

PATHBLAZERS

Black PhDs in Library and Information Sciences

Past and Present

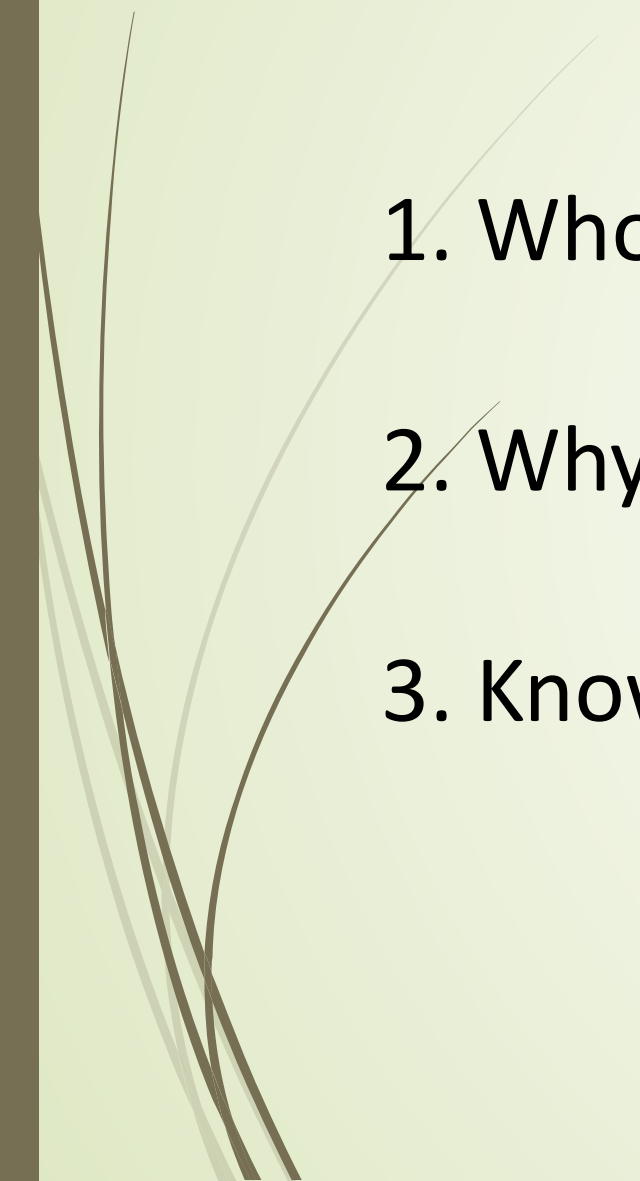
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