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OF EDUCATION

LEARNING IS A LIFESTYLE

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BIO

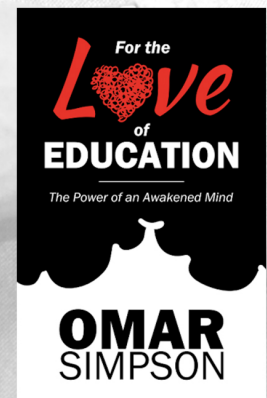
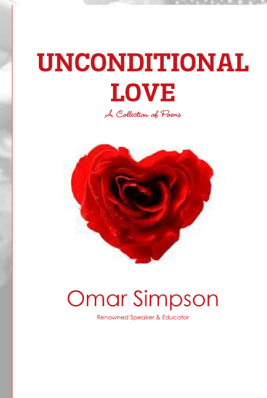
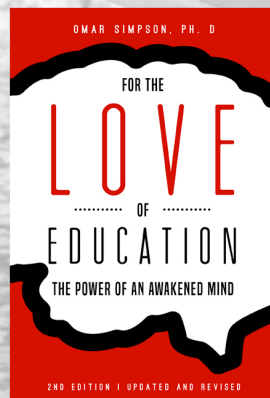
Dr. Omar Simpson is a nationally-recognized student success scholar, highly acclaimed public speaker, and award-winning writer. Dr. Simpson is author of three books with a fourth slated to be released in May of 2019. He has given hundreds of invited keynotes and lectures at universities, high schools and conferences across the globe.

Dr. Simpson maintains an active research agenda focusing on major issues in education: student access and achievement; black male college student success; issues of race, equity and diversity; and student learning and development. His most popular book, *For the Love of Education: The Power of an Awakened Mind*, sold record copies nationally since its release in 2017. His scholarship has informed the development of retention and student success initiatives, black male recruitment strategies, and transition programs for underserved populations of students at elite universities.

Dr. Simpson earned his Ph.D. in Culture, Curriculum and Change from the School of Education at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Simpson has taught courses at Johns Hopkins University and at UNC-Chapel Hill. Dr. Simpson specializes in a field that asks educators to rethink and reconceptualize the educational experience.

Born into poverty and raised by a single mother, Dr. Simpson's inspirational journey exemplifies leveraging education and utilizing strong discipline to elevate above circumstance and adversity. His story mirrors the story of many young people today. Dr. Omar Simpson has dedicated a significant portion of his life to helping others. He has donated and raised money for low-income families across the world who've experienced adverse circumstances, disaster relief initiatives for third-world countries, and leadership programs for youth. A major advocate for mentorship, Dr. Simpson personally mentors hundreds of high school and college students. Among his many non-profit and humanitarian initiatives, Dr. Simpson serves as Chairman of the Omar Simpson Foundation. He is also an active member of several regional and national nonprofit organizations. His mantra is "Learning is a Lifestyle" and Dr. Simpson travels the world encouraging people to become life-long learners.

Author - Dr. Omar Simpson is the author of 3 books which are all available on omarsimpson.com & amazon.com



SPEAKER

For more than a decade, Dr. Omar Simpson has consistently helped individuals, businesses, and educational institutions understand the importance of personal branding, a love of learning, and equity in educational and business practices by providing them with actionable steps and strategies that create lasting results. Using his uniquely engaging and thought provoking style he both challenges and excites his audiences with his critical analysis and passionate delivery. “Insightful”, “Engaging”, “Phenomenal”, and “Inspiring” are all words his audiences have used to describe their experiences with him.



FOR THE LOVE OF EDUCATION: THE POWER OF AN AWAKENED MIND

In the For the Love of Education session, Dr. Omar Simpson offers participants original insight into how to facilitate a love of learning and how that love can manifest into an awakened mind. Dr. Simpson demystifies several complex education topics into clear explanations of powerful learning principles and strategies. By sharing personal stories, insight and research, this talk offers a blueprint for students, parents and educators to shift love to the center of the educational journey and how to powerfully address many of the issues facing education today.

SERVICE IS YOUR PURPOSE

Many students are struggling to navigate their way through college. Who can blame them? With all the distractions how can they discover their purpose? Through Dr. Simpson's talk “Service is Your Purpose” he has inspired countless students to find their passion. Dr. Simpson shares key strategies for participants to find their purpose while simultaneously having a positive impact on the world. In this session, participants will be empowered to take action immediately to make positive change in their local and global communities.

EQUITY-CENTERED LEADERSHIP

For too long, diversity leaders have faced challenges managing the increasing social & cultural differences in the workplace and in university environments. Dr. Simpson is a leading expert in developing equity-centered leadership models that create more inclusive environments on campuses and in offices. Being culturally conscious with an acute equity-centered lens is essential to succeed in the global world. In this workshop, we work to interrupt inequitable practices, examine biases, and intentionally create inclusive environments. Leaders will learn equitable strategies to discover & cultivate the unique gifts, talents & interests that every human possesses.

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WHERE I'VE SPOKEN & TESTIMONIALS



I'VE ALSO SPOKEN AT THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOLS

PARAMUS HIGH SCHOOL | ATLANTIC CITY HIGH SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY | PLEASANTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
BRIMM MEDICAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL OF CAMDEN | WALLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
NORTHERN VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

"Omar's talk completely changed the way I encourage and motivate my students in their educational journey. He was thought-provoking and offered practical methods to enhance ones love for education. Also, his book is a must-read for the education-based professional!"

~Tarah Burnette, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

"Omar came to speak at Queens University of Charlotte to share his passionate educational journey with my pre-service teachers during our Needs of Diverse Learners class. He started by introducing himself and engaging my students by sharing his amazing story that opens up the first chapter of his book, For the Love of Education: The Power of an Awakened Mind. My students were completely mesmerized by his charismatic story telling and inspired that he had overcome so many obstacles to reach his dreams. Omar was generous enough to lead my students in an interactive activity from the Theater of the Oppressed and the reflective conversation that followed was amazingly impactful for my students. Omar is a gifted orator and writer, a servant leader, and an incredible friend. He continues to inspire me to provide high impact experiences to create a bridge of equity and connection for our youth."

~Tosha Arriola, Queens University

"Just wanted to say " BRAVO " ! Thank you for bringing such a motivational speaker to our students. I am thrilled that as educators we have school on this day, a day to educate and remind students of who and why Martin Luther King Day is celebrated. I do believe seeds do get planted! Omar planted seeds today".

– Teacher at Paramus High School

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