

# NATION TIME!

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## About UTN

As the American educational system continues to fail students of color and low-income students, alternative curriculum and solutions are needed. From this emphasis, the Urban Teachers Network (UTN) is working to organize and support educators and youth mentors through outreach programs for the youth they teach and reach. UTN connects educators, mentors and youth to effectively empower people and urban spaces. Our programs promote:

- Culturally Relevant Curriculum and Hip Hop Pedagogy
- Urban Artistic Expressions (Elements)
- Community Activism and Artivism
- Media Literacy

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## The Quarterly Report

It has been months in the making but I am proud to finally launch this new venture! The Urban Teachers Network (UTN) promotes efforts to effectively empower people and urban spaces.

Please check out our new website designed by Soul Circuitry Culture and Technology Group!

[UTN360.org](http://UTN360.org)

Our first political education summit was on Saturday, August 29th. At this meeting, activists and academics shared space and ideas to discuss Black liberation, specifically through a project I've been working on called 360. It is basically a social network approach to connecting work community based organizations do across spaces.

### 360 SUMMIT SCHEDULE

**Saturday 8/29/15**  
**Political Education Dialogue and Workshops**

12pm: refreshments and greetings  
12:30pm: Why Nation Time?  
1pm: Understanding Yurugu  
2pm: Friendly Fascism  
Dehumanization in the Social Network age  
3pm: The Blueprints - OAAU, 360 proposal  
4:30pm: final thoughts, debrief



## Support UTN!

Donations will:

- Fund UTN urban arts education programs
- Provide scholarships to students attending urban arts education programs and/or urban community colleges
- Help with consulting and operating costs and marketing and promotion materials

## Next 360 Summit = December 5, 2015

The next 360 Summit will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2015.

Details coming soon!



The idea is to be much more intentional about our connections to make sure we know of and support all the good work that is already happening in communities, and hopefully make stronger connections between them to increase effectiveness in organizing work.

"THE PARADOX OF EDUCATION IS PRECISELY THIS; THAT AS ONE BEGINS TO BECOME CONSCIOUS ONE BEGINS TO EXAMINE THE SOCIETY IN WHICH HE IS BEING EDUCATED."

JAMES BALDWIN

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I am extremely grateful for the generous support from all the contributors that helped make this launch possible. I am excited to build UTN and look forward to working with you all, **my 360 network**, to help empower communities today and ensure a better tomorrow!

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### Career Highlights:

- Received Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Irvine
- Experienced educator at all levels of the California public school system: K-12, community colleges, California State University, and the University of California
- Currently tenured faculty and sociology instructor at Los Angeles Southwest College
- Other Positions: Curriculum Chair (previously); Work Environment Chair (currently)
- Invited speaker at numerous events to discuss hip hop, race, class, gender, media, youth political mobilization, and social justice more broadly.
- Writer and commentator on race and hip hop issues for various media outlets
- Administrator: *Urban Teachers Network* and *Rise Up Hip Hop Nation* (blog)

*For me, hip hop has and always will be about the people it represents and our social and political freedom.*

### Sample Topics:

Hip Hop Pedagogy  
Media Literacy  
Narrative Building  
Political Mobilization  
Community/Network Organizing  
Social Stratification (Race/Class/Gender)  
Applied Sociology