

Trenton ‘Malu’ Brooks is a father, scholar, organizer. He has spent the last decade asking questions and utilizing the answers to provide a clearer pathway into the future.

Why Questions Are Important

As an anthropologist and a historian, questions are the foundation to his work. Constantly questioning leads to consistent learning, which in turn places Malu in his happy space. Born just twenty minutes south of Houston, Texas, in La Porte, Malu is a first generation American, raised in a Trinidadian household. Early explorations as a child sparked an interest in global work that still burns within him till this day.

Questioning history helps to redeem the past. Questions from an anthropological perspective invoke a new outlook on the present. And the combination of the two provides answers for a better tomorrow. Traveling and grounding with everyday people from across the globe is where you’ll find the best version of him.

In addition to his academic work, Malu’s organizing career began in 2013 and as this year makes a decade, Malu has done grassroots organizing in over 14 states as well as internationally as well. This includes a six-week Movement course at the Florestan Fernandes University in Sao Paulo Brazil and most recently a six-week sojourn to Sierra Leone West Africa; just to name a couple.

Malu is a father of two children under the age of five and a two-time graduate of THE Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University. He is currently in pursuit of his PhD in cultural anthropology where he will be asking the question, “How do the children of the Civil War (in Sierra Leone) view nation building, in a peacetime nation.” A question that has the potential to provide a blueprint to nation builders throughout the continent and across the diaspora.