

Keynote Speakers



Brandon Jones M.A. Psychotherapist, Professor and Integrated Services Manager at Northpoint Health and Wellness Center

Brandon is a psychotherapist and professor specializing in Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), historical and intergenerational trauma, Social/Emotional Intelligence (EQ), and youth justice. He is a professor at Metropolitan State University and Century College. He lives by the motto of “Live life with Purpose on Purpose”.

Brandon is a Psychotherapist, Professor and currently serves as the Integrated Services Manager at Northpoint Health and Wellness Center. He specializes in Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Historical and Intergenerational trauma, Social/Emotional Intelligence (EQ), Leadership, and Youth Justice. Born and raised in Saint Paul, Minnesota, Brandon has survived living in a home of domestic violence and various other forms of trauma. Brandon holds a B.A. in Sociology from the University of Minnesota, a Masters in Community Psychology from Metropolitan State University, and a Masters in Psychotherapy (MFT) from Adler Graduate School. Brandon is also a 2013 Bush Foundation Leadership Fellow. He is also professor at Metropolitan State University and Century College. He lives by the motto of “Live life with Purpose on Purpose”.



Curtis W. Marshall, MS, Public Health Strategist/Consultant for the Wisconsin Division of Public Health

Curtis works as a Public Health Strategist/Consultant for the Wisconsin Division of Public Health. He currently leads strategic partnership development and has recently been reassigned as a COVID-19 regional community testing coordinator. He provides technical assistance, and health equity consultation to local health departments, health consortiums, and community-based organizations and national workgroups.

Curtis has over twenty-five years of experience of assessing organizational capacity and readiness for leading population-based health improvement strategies. He is recognized as an engaged change leader who builds, and facilitates healthcare partnerships, to make sustainable progress on community health issues.

Curtis has provided consultation to Wisconsin and national fatherhood agencies and consults on the impact of fatherhood on maternal child health and birth outcomes. He co-authored the Wisconsin Statewide Fatherhood Plan under Former Governor Jim Doyle’s Administration.

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LaDonna Redmond, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Trainer & Coach

LaDonna Redmond is an activist that has worked on several initiatives that have created greater access for community residents. LaDonna co-founded a substance abuse treatment facility, Sisterhouse. Sisterhouse is dedicated to the recovery of women.

LaDonna successfully worked to get Chicago Public Schools to evaluate junk food, launched urban agriculture projects, started a community grocery store, and worked on federal farm policies to expand access to healthy food in low-income communities. LaDonna is a 2003 WK Kellogg Food and Society Policy Fellow. In 2009, Redmond was one of 25 citizen and business leaders named a Responsibility Pioneer by Time Magazine. LaDonna presented at 2 Tedx events: Twin Cities and Manhattan. Her Tedx Manhattan talk is Food + Justice = Democracy is widely distributed.

In early April 2013, she launched the Campaign for Food Justice Now (CFJN), a membership-based organization that uses a race, class, and gender analysis to promote food and agricultural system reforms and advocate for the adoption of right-to-food policies in the U.S.

She is currently Diversity and Community Engagement manager for Seward Community Co-op. In that role, LaDonna leads an effort to build a natural foods co-op in a historically African American community. The 2nd co-op opened October 2015. LaDonna is a Qualified Administrator (QA) for the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI). LaDonna is also a facilitator who believes that every community has the intellect to heal itself. As a facilitator, LaDonna supports any configuration of a community to find its unique pathway to wholeness and sustainability.



Sam Simmons, LADC. Behavioral Consultant and owner Samuel Simmons Consulting, LLC

Sam Simmons has over 30-years' experience as an alcohol and drug counselor and behavioral consultant specializing in culturally sensitive trauma informed strategies and working African American males and their families. He is an Adverse Childhood Experience Interface Trainer in the state of Minnesota. Sam developed and managed a culturally specific trauma informed project and curriculum that engages African American males to promote healthy

relationships to end violence against women and girls and community violence. He received the 2016 Healing the Hidden Wounds of Racial Trauma award and the Black Tear Drop Award for his vision and leadership in culturally sensitive trauma informed work in the community and around the country. In 2017 he received the Champions for Children Award for his trauma work with parents. In 2018 Sam received Public Health Hero Award for his innovative, and culturally specific trauma informed work from the City of Minneapolis. In 2019 he became project consultant for the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation Advisory Council on Opioid Use Disorders in the African American Community. Sam is co-creator of the Community Empowerment Through Black Men Healing conference called "Groundbreaking and Visionary" and for that work in 2018 he received recognition from both Minneapolis and St. Paul Mayors and Minnesota's Governor.

