



Dr. Omékongo Dibinga ***G.R.O.W. Towards Your Greatness***

Dr. Omékongo Dibinga, CSP, is the author of the bestselling book *Lies About Black People: How to Combat Racist Stereotypes and Why it Matters* (foreword by Dr. Michael Eric Dyson), and the forthcoming book *Trigger Words: How Political Language Has Made America less inclusive (and how to bring us back together)*, with a foreword by Clay Cane. He has appeared on networks such as CNN (award-winning work), FOX News, NBC, ABC, NPR, Dr. Phil, and international networks such as the BBC and i24 News in Israel. His life's mission is to inspire all across the globe to take a stand when they witness an injustice, no matter how small or large. A John Maxwell Team "Top 30 speaker", he is an international speaker, award-winning trilingual poet, and professor of Intercultural Communication at American University, where he also serves as a faculty affiliate to the Antiracist Research & Policy Center. His podcast, "The UPstander's Podcast" was rated a top 20 "must follow" social justice podcast.

Omékongo is a weekly guest on streaming news outlets such as Roland Martin's Black Star Network. His *Urban Music Award* winning work has best been described by Dr. Nikki Giovanni as "outstanding, exciting, and new while being very old." His book, *From the Limbs of My Poetree* was described by *Essence Magazine* as "a remarkable and insightful collection of exquisite poetry that touches sacred places within your spirit." Internationally, he has shared his work in over 20 countries on 3 continents and his work has been televised in over 150 countries.

Omékongo has written songs for major motion pictures as well as organizations such as NASA and the Enough! Project. He has spoken before the United Nations, partnered with the State Department to conduct leadership trainings overseas, and speaks to corporate, government, and educational organizations across the country on issues centered on leadership, antiracism, diversity, and inclusion. Omékongo's music and writings have appeared alongside artists such as Sheryl Crow, Angelina Jolie, Norah Jones, Damien Rice, Angelique Kidjo, Don Cheadle, and Yassine Bey. He has shared the stage with Jane Fonda, Joaquin Phoenix, Martin Sheen, OutKast, Sonia Sanchez, and The Last Poets.

Omékongo has studied at Harvard, MIT, Princeton, Georgetown, Morehouse, and The Fletcher School, where he earned his M.A. in Law & Diplomacy. He earned his Ph.D. in International Education Policy at The University of Maryland (UMD). For more information, please visit www.upstanderinternational.com.