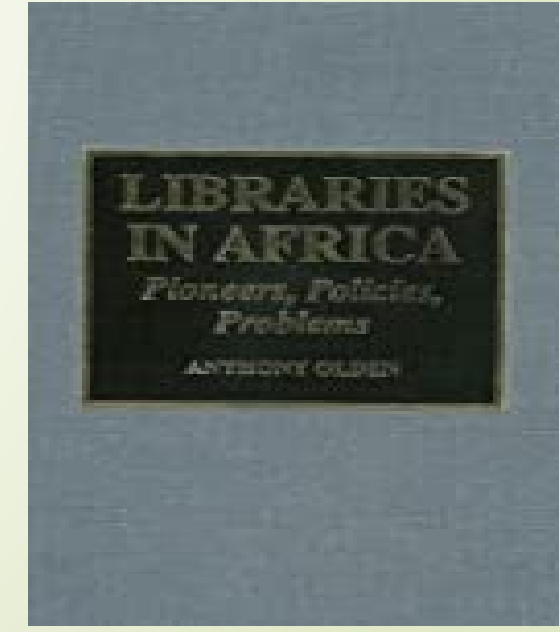
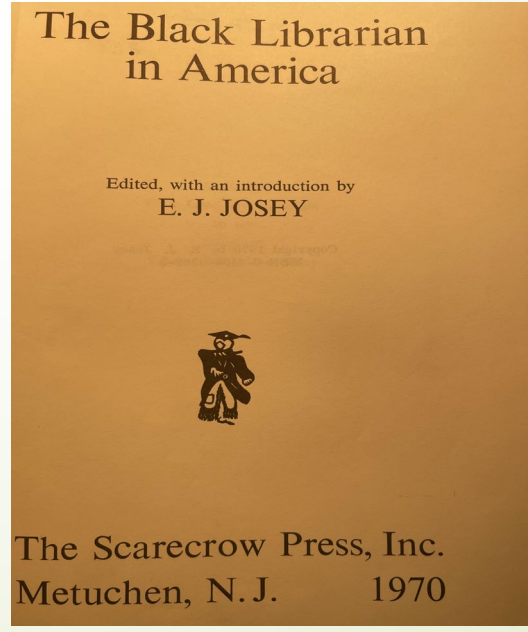
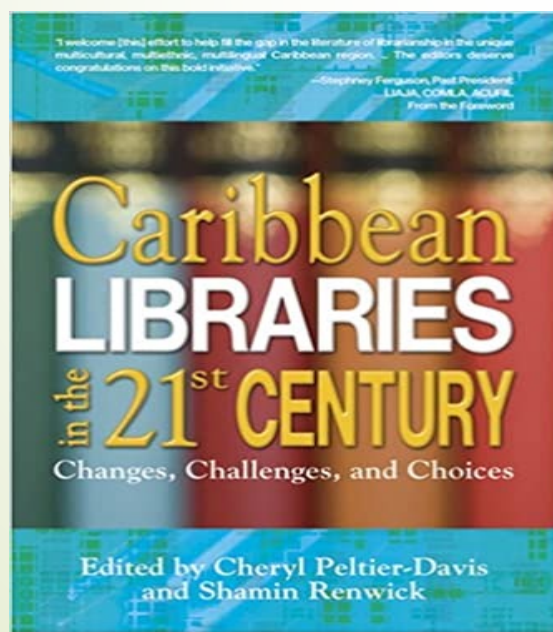
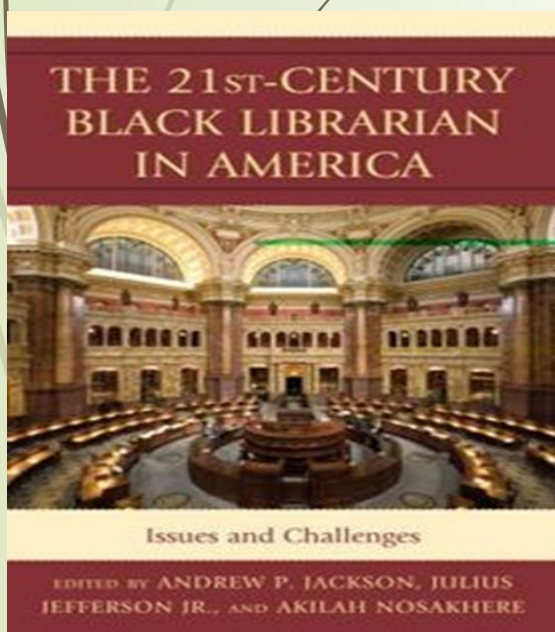
