesta por la ocupación soviética de Checoslovaquia y la supresión de las libertades individuales.

1973 Luego de 440 emisiones durante 13 años y medio, se transmite la última edición de "Bonanza", una de las series del oeste más exitosas de los 60, creada por David Dortort.

1979 Después de un gobierno de treinta y siete años, Mohammad Reza Pahleví "Sha de Irán" abandonó Teherán camino del exilio. Entre otros países, México de manera temporal lo recibe durante su exilio.

1991 George H. W. Bush, presidente de EUA, ordena el comienzo de la Guerra del Golfo con la operación "Tormenta del Desierto".

1992 En el Castillo de Chapultepec de México se firman los Acuerdos de Paz entre el Gobierno de El Salvador y la guerrilla del FMLN que terminan con doce años de guerra civil en ese país.

2003 Desde Cabo Cañaveral despegó el transbordador espacial Columbia, que se destruiría durante su regreso a la Tierra 16 días más tarde.

2014 La versión mexicana de la película "Elsa y Fred", protagonizada por Shirley MacLane y Christopher Plummer, ganadores del Oscar, se estrenará en marzo durante el Festival de Cine de Miami.

2014 Muere el mexicano José Sulaiman Chagnon, presidente del Consejo Mundial de Boxeo (CMB), a la edad de 82 años, fue un boxeador amateur, entrenador, árbitro y promotor boxístico mexicano de ascendencia libanesa. Fue calificado como el "padre del boxeo".

Toño Chávez