

STORY		I am a Black Interiorist — a researcher, archivist, and curator focused on Black interior spaces. With degrees in Social Welfare and Interaction Design, I combine social science and design thinking to center the spaces where Black communities live, work, and gather.
PRINCIPAL WORK	2026–Now	<u>Black Interior Archive</u> · Curator · Creating a digital archive documenting Black interior design sensibilities through architectural elements, furniture, decor, objects, and visual culture.
	2023–Now	<u>Making the Body a Home</u> · Founder · Founded a design practice that educates designers about racially equitable architecture and interior environments.
	2022	<u>Interior Race Theory</u> · Theorist · Developed a framework published in the Journal of Interior Design that explores how everyday design elements impact racial experiences for communities of color.
RESIDENCY	2026–Now	<u>Storyhouse World</u> · Researching Black Spatial Intelligence.
SERVICE	2025–Now	<u>Open Architecture Collaborative</u> · Board Director · Advise on project concepts, community-centered design, and schematic design for community-based organizations.
	2025	<u>Brand Impact Awards</u> · Judge · Evaluating experiential design projects for creativity, strategic impact, and meaningful audience engagement.
BOOKS	2026	<u>Designing for Dissent</u> · Contributing author · Actionable Design for Inclusive Spaces. CoDesign Collaborative.
	2025	<u>...but, who are we building for?</u> · Contributing author · Building Justice: Practices of Fostering Racial Equity in the Built Environment. Building Diversity.
	2024	<u>Tender Reminders</u> · Author · A deck of 50 cards helping communities of color heal from racial trauma on individual, interpersonal, and institutional levels.
	2023	<u>Racial Wellness</u> · Author and designer · A book supporting communities of color in healing from racial trauma.
	2018	<u>The Geometry of Being Black</u> · Author and designer · Poetry exploring the Black lived experience.
ARTICLES	2025	<u>Wrong House</u> · The Cost of Being Seen: How Racism Devalues Black Interiors—and Erodes Generational Wealth.

	2024	<u>Journal of Interior Design</u> · Interior Race Theory: Using Interior Objects to Resist Harmful Racial Conditioning. Published online December 2023; included in the 2024 journal volume.
	2024	<u>GIDA Journal</u> · Remembering is Resistance: Archival Practices to Disrupt Memoricide.
	2024	<u>Society for Experiential Graphic Design</u> · A Death by a Thousand Designs, Communication + Place.
	2022	<u>AIGA Eye on Design</u> · How Can Designers Build Interfaces That Avoid the White Default?
PRESENTATIONS	2026	<u>The Getty</u> · Speaker · Black Interior Spaces. Black Portraitures conference: The Black Built Environment.
	2025	<u>San Francisco Art Fair</u> · Panelist · Investing in Black Art for the Home: Curating Cultural and Financial Value.
	2025	<u>AIGA</u> · Speaker · Writing on the Wall: How Environmental Graphic Design Shapes Belonging.
	2024	<u>Weeksville Heritage Center</u> · Panelist · A Healer in Every Home.
	2024	<u>Society for Experiential Graphic Design</u> · Speaker · A Death by a Thousand Designs. Academic Summit.
	2024	<u>Button</u> · Speaker · Beyond White Space: Equitable Content Design for Digital and Physical Spaces.
	2023	<u>Harvard Graduate School of Design</u> · Panelist · (Home)making, (Home)keeping. Black in Design Conference: The Black Home.
	2020	<u>Harvard Graduate School of Design</u> · Panelist · Design Equity: The Revolution Will Be Designed. Design Impact Series: Transformation at the Intersection of Equity, Climate Change and Health.
INSTRUCTION	2028	<u>Fashion Institute of Technology</u> · Guest Lecturer · Racialized Urban Landscapes. Forthcoming.
	2023	<u>IJERUKA</u> · Instructor · Designing Africa and the Diaspora.
	2021	<u>Parsons School of Design × Yellowbrick</u> · Inclusive Design Instructor · UX Design Foundations.
	2021	<u>HUGE Inc</u> · Facilitator · Inclusive Design Workshop.
ACTIVATIONS	2024	<u>State of Black Design</u> · “Beyond the Margins: Blackness in the Built Environment” · designed a participatory activation inviting designers to reimagine built environments that center Black communities.
	2023	<u>Museum of the African Diaspora</u> · “When I Is Replaced with We: Racial Wellness Book Launch and Activation” · Designed an activation to support racial healing for those who have experienced racial trauma.

COLLABORATIONS	2021	<u>Kotn</u> · Codedesigned the Homecoming Collection.
	2021	<u>Skin Deep</u> · Consultant on a film by podHer exploring racial trauma.
PRESS	2026	<u>Black Girls in Archives</u> · The Domestic Is Ancestral.
	2024	<u>The Drum</u> · Fostering Racial Wellness: The Power and Responsibility of Experiential Design.
	2023	<u>ESSENCE</u> · Racial Wellness Author, Jacquelyn Ogorchukwu Iyamah, On Her Daydreaming-Filled Self-Care Routine.
	2023	<u>Architectural Digest</u> · Interior Race Theory Is a Creative Way to Decolonize Our Homes.
	2021	<u>i-D</u> · Jacquelyn Ogorchukwu Iyamah on Building a Safe Space for Racial Wellness.
	2020	<u>BuzzFeed</u> · What Is Racial Gaslighting? This Woman Gave a Powerful Explanation.
	2017	<u>Design Indaba</u> · An Instabition in Misogynoir.
EDUCATION	2020	Master of Science in Interaction Design · University of Baltimore.
	2016	Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare · University of California, Berkeley.
CERTIFICATIONS	2024	Equitable Communities Through Inclusive Urban Development · American Institute of Architects.
	2024	Equitable Communities: Special Session · American Institute of Architects.