



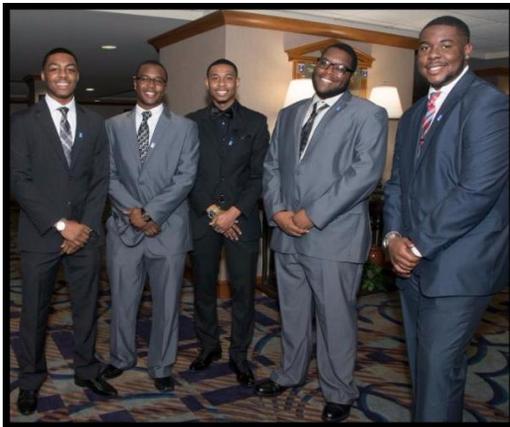
# HOOKS INSTITUTE

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## ***UPLIFT MEMPHIS, UPLIFT THE NATION***

**HARNESSING THE POWER OF TALENT: HAAMI**



HAAMI students celebrate a successful year at the Hooks Gala. April 20, 2017.

What better way for the Hooks Institute to celebrate its 20th anniversary than by developing the personal, social, and academic skills of African American Men at the UofM? While African American male students are tremendously talented and ambitious, they are among the lowest graduating groups at the UofM. The Hooks African American Male Initiative (HAAMI) focuses on increasing their retention and graduation rates through intensive academic, social, and cultural coaching and mentoring.

### **GROWTH OF THE PROGRAM**

Participation in the program is growing by leaps and bounds! Since 2015, the pilot year of HAAMI, enrollment has grown from 10 members to 32 members during the 2016-2017 academic year. For the 2017-2018 academic year, we expect a total of 50 students to enroll in HAAMI!

### **CELEBRATING HAAMI'S THIRD YEAR!**

HAAMI is successful in large part because of the commitment of the HAAMI members to positively shaping a future that includes their personal and professional success. Additionally, the Hooks Institute is proud of the collaborations that make HAAMI possible: committed students, community members, businesses, and the staff of the Hooks Institute. Together we can build a strong Memphis and nation by investing in African American male success.



HAAMI students at a monthly session

For more about HAAMI, contact Rorie Trammel at [rtrammel@memphis.edu](mailto:rtrammel@memphis.edu) or 901-678-4654, or visit [www.memphis.edu/benhooks/haami](http://www.memphis.edu/benhooks/haami).

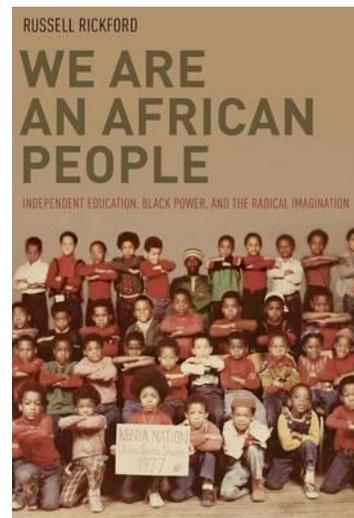
### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Support HAAMI by making a donation directly to the program!

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### HOOKS NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED! *WE ARE AN AFRICAN PEOPLE: INDEPENDENT EDUCATION, BLACK POWER, AND THE RADICAL IMAGINATION* | BY RUSSELL RICKFORD

In the midst of the more well-studied educational changes of the school desegregation era, a handful of "Pan African nationalist" independent black schools emerged as an alternative mechanism for African American uplift. *We Are An African People: Independent Education, Black Power, and the Radical Imagination* by Russell Rickford examines the ideas and motivations behind these autonomous black institutions and places them within a broader discussion about how best to achieve liberation for the next generation of African Americans. Rickford's work at once expands upon the understanding of a very specific topic within the quest for the intellectual liberation of African Americans and grapples with very broad questions about education, freedom, and the diversity of viewpoints during the civil rights era.



2016 Hooks National Book Award winner,  
*We Are an African People.*

*"By focusing on schools, Rickford raises questions that continue to have relevance today, given the persistent racial disparities in American education."*  
Daniel Kiel (Assoc. Prof., UofM Law School) Book Award Committee Chair

The Hooks Institute's National Book Award annually recognizes the publication that best advances our understanding of the American Civil Rights Movement and its legacy.

The 2016 National Book Award presentation, including a lecture by the winning author, Russell Rickford, will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at 12 pm in the University Center River Room (Room 300) at the University of Memphis. This event is free and open to the public.

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## FALL 2017 EVENTS!

*The issues of our time call for immediate action! We encourage each of you to engage with us to help ensure the integrity of our democracy as we work to promote social justice for all!*

### HOOKS INSTITUTE OPEN HOUSE

**OCT. 5, 2017 | 5:30 PM RECEPTION, 6 PM PANEL DISCUSSION  
UNIVERSITY CENTER BLUFF ROOM (UC304) | UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS**



Hear about the work of the Hooks Institute in the upcoming year and join us for the release of the 3rd edition of the Hooks Institute Policy Papers. Authors of these papers will address the impact of the Trump Administration policies on LGBTQ rights; the Islamic religion and contemporary issues in America; and lessons to be learned from the impact of welfare in Native American communities. This event is free and open to the public.

### HOOKS NATIONAL BOOK AWARD LECTURE

**OCT. 19, 2017 | 12 PM LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING  
UNIVERSITY CENTER RIVER ROOM (UC300) | UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS**



Lecture by the 2016 Hooks National Book Award winning author Russell Rickford, about his book *We Are an African People: Independent Education, Black Power, and the Radical Imagination*. Lunch will be provided by the Hooks Institute. This event is free and open to the public.

Visit [www.memphis.edu/benhooks/events](http://www.memphis.edu/benhooks/events) for more information on Hooks events!

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