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Henry is a military veteran, with over 15 years of service with the U.S. Marine Corps and the National Guard. Throughout his professional career, he has acquired knowledge and experience in the areas of information technology, contracts management, nonprofit management, social administration, and public policy. He holds his Master of Science in Social Administration from the Columbia University School of Social Work (CUSSW), a Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Morgan State University and an Associate of Applied Science in Contracts Management from the Community College of the Air Force. After completing his studies at CUSSW, Henry provided program management for youth and young adults as a program coordinator with the Citizens Committee for New York City and The DOME Project. For four years, he worked as an independent consultant, providing workshop facilitation in the areas of professional and personal development. In his most recent work role, as the Operations Coordinator for The Trust for Public Land, Henry played a key role in the development of new strategies for the organization's urban programs. Henry is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Affairs at Virginia Tech. His current research focuses on colorism and public practices, narratives related to state and local policy agreement, and the intersection of presidential pork and disaster preparedness.