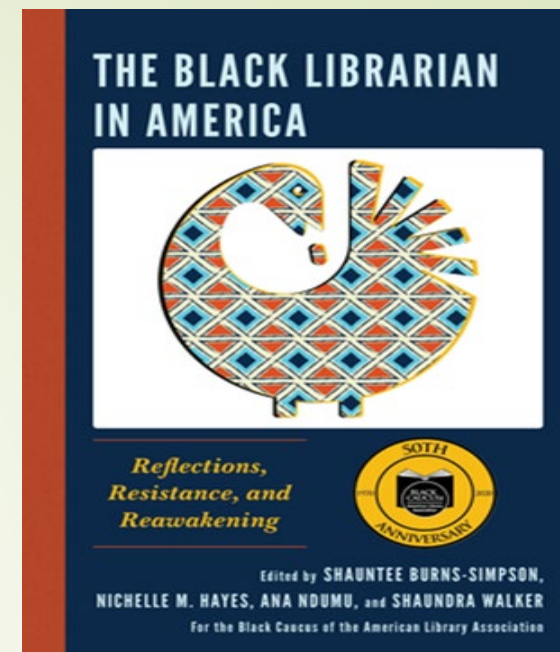
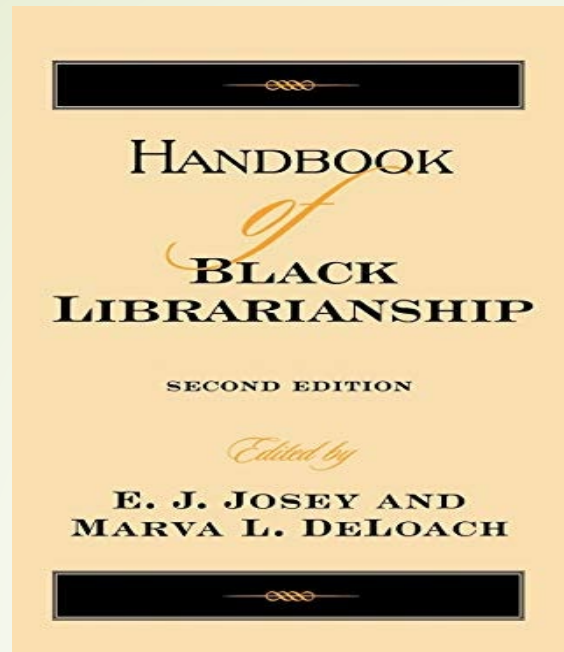
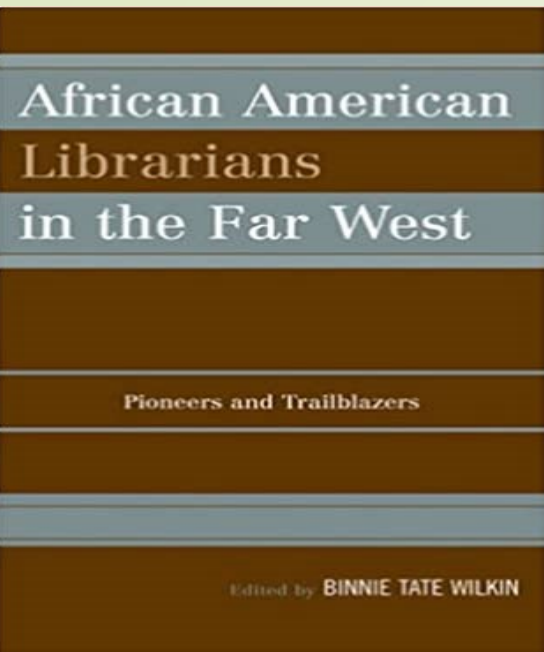
African American, African, African
Diaspora

