Presenters
(in alphabetical order)

Andrea Alberti

Andrea is a videographer, editor, and animator based in Chicago. In 2012, she co-founded the creative agency, Amelia Street Studio where she managed the video department and produced promotional video and digital content. She currently works at CAN TV as a Training Coordinator, where she directs, edits, and co-produces a monthly studio show for the Chicago Special Olympics with a crew of seven special needs athletes. Head to Head is Andrea’s debut feature documentary, which was an official selection at Heartland International, Milwaukee’s Minority Health, & Chi-town Multicultural Film Festivals.

Carol Jungman

Carol Jungman, MSOD, is an organization development consultant, specializing in team development, relational leadership, strategic planning, and multicultural & diversity education. As a diversity, equity & inclusion professional, Carol co-facilitates Racial Healing Circles for TRHT Greater Chicago (Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation) and facilitates workshops and circles for the YWCA Evanston/NorthShore. She also teaches Interpersonal Dynamics at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Dr. Cheryl Burton

Dr. Cheryl Burton is the President/CEO of Cheryl A. Burton Consulting, and an Executive Director, coach, speaker, and trainer on The John Maxwell Team. She has been certified by internationally renowned leadership expert, John C. Maxwell and his world-class faculty. She is a coach, trainer and motivational speaker to audiences around the world. With 40+ years of experience in the field of personal growth and development, Dr. Cheryl is adept at accelerating the growth and effectiveness of her clients and helps them find solutions to the unique challenges they encounter.
Ellen Burton

Ellen Burton has been called an inspirational leader and a catalyst for change. Her ability to assist and focus Coaching clients achieving their goals remain exceptional! In addition to Executive Coaching, Ellen is an internationally acclaimed business lecturer, motivational speaker and owner of EJ Burton & Associates. After 14 award winning years as an Executive Sales Consultant and corporate trainee, Ellen courageously committed full time to her Executive Coaching and leadership firm in 2004. As a result of working with her Coach, Ellen is positively, powerfully and intentionally contributing to the world while happily and gratefully living a life beyond her wildest dreams.

Sarah E. Dennis

Sarah E. Dennis, Ph.D., is an anti-racism trainer and an adjunct professor of education at UIC. She has taught at NYU, Erikson Institute, Roosevelt University, Loyola University for 20 years. Sarah has a Bachelor’s in Early Childhood/Elementary Education, a Masters in Literacy Education and a Doctorate in Education all from NYU, and co-leads NAME Illinois (the state chapter of the National Association for Multicultural Education: Advancing and Advocating for Social Justice & Equity).

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Kimberly Ellis

Affectionately known as “Dr. Goddess,” Kimberly C. Ellis, Ph.D. is a Scholar of American and Africana Studies, an Artist, Activist and Entrepreneur, as well as a playwright, world traveler and international thought leader on culture, gender and social technology. She is also the founder of the civic tech project, #BlackPoliticsMatter, the co-founder of #AskaSista, the author of the upcoming book, “The Bombastic Brilliance of Black Twitter,” the creator of #ATripOffTheOldBlock, chronicling her world travels and group trips, and the producer of “You’re Beautiful to Me,” a feature documentary film chronicling the journey with her Mother’s dementia. As a scholar and public intellectual, her anti-racist work is grounded in American History, Literature and Pop Culture, which makes for a palatable and substantive addition to meet diversity and inclusion goals. Dr. Goddess can be found on LinkedIn and soon at DrKimberlyEllis.com.
Glenance Green

Glenance Green is a researcher, community organizer, content creator, and media maker who uses various art forms and strategies as tools of healing and liberation for systemic change. Glenance is the Co-Founder of the Black Researchers Collective with nearly 15 years of research and non-profit experience, keenly focused on institutionalizing racial equity. She also serves on the Equity Advisory Council for the City of Chicago and is the Youth Engagement Committee Chair for the Ellis Park Advisory Council in the community of Bronzeville.

