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## **CURRENT POSITION & AFFILIATIONS**

2017-present	Co-Founder, Executive Director   Foundation for Liberating Minds
2023-Present	Co-Lead Facilitator   Julius Jones Institute Community Advocacy Training
2025-Present	Family Justice Movement Fund   Leadership Circle Consultant

## **POSITIONS HELD**

2020-2022	Policy Fellow & Field Organizer   Terence Crutcher Foundation
2020-2023	Lead Facilitator, Advisory Board Member   Restorative Justice Institute of Oklahoma

## **EDUCATION**

2022	MA   Social Sciences, University of Chicago
2020	BA   African & African American Studies, University of Oklahoma, Summa Cum Laude
2020	BA   Political Science, University of Oklahoma, with Distinction

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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## **Chapters**

Alvarez, Kelli, and francisco, aurelius. "SAFE: a Transformative Justice Project on OKC's Eastside." "Reconciliation: The Final Step in Achieving Nonviolent Social Change" (forthcoming, 2026).

## **Thesis**

francisco, aurelius. "Abolishing Innocence: On Violence, Criminalized Survival, and Inherent Human Dignity". University of Chicago Knowledge Archive. 2022.

## **Edited Volume**

francisco, aurelius. Author. "We Have Enough: Trans Liberation is Black Liberation." FLM Blog. July 2024.

francisco, aurelius. Author. "Who Am I, But Black?" FLM Blog. February 2024.

francisco, aurelius. Guest Columnist. "New Jail Won't Repair Systemic Failures" The Oklahoman. June 2022.

Francisco, Miles. "Food Justice as Racial Justice." FORUM Magazine. 25 April 2019.

Francisco, Miles. Author. "From Never a Nigger to Diversity Champion" Brainstorm. October 2018.

## **Audio**

francisco, aurelius. Co-Host. "Home Team Podcast." 2024.

francisco, aurelius. Host. "[DreamRadically Podcast](#)." 2019-2022.

Francisco, Miles. Contributor. "Words Matter: Race and Racism at the University of Oklahoma" On Our Campus Podcast. 17 February 2020.

Francisco, Miles. Contributor. "Food Sovereignty and Healing." Healing Justice Podcast. 2 April 2019.

<https://radiopublic.com/healing-justice-podcast-WznLEJ/ep/s1!2d69a>

## **INVITED LECTURES & TRAINING**

2025	Punishment and Power: Mass Incarceration & the Fight for Freedom"   FREE Forum, Tulsa, Oklahoma
2025	Change for Change Featured Social Justice Speaker   First Unitarian Church
2024-2025	Training with staff on White Supremacy, Restorative Leadership, and Conflict Transformation   SISU Youth Services
2024-Present	"Building a Liberatory Narrative" training tour   Tulsa, Norman, Oklahoma City, Midwest City, Oklahoma
May 2024	Safety + Justice Challenge Network Meeting "Co-Creating Safety" Keynote Panelist   MacArthur Foundation
February 2023	Abolish the Death Penalty & its Alternative: Restorative Justice   ACLU Advocacy Day Panel & Training
January 2023	Roundtable on Values & Justice Keynote Panelist   Square One Project, Columbia Justice Lab
Sep. '22-May '23	Service in Action Workshop Series   Henderson Scholars Program, University of Oklahoma
June 2022	OKC Pridefest Panel, No New Jail OK
June 2022	Oklahoma County Jail Bond Town Hall
Nov. '21-April '22	Communities in Schools Professional Development

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	on "Culturally Competent & Restorative Leadership"
May 2021	Training on "Abolitionist Praxis"   Dream Action Oklahoma
July 2020	Heritage Hall School's "Diversity, Equity & Justice: Where Are We, Why Are We Here, Where Are We Headed?"
July 2020	"Beyond Carceral Feminism" to Gender-based violence prevention advocates
July 2020	"Undoing Patriarchy" Workshop with Black Men's Collective at Washington University
2019-2021	Transformative Men's Accountability Group: "Pushing Back on Patriarchy"
Fall 2019	University of Central Oklahoma English I Class Workshop on the 1619 Project
October 2019	Presentation to Sierra Club of Norman: "Food Justice in Our Community"
Spring 2019	Lecture on "Centering the Most Marginalized"   Truth to Power Expository Writing Department
January 2019	Emmanuel Synagogue Youth Workshop: "Missing Figures in Black Liberation Movements"
October 2018	Lecture on "Student Activism in Food Justice Work"   Intro to Women's and Gender Studies
Fall 2018	Lecture on "Liberalism in Higher Ed Upholding Whiteness"   Truth To Power Expository Writing Department
Spring 2018	The Art of Writing   Lecture on "Finding your Voice Through

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### **AWARDS**

2025	Change Maker of The Year   Juneteenth on The East
2024	Angie Debo Civil Libertarian of the Year Award   ACLU OK
2021	John J. MacAloon Research Award in the Social Sciences   The University of Chicago
2021	Rhodes Scholarship Finalist   Houston District VIII
2020	<u>Carl Albert Award Recipient</u> : Overall Outstanding Senior in the College of Arts & Sciences
2020	Student and Leader of the Year   Clara Luper Department of African and African American Studies
2019	University of Oklahoma Overall Outstanding Senior
2019	Cortez A.M. Ewing Fellowship Recipient: Internship in Washington, D.C.
2019	Student and Leader of the Year   African and African American Studies Department
2019	Pe-Et: Top 10 University of Oklahoma Senior Honor Society
2019	Undergraduate Student of the Year   African American Programs and Services
2019	Robert D. Lemon Social Justice Award   Women's and Gender Studies Department

### **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

2025	Advisor   Public Education Committee, Clara Luper Civil Rights
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	Center
2024	Co-Founder   Home Base
2023-Present	Member   Survivor Justice Coalition
2022-Present	Co-Founder   No New Jail OK
2021-Present	Affiliate Board Member   Carceral Studies Consortium
2021-Present	Member   Oklahoma Anti-Death Penalty Strategy Group
2020-2023	Founder   Against Carceral Feminism OK
2018-Present	Member   Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.