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Overview

1. Who are the Black Ph.D. Pathblazers in LIS?
 2. Why Black Librarianship as a Research Focus?
 3. Knowledge Production and Citational Justice.
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Different Terms for Black People the Used in the Thesis Titles

- **African-American**
- **Afro-American**
- **Black**
- **Colored**
- **Negro**



Citation Justice is based on a growing body of evidence across disciplines that women, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) are cited less frequently than their white male counterparts.

First of the Pathblazers



Atkins Gleason Eliza 1941
University of Chicago
**The Government and
Administration of Public
Library Service to Negroes
in the South.**

Virginia Lacy Jones 1945
University of Chicago
**Problems of Negro public High
School Libraries in Selected
Southern Cities.**

1933 - Bachelor of Science in
Library Science

1935 - Bachelor of Science
in Social Studies
Education

1938 - Master's Degree in
Library Science

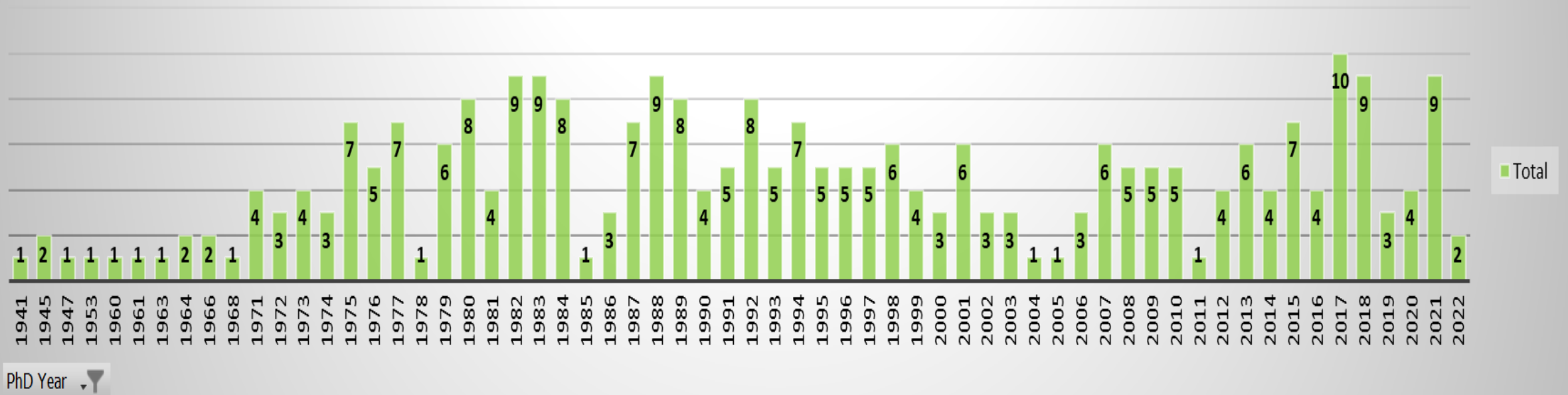
1945 - Doctorate in Library
Science



277 Black PhDs Trail-Blazers in Library & Information Science Collected and Still Collecting


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PhDs per Year



THE TOP 10 Universities # of Graduates

University of Pittsburgh	53
Florida State University	32
University of North Texas	23
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	19
Rutgers University	17
University of North Carolina	17
University of Michigan	9
Syracuse University	8
University of Chicago	8
Texas Woman's University	7



"Much to my chagrin, the Mississippi Library Association was honored there for its National Library Week Activities. I exploded! I was seething with anger, for I remembered that three civil rights workers-Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner had been murdered....

I also remembered that the Mississippi Library Association had withdrawn from ALA rather than give membership to Negro Librarians."

