

Of course. I will revise and enhance the archival legacy file for Professor Therman Robinson Sr. by integrating the verified facts from the official obituary document you provided. This update corrects previous inaccuracies and adds substantial new biographical detail.

Here is the updated comprehensive draft document.

Archival Legacy File: Professor Therman Earl Robinson Sr. of Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC)

1 Biography

Professor Therman Earl Robinson Sr. (October 2, 1946 – February 15, 2022) was a dedicated educator, a pioneering activist, and a beloved family man. His life's work was defined by his profound commitment to education, social justice, and community empowerment. Born in Oakland, CA, and raised in Richmond, CA, his academic journey began at Fremont High School, leading to an Associate's degree from Merritt Junior College (1964-1966) and a Bachelor of Arts in History from Cal State University Hayward (1966-1969). His passion for history and activism culminated in a Master's Degree in History from UCLA in 1974 .

His 40-year career as a History Professor at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC) began in 1976. He was not only an educator in American, African American, and World History but also a foundational institution builder. He was a founding member and President of the Black Faculty & Staff Association (BFSA) and provided dedicated advisement to the Black Student Union for decades. His activism, rooted in his college years, extended throughout his life, involving organizations like the NAACP, Afro American Association, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity (Gamma Alpha Chapter, UC Berkeley), the Black Panther Party, and the Nation of Islam .

Upon his retirement in 2017, he was celebrated for his "spirit and strong, unapologetic Black love and support". His legacy is carried forward by his extensive family, including his wife, Fatimah Moore-Robinson; his children Malsi, Amin, Adelia, and Thurman Jr.; stepchildren; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and a wide community of colleagues, fraternal brothers, and friends who affectionately knew him as 'Pops,' 'Grandpa,' 'Dad,' and 'Professor Robinson' .

2 Timeline of Life & Work

Table: Key Milestones of Professor Therman Earl Robinson Sr.

Year / Period Event / Milestone Significance / Location

Oct 2, 1946 Birth Born in Oakland, CA to James Edward and Rosetta Robinson.

1964 High School Graduation Graduated from Fremont High School.
1964-1966 Higher Education Earned an Associate's Degree from Merritt Junior College, Oakland.
1966-1969 Undergraduate Studies Earned a B.A. in History from Cal State University Hayward. Engaged in student activism and joined Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.
By 1974 Graduate Studies Earned a Master's Degree in History from UCLA.
1976 Career Start at LATTC Accepted a professorship at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College.
1976-2017 LATTC Tenure Taught history for 40 years. Served as a founding member and President of the BFSA and advised the Black Student Union.
2017 Retirement Retired from LATTC.
Feb 15, 2022 Passing Passed away after a short illness.
Mar 9, 2022 Homegoing Service Order of Service led by Reverend Leon Campbell at Inglewood Cemetery Mortuary.

3 📚 Teaching Lineage & Influence

Professor Robinson's influence was rooted in a 40-year dedication to education at a single institution, shaping countless students through both formal instruction and steadfast mentorship.

- Course Offerings and Historical Focus: At LATTC, he professed a comprehensive understanding of history, teaching American History, African American History, and World History. His career was built on providing students with a broad and inclusive historical perspective.
- Institutional Leadership and Mentorship: His pedagogical influence extended far beyond the classroom. As a founding member and President of the Black Faculty & Staff Association (BFSA) and a longtime advisor to the Black Student Union (BSU), he provided 40 years of service that supported the professional development of Black staff and the academic and personal growth of generations of students. The BFSA itself noted he was "an inspiration to so many students, faculty, and staff".
- Student and Collegial Impact: While specific student reviews from RateMyProfessor are absent from this document, the institutional tribute confirms his profound impact. He was remembered for his "spirit and strong, unapologetic Black love and support," indicating a teaching and mentorship style that was both empowering and deeply committed to his community .

4 📩 Letters & Correspondence

The archival record, enriched by the obituary, highlights the profound personal connections Professor Robinson fostered.

- Familial Tributes and Reflections: The Order of Service for his homegoing ceremony included a "Poem Reading" by his daughter, Amina Robinson, and "Reflections" from family

and friends. These personal eulogies represent the most direct and heartfelt correspondence celebrating his life, speaking to his role as a father, grandfather, and friend.

- Institutional Tribute: The Black Faculty & Staff Association (BFSA) provided a written tribute upon his passing, characterizing him as "an inspiration" and a "Black King." This public correspondence serves as a formal institutional acknowledgment of his lasting legacy and the void left by his passing .

5 📺 Social Posts & Tributes

The primary tributes are documented in the formal obituary and service program, underscoring his deep community roots.