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Panels

"Opioids in the African American Community: Addressing Inequity"



Panel Moderator: Tolliver, PhD, CADC, Supervisor, Clinical Trainers at Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation

Dr. Tolliver has been involved in integrated care for substance use disorders and the complex co-occurring issues that accompany these diagnoses. She earned her doctoral degree from Northern Illinois University where she was the recipient of a National Institute of Mental Health Research Fellowship. Dr. Tolliver has led several large-scale, statewide assessment and training initiatives, and has effectively delivered on complex federal grant projects with many diverse stakeholders. Her experience strategizing and delivering integrated systems change efforts with frontline skills training allows for effective, culturally appropriate training and consultation recommendations, informed by her perspective as an experienced clinical leader and administrator in CHMC and FQHC settings. Dr. Tolliver's depth of experience in integrated treatment, and the breadth of experience accumulated by years of working on these efforts across the country allow her to develop and deliver flexible, customized programming plans backed up by rigorous methodologies derived from fidelity to evidence-based practices and the consistent use of valid and reliable instruments. Her research and clinical interests include best practices for youth and adults diagnosed with co-occurring disorders, social information processing styles, community mental health practices, and organizational and system change practices.



Andre L. Johnson, President & CEO of the Detroit Recovery Project (DRP)

Andre L. Johnson is the President & CEO of the Detroit Recovery Project (DRP), a multi-service agency that provides a wide spectrum of support services to the city's recovery community. The agency also oversees an ex-offender program that helps returning citizens reintegrate successfully into the Detroit community, with an aim of reducing recidivism and/or relapse among this population. Mr. Johnson has over 29 years of professional work experience, exemplifying a long-standing commitment and dedication to the field of substance abuse. In 2013, Mr. Johnson was appointed by U.S. Secretary of Health of Human Services Kathleen Sebelius to the SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) - National Advisory Council. Mr. Johnson holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Morehouse College and a master's degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix. Mr. Johnson is a trained certified recovery coach, and in 2016 he was chosen as a recipient of the Champions of Change Award from President Barack Obama.



Rashida Fisher, Ph.D., LPCC, LADC-S, Chair of Clinical Specialties and Student Advisor at Adler Graduate School

Rashida Fisher is the Chair of Clinical Specialties (COD, CMHC, MFT), Full-Time Faculty Member, Student Advisor at Adler Graduate School. Her professional experience is in addictions and co-occurring mental health treatment delivery, supervision, and program development. She specializes in Culturally Responsive Care, Trauma Informed Service Delivery, and Integrated Co-Occurring

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Disorder Treatment. Her clinical work is grounded in a holistic and wellness-based model. Rashida approach to counseling is guided by the belief that all individuals have the capacity for growth and that my role is to facilitate by providing a safe, affirming environment. She is interested in issues of social justice and advocacy for marginalized populations. Her clinical interests include issues related to sexuality, addictions, and trauma. Rashida is currently a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) and a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) in the State of Minnesota. I am a board approved supervisor for Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC), and a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) in the State of Minnesota. She is the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI), qualified administrator. I am trained in the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA) auricular (ear) acupuncture protocol for addictions, stress, and trauma.

Rashida approach to teaching is constructed upon my personal experiences, professional, and academic career. It is driven by a deeply personal belief in the transformative and emancipating power of education. Her teaching philosophy weaves adult learning theory, social constructivist theory, and Adlerian psychology. Through Constructivism and Adlerian psychology, She recognize learning as an active process by which people use their previous understanding and knowledge to build new knowledge and understanding through experiences. That is, every person is an active creator of knowledge. In the classroom, the constructivist and Adlerian view of learning and teaching requires the instructor and students to collaborate, ask questions, explore, and assess/ reflect on what is being taught and how understanding is changing.

Rashida as an educator, strive to create a collaborative, inclusive, and participatory learning environment, develops and sharpens critical thinking skills, and fosters competence and active engagement in multicultural and social justice counseling and advocacy. She strives to purposely highlight students' experience in the classroom to make the information practical and meaningful.



