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**Published Works:**

Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome (PTSS): America’s Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing, (newly revised) which addresses the residual impacts of trauma on African Descendants in the Americas. This lays the groundwork for understanding how the past has influenced the present, and opens up the discussion of how we can eliminate non-productive attitudes, beliefs and adaptive behaviors and, build upon the strengths we have gained from the past to heal.

PTSS Study Guide is designed to help individuals, groups, and organizations better understand the functional and dysfunctional attitudes and behaviors that have been transmitted to us through multiple generations. The Guide encourages and broadens the discussion and implications about the specific issues that were raised in the PTSS book and provides practical tools to help transform negative attitudes and behaviors into positive ones. African American Male Adolescent Respect Scale is an assessment instrument designed to broaden our understanding of the challenges facing these youth in an effort to prevent their overrepresentation in the justice system.

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