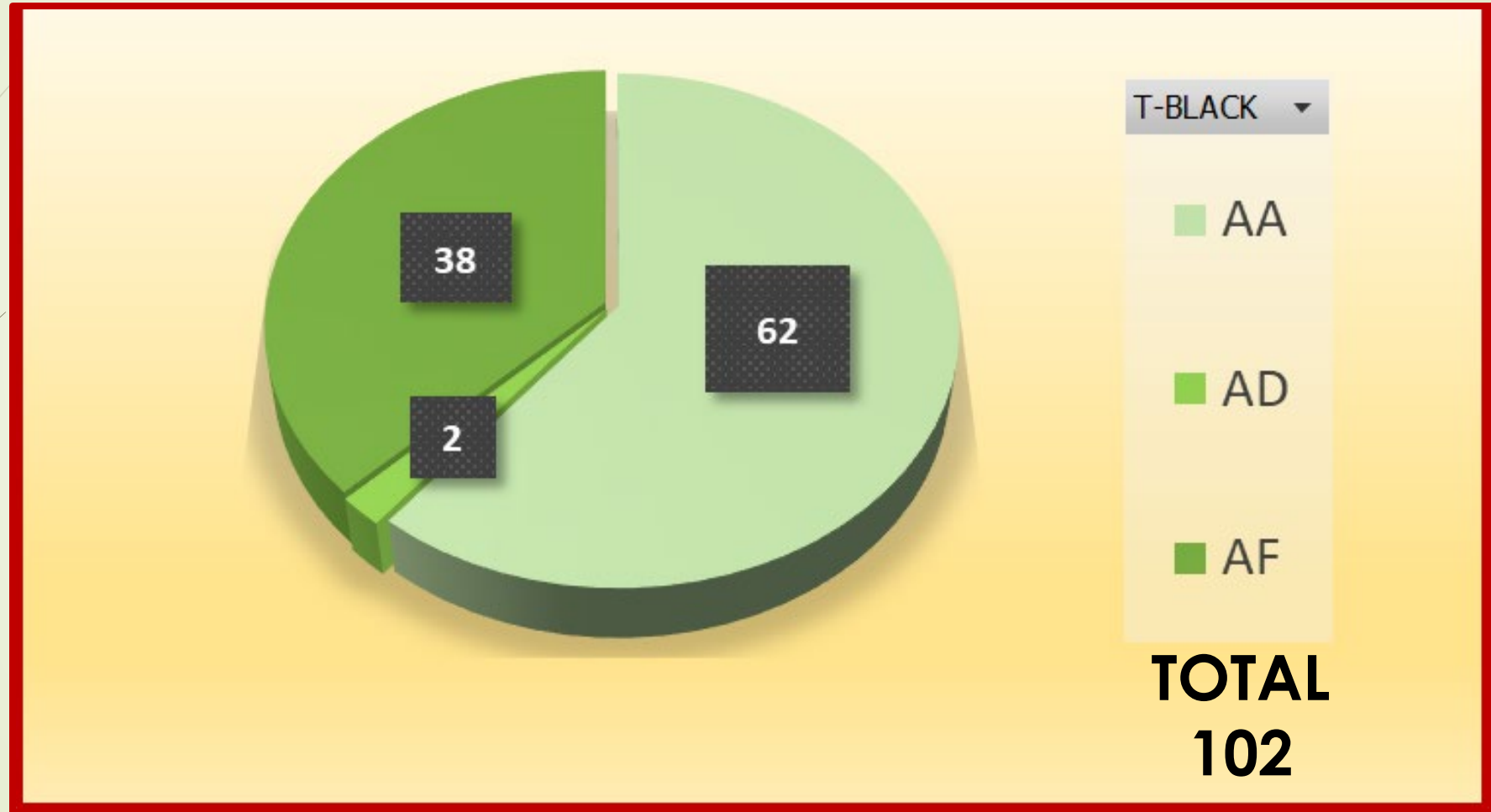
E.J. JOSEY

TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADER OF THE
MODERN LIBRARY PROFESSION



RENATE L. CHANCELLOR

Number of Dissertations with Black Content (AA-African American, AD-Diaspora, AF-Africa)



African Authors African Countries African Theme



Botswana	2
Cameroon	1
East Africa	1
Ghana	1
Kenya	2
Nigeria	17
North Africa Middle East	3
Sudan	1
Swaziland	1
Tanzania	2
Tobago & Trinidad	1
Uganda	2
West & Central Africa	1
West Africa	1
Zambia	1
Grand Total	37



RESPONSES TO: PATHBLAZERS Black PhDs in Library and Information Sciences

“as a practitioner primarily working in libraries: this is actually the type of outward-looking work that helps those of us who are focused on improving and diversifying libraries “

Academic Librarian

“Research on how diverse students are recruited into our profession is critical to building a diverse group of information professionals to serve in libraries and on the faculty of schools training those for our information professions.” **Professor Emeritus**

“It should be common knowledge that our profession suffers from a persistent lack of racial and ethnic diversity. It is important to support projects like Halimah and Kate's that can contribute in whatever way to addressing this enduring challenge.” **LIS Professor**

“Congrats on embarking on this important work.” **Assistant Professor**

“Thanks for doing this valuable and important work!” **Associate Dean**

YEAR	Association for Library and Information Science Education	Totals Collected in This Study	National Center for Educational Statistics
1995-1996	1	5	2
1996-1997	3	5	3
1997-1998	7	7	5
1998-1999	4	6	4
1999-2000	6	4	5
2000-2001	4	3	4
2001-2002	5	6	5
2002-2003	2	3	2
2003-2004	5	3	5
2004-2005	2	1	0
2005-2006	0	1	2
2006-2007	0	3	6
2007-2008	7	6	4
2008-2009	7	5	3
2009-2010	0	5	4
2010-2011	0	5	1
2011-2012	5 (3)	1	0
2012-2013	0	4	5
2013-2014	12	6	4
2014-2015	12	4	4
2015-2016	10	7	3
2016-2017	5	5	4
2017-2018	16	10	4
2018-2019	14	9	2
2019-2020	11	3	0
2020-2021	11	4	0
2021-2022	13	8	0
2022	0	2	0
Totals	157	131	81

Comparison of Data by Years 1995-2022 of Black PhDs Degrees Earned Collected

This STUDY **131**

ALISE Association for Library and Information Science **157**

NCES National Center for Educational Statistics **81**

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