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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Margaret Burroughs Community Fellow**, *The Portal Project, The UIC Social Justice Initiative*, 2021-
- **Lucille Gorham Fellow**, *VOLAR*, 2020-present
- **Ernest Thompson Fellow for Program & Coalition**, *University of Orange*, 2019-2020
- **Urbanist in Residence**, *University of Orange*, 2018
- **Interdisciplinary Research Leader Fellow**, *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*, 2016-2019
- **Resource Organizer (Founding Organizer)** *Organizing Neighborhood Equity (ONE DC)*, 2007-2019
- **Executive Director**, *Manna Community Development Corporation*, 1997-2006
- **Development Specialist**, *Manna, Inc.*, 1995-1997
- **Housing Development Specialist**, *H Street Development Corporation*, 1994-1995
- **Development Consultant**, *Project W.I.S.H.*, 1992-1994
- **Community Outreach Director**, *Saint Augustine Catholic Church*, 1986–1991

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Interdisciplinary Research Fellowship, Robert Woods Johnson Foundation at University of Minnesota School of Public Health, 2016-2019

Executive Education, Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, 2004-2005

Concentration: Achieving Excellence Program: Community Development, Leadership, and Management

Advisors: Doug Smith and Joan Lancourt

Executive Education, Leadership Washington, 1999

Concentration: Leadership Development

Advisor: Timothy Kime

Continuing Education Units, Tufts University, 1993
Concentration: Management and Community Development

Certificate in Neighborhood Development, Washington Urban League, 1990
Concentration: Community Development

Master of Theological Studies, Theology, Washington Theological Union, 1989
Concentration: Theology
Advisor: Regis Duffy

Certificate in Cooperative Housing and Education, DC Department of Housing and Community Development, 1988-1989
Concentration: Housing Development

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, St. Alphonsus College, 1984
Concentration: Philosophy

SELECTED HONORS

Honorary Degree, University of Orange Freedom School, 2020

National Black Worker Center Project.....

Civic Leadership Award, Maryland-DC Campus Compact, 2016

Equal Rights Center Award, Equal Rights Center, 2006

Certificate of Appreciation, Enterprise Community Partners, 2008

Interactive Exhibition Gallery Shortlist, Baltimore Museum of Art, 2015

BIO

Dominic T. Moulden is the founder of Elephant Free School, a Black-centered laboratory of imagination and freedom. This location-independent academy offers political education as well as coaching and training in the following areas: resident-led community development; the Right to the City movement; equitable revitalization; cooperative economics; affordable housing; fundraising and resource organizing; organizing strategy; member recruitment; organizational development; shared leadership and workplace democracy; and more. Dominic also provides technical assistance to tenant associations, both emerging and established.

Tenure and sustainability in the community organizing sphere can be elusive, but Dominic has been organizing in Washington, DC for 33 years. In addition, he continues to organize in his hometown of Baltimore, where he is a caretaking councilmember of VOLAR (Village of Love and Resistance),

an equitable redevelopment and community wellness initiative. As the resource organizer of ONE DC, Dominic gathered, trained, and coordinated a 34-member team to spearhead the successful campaign to raise \$1.2 million to buy a building to permanently house the Black Workers and Wellness Center. In addition, Dominic will be collaborating with the National Black Worker Center Project to create a transformative curriculum for a leadership development program.

Since 2018, he has been providing technical assistance and coaching to community organizations in one of the oldest Black communities in Memphis toward creating a community-controlled land trust. He was a community representative on the Board of the DC-based New Columbia Community Land Trust and developed several housing cooperatives among them--Spirit of W Street, Voices of Madison, and Malcolm X Cooperatives as living examples of community control of land and housing.

Why Elephant Free School?

Elephant is the guiding spirit for reasons myriad. Instead of avoiding the “elephant in the room,” the Elephant Free School centers and elevates difficult yet generative conversations. Its motto is “memory, mourning, and migration.” Memory: the elephant remembers, and is thusly the guardian of ancestral wisdom. Call their names: Claudia Jones, Lucy Parsons, Denmark Vesey, Gabriel Prosser, and countless more. We trumpet against amnesia, and Afrofuturistically stoke the memory of liberation. Mourning: we honor the incalculable loss of our lands and languages--and even our cosmologies, which we strive to re-member in ritual, in our bones, in our deathless desire for wholeness and return. Migration: it’s natural to move about the face of the world, but forced displacement is unnatural and unjust. With this mobile educational initiative, let us reunite our herd so we may, together, find the watering holes of justice.

Elephant Free School in the Media

Blitz, M., & Gathwright, J. (2021, September 10). *How the rise of post-9/11 defense contracting helped reshape local neighborhoods*. DCist. Retrieved October 6, 2021, from <https://dcist.com/story/21/09/10/post-sept-11-rise-of-defense-contracting-reshaped-dc-va-md/>.

