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In his work, James seeks to encourage and support inquiries into issues and concerns of Black and other racialized Canadians. He advocates on education for change by documenting the struggles, contradictions and paradoxes of the experiences of racialized students at all levels of the educational system; and in doing so, seeks to address and move us beyond the essentialist, generalized and homogenizing representation and notions that account for the representation and achievements of racialized people in educational institutions, workplaces, and society generally.

Widely published, his publications include: *Seeing Ourselves: Exploring Race, Ethnicity and Identity*; *Life at the Intersection: Community, Class and Schooling*; and *The Equity Myth: Racialization and Indigeneity at Canadian Universities* (with F. Henry, E. Dua, A. Kobayashi, P. Li, H. Ramos, M.S. Smith).