Clarence R. Jones, M.Ed, CPH, CHW, CPE., Community Health Strategist for the Hue-MAN Partnership

As Community health Strategist for the Hue-MAN Partnership I focus on working with community organizations in developing public health collaborations to address health disparities. This work is done through relationship building, focus groups, community surveys, health fairs, education, and health screenings. Our partnerships include members of the academic community, governmental agencies, HMOs, FQHCs, community organizations, and other vested individuals. My work with FAITH has been to involve churches and faith-based institution in community health.

For more than 40 years I have been involved with various community projects, both nationally and internationally, that focused on culture, youth development and building healthier communities. I have trained organizations, faith communities, and governmental groups in both cultural awareness and health issues. Each year, more than 150 students and nurses from higher educational institutions and career development schools work with our organization on community engagement projects to prepare them for health service careers. Yearly, we provide more than 15,000 free health screenings to the community using this method.

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As a radio host on KMOJ FM Radio, I host a weekly radio program called “Community Health Dialogues”. This program provides a public health focus with the intent of engaging community members to entertain the questions around environmental health and its impact on their lives.

I serve as a member of the CTSI Executive Leadership team as well as the University of Minnesota’s Public Health Disparities Research Board (PHDR). I am also a past board member of the Minnesota Urban Area Health Education Center (AHEC). I have served as the mayor’s representative and as co-chair for the Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC) for the city of Minneapolis, and also served as a National Community Representative for the National Children’s Study (NCS).

I co-founded a group called Hue-MAN. The Hue-MAN Partnership Project consists of health care, community engagement, and professional organizations seeking to address the health crisis among our young and middle-aged men, primarily men of color. The Hue-MAN Partnership Project continues to collaborate to reduce health disparities among men in the community. Moreover, the collaborative efforts have further empowered and equipped men to make healthy choices for themselves, their families, and their communities. Hue-MAN has two specific focuses: Medical Health and Community Outreach. The Hue-MAN name refers to empowering men of all “hues” and “humans.”

I was an adjunct professor at the University of Saint Catherine’s School of Public Health, where I instruct and prepare Community Health Workers (CHWs) for public engagement and community service. CHWs also learn how to work with diverse communities including race, gender, and age.



William Kellibrew, Director of the Office of Youth and Trauma Services for the Baltimore City Health Department

William Kellibrew IV has experience in victim services for over twelve years and has been director of the Office of Youth and Trauma Services at the Baltimore City Health Department for four years. Kellibrew has led the office’s violence prevention, victim services, and trauma-informed mission and strategy serving the needs of City residents as well as focused on the intersection of victim services and the unintended impact that the opioid epidemic has on children and families. In his role, he has had oversight of over

30 employees who have directed over eight federal, state, and local funded grants totally over \$20 million. He has represented the Health Commissioner during City Council Hearings on violence and trauma and has been co-leading the City of Baltimore’s agencies through a cultural shift under the Elijah Cummings Healing City Act which implements training and technical assistance on a trauma-informed approach. As part of Kellibrew’s own personal journey, in 2008, he was featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show discussing his pathway to healing and resiliency. In 2011, Kellibrew was recognized by the White House as a ‘Champion of Change’ and in 2013, he received the Voice Award from SAMHSA for his work across the country as a peer/consumer leader. In 2014, he accepted the Capitol Probe Award at the District of Columbia Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and in 2015 he received the U.S. Congressional Victims’ Rights Caucus Eva Murillo Unsung Hero Award. Kellibrew credits his grandmother, family and those who created a safe space for him to heal and thrive. Follow Kellibrew on Twitter/Facebook.com/willkelli or on Instagram @nxgleaders.

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"Youth Violence Prevention, recipe for healthy communities"



Panel Moderator: Sasha Cotton, Senior Public Health Specialist/Youth Violence Prevention Coordinator for the City of Minneapolis

Sasha is currently the Youth Violence Prevention Coordinator for the City of Minneapolis. Ms. Cotton serves as a liaison between the City and the community as it relates to youth violence and helps to improve communication between city officials, community organizations and all citizens concerned with youth violence. Ms. Cotton has an extensive background in providing technical assistance, training and implementation of community engagement strategies related to violence prevention in diverse communities. Ms. Cotton's work experience prior to her current position includes serving as the National Resource Center Coordinator at The Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community (IDVAAC), located in the University of Minnesota's School of Social Work as well as serving as the Prevention Program Manager for the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women (MCBW), the states leading network providing training and policy representation to Minnesota families facing domestic violence. Prior to her work in policy and technical assistance, Ms. Cotton worked in Juvenile Community Corrections in Ramsey County and Hennepin County as well as with numerous non-profit organizations focused on youth services and juvenile justice. Ms. Cotton holds a B.A. from Metropolitan State University with a double major in Criminal Justice and Ethnic Studies. She is also a certified Restorative Justice Facilitator completing her training at the University of Wisconsin, Thief River Falls.