King, S. R. (2021, July 27). *From at-risk tenants to activist property owners*. Shelterforce. Retrieved October 6, 2021, from <https://shelterforce.org/2021/07/26/from-at-risk-tenants-to-activist-property-owners/>.

Keller, J., & Rever, L. (2021, April 7). *Falling into the crevice – COVID-19 pandemic puts spotlight on housing disparities in the U.S. Capital*. HCA Graduate Blog. Retrieved October 5, 2021, from <https://hcagrads.hypotheses.org/3409>.

Elephant Free School: Presentations

Moulden, D. (2022). Invited Lecture. “Sawyer Seminar: Right to the City,” Johns Hopkins University and Mellon Foundation.

Moulden, D. (2021). Invited Panelist. “Onboarding Racial Equality Lessons Learned from COVID Pandemic and the Future of Business,” National Conference on Black Cooperative Agenda. <https://ndccnetwork.org/the-national-conference-on-black-cooperative-agenda/>.

Moulden, D. (2021). Invited Panelist. “How 2 Have A Conversation About Social Justice,” City of Memphis Division of Housing and Community Development.

Moulden, D. (2021). Invited Panelist. Affordable Housing Solutions, Kheprw Institute. <https://www.facebook.com/kheprw/videos/1433392570340485/>

Elephant Free School: Publications

Moulden, D. (2021). Is gentrification a municipal crime?: Reflections and strategies on ‘Urban Activism: Staking Claims to the 21st Century City.’ *Radical Housing Journal*, 3(1), 277-285.

Elephant Free School: Consulting

Anti-Displacement Task Force (Minneapolis, MN)

Right to Resources Committee, ONE DC

Center for Transforming Community (leadership coaching and political ed development)

Klondike Land Trust

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Moulden, D. (2019). Gigs, side hustles, freelance: What work means in the platform economy City. (Shared economy: WeWork or we work together.) *Planning Theory & Practice*, 20(3), 423-446. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14649357.2019.1629197>

Moulden, D. (2018). Housing spaces are the commons. *Society & Space*. Retrieved from <https://www.societyandspace.org/articles/housing-spaces-are-the-commons>.

Moulden, D., Squires, G., & Theresa, A. (2018, October 10). The right to stay put. [web log post]. Retrieved from <https://shelterforce.org/2018/10/10/the-right-to-stay-put> .

- Moulden, D., Squires, G., & Theresa, A. (2018, September 21). The right to stay put. *The Washington Post*. Retrieved from https://www.washingtonpost.com/amhtml/opinions/the-right-to-stay-put/2018/09/21/395cc5d8-b90f-11e8-94eb-3bd52dfe917b_story.html.
- Fullilove, M., Hyra, D., Moulden, D., & Weted, C. A method for making the just city: housing, gentrification, and health, *Housing Policy Debate*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/10511482.2018.1529695>
- Huron, A., & Moulden, D. (2018, May 2). Creating the commons. [web log post]. Retrieved from <https://shelterforce.org/2018/05/02/creating-the-commons/>
- Hyra, D., Moulden, D., & Squires, G. (2015, December 9). Equitable development in Shaw [web log post]. Retrieved from http://www.rooflines.org/4330/equitable_development_in_shaw/.
- Moulden, D., & Squires, G. (2015). Equitable development and the call for community in Washington, DC. *Social Policy: Organizing for Social & Economic Justice*, 45(2), 43-45.
- Moulden, D., Squires, G., & Turé, K. (2014). Equitable development moves forward in DC. *Social Policy: Organizing for Social & Economic Justice*, 44(2), 70-72.
- Moulden, D., & Squires, G. (2012). Equitable development comes to DC. *Social Policy: Organizing for Social & Economic Justice*, 42(3), 37-39.
- Moulden, D. (2008, May 1). The District's cry. *The Washington Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.washingtontimes.com>

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Moulden, D. (2023). Invited Talk: "Organizing in DC." Yale Chaplaincy Fellowship (on tour). Washington, DC.
- Moulden, D. (2023). Invited Lecture: "Community Economic Development, Cooperatives, and Alternative Forms of Organization." University of Illinois Chicago School of Law's Community Enterprise & Community Solidarity Clinic, Chicago, IL.
- Moulden, D. (2023). Invited Panelist. *The Green Divide* Roundtable. Barcelona Lab for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability.

