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## Puja Chadha, MD

As an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at University of California, Davis, Dr. Chadha serves as Associate Director of Education for the Center for Reducing Healthcare Disparities as well as multiple teaching roles in the School of Medicine and Psychiatry Residency Training Program including Director of Diversity Education, Office of Faculty Development & Diversity. She leads curriculum to improve faculty supporting inclusion for diverse students as well as training faculty for search committee participation and training diversity and inclusion efforts in workforce recruitment.



## Ali Michael, Ph.D.

As the Co-Director of the Race Institute for K-12 Educators, Ali Michael, PhD, works with schools and organizations across the country to help conduct research on race, Whiteness, and education more accessible and relevant to educators. Ali is the author of *Young Adult Adaptation of White Fragility* and *Our Problem, Our Path: Collective Anti-racism for White People*, *Raising Race Questions: Whiteness, Inquiry and Education*. Ali sits on the editorial board of the journal *Whiteness and Education*. She teaches in the Diversity and Inclusion Program at Princeton University and the Equity Institutes for Higher Education at the University of Southern California.



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## Rod Daus-Magbual, Ed.D.

Dr. Rod Daus-Magbual is an educator, father, and husband, and is the Mayor for Daly City. He has taught at various colleges and universities ranging from San Francisco State University, Sonoma State University, UC Davis, City College of San Francisco, and at Skyline College, where he has taught for the past 18 years in the CIPHER Hip Hop and Kababayan Learning Communities. He also serves as the Executive Director of Pinoy/Pinay Educational Partnerships (PEP), an award winning Filipino American service-learning program that utilizes ethnic studies to mentor future educational leaders. His passion to serve his community stems from understanding history and the responsibility to fight for social justice, equity, and freedom.



## Tanya Bakhru, Ph.D.

Dr. Tanya Bakhru holds a Ph.D. in Women's Studies from University College Dublin, Ireland (2007). She is currently a Professor of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies in the Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Science at San Jose State University, California. Her areas of interest include feminist critiques of globalization, reproductive health and justice, and transnational women's health. In addition, Dr. Bakhru holds a B.M. in Violin Performance from the University of Redlands, California and an M.A. in Women's Studies from San Diego State University, California.



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## Daphina Melbourne, MPP

Daphina Melbourne, MPP, is the Perinatal and Reproductive Equity Coordinator for Alameda County's Maternal, Paternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Department.

Daphina has received her Bachelors in Ethnic Studies and her Masters in Public Policy from Mills College of Oakland, CA. Daphina has over 16 years' experience in developing culturally appropriate ways to engage Black, Indigenous and people of color around reproductive justice, access, and advocacy. Daphina has worked with the Black Infant Health Program of SF as a Family Health Advocate, and the Teenage Pregnancy and Parenting Program where she assisted in creating a culturally, gender-inclusive Health Education Model for the San Francisco Unified School District.



## Catriona Rueda Esquibel, Ph.D.

Catriona Rueda Esquibel holds a B.A. in English from New Mexico Highlands University, a MA in English literature from the University of Colorado, and a Ph.D. in the History of Consciousness Program at UC Santa Cruz. Prior to joining SFSU in 2005, she held positions at New Mexico State University (English) and The Ohio State University (Women's Studies). She joined the Race and Resistance Studies program as a specialist in gender, Women of Color feminist theory, and queer POC literature. With her partner and co-author Luz Calvo, she published *Decolonize Your Diet: Plant-based Mexican-American Recipes for Health and Healing* (2015), a project to reclaim Mexican heritage foods to fight contemporary diseases of development.



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