Kenton Kirby, Director of Practice at the Center for Court Innovation

Currently, Mr. Kirby is the Director of Practice at the Center for Court Innovation. The Center for Court Innovation seeks to create a more fair, effective, and humane justice system. In his previous role as the Director of Clinical and Trauma Support Services at Neighbors In Action (an operating project of the Center), Mr. Kirby was one of the founders in developing and the implementation of the Make It Happen program. Funded through OVC (Office of Victims of Crime), Make It Happen is a revolutionary and nationally recognized program model which provides mentorship, intensive case management, clinical interventions and supportive workshops to young men of color ages 16-24 who have been impacted by violence. Through a trauma-informed and culturally competent approach participants are challenged to think about how their definition of manhood is intertwined in trauma and the implications it has on stereotypical gender roles. Mr. Kirby has presented at a number of local, national, and international conferences on the success of Make It Happen and the program's approach to trauma, healing and advocacy for victims. Through an expansion and pilots, Make It Happen is now participating in a number of inter-agency collaborations to integrate this model into other parts of New York City and across the country utilizing the program's trauma toolkit "Responding to Trauma Among Young Men of Color: Adapting the Crown Heights Approach for Your Community".

Kenton Kirby, LCSW completed a master's degree in Social Work from New York University in 2011. With nearly 15 years of experience in the field Mr. Kirby previously worked in foster

care and child welfare with ACS (Administration for Children's Services) as well as a Forensic Social worker throughout the New York State court system.

Mr. Kirby has worked as an adjunct lecturer with Long Island University and Brooklyn College and has a wide array of experience providing individual and group therapy to those with complex mental health needs in sex offender, parenting, and drug treatment programs.

Kenton was awarded the 2016 Emerging Leader Award by the National Association of Social Workers, New York City Chapter (NASW-NYC), and the Community Impact Award by the Urban Justice Center in 2017. Most recently, Kenton was awarded the 2019 Advocate of New York City award from the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence.



Ingrid Cockhren, M.Ed, TN & Midwest Regional Community Facilitator for ACEs Connection and Adjunct Professor at Tennessee State University

Ingrid Cockhren, M.Ed knows first-hand how impactful trauma and toxic stress can be for children and families. Mrs. Cockhren has dedicated her professional life to investigating and educating the public about the link between early trauma, early adversity, Adverse Childhood experiences (ACEs) and possible negative outcomes across the lifespan.

Mrs. Cockhren graduated from Tennessee State University with a B.S. in Psychology and Vanderbilt University's Peabody College with a M.Ed. in Child Studies specializing in minority and impoverished children. Her research areas are African American parenting styles, Adverse Childhood Experiences, historical trauma/intergenerational transmission, brain development, developmental psychology, and epigenetics. Mrs. Cockhren's experience ranges from juvenile justice, family counseling, early childhood education, professional development, consulting, and community education. She is currently an adjunct professor specializing in developmental psychology, abnormal psychology & personality theory at Tennessee State University and the TN/Midwest Regional Community Facilitator for ACEs Connection, a social network dedicated to rising awareness of adverse childhood experiences.

Ingrid Cockhren is an active volunteer and community change agent. Mrs. Cockhren is a member of leadership with ACE Nashville, a collective impact in Nashville, TN dedicated to the mitigation of ACEs in the Greater Nashville area. Mrs. Cockhren is currently Chair of ACE Nashville's Parent & Community Education Committee and serves on the Board of Directors for Thistle Farms, a nonprofit dedicated to empowering women. In addition, Cockhren is an advisor on both the Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational Research's Community Engaged Research Core Advisory Council and the Lloyd. C. Elam Mental Health Center's Advisory Board. Cockhren's experience and affiliations also include Metro Nashville's Public Schools, Meharry Medical College, Tennessee's Dept. of Children's Services, Tennessee's Office of Child Safety, Vanderbilt University's Peabody Research Institute & Special Education Dept., Youth Villages, Inc., Raphah Institute, Indiana Youth Institute, Indiana University and Tuskegee University.

