

LOYCE GAYO JAMES

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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin

- Major: African and African Diaspora Studies; Minor: Government

UT Bridging Disciplines Program

- Concentration: Social Entrepreneurship & Non-Profit
- Conducted 5 month independent research project on socialism and social capital in Tanzania.

UT Halliburton Business Foundations Program

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder & Organizer, PAZA SAUTI; Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania **2017 - Present**

- Organized first annual Dar youth poetry festival.
- Paza Sauti (Raise Your Voice), offers a free and safe space for youths to explore themes on freedom, civic spaces, democracy and the importance of imagining, writing and performing liberation.

Moore Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (MURAP) **Summer 2017**

- Conducted archival research on the history of globalization and imperialism through the commodification of soap in East Africa.

Teaching Artist, Writers in the Schools; Houston, Texas **2016 -Present**

- Taught poetry and performance to high school juniors and seniors.
- Partnered with Salvation Army Young Adult Resource Center (YARC), an organization that connects homeless youth adults ages 18-25 to housing and non-traditional educational support, to host weekly poetry and performance workshops.

Program Assistant, Partnership for the Advancement & Immersion of Refugees;

Houston, Texas **2016 - 2017**

- Helped facilitate after school workshops for refugees kids in middle and high school.
- Offered translating services for newly relocated families.

Researcher, Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis; Austin, Texas **Jan - Aug 2016**

- Collected data and helped write language for university-wide hate crime and biases speech policy.
- Collaborative research project on globalization and racial cooperative economic development models in Austin, TX.

Editorial, Daily Texan; Austin, Texas **Aug - Dec 2016**

- Wrote biweekly editorial pieces that brought a Black student perspective to issues such as racial inequality in STEM, campus sexual assault research, confederate memorials and campus carry.

Intern, Capacitate Consulting; Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania **Summer 2015**

- Helped draft the first oil and gas communication strategy for the Ministry of Energy and Mineral in Tanzania.

RESEARCH & HONORS

- Moore Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (MURAP) Conference 2017
- University of North Carolina Undergraduate Research Symposium 2017
- Intellectual Entrepreneurship Kuhn's Scholar 2015
- UT Africa Conference 2015
- Collegiate Union Poetry Slam Invitational Champion 2014
- UT School of Undergraduate Studies Research Scholarship 2014