

**David W. Robinson-Morris, Ph.D.**  
**Abbreviated Biography**

David W. Robinson-Morris, Ph.D. is an internationally recognized author, scholar, public intellectual, speaker, and institutional leader whose work sits at the intersection of imagination, justice, and the flourishing of the human spirit.

He is the Founder and Chief Reimaginelutionary of The REImaginelution, a strategic consulting and thought leadership enterprise that partners with leaders across higher education, philanthropy, healthcare, and the nonprofit sector to design strategies that move communities toward justice and collective flourishing. Grounded in a deep belief in the transformative power of imagination, his work advances equity while cultivating what he calls “muscular prophetic hope” within institutions and communities.

In 2023, Dr. Robinson-Morris founded the Center for the Human Spirit and Radical Reimagining, a dream-think tank and convener that brings together individuals and institutions across sectors to deepen understanding of systemic inequities and activate collective transformation. The Center integrates education, justice-centered critical analysis, healing justice, and contemplative practice to reimagine systems and advance collective liberation.

A scholar of educational leadership, critical theory, Black intellectual traditions, non-Western philosophies, and contemplative practice, Dr. Robinson-Morris is the author of *Ubuntu and Buddhism in Higher Education: An Ontological (Re)Thinking* (Routledge, 2019) and co-editor of the forthcoming *Contemplative Practices and Acts of Resistance in Higher Education: Narratives Toward Wholeness* (Routledge, 2025). His work explores the ethical, relational, and spiritual dimensions of equity and is anchored in a central question: What does it mean to be human being? He approaches scholarship as a form of engaged practice, rooted in community, dialogue, and transformation.

His career reflects a distinctive blend of scholarship and executive leadership. At Xavier University of Louisiana, he founded the Center for Equity, Justice, and the Human Spirit, which became a national model for integrating research, community engagement, and public scholarship. Under his leadership, the Center advanced initiatives in educational equity, criminal justice reform, environmental justice, and public health, while raising nearly \$2 million and convening diverse stakeholders to address systemic challenges. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Center served as a vital public resource, hosting large-scale forums that connected communities with leading experts and critical information.

Dr. Robinson-Morris has also held senior leadership roles in higher education, healthcare, and nonprofit organizations, including Assistant Vice President of Development and Assistant Professor at Xavier University of Louisiana, Regional Director of Diversity and Inclusion for Ochsner Health, and Executive Director of the Center for Contemplative Mind in Society. In 2024, he was appointed the inaugural Executive Director of the Institute for Black Intellectual and

Cultural Life at Dartmouth College, where he is led the development of a pioneering interdisciplinary institute dedicated to advancing Black diasporic intellectual and cultural life.

A committed civic leader, Dr. Robinson-Morris has served on numerous boards, commissions, and advisory bodies focused on education, arts and culture, public policy, and racial justice. His work consistently centers community voice, builds capacity, and fosters dialogue in pursuit of sustainable change.

Dr. Robinson-Morris holds degrees from Loyola University New Orleans, the University of New Orleans, and Louisiana State University. A native of Galveston, Texas, he remains deeply committed to advancing dignity, belonging, and the full realization of our shared humanity through scholarship, leadership, and the disciplined practice of imagination.