Margot Greer

Margot Greer founded Woven Hair, a socially responsible hair extension company dedicated to supporting women experiencing involuntary hair loss, after experiencing firsthand the difficulties of finding a quality, natural-looking wig while undergoing chemotherapy. She’s a certified yoga instructor dedicated to bringing more people of color onto their mats, and teaching trauma-informed intuitive classes. She leads workshops related to yoga and racial justice. She will begin her Master’s of Social Work at the University of Chicago in 2021.

Caronina Grimble

Caronina has served as director of the Office of Strategy, Equity, and Transformation at the Illinois Department of Human Services since July 2020. In this role, she is helping create an intentional and pervasive culture of advancing equity and racial justice at the Illinois Department of Human Services. Immediately previously, Caronina was a program officer at Woods Fund Chicago, supporting community organizing and public policy advocacy to fight the brutality of racism and poverty.

Kate Harrington-Rosen

Kate has over a decade of experience facilitating and advocating alongside marginalized communities. In addition to direct support work with youth and adults affected by sexual violence and gender discrimination, Kate has provided training for teams of all sizes on sexual violence prevention, anti-oppression frameworks, and LGBTQ2IA cultural competency.

She was named one of the Windy City Times’ “30 Under 30” in 2016 and is currently the Director, Equity Outreach and Education for the Office of Equity at Northwestern University.
Leslé Honoré is a Blaxican Artist, Activist, and author of Fist & Fire, a collection of powerful, unflinching poems that confront issues of social justice through the lens of real human lives and voices, and dive into the flames of love within the context of a relationship. Through her poetry and work she empowers youth to find their voices through the arts, and inspire people to stand in the gaps that social, economic, and racial inequities create. Leslé challenges readers, inviting them to think, feel, and consider how to create spaces where everyone can thrive. She hopes that through her work she can uplift the voices of people who are often silenced, unheard, and feel invisible. Her pieces about Serena Williams, Doria Ragland and “Brown Girl Brown Girl” about Vice President Elect Kamala Harris went viral on social media and expanded the reach of her work to an international audience.

Poetry has always been how Leslé expressed herself, discovering her writer’s voice in childhood. She further honed her work at Xavier University of Louisiana where she studied English Literature and Spanish. Leslé has read her work at Obama Foundation convenings and events, the Elevated Chicago Symposium, Chicago’s 19th Amendment Commemoration, the University of Illinois Chicago’s Speaking Anarcha’s Name, the Silver Room Block Party, Latinos Progressando MEX Talks, and other events, and she was featured at the inaugural Tedx Grand Boulevard in 2020. She has been featured in The New York Times, Good Morning America, The Chicago Tribune, NPR, The Kendall Moore Show/WVON, and all major Chicago tv news outlets. In October 2019, she was honored as the Community Partner of the Year by One On One. Leslé also hosts a web-based series, Bestie Shine, with her friend, artist David Anthony Geary.

Born and raised in Gardena, California, she remains deeply rooted in the heritage and culture of her father, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana; and mother, who was born in Sinaloa, Culiacan, Mexico, and immigrated to the US when was 15. Leslé lives in Chicago with her three phenomenal children: Sage, Solomon, and Scarlett. She believes in HBCU’s and that tacos and gumbo without kale can save the world. Her forthcoming book, Letters and Lagniappe, will be released in 2020.

You can follow Leslé on Facebook and Instagram @LesléHonoré, and on Twitter @Lesle_Honore. Her name is pronounced LES-lay ON-or-ay.
Maudlyne Ihejirika
Maudlyne Ihejirika is an award winning, Chicago Sun-Times Urban Affairs Reporter/Columnist with experience in Journalism, Public Relations and Government. She currently pens the Sun-Times “Chicago Chronicles,” long-form columns focused on diverse narratives and untold stories and issues impacting Black and Brown communities.

Sarah Laing
Sarah is a visual artist, teaching artist, and registered art therapist. Through a number of leadership roles in community, education, and healthcare settings, she is known as a proven catalyst for creative expression. Sarah serves as the Executive Director of Open Studio Project, Inc. an arts & social service organization in Evanston, IL. The mission is to provide a welcoming environment to create art for personal growth, social-emotional intelligence, and community well-being.

