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Larry Lester is a dynamic and engaging keynote speaker, renowned for his transformative storytelling on the vital contributions of Black Americans to American society. With over 45 years of experience in sports and Black history Lester has inspired audiences at corporate events, academic conferences, and leadership symposiums, empowering leaders, teams, and organizations to connect with the rich history of Black achievement, particularly in the ever-evolving world of sports.

The author of *Black Baseball's National Showcase: The East-West All-Star Game*, *The Negro Leagues Book* (Volumes 1 and 2), *Caged Champions: Colorful Firsts in U.S. Sports* and over a [half-dozen more titles](#) is a widely recognized authority on sports history. His résumé includes research contributions to more than 240 [published books](#) and blessed with requests to write six forewords, along with appearances in award-winning documentaries *Never Drop the Ball* and *The League* plus numerous [podcasts](#). Lester brings a wealth of knowledge gained from personal interaction with legendary athletes.

Known for his ability to captivate diverse audiences, Lester combines compelling facts with humor and heart. Whether addressing museums, universities, libraries, or grassroots initiatives, he is committed and passionate about sharing knowledge with everyone. Lester's passion can be seen in his [traveling exhibits](#); *Beyond the Help - The Role of the African American Maid on the Silver Screen*; and *A Laughing Matter - Black Sitcoms in Review from 1950 to 2000* and the *Currency of Change - the African American Experience in Coins & Currency*.

Outside of speaking, the award-winning researcher serves as President/CEO at NoirTech Research, Inc., www.larrylester42.com an internet-based company that provides sports scholarship to the news media, professional sports teams, educational institutions, museums, corporations, libraries and churches.

Additionally, he is president of the [Greater Kansas City Black History Study](#), a branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), and co-founder of the [Negro Leagues Baseball Museum](#) and the [100 Black Men of Greater Kansas City](#).

His mantra is “*We are drowning in information . . . but starving for knowledge.*”