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Jamil Bey is a researcher, analyst, educator, and consultant who specializes in challenging common assumptions about ordinary concerns and bringing alternative perspectives for consideration. Trained as both a professional geographer and as an educator, Dr. Bey excels in spatial analysis and synthesis, pedagogy and instruction and securing broad-based community input. He spent much of his academic career working on issues for landless farmers and land tenure projects in Barbados and Nigeria. He is the founder and President of Pittsburgh Works, LLC, a social entrepreneurship incubator for non-profits and small businesses whose work strengthens communities. Dr. Bey is also a consultant with JB International, where his primary focus is on spatial, and location analysis. His integrated systems view of the world provides highly contextualized conclusions, and recommendations that consider the interconnectivity of economics, politics, history, culture, health, social movements, and the environment in his analyses. In his more recent work, Dr. Bey has proven his effectiveness in reaching uncouneted, under-served, and under-represented voices in community processes. Jamil earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Penn State and taught high school social studies courses in both Clairton and McKeesport, Pa. He later earned a Master's degree and a Ph.D., both in geography from Penn State.