Ingrid Cockhren is a Clarksville, TN native who currently resides in Nashville, TN with husband Jurnell Cockhren, founder of Civic Hacker, a software development consulting agency.



Andre Canty, Associate, Planning & Programs, Cities United

Andre Canty is a native of Knoxville, TN. In Knoxville, Canty was president of the 100 Black Men of Greater Knoxville and co-founder of several social justice organizations. He is a writer with publications in the Knoxville News Sentinel, Knoxville Writers' Guild, The Tennessean, Huffington Post, and various other sources.

Andre is a former Cities United young leader and youth advocate. He worked with the City of Knoxville's Mayor's Office to increase youth voice and leadership throughout the Mayor's Save Our Sons Initiative (sos). SOS was a citywide partnership for a strong, safe, healthy, and hopeful community with a focus on boys and young men of color. Andre joined the Cities United Team in February of this year.



Charles Dixon M.A., Children's Trust Fund Consultant, Minnesota Department of Human Services

He earned a Bachelor of Arts from the College of Individualized Studies with the emphasis on Youth Development from an Ethnic Studies Perspective. His Master of Arts in Liberal Studies focus was articulating the African American Dream. Both degrees are from Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, Minn. Dixon started working for the Department of Human Services in December 2016 as the Children's Trust Fund Consultant. He was responsible for oversight and management of the Disparities Grants. Charles is currently a member of both the Children and Family Service equity committee serving on the subgroup for retention and retention and the Men of African Heritage Employee Resource Group, in addition to being responsible for parent involvement and community engagement. Management of the Preschool Development Grants will be one of his responsibilities as well. Dixon has specialized in practical culturally sensitive work with the African American community specifically men and adolescents. As a public speaker, Dixon talks about the negative consequences of gang violence, the importance of obtaining and retaining livable wage employment, and the benefits of continuing education.

**"Community Safety:
addressing the Intersections of Domestic Violence"**



Panel Moderator: Artika Roller, Executive Director of Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Artika Roller, Executive Director of Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) has over twenty years of experience managing projects in the for-profit sector. Ms. Roller plays a key role in public policy advocacy and has been active in our legislative advocacy for the recently passed Safe Harbor Bill. She is a graduate in the Executive Leadership Institute at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor School of Business and School of Social Work. Ms. Roller is known as an effective and talented manager, presenter, motivator, and educator, who has the ability to advocate for the most vulnerable youth and adults in our community. Artika is respected by

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her peers, staff, and clients for her non-judgmental and holistic approach to providing advocacy and program management.

When away from work, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, attending concerts, and exploring new restaurants and gift shops.



Richard Smith, National Director of HealingWorks - Common Justice

Richard is a nationally recognized expert on trauma and healing for survivors of interpersonal and systemic violence. He is the National Director of HealingWorks, a field building and movement building project committed to the advancement of healing equity for underserved survivors of violence. With over two decades of experience in leading and developing community-based programs, Richard's work has supported the healing process of oppressed groups, specifically those who are currently and formerly incarcerated and young people of color. He also provides training and technical assistance to agencies nationwide.

Currently an assistant professor at LIU Brooklyn's Social Work Department, Richard has guest lectured at numerous colleges and universities on issues such as systemic racism, mass incarceration, and trauma and healing. Richard has received numerous awards and fellowships: Citizens Against Recidivism Award, New Leaders Council Fellowship, and Just Leadership USA LeadingWithConviction Fellowship. He was recently awarded the Robert Wood Johnson Forward Promise Fellowship for Leadership.

Richard holds an M.A. from the University at Albany in Africana Studies and is a doctoral candidate at SUNY Albany's School of Social Welfare where his research focus is male survivors of child sexual abuse. Richard is the proud father of two sons, Kaden and Kaleb.



Tiffany Turner-Allen, Founder of Blacktivism -The Collective: The Center for Peace and Prosperity in Black Communities.

Tiffany Turner-Allen is best known for her passionate style. Her work has been intense and across various issues of health, public health and education; her areas of expertise include Violence in the Black Community, Violence Against Women, Engaging Black Men and Boys, HIV & AIDS, Adjudicated Youth, Educational Equity, Animal Abuse, Bullying, School to Prison Pipeline, Infant Mortality, Healthcare Reform & Access, Food Deserts, Technology & the Digital Divide, Returning Citizens, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking and Stalking. She holds a BA in Communications and a minor in African American studies from George Mason University, as well as a Certificate in Community Health Leadership from Morehouse School of Medicine. Lastly, she is very proud of her roles as wife, daughter, mother, pet-parent, friend, advocate, activist, trainer, mentor, mentee, and leader. As a proven leader with remarkable dedication, she is driven to experience new things, people, and opportunities and lives by her desire and determination to enhance the lives of others! Her current focus is on training, education, outreach and policy advocacy around domestic violence, sexual violence, and community violence in the Black community.

