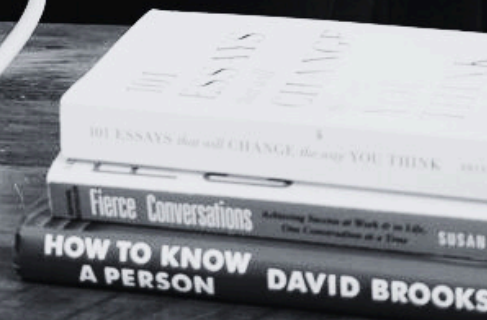


DIN E.
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SPEAKER KIT 2024



"CREATIVITY IS THE
ABILITY TO SEE
SOMETHING
DIFFERENTLY THAN
IT PRESENTS ITSELF
TO OTHER PEOPLE"

- DIN E. TOLBERT

ABOUT DIN (PRONOUNCED DEAN)

COMMUNICATOR . EDUCATOR . STORYTELLER

Din E. Tolbert has more than a way with words—he uses them to transform how individuals and organizations see themselves and their potential. As a communicator, educator, and facilitator, Din creates spaces where complexity is made clear, where bravery leads to breakthroughs, and where every conversation has the potential to change lives. Whether he's speaking to a room of executives or mentoring future leaders, Din helps audiences tap into their own capacity for excellence and authenticity, navigating the pressures of a data-driven, hyper-social world with intention and integrity.

With degrees from Cornell University and Union Theological Seminary, Din has applied his skills across industries, from academia and professional sports to nonprofits and corporate consulting. Over the last 20 years, he has crafted programs, led workshops, and mentored with a singular goal: to help people and organizations discover the power of their stories and use them to create lasting impact.

Din is also a proud #girdad, former Division I basketball recruit, poet, and passionate music enthusiast. To encounter Din is to be inspired toward personal and professional transformation.

SKILLS+ TOPICS

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & FACILITATION:

Expertise in leading large groups, coaching leaders, and fostering inclusive environments where collaboration, innovation, and personal growth thrive.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) STRATEGY:

Over two decades of experience designing and facilitating workshops that promote belonging, cultural competency, and sustainable organizational change.

CURRICULUM DESIGN & WORKSHOP INSTRUCTION:

Skilled in developing and delivering customized curricula that drive hands-on learning, personal development, and practical application across diverse settings.

CREATIVE CONSULTING & COMMUNICATION:

Masterful in translating complex ideas into accessible narratives, leveraging creative writing and storytelling to inspire action and build impactful organizational cultures.

SPEAKING TOPICS

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Leadership Development
- College Admissions
- Youth Engagement
- Black Masculinity
- Healthy Interpersonal Relationships
- Art for Social Change
- Practical Theology
- Strategies for Optimizing Creativity
- Building a Sustainable Workplace Culture

KEYNOTES+ WORKSHOPS

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BROKEN GLASS EVERYWHERE

Leaning Into Diversity to Sharpen Your Competitive Edge

The most agile and innovative organizations are redefining how they source talent and foster diversity, equity, and inclusion. This keynote challenges leaders to embrace change with courage, showing how leaning into DEI can strengthen organizational culture and drive performance.

Key Takeaways:

- How to implement actionable DEI strategies
- Cultivating resilience through inclusivity
- Why innovation thrives in diverse environments

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Crafting Identity and Success Through Our Stories

Our names carry history, identity, and meaning. This keynote helps participants explore the power of their names and stories to craft a vision of success that's authentic to their experiences and values.

Key Takeaways:

- Understanding the personal and cultural significance of names
- Aligning identity with professional and personal goals
- How stories shape the way we lead and live

NO ONE EXPECTS YOU TO GO IT ALONE:

Navigating Campus and Career Resources for Young Adults

Transitions can be overwhelming - from high school to college, and college to first career. This keynote is designed to help young adults identify and utilize on-campus and early career resources that will help them thrive.

Key Takeaways:

- How to leverage campus and early career support systems
- Building networks that matter
- Maximizing the first 6 months for long-term success

WORKSHOPS

Each of my keynotes can be adapted into interactive workshops, allowing participants to dive deeper into the material and engage in hands-on learning. Workshops can include: Initial consult and up to 3 strategy sessions, individualized curriculum design, Materials, Pre and Post Surveys, and a Post-workshop action plan.

Additionally, keynotes and workshops can be customized to meet the unique goals and challenges of your organization.



**"I GIVE BECAUSE I
HAVE, I HAVE
BECAUSE I GIVE,
THEREFORE I AM
NEVER WITHOUT"**

-REV. FELICIA FAYE LONG

RATES

	IN-PERSON	VIRTUAL
PANEL	\$500	\$500
KEYNOTE	\$2500	\$1500
WORKSHOP	\$4K-7K	\$3K-5K

PAST PARTNERS/CLIENTS/FEATURES



TESTIMONIALS

I was fortunate to have met Din when we were both graduate school students at Columbia University's Union Seminary.

