

# A. Tony Jerome

Writer, Editor, and Community Manager

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## SUMMARY

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Black autistic writer, editor, and community worker with 10+ years experience in poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction, and theatre. 6+ years experience in accessibility work in queer, disabled, and BIPOC spaces. 8+ years experience in customer service.

## EXPERIENCE

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05/2022 - Present

### Staff Writer

Autostraddle

- Write 2-3 creative non-fiction/fiction articles monthly about queerness, race, disability, and their intersections within media and personal life

08/2021 - Present

### Apprentice

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- Health care data entry for organizations of 125 - 50k+ employees
- Edit information packets for client review
- Input and peer review client insurance data for onshore clients

05/2021 - 08/2021

### Summer Academy Teaching Artist

Words Beats & Life

- Taught weekly poetry classes to students ages 14-25 in the Washington D.C. area
- Attended weekly three-hour staff meetings
- Created and utilized lesson plans for up to six weeks of instruction

09/2020 - 07/2021

### Board Director

Roots.Wounds.Words.

- Maintained Twitter presence resulting in audience engagement increase
- Assist in designing letterhead and social media templates
- Promote community events and support BIPOC artists across the country through social media

10/2020 - 11/2020

### Production Assistant

Afro Urban Arts Society

- Operated streaming equipment for artistic programming
- Boosted social media for community events
- Assisted stage manager to stream two hour live artist talk from speakers around the world

05/2019 - 06/2019

### Camp Counselor

Autostraddle (A-Camp)

- In addition to being Accessibility Coordinator, was co-cabin counselor for a majority BIPOC cabin
- Advocated for 30+ BIPOC members when struggling through racist events due to being in a majority white space (both during and after camp)
- Created a mental health workshop for BIPOC community event and led workshop for 10+

community members

01/2019 - 06/2019

**Accessibility Coordinator**

Autostraddle (A-Camp)

- Served as first black, trans, and autistic head of accessibility services for A-Camp
- Served as an advocate for disabled and/or BIPOC campers and fellow staff to a majority white staff
- Prepared spreadsheets coordinating travel schedules to, from, and around camp, dietary restrictions, and other accessibility needs for 100+ campers
- Stayed as onsite resource from June 5th-10th, 8am- 10pm for BIPOC and disabled community
- Participated in cross-departmental collaboration once a month from January to May, then twice daily from June 5th-10th
- Participated in twice-daily meetings and one after-camp meeting discussing ways to better implement anti-racist, anti-transphobic, and anti-homophobic culture within the community

07/2017 - 08/2019

**Staff Writer**

Autostraddle

- Wrote several articles about sexuality and its intersections with race, mental health, and trauma
- Researched and created a study guide of 100 women/gender-nonconforming poets, shared over 100 times
- Moderated 10+ Friday Round-tables with 70-100 participants...
- Pitched new ideas and wrote news, pop culture, and creative nonfiction posts several times a week
- Participated in monthly round-tables

04/2015 - 04/2017

**Volunteer Administrator**

Self Care after Rape (SCaR)

- Created 100+ direct responses for mental health resources due to trauma
- Created several resource primary posts about trauma as it intersects with sexuality and racism, that've circulated over 1k different users on Tumblr platform

## CERTIFICATES

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04/2021 - Present

**Eugene O'Neill National Puppetry Conference Founders Scholarship Awardee**

09/2020 - Present

**Afro Urban Arts Lit From The Black! Technical Theatre Fellow**

06/2016 - Present

**Lambda Literary Young Adult Fiction Fellow**

## SKILLS

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Google Drive	Advanced	Instagram	Intermediate
Microsoft Office	Intermediate	Tumblr	Expert
Slack	Advanced	Discord	Intermediate
Twitter	Advanced	TikTok	Intermediate
Storyboarder	Intermediate	Facebook	Advanced