



Tamu Green is a developmental psychologist and thought leader who brings expertise and lived experience in communities facing inequities in her pursuit of social justice through institutional and systems change. For 30 years, she has been engaged in power building efforts that synergize resources, facilitate equity-oriented decision making, and turn advocacy into outcomes. She has been honored by the Sacramento Business Journal for her decades of work in diversity, equity and inclusion.

Dr. Green is the Founder and CEO of the Equity and Wellness Institute, which has guided numerous organizations and institutions in their aspirations of advancing equitable internal and external practices. The Stanford Mussallem Center for Biodesign has been one of her clients; having formerly served as their Director of Health Equity and Inclusive Design, she then moved into the role of their Senior Advisor. Her expertise has supported an array of clients in advancing their justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion goals through training, coaching, and product development.

By prioritizing planning, research and evaluation practices that maximize stakeholder engagement, coalition building and strategic partnerships, Dr. Green has confronted the social determinants of health at the community, state and national level. These efforts have been aided by her networks, including the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and American Leadership Forum, of which she is a senior fellow.

Dr. Green's passion for engaging the public in solutions that benefit us all have landed her in TIME Magazine, several podcasts, and the TEDxFolsom stage and have resulted in local, national, and international policy change.

Dr. Green launched her teaching career with a Community and Regional Development class at her alma mater, the University of California, Davis, in the Human Ecology Department. She taught on the heels of serving The Center at Sierra Health Foundation and the California Department of Public Health's Office of Health Equity, where she was instrumental in developing and implementing the inaugural California Statewide Plan to Promote Health and Mental Health Equity. She has enjoyed managing statewide advisory committees and task forces for state government offices, bringing community recommendations to decision-makers in formats that are readily operational.

She has recently or is currently engaged in strategic planning processes for the Education Insights Center, the Center for California Studies, Alameda County Behavioral Health Services, the California Arts Council, the Oakland Family Resource Center Network, and CalABLE. During the first two years of the pandemic, she coached the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission through a racial equity planning process and led special initiatives in the homelessness sector as the Systems Performance Advisor for Sacramento Steps Forward, where she spearheaded their first racial equity action plan. She has since led racial equity action planning for the California Transportation Agency, the California Strategic Growth Council, Sacramento County Public Health, the California Tahoe Conservancy, and the United Way California Capital Region.

Dr. Green calls Sacramento, California, home but enjoys traveling anywhere for a good challenge.