

MJJA – stop RED (Racial and Ethnic Disparities) Lunchtime Session #12: January 18, 2023

## Dr. Nathan Stephens – MLK Lunchtime Presenter

**In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Commemoration Day, stopRED is honored to present Dr. Stephens to speak in conjunction with the MLK 2023 Theme: *“It starts with me: Cultivating a beloved community mindset to transform unjust systems”*.**

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**Presentation: Black and Latino Male Mentoring Models: The Impact on Youth Delinquency and Community**



*“One of the interesting things about Black men specifically is that they have both an individual identity and a social group identity, and they tend to have inner faze within those identities depending on the context,” Stephens.*

**Dr. Nathan Stephens** is a graduate of University of Missouri-Columbia, where he earned his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis. His dissertation was ‘Examining the Impact of a Black Male Initiative on Members’ Post-College Lives. His research interests include such topics as Racism, Racialized Stress, Racialization, Complex Trauma, Black Masculinity, Mass Incarceration, Mental Health, Wellness, Somatic Healing, Racial Healing, Critical Race Theory, Ecological Systems Theory, African American Male Theory, Social Justice, and Social Justice Praxis. He received a Master of Social Work (MSW) from the School of Social Work - Columbia College, after earning a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW).

He is currently an Assistant Professor at Illinois State University, School of Social Work. Some of his current publications include book chapters: *The Rose That Grew Through the Concrete*. *Gumbo for the Soul: Males of color share their stories, meditations, affirmations and inspirations*; *The Sting of a WASP: An autoethnographic account of a black male administrator in student affairs*; *Black Studies and Critical Thinking Reader*. He has published in such peer-reviewed journals as *Health and Social Work*, with his work entitled *Barriers to Hospice Use Among African Americans: A systemic review*. He has presented numerous lectures as invited speaker at conferences and seminars, including *Black Mental Wellness = Healing Black Men*, *Champaign-Urbana Trauma and Resiliency Initiative*; *MJJA July Virtual Conference 2022*; and countless others. He returns to us by popular demand!