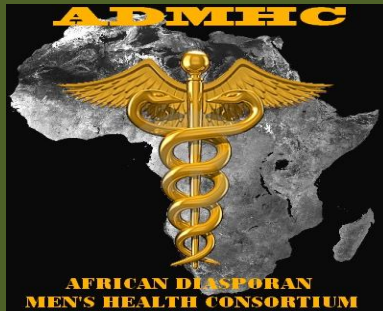


YUMY ODOM

Mr. Yumy Odom is an award-winning educator, administrator and community ambassador with over 30 years of professional experience and an amazing body of work accomplished in his lifetime. Mr. Odom has changed the intellectual, cultural and artistic fabric of the region with the introduction of several innovative and ground-breaking initiatives, among them: The State Correctional Institution Educational Curriculum Project (SCI-ECP): Seminars in Knowledge & Praxis, a unique grassroots prison outreach initiative that empowers the participants to place themselves at the center of their own reality (1990); The Frator Heru Rites-of-Passage (ROP): 1st Rites for Young Men, the longest-running public ROP initiative in Philadelphia (1990); and First World Komix, Inc.: Creators of Human, Heroic & Mythic Images (1986), which is responsible for establishing the East Coast Black Age of Comics Convention (ECBACC) in Philadelphia, PA (2002). ECBACC is currently the only urban community-based comic book convention in the region and is “The original Black Comic Book Convention in Philadelphia.” In his varied capacities, Mr. Odom’s award-winning programs and initiatives have given a platform to many “voiceless” people to have a say in this world and have made a way for many fledgling organizations to gain a foothold. Mr. Odom is the curator of a most unique exhibit entitled *The Heroic Age: Ten Thousand Years of Gods, Heroes, Amazons, Wizards & Warriors*, inspired by over 35 years of researching, reading, imagining and collecting the myths and lore that connect the genre of modern sci-fi, superhero tales and comic books, bringing to the fore the undeniable link among all of the world’s myths, fables and folklore.



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