Ish Orkar
Ish is passionate about equity in higher education. She enjoys giving trainings and facilitating workshops on gender equity, diversity and inclusion both locally and nationally. Ish received her legal education and master’s degree in social work from Loyola University Chicago. She is currently a Senior Equity Specialist at Northwestern University.

Geraldine Palmer
Geri Palmer, Ph.D. is a scholar-practitioner, emerging activist, educator, and writer who uses a community-social psychology lens to work on addressing issues of concern among Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) including racial justice and anti-blackness practices. Her teaching, research, and praxis have identified key concepts within systems of oppression including language, silencing, and historical trauma among Black/African Americans.

Kali Patrice
Kali Patrice is founder of The Image Studios, a personal brand and image communication firm launched in 2000 out of a commitment to helping others understand, define, and share their stories. By pairing her Carnegie Mellon chemical engineering degree with industry expertise in R&D, marketing and sales, Kali teaches individuals and organizations how to be seen, heard, understood and impact change.
With Meenakshi Jolly, MD, MSCP at Rush University, Kali co-authored the study "Body image intervention to improve health outcomes in lupus".

**Loraine Palmer-Snead**

Loraine Palmer-Snead is an accomplished professional with extensive leadership and teaching experience in a range of learning environments including public, charter, and independent schools. She is trained by the National SEED Project to empower educators, students, and parents to help make schools, curricula and teaching modalities more gender and multiculturally equitable and just. Loraine is currently the Director of Equity and Inclusion at Tabor Academy in Marion, MA.

**Alyscia Raines**

Alyscia Raines, M.Ed. serves as Principal Consultant and Trainer at ADR Consulting Group, based in Chicago. Alyscia has been engaged in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work for nearly 10 years, facilitating workshops, producing scholarship, leading trainings, and coordinating large scale cultural programs. Alyscia’s portfolio focuses on providing clients with solutions to create more inclusive workspaces, with a health and wellness lens. To read more about ADR Consulting Group, check out the website at adrconsultinggroup.com.

**Melanie Sampson**

Melanie Sampson is the Content Director of the Clear Language Lab at Literacy Works and is based in Chicago. In her role, she supports mission-driven professionals in making their communications more clear, inclusive, understandable, and effective to advance equity.

**Pat Savage-Williams**

Pat Savage-Williams is currently the President of the Evanston Township High School Board. Pat works at New Trier High as a Special Education Coordinator and Equity Liaison. Pat is aware that an African American woman, in her role as School Board President has the power to advance racial equity work within the Evanston/Skokie Community. Pat is committed to identifying policies and practices that perpetuate racial disparities within the school and community.
Terrin Sharp

Terrin is a graduate student in art therapy at the Adler School of Professional Psychology. She is doing her practicum at Open Studio Project in Evanston, IL whose mission is to create art for personal growth, social-emotional intelligence, and community well-being. She is a visual artist and lives in the West Englewood neighborhood with her family. Her passion is living for the Lord, her children, and helping others who are oppressed and discarded find hope in the only one who gives us freedom and true purpose in life.

Lyna Smith-Williams

Lyna Smith-Williams is on a mission to use education as a weapon to change the world! During the day, Lyna works as a Learning Strategist for a Fortune 500 company and has spent the last 15 years exploring more efficient ways to engage and inspire adult learners. Outside of that, Lyna is committed to using her skills to help facilitate meaningful conversations on Unconscious Bias, Inclusion & Diversity, and Education Inequality. Lyna’s background in Speech & Theater have helped shape her artistry as facilitator and a public speaker.

Kiran Subhani

Kiran Subhani is an English teacher at New Trier High School. Outside of the classroom, she has 13 years of experience a S.E.E.D. co-facilitator for Seeking Educational Equity and is co-chair of the English Department Equity Team, a member of the district Equity Steering Committee and Equity Team, and a mentor for student racial affinity groups. She facilitates courageous conversations about equity with faculty and students.