

Bakari K. Lumumba was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio. He is a graduate of Wright State University (2014) holding bachelor's degrees in the fields of African/African American Studies & Sociology and is a (2018) graduate of Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership & Public Affairs and Center for International Studies, holding Masters degrees in Public Administration and African Studies. Mr. Lumumba is currently a second year Ph.D. student at The Ohio State University in the field of Higher Education Student Affairs. He is also an adjunct professor at Columbus State Community College in the Department of Developmental Education. Mr. Lumumba's thesis entitled, *Is Pan-Africanism Dead?: The Relevancy of Garveyism in the Twenty-First Century: The Politics of Black Self-Determination in the Southeastern United States* (2018), examines how Pan-Africanism in a nuanced manner can experience an social resurgence in the United States.

Furthermore, during his academic and professional career Mr. Lumumba has 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 (NOI) Black Excellence Award. Mr. Lumumba is a frequent lecturer at colleges and universities across the country relating to Pan-Africanism, African American student success, and motivational speaking. Mr. 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 interest are Pan-Africanism, Black Misandry in Higher Education and the use of Black Critical Theory (BlackCrit) as a construct to engage and combat anti-Black racism.

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 Juila Cooper