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Khary Atif In 2005 he authored the "Distended Tear", a collection of psychoanalytic essays. His formal education was obtained at Lincoln University, Temple University, and Bryn Mawr College. He obtained the Master of Social Service degree (1997) and the Master of Law and Social Policy degree (1998) at Bryn Mawr's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research.

In recognition of his academic efforts and commitment to service, Bryn Mawr's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research honored Mr. Atif with their first Alumni Achievement Award (2009); recognizing him as an emergent leader in the field of Social Work. In 2015, he was honored at the Graduate School's Centennial as one of the school's 100 Distinguished Alumni.