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Four keynotes on identity, history, and leadership — grounded in a thirty-year career across radio, television, and independent production, and the 2026 memoir *Out of Frame: Growing Up Where I Didn't Belong*.



KEYNOTES

01

When Fitting In Becomes a Survival Skill

The psychology of belonging, identity, and the childhood coping strategies that quietly run adult lives.

12–13 min · 20–23 min · 37–40 min keynote

02

The Other Direction

Reverse Busing, Military Kids, and the Integration No One Wrote Down

The forgotten direction of court-mandated desegregation — and the story behind *Out of Frame*.

30–40 min keynote · 60 min with Q&A · 20 min cut

03

Barrage

The story of the 320th Barrage Balloon Battalion — the only African American combat unit to land at Normandy on D-Day.

45-min presentation with slides · 60 min with Q&A

04

Leading From the Twelve-Year-Old's Survival Strategy

Why Survival Skills Don't Retire — They Get Promoted

How the earliest patterns a leader formed to survive quietly shape the way they lead — and what to do about it.

40-min keynote · 60 min with Q&A · 20-min cut

ABOUT MICHAEL

Michael Gordon Bennett spent three decades across radio, television, and independent production — as a Senior Assignment Editor, Producer, and Writer in local radio and television news, a producer at the Travel Channel, and the founder and CEO of 727 Squared Entertainment. He holds a BA in Journalism from California State University, Northridge, and a Certificate in Feature Film Writing from UCLA. He is a U.S. Air Force veteran; a screenwriter whose WWII feature *Barrage* was recognized at the Austin Film Festival, the Los Angeles International Screenplay Awards, and the Big Apple Film Festival; and the founder of the T.R.U.T.H. Initiative, a nonprofit that uncovers, preserves, and amplifies overlooked histories — including the erased legacies of marginalized veterans — through storytelling, education, and cultural engagement. His 2026 memoir *Out of Frame: Growing Up Where I Didn't Belong* is in development as a feature film.

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