- Moulden, D. (2022). Invited Lecture: "Lifetime Welfare Bans and Their Impact on Returning Black Citizens." Georgetown University's Disciplining the Poor course, Washington, DC.
- Moulden, D. (2021). Invited Panelist. "Rigging History: Black Men's Labor as the Smithsonian Institution's NMAH 'Skull Crew', 1975 - 2000," Humanities DC and The UDC College of Arts and Sciences. <https://www.udc.edu/2021/09/08/rigging-history-the-untold-story-of-the-black-men-behind-the-scenes-as-the-smithsonians-skull-crew-1975-2000-sept-9th-6pm/>
- Moulden, D. (2021). Invited Lecture. Georgetown University's Disciplining the Poor course, Washington, DC.
- Moulden, D. (2021). Invited Panelist. Plenary: "Alternative Futures of Housing Through Community-Based Organisation and Resistance," British Sociological Society Cities Conference. <https://www.britisoc.co.uk/events/key-bsa-events/bsa-annual-conference-2021-remaking-the-future>
- Moulden, D. (2021). Keynote Presentation and Facilitated Discussion. Center for Shared Ownership Teach-In, Chicago, IL.
- Moulden, D. (2020). Keynote Presentation. "OurFuture35: Return to the Common - Community Wealth Building and Public Spaces," Austin Justice Coalition, Austin, TX. <https://vimeo.com/486093729>
- Moulden, D. (2020). Invited Talk. Right to the City Alliance West Coast.
- Moulden, D. (2020). Webinar. "The Essential Life: Envisioning and Working Towards A Just Future." ioby. <https://ioby.org/essential-life>
- Moulden, D. (2020). Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act Webinar. New York State Anti-Displacement Network.
- Moulden, D. (2019). Invited Talk. Minneapolis City Council Study Session, Minneapolis, MN.
- Moulden, D. (2019). Invited Panelist. "Introduction to Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act," Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.
- Moulden, D. (2019). Invited Panelist. Right to the City Roundtable: "Comparative Analysis of

Housing Movements in Berlin and New York City,” New York, NY.

Moulden, D. (2019). Invited Lecture. The George Washington University’s Social Problems In American Society course, Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2019). Invited Panelist. “Self-Construction and Self-Organization.” Urban Activism: Staking Claims in the 21st Century City Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

Moulden, D. (2019). Workshop. “Working While Black” Expo, National Black Workers Center Project, Coppin State University, Baltimore, MD.

Moulden, D. (2019). Invited Talk. Affordable For Whom? Convening, New York, NY.

Moulden, D. (2019). Invited Talk/Tour. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Scholars’ Site Visit, Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2019). Invited Panelist. “A Conversation on Community Action Research to Mitigate Displacement.” Urban Institute, Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2019). Invited Talk. Center for Transforming Communities, Memphis, TN.

Moulden, D. (2019). Invited Panelist. “Displacement and the Housing Crisis.” National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN.

Moulden, D., & Fullilove, M. (2019). Invited Talk. “400 Years of Inequality: Observing the Anniversary of Jamestown.” Annual Leadership Institute, Indianapolis, IN.

Moulden, D. (2018). Workshop. “Radical Cartographers and Radical Organizing: Mapping Black Resistance to Displacement, Disposability, and Dispossession.” (anti)Blackness in the American Metropolis Symposium, Baltimore Impact Hub, Baltimore, MD.

Moulden, D. (2018). Invited Lecture. The George Washington University’s Social Problems In American Society course, Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2018). Invited Panelist. “Facing the Future: Working Toward Equity in Our Cities.” A Right to the City: The Past & Future of Urban Equity Symposium. Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum, Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2018). Invited Panelist. “Race, Class and Social Housing.” Right to the City Transatlantic Roundtable. New York, NY.

- Moulden, D. (2018). Invited Lecture. "Anti-Displacement Strategies for Portland: Who Has A Right to the City?" Portland State University's Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning, Center for Urban Studies, Portland, OR.
- Moulden, D. (2018). Invited Panelist. "Economic Equity: Addressing the Growing Wealth Divide." Impact Now! Symposium, Silver Spring, MD.
- Moulden, D. (2018). Invited Lecture. Baker Institute for Public Policy, Rice University, Houston, TX.
- Moulden, D. (2018). Invited Talk. University of Orange's Placemaking 10: Homeboy Came to Orange anniversary gathering, Orange, NJ.
- Moulden, D. (2018). Invited Talk. Georgetown University Law Center's Community and Housing Seminar, Washington, DC.
- Moulden, D. (2018). Invited Panelist. "Pursuing Justice in the Global City." Queen Mary University of London, London, United Kingdom.
- Moulden, D. (2017). Invited Panelist. Racial Equity Focus Group, Georgetown University's Center for Public & Nonprofit Leadership, Washington, DC.
- Moulden, D. (2017). Invited Panelist and Workshop. State University of New York at Geneseo, Geneseo, NY.
- Moulden, D. (2017). Invited Panelist. "We Thrive: Creating A Culture of Health in DC." DC Ideas Fest, Washington, DC.
- Moulden, D. (2017). Invited Lecture. Goucher College's Right to the City course, Baltimore, MD.
- Moulden, D. (2017). Invited Panelist. "Housing Law, Gentrification, and Affordable Housing." National Lawyers Guild/WCL Chapter, American University's Washington College of Law, Washington, DC.
- Moulden, D. (2017). Invited Panelist. The George Washington University's Sustainable City course, Washington, DC.
- Moulden, D. (2017). Invited Talk. "Power, Politics & Place: An Artist's Dialogue on 'Right to the

