

# **Stefan Bradley**

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## **Biography**

My primary research area is recent African American and higher education history. I am interested in the role that youth have played in shaping post-WWII American society. More specifically, I am fascinated with the efforts and abilities of black college students to change not only their scholastic environments but also the communities that surrounded their institutions of higher learning. Amazingly, young people, by way of protests and demands, have been able to influence college curricula as well as the policies of their schools. This interest in the movements of these young people has led me to study black student activism at Ivy League universities. My most recent book, *Upending the Ivory Tower: Civil Rights, Black Power and the Ivy League*, details the progressive efforts of black people at eight elite universities during the postwar era to not only desegregate campuses but decolonize knowledge. My first book, *Harlem vs. Columbia University: Black Student Power in the Late 1960s*, deals with black students who risked their educations (and potentially their lives) during the famous controversy that took place at Columbia University in 1968-1969. My co-edited book *Alpha Phi Alpha: A Legacy of Greatness, The Demands of Transcendence*, covers the creation and evolution of the nation's first black collegiate fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, which was founded at Cornell University. After the uprisings in Ferguson, Missouri and elsewhere occurred, my work on student/youth activism has been discussed in media outlets such as the Harvard Law Review, New York Times, NPR, C-Span2 BookTV, CNN, Al-Jazeera, MSNBC, BBC, and BET.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Student and Youth Activism, Black Freedom Movement, Twentieth Century Higher Education

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## **Affiliations**

National Council of Black Studies, Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, Organization of American Historians, American Historical Association, History of Education Society

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## **Education**

**University of Missouri**

Ph.D. 20th Century United States History

**Washington State University**

M.A. 20th Century United States History

**Gonzaga University**

B.A. History

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Saint Louis University African American Male Scholars Initiative Founders Award**

Given in recognition of founding the African American Males Scholars (AAMS) Initiative at Saint Louis University

### **Sigma Gamma Rho Meritorious Service in Education Award**

Given for distinguishable service in the field of education.

### **“Friend of Fontbonne” Fontbonne University Leadership Award**

Given to recognize friendly service to Fontbonne University.

### **Delux Magazine Power 100 Honoree, St. Louis**

Given by Delux Magazine to recognize 100 influential community leaders in the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

### **Saint Louis University Don Brennan Humanitarian Award**

Given to the faculty/staff member who best exhibits the humanitarian characteristics of the late dean Don Brennan.

### **Better Family Life (St. Louis, MO) Excellence in Educational Leadership Award**

Given in recognition of outstanding leadership in the field of education in the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

### **Ernest A. Calloway Teaching Excellence Award**

Given for outstanding classroom teaching at Saint Louis University.

### **St. Louis American Young Leader Award**

Given by the St. Louis American newspaper to St. Louis area community leaders under the age of 40.

### **Saint Louis University Black Law Students' Association BLSA Service Award**

Given in recognition of support and service to the Black Law Student Association.

### **Last Lecture, Saint Louis University**

One faculty member is chosen from Saint Louis University to deliver a lecture as though it were the faculty member's last.

### **Faculty Excellence Award, Saint Louis University**

Given to faculty members for excellence in classroom teaching, advising, and service.

### **Phillis Wheatley Book Prize**

Given by the North East Black Studies Association for my book, Harlem vs. Columbia University from (2010)

### **Anna Julia Cooper and CLR James Outstanding Book Award**

Given by the National Council of Black Studies for "Upending the Ivory Tower: Civil Rights, Black Power, and the Ivy League"

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