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Puja Chadha, MD

*Director of Faculty
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As an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at University of California, Davis, Dr. Chadha serves as Associate Director of Education for the Center for Reducing Healthcare Disparities as well as multiple teaching roles in the School of Medicine and Psychiatry Residency Training Program including Director of Diversity Education, Office of Faculty Development & Diversity. She leads curriculum to improve faculty supporting inclusion for diverse students as well as training faculty for search committee participation and training diversity and inclusion efforts in workforce recruitment.



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Ali Michael, Ph.D.

Co-Director

Race Institute for K-12 Educators



As the Co-Director of the Race Institute for K-12 Educators, Ali Michael, PhD, works with schools and organizations across the country to help conduct research on race, Whiteness, and education more accessible and relevant to educators. Ali is the author of *Young Adult Adaptation of White Fragility* and *Our Problem, Our Path: Collective Anti-racism for White People*, *Raising Race Questions: Whiteness, Inquiry and Education*. Ali sits on the editorial board of the journal *Whiteness and Education*. She teaches in the Diversity and Inclusion Program at Princeton University and the Equity Institutes for Higher Education at the University of Southern California.



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Dr. Tanya Bakhru holds a Ph.D. in Women's Studies from University College Dublin, Ireland (2007). She is currently a Professor of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies in the Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Science at San Jose State University, California. Her areas of interest include feminist critiques of globalization, reproductive health and justice, and transnational women's health. In addition, Dr. Bakhru holds a B.M. in Violin Performance from the University of Redlands, California and an M.A. in Women's Studies from San Diego State University, California.



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Daphina Melbourne, MPP, is the Perinatal and Reproductive Equity Coordinator for Alameda County's Maternal, Paternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Department. Daphina has received her Bachelors in Ethnic Studies and her Masters in Public Policy from Mills College of Oakland, CA. Daphina has over 16 years' experience in developing culturally appropriate ways to engage Black, Indigenous and people of color around reproductive justice, access, and advocacy. Daphina has worked with the Black Infant Health Program of SF as a Family Health Advocate, and the Teenage Pregnancy and Parenting Program where she assisted in creating a culturally, gender-inclusive Health Education Model for the San Francisco Unified School District.



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Kenya Sullivan, LCSW

*Family Court Services
Psychotherapy Practitioner
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Clinician*

Kenya Sullivan, LCSW, received his Master's Degree from the University of California Berkeley, where he specialized in Community Mental Health. He is experienced as a graduate-school adjunct instructor, juvenile and adult deputy probation officer, and a family court mental health professional. Additionally, he is trained as a Domestic Violence Advocate, CBT, DBT, and EMDR practitioner. Kenya's training and private practice focuses on the impact of trauma on the functioning of oppressed minoritized groups and their academic functioning. He has developed and implemented his Academic Beast Mode Workshop Series and Skills Phone Coaching to various Community and CSU campuses. to provide 24-hour psychological, social, and emotional regulation support to students, faculty, and staff.



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