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Age Activist

Striving to undo ageism within an intersectional framework. Promoting intergenerational cooperation along with radical notions of what it means to be aging.

Education: York College, CUNY:
B.S. in Gerontological Studies with minor in Black Studies
Graduated 6/2015
G.P.A. 3.9

Experience:

OldSchool.info *Co-Founder* 2017-Present
Vision: To help catalyze a movement against ageism and leverage the universal nature of this form of prejudice to address the intersectional nature of all oppression—and of activism itself.
Mission: Curate free quality resources to educate people about ageism and foster movement-building activities.

Age Equity Alliance *Co-Founder* 2020
Age Equity Alliance (AEA) is a 501(c)(3) focused on increasing age equity in the workplace through education, and training. Our goal is to debunk age-related myths and stereotypes across the age spectrum, promoting the short- and long-term benefits of multigenerational collaboration.

Further Education:

Beyond the Body: Recasting Aging Summer School Concordia University, Montreal 2019
Living the Heart of Wisdom Course True North Insight Meditation, Montreal 2018-2020

Past Offerings:

- 1.23.18 Age Queer @ New Women Space in Brooklyn, NY
- 6.23.18 Age Queer Meditation @ Solstice Retreat in Brandenburg, Germany
- 7.3.18 Age Queer @ Riona's Room in Dublin, Ireland
- 7.18.18 Age Queer @ Bluestockings Bookstore Cafe & Activist Center in New York, NY
- 8.4.18 Age Queer @ Annual Trans Wellness Conference in Philadelphia, PA
- 9.12.18 Age Queer @ Edie Windsor SAGE Center in New York, NY
- 4.21.19 Expose & Undo Ageism @ B/old Conference Concordia University Montreal, Canada
- 8.5.19 Age Queer @ Pioneer Network Conference in Louisville, KY
- 8.7.19 Ageism: Exploring the Connection to Who We Are & the Work We Do @ Pioneer Network Conference in Louisville, KY
- 5.19.20 Let's Dismantle Ageism virtual workshop
- 5.22.20 Age bias consciousness-raising group
- 8.20.20 Age Queer @ Pervers/cité Montreal
- 9.2.20 Dismantling Ageism—Old School Style! @ Pioneer Network Conference

- 11.19.20 Ageism Discussion with Old School @ Positive Aging SourceBook
- 12.3.20 Intergen LGBTQ+ Connect @ Gay & Grey Montreal
- 1.4.21 Age Queer @ Village Berlin
- 1.18.21 Anti-Racism as a Daily Practice @ Village Berlin
- 1.28.21 Age Pride : LGBTQ2IA Connect @ Gay & Grey Montreal
- 2.1.21 Age Queer @ Village Berlin
- 2.15.21 Anti-Racism as a Daily Practice @ Village Berlin
- 3.1.21 Age Queer @ Village Berlin
- 3.4.21 Launch of Ageist? Racist? Who Me?

Podcasts and Webinars:

Ageism Discussion with Old School - Anti-Ageism Clearinghouse w/ [Positive Aging Sourcebook](#)
 Anti-ageism hub Old School comes of age w/ [The Big Middle Podcast](#)

Publications:

An Anti-Ageism Activist's Thoughts on Getting to be Thirty...	ChangingAging.org	7.10.18
Old School – New website takes ageism to task	3rd Act Magazine	Winter, 2019
Anti-Ageism Clearinghouse, OldSchool, Gets a Mighty Upgrade	ChangingAging.org	3.1.19
Age Queer, Why we need to queer age now more than ever	Changingaging.org	4.7.20
Artists4LongTermCare: Artists create resources for all to advocate during COVID-19 and beyond	ChangingAging.org	6.23.20

Employment/Volunteer Experience:

Home Instead	<i>Caregiver</i>	2016-2017	Dublin, Ireland
S.A.G.E. Center Midtown	<i>Field Work Intern</i>	Spring 2015	New York, NY
Risk and Resiliency Internship Project	<i>Intern</i>	Summer 2014	New York, NY
Brooklyn Community Pride Center	<i>ElderPRIDE Facilitator</i>	Summer 2014	Brooklyn, NY
S.A.G.E. 'LendaHand'	<i>Volunteer and Friendly Visitor</i>	2012 - 2014	New York, NY