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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

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

Writing”

## **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 Carl Albert Award Recipient: 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

*Last updated: 11/13/2025*

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.