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He also served as co-chair of the City of Tampa Economic Advisory Committee, advising Mayor Jane Castor on economic inclusion and innovation; co-chair of the University of South Florida Research Task Force on Anti-Black Racism; and co-chair of the university's Pandemic Response Research Network (PRRN). The PRRN was a university-wide transdisciplinary research initiative to address the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted over the course of 18 months in the participation of more than 400+ principal investigators, \$6 million in research grants, 53 invention disclosures, and three startup companies.

He received PhD and MA degrees in Communication/Cultural studies from McGill University in Montreal, where was named a Doctoral Fellow of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; and earned a B.A. Summa Cum Laude in Mass Communication from Cleveland State University.