City.” MICA PLACE, Baltimore, MD.

Moulden, D. (2017). Invited Lecture. “Making A Just City.” Howard University’s Economics in the Black Community course (Department of Economics), Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2017). Invited Talk. Georgetown University’s teach-in, “Resisting, Organizing, and Building in the Age of Trump.” Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2016). Invited Panelist. “Fighting Displacement: A Look at Resistance Strategies across DC.” University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law’s National Lawyers Guild Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2016). Invited Panelist. “Supporting Organizing to Fight the Black Jobs Crisis.” A Philanthropic Partnership for Black Communities’ Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Moulden, D. (2016). Invited Panelist. The George Washington University’s Sustainable City course, Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2016). Invited Lecture. “Neighborhood Change on North Avenue.” Maryland Institute College of Art’s Right to the City course, Baltimore, MD.

Moulden, D. (2016). Invited Panelist. “Community Engagement Open House.” Howard University’s Department of Sociology, Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2015). Invited Lecture. Georgetown University’s McDonough School of Business, District of Columbia Public School Master’s in Leadership Program, Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2015). Invited Talk. Georgetown University Law Center’s “Dis-Orientation.” Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2015). Invited Talk. “Critique of Richard Florida’s *Creative Class*.” Maryland Institute of Art - Programs Linking Art, Culture, and Education (MICA Place), Baltimore, MD.

Moulden, D. (2015). Invited Panelist. “‘I Ain’t Got No Home in This World Anymore’: The Movement for a Human Right to Housing in Washington, DC and Beyond.” Kay Spiritual Life Center, American University, Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2015). Invited Panelist. Equitable Development In DC: Sustainability From Below Symposium, The George Washington University - Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service.

Moulden, D. (2015). Invited Lecture. The George Washington University’s Poverty, Place, and

Race: The Sociology of Urban Inequality course, Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2013). Invited Talk. "Creating Minds: The ONE DC Project." Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business, Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2012). Invited Talk. "ONE DC and the Practice of Gender Equity." Rutgers University's Women, Culture, And Society course, New Brunswick, NJ.

Moulden, D. (2011). Invited Talk. "Organizing for Social Equity: Neighborhood Redevelopment In DC and the Use of Community Benefits Agreements." Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA.

Moulden, DC. (2011). "The Sociopolitical Love Project." Presentation at ROOTSFest, Baltimore, MD.

Moulden, D. (2011). Invited Talk. "Faith in the City: Believing You Can Make A Difference." Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University, Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2010). "The Sociopolitical Love Project." Presentation at the Emergence Community Arts Collective, Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2008). Invited Panelist. "Working Together for Building Community: Lessons and Strategies." Ezekiel's Place and the Mid-Atlantic Hispanic Chamber of Commerce - The Hispanic Forum, Shepherdstown, WV.

Moulden, D. (2007). Invited Talk. "The Benefits of Working Together." National Cooperative Bank's DC Co-op Clinic. Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2006). "Achieving Stakeholder Diversity in Your Organization." Presentation at the National Main Streets Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Moulden, D. (2006). Invited Lecture. "Economics of Black Community Development." Howard University's Department of Economics, Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2005). Invited Lecture. "Community Organizing and Popular Education As Foundation for Community Development." Sojourner-Douglass College, Baltimore, MD.

Moulden, D. (2005). "The Role of Workplace Democracy in the Community Economic Development Movement." Presentation at the Eastern Conference for Workplace Democracy, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH.

Moulden, D. (2005). "Less Affordable Housing = More Homelessness." Presentation at the Many Voices Conference, American University, Washington, DC.

Moulden, D. (2005). Invited Talk. "Deepening of Peace and Justice: From Principles to Practice." Ezekiel's Place Retreat Center, Hedgesville, WV.

Moulden, D. (2005). "Diversifying Revenue Streams." Presentation at NeighborWorks America's Executive Director Symposium, Austin, TX.

Moulden, D. (2004). "Revitalization Resources: Money, Places, Partners, and Volunteer Success Stories." Presentation at the National Main Streets Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

References Available Upon Request