

## About



**On the Shoulders of Giants is a historical web and book series highlighting heroes of the African Diaspora. Our web-series and book was created to bring awareness about heroes of the past and present who gave the world hope and freedom. Our goal is to educate our people about the historical achievements of the people of the African diaspora. We will recognize our African heroes from as far back in antiquity as we can find. We have a rich a powerful history that is often untold and overlooked. Our information is created to empower our readers and boost racial/cultural pride and self-esteem.**

Since the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade the African has not been able to tell his own story. We are the Africans who will stand up and tell our own story. When your story is told by the group of people who oppresses you, your story will not empower you. In fact your story will be told to further keep you oppressed. That is why we will exist and carry on the tradition of the Griot, the curator of African History. Our story has gone untold long enough to the masses of African people around the globe. We must remember who we are. We must know how powerful we are. We must teach our children about our greatness, so we can once again rise as a great nation of people.

"It is unfortunate that so much of the history of Africa has been written by conquerors, foreigners, missionaries and adventurers. The Egyptians left the best record of their history written by local

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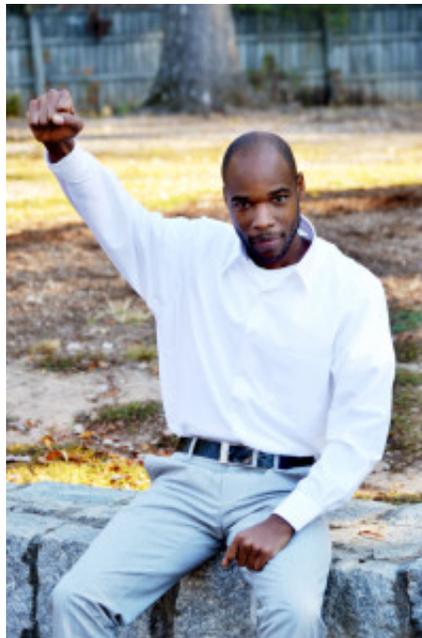
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writers." - John Henrik Clarke

“It is too often forgotten that when the Europeans emerged and began to extend themselves into the broader world of Africa and Asia during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, they went on to colonize most of mankind. Later they would colonize world scholarship, mainly the writing of history. History was then written or rewritten to show or imply that Europeans were the only creators of what could be called a civilization. In order to accomplish this, the Europeans had to forget, or pretend to forget, all they previously knew about Africa.”

? J.A. Rogers, *World's Great Men of Color, Volume I*



**On the Shoulders of Giants** was created by Joseph A. Ward. Mr. Ward is a graduate of Florida A&M University and holds his Bachelor’s degree in Psychology. He possesses over six years of experience in delivering academic success presentations to grades K-12, college-aged students, and middle aged adults. By working in diverse venues such as grade schools, college campuses, juvenile divergent programs, correctional Institutions, religious communities, homeless shelters, and foster homes has become skilled at providing valuable life training to a wide variety of community members.

A graduate of the “New Hope Program” with the Florida Department of Health in Leon County, Mr.

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Ward served as a co-facilitator with the program for over four years, which works to teach life and professional skills to underprivileged persons. He helped to establish the FAMU chapter of MOST (Men of Strength) and currently serves as co-facilitator with the organization. Mr. Ward also successfully developed the Sexual Violence Prevention Program with the Florida Department of Health in Leon County and holds over six years of Sexual/Domestic Violence Prevention training experience with A Call to Men, Men Can Stop Rape, and the Florida Council against Sexual Violence.

Mr. Ward's commitment to his community has proven him to be a reputable teacher, trainer, and motivator. He is dedicated to uplifting and educating individuals around the world while helping to create mindsets and environments which foster greatness.