

## **Christopher Bradshaw**

Founder and Executive Director, Dreaming Out Loud

Christopher Bradshaw is an African American social justice entrepreneur whose expertise is using social innovation through the food system to grow meaningful community economic development within marginalized communities. Bradshaw has been named a 2015 Ashoka-American Express Emerging Innovator, one of Food Trust's *20 Leaders Under 40*, and the longest-serving member of the DC Food Policy Council where he co-chairs the Urban Agriculture working group. Under his leadership, Dreaming Out Loud has grown to a \$600,000 social enterprise with 6 full-time staff members, and 4 seasonal farm and food hub assistants. He is a frequent speaker on the intersections of racial justice, class, gender, and food sovereignty — his appearances include the Atlantic Ideas Festival, Bloomberg American Health Summit; and both regional and national gatherings for farmers and food activists. Bradshaw works closely with Dreaming Out Loud's Board of Directors, composed of eight public and private sector leaders. The Board of Directors meets quarterly to review the organization's financial health and progress towards strategic goals.