Din's oversized presence was most noticeable for me; not by his educational accomplishments (he's an Ivy League undergraduate); by his rhetorical skills (he's a master wordsmith); or even his physicality (he's a big guy). Rather Din's presence was shown in restraint. He did not flaunt the very things that many blessed with these attributes do. Instead he observed. He asked questions. He made notes. Then, when it was time to, Din expressed succinctly ways to make, what others were loudly positioning themselves as experts by virtue of their education, accomplishment, or identity; better.

For those who strive to be the biggest in the room it serves all well to be in the presence of Din. He makes 'the good' the center of the room.

MARTIN MALZAHN,
Pastor | Trinity Lutheran Church

Not only is Din an amazing human being and coworker, he has this extraordinary ability to make complex issues accessible and understandable.

It didn't matter whether we were dealing with FAFSA applications, tackling statistics and data, or teaching our students about intersectionality.

Din could always take a difficult topic and turn it into something fun and easy to understand. And it never mattered who he was talking to, he could explain it to anyone. I truly would not have been successful at my role as Program Director without his incredible partnership and ease.

MEGAN COX
Trainer | UCLA Prevention Center of Excellence

Din E. Tolbert is a brilliant thinker and master communicator. He has an uncanny and unique ability to effectively elucidate and convey complexities to the most erudite and lay-persons simultaneously.

Din has a swagger and cadence that connects with all generations. I recommend this scholar and urban prophet without reservation!

REV. DARIUS THOMAS
Senior Pastor | Brown Chapel AME Church of Joliet

As a communicator, teacher, relayer and translator – Din has mastered the art of disarming. Where there is density of concept and layers to wade through to arrive at understanding, Din's voice connects, guides, and assures. His articulation and precision ensure that concepts are foundationally sound, and his style and intentionality create space and ease for fun.

His magic is in understanding audience, framing a message that fits it, and dynamically delivering to meet, teach and challenge. I doubt there is much he doesn't (or can't) understand, and if ever there is, I am confident that more than he realizes, his curiosity commits him to uncovering it well.

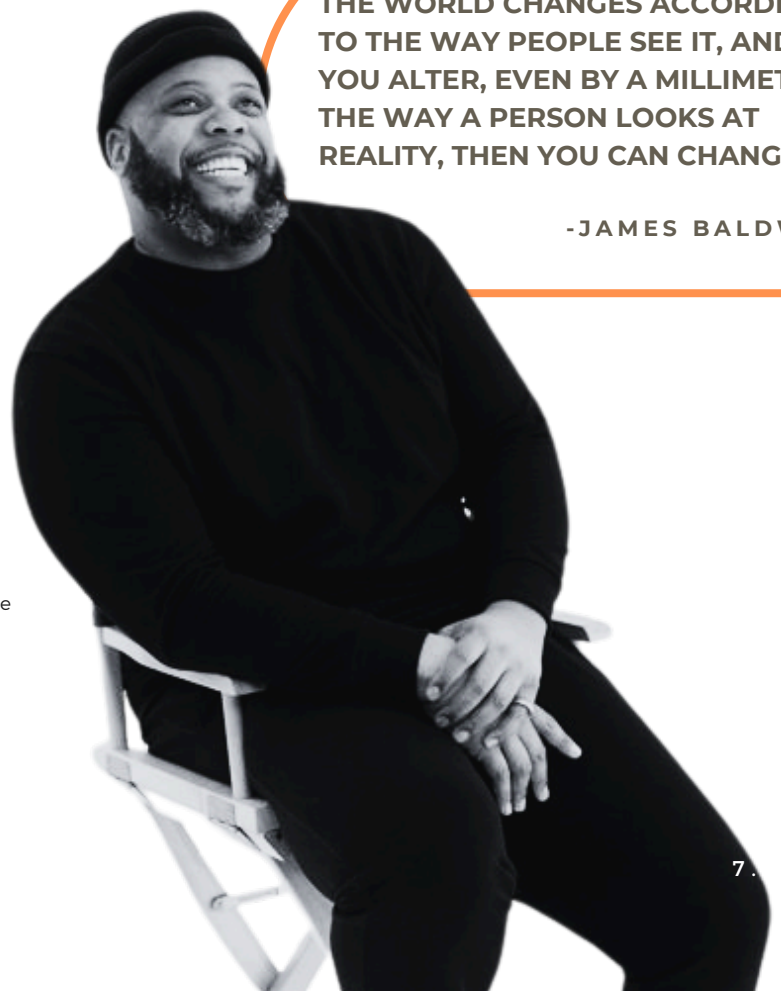
CHRIS MCSWAIN
Director, Community Engagement | North Texas Giving Day

In both written and verbal communication, Din is thoughtful, responsive, and precise. I have experienced his communication to be of the highest level in both one on one and group settings. I felt confident with having him lead conversations and interviews for our programs and initiatives, and lead high-stakes aspects of our meetings.

MELINDA WEEKES-LAIDLAW
Founder/CEO | Beautiful Ventures

THE WORLD CHANGES ACCORDING TO THE WAY PEOPLE SEE IT, AND IF YOU ALTER, EVEN BY A MILLIMETER, THE WAY A PERSON LOOKS AT REALITY, THEN YOU CAN CHANGE IT."

-JAMES BALDWIN





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