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Olatunde Sobomehin is the 2025 Distinguished Practitioner in Residence at the Stanford Graduate School of Education and the Stanford Accelerator for Learning. As a student at Stanford from 1998 to 2003, he held leadership positions in Alpha Phi Alpha, Nu Sigma Chapter, the NAACP, and STeP Up (Students using Technology to Empower People for United Progress), a student group he founded. He also led a public speaking course in the School of Engineering and competed on Stanford's Top-25 Men's Basketball team, where he was voted Most Inspirational Player (2003). Since graduating, he has taught courses through the Stanford Haas Center for Public Service and the Stanford d.school, where he also co-authored the book *Creative Hustle* with Sam Seidel.

In 2014, Olatunde co-founded StreetCode Academy, an East Palo Alto-based nonprofit that offers free technology education to communities of color. Under his leadership, StreetCode has become a national model for community-based innovation, serving more than 3,000 students annually and delivering over 50,000 hours of free instruction. His body of work has earned him recognition as a 2018 Aspen Institute Scholar, a 2019 Praxis Fellow, and a 2020 Social Entrepreneurship Fellow at Stanford University.

Most recently, he has delivered academic presentations at two international conferences: the International Society of the Learning Sciences (ISLS) Conference in Finland and the ACM Global Computing Education Conference in Botswana, where he shared hands-on strategies for advancing the social and societal impacts of computing. He frequently speaks on community-centered innovation, equity in technology education, and creative leadership, and has served as a guest lecturer in courses across engineering, education, and design.

Olatunde and his wife, Tamara, reside in East Palo Alto, CA, and are the blessed parents of four children: Olatayo and Temilola, students at Stanford University; Tatiola, a freshman at USC; and Olataiye, an eighth grader.