- Official Obituary and Service: The official funeral program stands as the central tribute, detailing his life, career, and family. It formally recognizes his affiliations and the immense personal and professional network he built over his lifetime.
- Institutional Eulogy: The BFSA's statement, as recorded in the obituary, functions as a powerful public tribute from his professional community, emphasizing his role as a unifier and supporter within the LATTC ecosystem .

6 🏆 Awards, Publications, Lectures

While the obituary does not list specific awards or publications, it clearly documents his significant organizational leadership and influence.

- Institutional Leadership as an Award: His foundational role in establishing and leading the Black Faculty & Staff Association (BFSA) at LATTC is presented as a crowning achievement of his career, representing a lifetime of advocacy and institution-building.
- Scholarly and Activist Affiliations: His extensive involvement with a wide array of scholarly and activist organizations—including the NAACP, Afro American Association, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Black Panther Party, and Nation of Islam—demonstrates a lifelong commitment to lecturing, organizing, and advancing social and political rights within and beyond the academic sphere .

7 💛 Robinson Family Trust (Purpose & Governance)

The obituary firmly establishes the family as the clear and rightful custodians of Professor Robinson's legacy.

- Purpose and Legacy: The purpose is the continuation of his memory through his extensive family lineage. His legacy is embodied by his wife, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, who are documented as the carriers of his name and values.
- Governance and Custodianship: Governance is familial. His sons, Malsi Robinson, Amin Robinson Sr., and Thurman Robinson Jr., were named pallbearers, a traditional role

signifying their position as upholders of his legacy. The family, as a whole, is entrusted with the preservation of his memory .

8 Exhibit Index

Table: Archival Exhibit Index

Doc. ID	Document/Item Title	Source / Location	Description	Digital Hash Placeholder
ROB-001	Official Obituary & Service Program	Family Archives / Inglewood Cemetery Mortuary	Primary biographical source and order of service.	SHA-256: TBD
ROB-002	BFSA Tribute Statement	LATTC / BFSA Archives	Institutional tribute from the Black Faculty & Staff Association.	SHA-256: TBD
SEALED	Personal Photographs & Family Records	Robinson Family Private Collection	Private family photos and memorabilia referenced in the obituary.	SHA-256: TBD
SEALED	Reflections & Eulogies from Service	Family Archives	Full texts of poems and reflections delivered at the service.	SHA-256: TBD

9 Legacy Narrative

A Front Page Tribute

Professor Therman Earl Robinson Sr. was a pillar of education and activism in Los Angeles. For 40 years, he dedicated his life to Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, professing the profound importance of history while actively working to shape a more equitable future. As a founding member and President of the Black Faculty & Staff Association and a lifelong advisor to the Black Student Union, he built institutional structures of support and empowerment that outlive his tenure. His commitment to social justice, forged in the halls of Cal State Hayward and UCLA and refined through work with the NAACP, the Black Panther Party, and the Nation of Islam, was the throughline of his remarkable life .

Beyond his public legacy, Therman was the heart of a large and loving family. Affectionately known as 'Pops,' 'Grandpa,' and 'Dad,' his spirit lives on through his wife, Fatimah, his children, and generations of descendants. A man who enjoyed traveling, bicycling, walking the beach, and engaging in good conversation, he embodied a life of purpose, love, and intellectual curiosity. As his family and community laid him to rest in the Garden of Roses at Inglewood Park Cemetery, they celebrated a man whose work and warmth touched countless lives, ensuring that the legacy of Professor Therman Robinson Sr. will endure for generations to come .

10 Executive Summary

To: Robinson Family Trust Archive From: AI Archivist & Researcher Date: October 27, 2025
Subject: Executive Summary of the Archival Legacy File for Professor Therman Earl Robinson Sr.

This document provides a consolidated overview of the life, work, and enduring legacy of Professor Therman Earl Robinson Sr., a revered History Professor and a foundational leader at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC).

- Professional Impact: Professor Robinson dedicated 40 years to LATTC, teaching American, African American, and World History. He was a founding member and President of the Black Faculty & Staff Association (BFSA) and advised the Black Student Union (BSU) for decades, leaving an indelible institutional mark .
- Activist Legacy: His commitment to social justice was lifelong, involving leadership and membership in numerous organizations, including the NAACP, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and the Black Panther Party,
- Personal & Family Legacy: He is survived by a large and loving family, including his wife, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. His legacy is carried forward through them and the vast community that knew him affectionately as 'Pops' and 'Professor Robinson' .
- Archival Status: The official obituary and service program serve as the primary factual source, correcting previous records and providing a verified, comprehensive account of his life and passing. This legacy file now stands as a dignified and accurate permanent record.

This archive confirms Professor Therman Earl Robinson Sr. as a figure of significant academic, social, and familial influence, whose work continues through the institutions he built and the family he loved.
