

Crossroads Antiracism Organizing & Training



Jessica Vazquez Torres (she/her/ella) is a proven leader with 18-years' experience in antiracism, anti- oppression, and cultural competency workshop development and facilitation. Jessica is deeply committed to addressing social structures and cultural dynamics that marginalize and minoritize communities and limit their access to the resources necessary to thrive not just survive. A 1.5- Generation ESL Queer Latina of Puerto

Rican descent, Jessica holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Florida, a Master of Divinity from Christian Theological Seminary, and a Master of Theological Studies from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.



Derrick C. Dawson (He/Him/His) Derrick received a bachelor's degree in English and Linguistics from Northeastern Illinois University. He was also a broadcaster and journalist in the United States Navy, where he served for over 10 years on ships in the Pacific fleet. Derrick Dawson is a member of the Antiracism Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago and served as its Co-Chair for several years. He is

currently serving his second elected term as a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. Derrick also serves on the Board of Directors of ReVive Center for Housing and Healing Homeless Shelter. Derrick is an Organizer/Trainer and former board member of Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training and is currently Co-Program Coordinator for Chicago Regional Organizing for Antiracism, a regional program of Crossroads Antiracism & Training.



Ryan Lents (he/him/his) began collaborating with Crossroads in 2017, when he joined the Leadership Team of Chicago ROAR. He transitioned to the Crossroads staff as a full-time Organizer and Trainer in 2020. Prior to joining Crossroads, Ryan was a lay minister with the Archdiocese of Chicago and Amate House, promoting Catholic social teaching, leadership development, advocacy, service, and restorative practices. Ryan holds an MA in Justice Ministry from Catholic Theological

Union, with an emphasis on racial justice, reconciliation, and peacebuilding. Originally from Indianapolis, IN, Ryan and his family reside in Chicago's McKinley Park neighborhood, where he enjoys running, playing his guitar, cooking, and spending time with family.

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Wednesday, October 27
Thursday, October 28

The Forum for Theological Exploration



Patrick B. Reyes provides oversight for FTE's organizational learning and resource development around vocational exploration, leadership and innovation. He continues to manage FTE's doctoral initiatives.

To put it simply, theological educators saved his life. At every major crossroads, a theologically trained elder was there to make a difference not just in his own life, but also in the lives of others in his community. It is humbling to do the sacred work of identifying, supporting, and placing the

next generation of scholars and theological educators who are going to transform the academy, the church, and local communities.

Patrick is the author of two books: [Nobody Cries When We Die: God, Community, and Surviving to Adulthood](#) and, most recently, [The Purpose Gap: Empowering Communities of Color to Find Meaning and Thrive](#).



Christina Repoley leads FTE's work to design experiences that leverage diverse perspectives, cultivate collaborative learning, inspire a sense of meaning and purpose, and encourage participants to take their next faithful steps.

She has been connected to FTE for over a decade. As a seminarian, FTE supported her own discernment and connected her to a network that helped her successfully found and grow Quaker Voluntary Service. After pouring her heart and soul into supporting

young adults in discernment, ministry and service for nearly 10 years in the Quaker context, Christina is excited to now be able to support an even wider network of young adults discerning their call in the world and finding out what makes them come alive. FTE is uniquely positioned to be a prophetic voice for both the church and the world, while supporting current and future leadership of a diverse network of young people.

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Friday, October 29