



Je-Shawna Wholley

Outstanding Social Justice Practice Award, 2018

Brown University, LGBTQ Center



Je-Shawna C. Wholley is the new Assistant Director of Brown University's LGBTQ Center. Wholley is joining the Brown family as a recent graduate of Minnesota State University, Mankato with her Masters of Arts in Gender and Women's Studies. Prior to that, Wholley served as the Programs Manager of the Emerging Leaders Initiative and Special Projects at the National

Black Justice Coalition. Je-Shawna provides strategic insight on outreach and issues affecting Black LGBT young people. A graduate of Spelman College, Wholley served as President of the LGBT student union, Afrekete. In 2009, alongside Morehouse College's Safe Space organization, she spearheaded the first LGBT Pride Week in the Atlanta University Center. Wholley has been honored as the recipient of the 2011 Campus Pride Voice & Action National Leadership Award for her tireless efforts to make Spelman College and the Atlanta University Center a more inclusive environment for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) gay and transgender student body. Additionally, she was instrumental in the research and planning of the historical Audre Lorde HBCU Summit,



which focused on the social climate regarding LGBT affairs on HBCU campuses. Dedicated to the empowerment of LGBT youth of color, Wholley travels across the nation to keynote and conduct workshops on creating safe and inclusive campuses for all students to thrive.

