

## Dom Mullins

Groundbreaking Adventurer, Part of the First All-Black Expedition to Summit Mount Everest, Sociologist

Never one to be bound by the limits society has set for him, Demond “Dom” Mullins is a pioneering adventurer whose remarkable feats of grit and endurance against all odds are inspiring the next generation of diverse adventurers. He is a member of Team Full Circle, which made history by becoming the first all-Black expedition to summit Mount Everest in the spring of 2022. Mullins is among the most influential voices in the outdoor adventure community known for his endeavoring spirit and unyielding tenacity, as well as his ability to impart these traits into his teams on the journey to unlocking peak performance to achieve a shared purpose.

Exclusively represented by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#), Mullins weaves his experiences braving the world’s most ambitious mountain expeditions with quantitative and qualitative insights from his sociological research to share fundamental strategies for mastering your mindset in support of individual and collective success. Mullins piques the audience’s interest immediately as he paints a vivid picture of his awe-inspiring expeditions in a way that makes listeners feel as though they’re ascending to the top with him. He outlines the strategies and skills that were crucial to his teams’ success in demanding environments where survival was never guaranteed and provides a gameplan for teams in any field to adapt them to their organizations as they embark on their own adventures toward high performance on the way to the mountaintop.

Mullins is an enthusiastic outdoorsman and a leading sociologist whose research centers on the benefits of outdoor recreation on the human experience, particularly mountaineering. He is a combat veteran who, upon returning home following a tour in Iraq, sought to make sense of his experiences by immersing himself in his studies. This eventually led to his ethnographic study on Veteran Expeditions, during which he became part of a team of veteran adventurers who, in 2015, reached the top of Alaska’s Denali, the highest mountain peak in North America. In addition to the history-making expedition with Team Full Circle, he has summited Mt. Kilimanjaro and Mt. Kenya. Originally a passionate and accomplished dancer, Mullins’ inner adventurer was awakened on a hiking trip in Colorado in 2010. Drawn to the camaraderie and tests of mental fortitude and human endurance, he soon began to seek more challenging pursuits in mountaineering, rock climbing, and ice climbing.

Prior to setting out to achieve his goals in the world of adventuring, Mullins held various roles in academia and as an advocate for our nation’s veterans. He was an instructor, assistant professor, and adjunct professor at high-ranking universities, and a board member for Veterans Green Jobs. Most recently, he held the role of adjunct assistant professor at The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art. He earned his PhD. in sociology from The City University of New York and continues to open doors for people in underserved and underrepresented groups to lead the reimagining of what an adventurer can look like.