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**Muhammed Jackson, Probation Officer (Domestic Abuse Unit)
Ramsey County Community Corrections.**

Mr. Jackson has over 28 years of experience in Corrections Juvenile and adult. He is a Former Correctional Deputy at Dakota County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Jackson received a Liberal Studies Associate of Arts Degree from Normandale Community College and a Human Services Family violence Degree from Metropolitan State University.



**Sumayya Coleman, Fellow of the Maryland Nonprofit Association
Advocacy Leadership Program**

Sumayya is a steadfast peaceful warrior from the South has served for close to 25 years in various capacities as an advocate for all women, children, families, and communities to heal from domestic violence. Her leadership has helped to develop strong and diverse mentorship and broad outreach in many communities nationally.

Her approaches with national and statewide coalitions, community, and faith-based organizations as well as local programs on cultural competency, racism and oppressions has been to make pathways for women of color leadership. Her vast experiences and lessons learned from consulting opportunities, years of outreach, national and grassroots organizing, and now through social media, inspire her powerful mission to end violence against women.

She is a writer and talk-show host, has a strong interest in creative fund development for organizing and educating communities of color. She has a bachelor's degree in administration and Management, has taken courses in non-profit, project management, and social work. She is a fellow of the Maryland Nonprofit Association Advocacy Leadership Program. Sumayya is located in the Southern Region.

"Healing the African American community during and beyond COVID-19 and Police Brutality"



Reverend Aledria "Lee" Buckley, Panel Moderator

Reverend Aledria "Lee" Buckley is a licensed and ordained minister who served as Assistant Pastor and founding member at Ruach Christian Center (RCC) in St. Paul, MN. At RCC and previously as Associate Minister at Progressive Baptist Church in St. Paul, MN, Rev. Buckley's ministry focus is on Christian Counseling, young adult Bible study, prayer, recovery and healing from historical and generational trauma, and community leadership and engagement.

Rev. Buckley is the former Chief Operating Officer at Ujamaa Place, a \$2M non-profit organization in St. Paul that serves marginalized African American Men ages 18-30. For nine years Rev. Buckley was the Community Reentry Coordinator for the MN Department of Corrections (MNDOC) where she led the department's Diversity and Inclusion Civic Engagement Subcommittee, the statewide Transition Coalitions, and the Strengthening

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Families Affected by Incarceration (SFAI) Collaborative. During this she was awarded the 2017 Outstanding Criminal Justice Program award for the Midwest Region from the National Criminal Justice Association for developing and implementing community-based reentry programs. Her work was also highlighted as an evidenced best practices program funded by the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Second Chance Act.

From 2005 to 2011 Rev. Buckley served as Special Advisor to two Minnesota Governors leading the Faith and Community Service Initiative. In this role she led efforts to support families and children of military member and veterans and individuals returning to communities from prison. She also coordinated and hosted multiple workshops and conferences educating faith-based and community organizations on applying for, securing, and managing government funding for programs serving the homeless, reentry, veterans, mental health, violence reduction, collaboration, and capacity building. Prior to joining state government, Rev. Buckley was a corporate executive serving as Labor Relations Director, Operations Director and Manger for a major airline and as an internal consultant for a major financial services corporation. Rev. Buckley holds a Master of Arts in Community Ministry Leadership from Bethel Seminary. She recently relocated to Houston, TX where she will attain her Doctorate in Ministry and establish her Christian Counseling service.



Dr. Rev Brian C. Herron, Zion Baptist Church

Brian C. Herron was ordained in 2006 and currently serves as Pastor at Zion Baptist Church under the leadership of his father, Reverend Curtis Herron. Pastor Brian Herron is a former Minneapolis City Councilmember is active in the community and is an advocate for justice and increasing the peace in our city. He has worked in partnership with the Minneapolis Police Department and Hennepin County Adult Correction Facility.

