

FACILIATOR BIOS







Puja Chadha, MD

Director of Faculty
Diversity Education
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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.



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.





Eva Jimenez

Community Organizer & Leader
Coalition for Humane
Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)

Eva Jimenez is a proud immigrant from Jalisco, Mexico. She immigrated to the U.S. when she was four years old, and grew up in the Central Valley until she moved to UC Davis for college. After graduating she began working with the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) as one of their college youth organizers for the college program the California Dream Network (CDN). Her work with the CDN consists of organizing, mentoring, and providing leadership development opportunities for undocumented/ally college youth interested in advocating for immigrant rights. She also works closely with Dream/Undocu Resource Centers and partner organizations in Northern California and the Bay Area. Eva resides in Sacramento and will be completing her Master of Public Policy degree in December 2025 from McGeorge Law School.



Tanya Bakhru, Ph.D.

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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.



Trung Nguyen, Ph.D.

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Trung PQ Nguyen (he/him) is an Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies and Ethnic Studies at San Jose State University. His research examines the historical material deployment of racialized refugees under U.S. imperialism. He is currently working on a book manuscript, Loss in Perpetuity, which examines how the political and libidinal economy of multiplied dispossessions gets introjected into everyday life in the shadow of permanent war, with the afterlife of Vietnam as its focal point. He is also working on a project on refugees and housing inequality.





Kimberly Miranda, Ph.D.

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Dra. Kimberly Miranda (she/they) is an associate professor and undergraduate advisor in Chicana/o Studies at San José State University. She is originally from unceded Tongva Territory, also known as Los Angeles. Her research and teaching interests span across Barrio studies, transnational Women of Color (WOC) feminisms, social movements, and Black, Indigenous, people of color (BIPOC) visual and cultural production.

As a first-generation college student, Dra. Miranda is a proud community college alum of East Los Angeles Community College and transfer student. During their doctoral training, Dra. Miranda participated with the Institute on Inequality and Democracy at UCLA and co-published a collective guide Methodologies for Housing Justice Resource Guide (2020).