

PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

David Patrick Bickham is the principal and founder of Bickham Innovation Catalysts, LLC, and Bickham MetaFutures, LLC, which are consultancies specializing in innovation, futurism, equity, and organizational change in economic, philanthropic, and community development, especially impacting underestimated vulnerable communities. He is a founder of the Prophetic Innovation Consortium and the foresight framework, Prophetic Innovation: A Futurism of Being, which is being held as groundbreaking in the field of futurism, equity, and innovation. David is the Futurist-in-Residence of the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation and other organizations for which he is responsible for the integration of innovation and futurism into the organization's operations, footprint, and strategic direction and the development of a significant capital and fundraising campaign launching in 2025. He is the founder of Prophetic Innovation, his futurism framework based on the social justice, creative and innovative traditions of African Americans and other groups. He uses Prophetic Innovation and other futurism frameworks to development leaders, programs, funding campaigns/grant writing and strategic direction. He formerly served as a strategist with the United Way of the Capital Area (Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties) in Mississippi to promote innovation, workforce development and Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) across industries. He was the Development and Partnership Director of Story for All's The SHINE, a community transformation approach through storytelling and narrative change for boys and young men of color. Through the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation (JMMF), he was the leader organizer/grant writer for the prestigious \$3,000,000 Art Place Community Development Initiative (CDI) grant in August 2015. He has served as an advisor to the Walker Foundation and Midtown Partners, Inc., (MPI) on expanded learning, career pathways, education innovation systems and community revitalization. He has been a catalyst for the Jackson Technology, Entertainment, Construction, and Healthcare Innovation Corridor (TECHJXN) and summit, an emerging technology inclusion economic development strategy.

He formerly served as lead consultant, Phase 1, to Southwest Mississippi Health Systems' Affordable Health Care Act health information technology plan, which resulted in \$30,000,000+ in technology investments and advised the administration in performance improvement and health equity. He served as Innovation Advisor to the Mississippi Learning Institute to reconceptualize its proposals, programs, and mission to impact 116 principals and nine school districts in school leadership and effective education for boys of color. His overall grant writing, funding planning and support have garnered about \$40,000,000.

David specializes in helping organizations to "turn around," internally reform and refocus their resources/ operations for long-term success and sustainable innovation. In this capacity as a Mississippi Development Authority-Energy Division grant writer, he secured federal funding, designed technical assistance trainings, and introduced a public/private funding initiative that leveraged state and foundation funding for the benefit of community partners. He has served as a consultant to the Mississippi e-Center at Jackson State University, a technology business incubator, the University's Department of Physics, Geo and Atmospheric Sciences, the College of Science, Engineering and Technology (CSET), and other university departments. He has started or advised over thirty (30) new non-profit organizations and major initiatives, ranging from relational violence to global learning to economic development and worked with approximately sixty (60) clients. He links nationally and globally known experts with superior productivity, passion and compassionate hearts to organizations that would otherwise not have access to such capability. He relishes supporting thought leaders, decision makers,

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exemplars and change makers in their respective sectors and bringing together diverse and often adversarial parties around a common cause. He serves both as a formal and informal advisor to leadership. He is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Tougaloo College and an award-winning poet and short story writer.

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Over 25 years of experience in maximizing the human, creative and material assets of over sixty (60) organizations dedicated to community, educational and economic results, futurism, and innovation

SUMMARY OF SKILLS:

- ✓ Culturally informed innovation and futurism
- ✓ Over \$40,000,00 private, public, and philanthropic investments resulting from project consultation, including health information technology upgrades and compliance analysis
- ✓ Leadership development and facilitation for 21st century competencies and innovation
- ✓ Strategic networking, coalition, linkages, and partnership building from the local to global level
- ✓ Grant writing, grant making, management and fund development expertise
- ✓ Strategic and sustainability planning for social innovation
- ✓ Connecting strategic partners, best in class practitioners and thought leaders
- ✓ Organizational, systemic, and institutional capacity building and change

