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Vermont Truth & Reconciliation Commission: Announces New Executive Director and Inaugural Public Meeting

Montpelier, VT August 31, 2023 — The Vermont Truth and Reconciliation Commission (VTRC) is proud to share two momentous developments that underscore its commitment to tackling systemic discrimination in the state. With unwavering dedication, the Commission is taking decisive steps to create a more equitable future for Vermont residents.

The Commission's foremost accomplishment is the appointment of Dr. Faith Yacubian as its Executive Director. With a noteworthy career spanning 16 years at Champlain College, Faith brings a wealth of experience and a passionate drive for change. As an Associate Professor in Interdisciplinary Studies, Faith's work has centered on empowering students through innovative teaching methods informed by Social Justice Education, Queer Theory, and Black Feminist Epistemology. Guided by a profound belief in humanitarianism and community empowerment, Faith's commitment is further exemplified by her involvement in the Shelburne Equity and Diversity Committee and dedicated volunteer service at the Winooski Food Shelf since 2020.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to join the Commissioners and the dedicated VTRC team in our collective pursuit of justice. This opportunity represents a profound commitment to fostering positive change, and I am excited to contribute my passion and experience to this transformative journey," said Faith Yacubian.

The Commission is equally thrilled to announce its inaugural public meeting, a milestone event that marks the beginning of an inclusive dialogue for transformative change. Set to take place on **September 5, 2023, at 5 pm**, the virtual gathering will provide Vermont's residents with a unique opportunity to engage directly with the Commission's leadership and staff.

[Click here to join September 5, 2023 public meeting at 5PM](#)

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Commissioners Mia Schultz, Melody Mackin, and Patrick Standen will present updates on the Commission's progress and objectives. Attendees will also have the chance to meet the newly appointed Executive Director, Faith Yacubian, and gain insights into her vision for fostering a more equitable Vermont. In addition to hiring Faith, the team has also hired a legal counsel, a lead researcher and an administrative assistant. All will be introduced at the meeting.

Forthcoming will be the Commission's official website. For public or media inquiries and updates, contact the Commission at: VTRC@vermont.gov