Dr. Khadijah Costley White

Dr. Khadijah Costley White doesn’t exactly set aside time to write; nor does she write for a specific amount of time each day. In fact, if you ask her about her writing routine, she would say that she doesn’t have one.


If White doesn’t have a set time to write, it’s because she’s writing all the time. She’s writing in the shower; she’s writing as she drives down the parkway. Having a handy recorder and note-taker in her cellphone means being able to capture important ideas or thoughts whenever (and wherever) they occur. To White, every moment is a writing moment, and every experience is generative. In other words, “writer” is not a mystical, separate and distinct persona. White’s approach may be a necessary approach for a prolific academic, but it may also explain why her work is especially timely and relevant.

White is an assistant professor of journalism and media studies. She worked as a journalist on an Emmy-nominated team at NOW on PBS. In 2007, she was awarded a reporting fellowship to Senegal from the National Association of Black Journalists and the United Nations, and she interned in the Obama White House. She is a 2020-2021 Whiting Foundation Public Engagement Fellow.