EDUCATION:

1992, B.A., English, Magna Cum Laude, Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS

EXPERIENCE: (Current Consultations)

Bickham Innovation Catalysts, LLC, and Bickham MetaFutures, LLC: Atlanta, GA and Jackson, MS: Chief Strategist focusing on program development, capacity building, grant writing and other services in innovation and foresight, including Prophetic Innovation: A Futurism of Being

February 2023, Futurist-in-Residence, Jackson Medical Mall Foundation, Jackson, MS: Thought leader and chief strategist in the integration of futurism and Prophetic Innovation in the vision, mission, fundraising and all aspects of operations, partnership development, and planning of the organization

January 2022, Chief Innovation Officer and Senior Strategist, Jackson Medical Mall Foundation, Jackson, MS: Responsible for articulating and managing innovation and futurism throughout the organization's operations, footprint, and strategic direction; Responsible for articulating and managing a multi-year multi-billion-dollar capital and fundraising campaign

2015-2021, Grant Writer, Strategist and Planner, Jackson Medical Mall Foundation, Jackson, MS: Raised over \$7M for the Young Futurists Project, the Advancing Health and Wealth Equity Project, the ArtPlace America Community Development Initiative, and other programs; Advised leadership on direction and plans

October 2020-April 2022, Futurist, Economic Pathways to Human Dignity, City of Jackson (COJ), Jackson, MS: Advising the COJ team on the direction and implementation of a jobs development and creative incubator program

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2021-2022, Strategist, National Center for Inclusive Competitiveness, Jackson, MS: Champion and Phase 1 Strategist for the emerging Center for Inclusive Competitiveness informed by Strategic Foresight (CIC-SF), the first in the nation pending support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Other Engagements:

Christian Alliance of Pastors (CAP), Austell, GA, Grant Writer/Strategist

Office of Institutional Advancement, Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS, Concept developer

Creative Research Solutions, (Atlanta and Mississippi), Evaluation subcontractor for the Mississippi Center for Education Innovation and the preliminary development of a national evaluation center

United Way of the Capital Area, (Jackson, MS), Grant Writer; Developer of futurism concept

(National) Story for All and the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation (Jackson, MS),

- **Lead Writer,** Jackson Medical Mall Foundation, **ArtPlace America Community Development Investment Grant, \$3,000,000** awarded August 15, 2016

National Center for Inclusive Competitiveness, Innovation Strategist and Thought Partner

Mississippi Center for Education Innovation, Innovation Strategist

Midtown Partners, Inc./Prosperity Center, Community Development Planner

Mississippi Learning Institute, Statewide, Advisor to the Executive Director

The Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color, Advisor and Fund Developer

TERC, (Cambridge, MA/Nationwide), STEM Program Advisor and Strategist

USDA Strike Force, LEADS Program, Capacity Builder

CARF Accreditation and Reaccreditation for Georgia Behavior Health Businesses, Lead Developer

McComb School District, Advisor on Boys of Color, Equity and STEAM

Other Engagements and Highlights (Paid and In-Kind¹):

Global Innovation Pathways, Inc., promoting global learning to underserved communities

***Informal Advisor,** HBCU Innovation, Commercialization and Entrepreneurship Initiative

Strategic Advisor, The Walker Foundation and the Innovation Alliance for Midtown Jackson

Grant Writer, Office of Institutional Advancement, Jackson State University

Director of Development, Voice of Calvary Ministries, Inc.

Development Consultant, Voice of Calvary Ministries, Inc.

Owner/Manager, The Bickham Consortium and DPB Consulting Services

Vice President for Project Development, First Steps Training and Development, Inc.

Associate Grant Manager, Mississippi Development Authority, Energy Division

Associated Consultant, First Steps Training and Development, Inc.

Organizational Consultant, New Horizon Ministries, Inc.

