

Dedication to Marcellus Blount



We dedicate this LGBTQ+ resource guide to the memory of our beloved colleague and friend Marcellus Blount. Marcellus was a tireless advocate for LGBT curricula, for LGBTQ+ hires across the college, and for the importance of the activism for which the acronym LGBTQ+ stood. He was on the front lines for struggles for racial justice at Columbia, he was a part of the surge of activism that responded to the AIDS crisis, and he learned how to work within the University to change its composition, its goals, and its framing of knowledge. In his work, in his teaching, and in the sheer energy of his presence on campus, Marcellus created the conditions for the work that this guide charts and celebrates. We hope this guide can stand as a testament to Marcellus's legacy.

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“I want to recognize—and I hope the guide that you’re compiling can recognize—the work that Marcellus Blount put in and the risk that he took to be the public face of LGBT studies on this campus alone for a very long time.”

—Senior faculty member, Morningside