

# AFIYA SHANI WILLIAMS

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## ABOUT ME

Consulting and collaborating with mission driven organizations, artists, and change makers to cultivate social change, deepen connections, and achieve impact goals within their communities.

Producer, educator, and visionary with 15+ years experience in non-profit, program development and management, filmmaking, event production, and youth development.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Google Suite • Microsoft Office • Canva • [some] Adobe Suite • iMovie • Digital Photography • Slack • Asana • Trello • CRM Systems • Email Marketing Systems • Agile Methodology • Human-Centered Design • Video Conferencing Softwares • and more.

## EDUCATION

### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Masters in Educational Leadership, Politics, & Advocacy

### SMITH COLLEGE

Bachelor of Arts  
Sociology and English

## EXPERIENCE

### Event & Experience Production

- Founder + Director, WildFiya, 2016-Present
  - Radical + Restorative wellness events and experiences for Black women and women of color to play, learn, and be well
  - Event production for mission-driven organizations and artists
  - Current/Past Events: Juneteenth Drum Walk, Juneteenth Drum Garden Party, Virtual LipSync Battle, Wild and Free Write, Digital Vision Boarding, Radical Imagination Workshop; Events Size Range: 5-300
- Program and Communications Consultant. BlackFemaleProject, Oct 2021-Present
  - End-to-end production of full calendar of events and programs
  - Manage external communications, Lead on event activations and film production, Big events include: Black Vines Activation, Black Joy Parade
- Special Events Consultant, Urban Ed Academy, April 2023-2025
  - Gala Producer: 2023, 2024; Community Events Consultant
- Assistant to Artistic Director, Zaccho Dance Theatre, Oct 2021-Present
  - Creative and production based project support on large and small scale site specific aerial performances and community events
- Producer, Made in Color x Sum of Us Festival Art Activation, 2022 and 2023
  - Wellness art multi-tiered activation and workshop within 3-day festival, 250+ guests
- Co-Producer, Tribe City Fest, Bayview Hunters Point, 2016
  - Black Wellness and Joy Festival with stage and full performance schedule, vendors, food trucks, 200+ guests
- Events Coordinator, Ethical Culture Fieldston School, 2013
  - High-end donor events, \$1M+ Revenue Annual Auction; Events Size Range: 10-400
- Atlanta Coordinator, The Revival: Women and the Word Tour, 2012
  - Poetry salon and show, Pre-production coordination, day of support
- Development Coordinator, Atlanta Girls' School, 2011-2013
  - Annual Fundraising Auction, donor and auction management
- Events Coordinator, National Black Arts Festival, 2009-2011
  - Multi-Day Festival of concerts and art exhibitions, Year round events, Black tie Galas; Events Size Range: 10-1k+
- Events and Activities Manager Smith College Campus Center Events 2005-2008
  - Lead planner for year round school sponsored events: coffee house artists, fireside chats, back to school carnival, concerts; Events Size Range: 5-1000

### Program Development + Management

- Program Manager, Global Nomads Group, 2017-2021
  - Managed two global youth anti-bias programs, livestream webcasts
- Program Director, Josephine Herrick Project, Feb 2015 to Sept 2017
  - Managed 30 Teaching Assistants and photography programs for marginalized populations (youth at risk, veterans, people with disabilities)
- Youth Instructor, Step Up Women's Network, 2013-2014
  - Girls Empowerment After School instructor
- Youth Instructor, Bank Street College, 2016-2017
  - Social Justice and College Prep Instructor
- Youth Motivational Speaker 2015-Current
  - In person and virtual workshops for high school students of color

### Filmmaking

- Producer, I Love Bed-Stuy (docu-narrative feature), in production
- Producer, Ice Cold (short film), NewFest 2018 Film Festival
- Production Manager/Producer, 195 Lewis (web series), 2013-2017, Winner Breakthrough Series-Short Form - Gotham Awards 2018
- Global Travel Producer, Students Rebuild x Global Nomads Group, Short docs, 2017-2020
- Director + Producer, Black Lips, (A student project at NYU)