Organizational Consultant, the General Baptist State Convention of Mississippi

Consulting Grant Writer, McComb Public School District

Project Evaluator, Boston Adult Literacy Fund African American Males Project

Development and Planning Coordinator/Teacher, WAITT HOUSE, Inc.

Teacher/Outreach Facilitator, WAITT HOUSE, Inc.

Program Director, Greater Boston Regional Youth Council

Executive Director, Project Forward

Grant Consultant, Department of Physics, Atmospheric and Geosciences, Jackson State University

¹ An asterisk indicates in-kind technical assistance or civic engagement.

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Funding Consultant, College of Science, Engineering and Technology, Jackson State University
Programs/Grants Consultant, The Walker Foundation/Good Samaritan Midtown, Inc.,
Health Information Technology and Equity Consultant, Southwest Mississippi Health Systems

- Phase 1 Health Information Technology Report, resulting in \$30M plus in technology upgrades

***Volunteer Planner, City of Jackson** (Co-author of city-wide plan with Dr. Jayne Sargent)
Grant Writer, Mississippi Development Authority-Energy Division
Website Text Writer, Mississippi e-Center@Jackson State University
Policy Consultant, Greater Alexandria, Louisiana Economic Development Authority (GAEDA)
Trainer in Asset Mapping, Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi
Accreditation Consultant, Georgia Social Work Consortium
Grant Writer, McComb Public School District
Facilitator, Young Up and Coming Professionals (YUPS)/Metro Jackson Chamber of Commerce
***Board Facilitator**, Community Animal Rescue and Adoption, Inc. (CARA)
Subcontracted Planner, Foundation for the Mid-South Communities of Opportunity
Subcontracted Co-Author, Foundation for the Mid-South Pastoral Competency Study
Asset Mapper/Program Researcher, Tougaloo College Owens Health and Wellness Center
Sub-Contractor/Board Developer, Walker Foundation and North Midtown CDC, Inc.
Strategic/Sustainability Planner, Light on a Hill Foundation/Galloway United Methodist Church
Subcontractor/T.A. Provider, Rapides Foundation
Board Developer, Minority Capital Fund
Subcontract/Workforce Development, Central Mississippi Planning and Development District
Subcontractor/Grant Writing T.A.², Natrona County Community Action Agency
Tobacco Program/Board T.A., Caffee and Caffee Associates PHF, Inc.
Program Evaluator, Jefferson County, AL Tobacco Free Coalition
Board Developer/Consultant, New Way Mississippi, Inc.
RFP Developer/TA Provider, Mississippi Microenterprise Association Network (MMEAN)
Strategic Planning/Coach, MMEAN
Program Evaluator, Boston Adult Literacy Fund African American Men's Project
***Co-Chairman**, Pike County, Mississippi Coordinated Campaigns
Campaign Office Manager, John O'Connor Congressional Campaign
T.A. Provider, National Association of Black Mayors Conference
Solar Feasibility Study Subcontractor, Systems Consulting Associates, Inc.

CREATIVE WRITING AWARDS AND PUBLICATIONS:

Blackberry Juice for Blues Bones, 1988, In Search of a New Voice Poetry Prize

"Nicodemus," 1994 North Carolina Writer's Network, 1st Prize for Short Story

REFERENCES: **Primus Wheeler**, Executive Director, Jackson Medical Mall Foundation (o) 601.982.8467;

Carol Burger, President/CEO, the United Way of the Capital Area, (o) 601-948-4725; **Dr. Rhea Bishop**

Williams, Director, Mississippi and New Orleans Programs, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, (o) 269.969.2270,

(m) 601.500.1344; **Marcie Skelton**, Director, The Walker Foundation, (m) 601.291.7452; **Dr. Osa**

Maiyanne Adjan, COO, Creative Research Solutions, (o) 510.326.3135; **Dr. Kristi Hendrix**, Executive

Director, Midtown Partners, Inc., (o) 601.354.5373.

² Technical Assistance (T.A.)