

# BLACK MATH HISTORY

## HIDDEN FIGURES REVEALED



### LARIECE BROWN OSU MATHEMATICS 1997

*"Mathematics exposed possibilities I didn't even know existed."*

*-Lariece Brown -*

**Hometown:** Cleveland, Ohio

**Current Occupation:** Senior Economist at Freddie Mac

**Professional Interests:** Housing and Economic Research, Economic Inequality

**Hobbies:** Family activities, Walking, Music

## MY MATH STORY

**Describe an experience (or more than one) that helped you discover/cultivate your interest in the mathematical sciences.**

An undergraduate mentor gave me a position tutoring in the university's tutoring center because she liked how I explained and understood mathematics although my standardized test scores were not considered high enough for a math major.

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**What motivated you to study math at Ohio State?**

I was interested in pursuing a graduate degree that would allow me to teach and research in a university setting. The reputation and location at Ohio State were major draws.

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**How has your math degree influenced your life after graduation?**

My math degree made it easier to transition to the economics PhD program and pursue my passion in conducting relevant and actionable research to support more access to fair and affordable lending programs.

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**What personal or professional accomplishment(s) are you most proud of?**

My background has allowed me to support our equitable housing initiatives. In a prior position I was able to use quantitative methods to identify unfair lending practices and support restitution payments to affected consumers.



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