Pastor Herron with a demonstrated strong community and social services professional skilled in Pastoral Theology, Pastoral Counseling, Community Organizing, Social Justice and Racial Reconciliation, Preaching, and Church Growth. Mental Health First Aide Trainer for Adults and Youth, Trauma Trainer with Sidran Institute and Stairstep Foundation.

Pastor Herron goal is finding common bonds and then build upon them. He is empathetic and compassionate, yet discerning, and insightful. Dr. Herron is articulate, and eloquent in his sermons, yet down to earth and practical in conversations. "We have to go out to the people and start being present," he said. "Churches have to learn how to balance the ministry of social justice with the call of the church."



Adam J Foss, Founder, Executive Director of Prosecutor Impact

Adam J. Foss is a former Assistant District Attorney in the Juvenile Division of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office (SCDAO) in Boston, MA, and a fierce advocate for criminal justice reform and the importance of the role of the prosecutor in ending mass incarceration. Mr. Foss believes that the profession of prosecution is ripe for reinvention requiring better incentives and more measurable metrics for success beyond, simply, "cases won" leading him to found Prosecutor Impact - a non-profit developing training and curriculum for prosecutors to reframe their role in the criminal justice system.

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During his eight years as a prosecutor, Mr. Foss collaborated with the courts and the community to develop programming that continues to have a positive impact on the neighborhoods he prosecuted in. One example of these efforts is the Roxbury CHOICE program, an initiative Mr. Foss co-founded, to turn probation from a punitive sentence into a beneficial relationship with the court, the probation department, and the District Attorney's Office. He is also the founder of the SCDAO Reading Program, a program he started, to bridge the achievement gap of area elementary school students. Before leaving the District Attorney's Office, Mr. Foss was a critical piece of the foundation of the first juvenile diversion program in Suffolk County, keeping young people out of the cradle to prison pipeline.

Most recently, Mr. Foss appeared in the critically acclaimed CNN feature-length documentary "American Jail." The Mandela Foundation recognized Mr. Foss as the 2017 Nelson Mandela Changemaker of the Year. *Fast Company* named him one of the Most Creative People in Business of 2017. The NAACP awarded Mr. Foss with the 2017 Roy Wilkins Next Generation Leader Award. *The Root* named Mr. Foss one of the 100 most influential black Americans of 2016. He was named Graduate of the Last Decade by his alma mater, Suffolk University Law School and is a visiting senior fellow at Harvard Law School. He sits on the boards of Restore Justice California and of the Pretrial Justice Institute. He also is a fellow at the Open Society Foundation Leadership in Government initiative as well as a Director's Fellow in the world renown MIT Media Lab. In February of 2016, Mr. Foss delivered a TED talk that has already eclipsed 2 million views. In 2015, he was voted one of the country's 40 most up-and-coming lawyers by National Law Journal and in 2013, the Massachusetts Bar Association voted him Prosecutor of the Year. In both his professional and personal capacities, Mr. Foss volunteers much of his time to the community he works in.

Follow him: Twitter/IG: @adamjohnfoss and @prosecutorimpct or
<https://prosecutorimpact.com> <https://youtu.be/H1fvr9rGqSg>



Leslie E. Redmond, President of the Minneapolis National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

At the age of 20 years old, she had lunch with President Barack Obama. At the age of 25, Leslie became the youngest President of the Minneapolis National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She has been recognized both locally and nationally. Now, at the humble age of 27 years old, she obtained her Juris Doctorate as well as her Masters in Business Administration. Recently, she passed the Minnesota Bar Examination, on her first attempt. Leslie is often in the center of civil rights advocacy in the Twin Cities. She is most notably known for her Don't Complain, Activate (DCA) campaign.



Rev. Mark A. Thompson, Pastor, Radio Broadcaster, MSNBC Commentator and Activist

The Rev. Mark A. Thompson has spent most of his life as a political, civil rights & human rights activist and organizer. He has been a part of every major social justice movement & event over the past 35 years. He has been a radio broadcaster for three decades, and he has spent over 10 years as an MSNBC commentator, as well.

Mark hosts Make It Plain, a political, human rights and breaking news live, daily, podcast. Mark's lifelong social justice activism intersects with his years of

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experience broadcasting the news and issues of the day. He interviewed every candidate seeking the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination before the presumptive nomination.

Mark was honored at the 104th Annual NAACP Convention in Orlando in July 2013 "for 25 years of crusading journalism and outstanding leadership in furthering the work of civil and human rights."

"When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid." Audrey Lorde

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