



Nia DaCosta is an American director and screenwriter. She is credited as the first African-American woman to have a film debut (Candyman) at number one upon opening weekend.

In August 2020, DaCosta was hired to direct The Marvels, becoming the youngest filmmaker to direct a Marvel film.



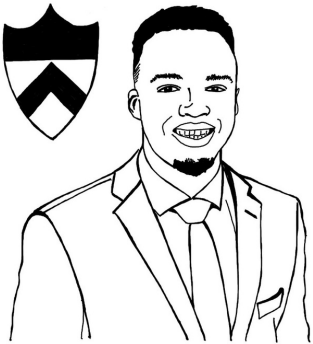
Kizzmekia Corbett, an immunologist at the US National Institutes of Health (NIH), **is one of the scientists who in early 2020 helped to develop an mRNA-based vaccine for COVID-19.**

The vaccine is now being distributed across the United States and elsewhere. And Corbett is taking on another challenge: tempering vaccine hesitancy by talking about COVID-19 science in communities of colour.



Sitting at the nexus of art, fashion and academia, Dario is an artist, urbanist, director and brand consultant currently based in New York City.

In 2020 Dario made history as the first Black photographer to shoot a cover for Vanity Fair in its 106-year history with his portrait of Oscar-winning actress, Viola Davis. 2020 also saw the launch of his widely-acclaimed podcast, The Institute of Black Imagination, featuring conversations from the Pool of Black Genius through the lens of design.



Nicholas holds an undergraduate degree with highest honours in operations research and financial engineering with minors in computer science, statistics and machine learning, and applied and computational mathematics from Princeton University. **He was the Valedictorian of Princeton's Class of 2020 and is the first Black Valedictorian in the University's 274 year history.**



Mauree Nivek Rajah

Salima Turner

(They / Them/ Theirs / Representative) is the newly-elected State Representative for Oklahoma's 88th House District thanks to the people.

Rep. Turner grew up believing in the power and duty they had to change the world for the better.

Rep. Turner is the first nonbinary state legislator in US history and the first Muslim law maker in Oklahoma