

Meet the Teammates



FAITH YACUBAIN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Dr. Faith Yacubian, (she/her/they/them) Executive Director of the State of Vermont's Truth and Reconciliation Commission; has a noteworthy career spanning 16 years at Champlain College.

Faith has 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 services at the Winooski Food Shelf since 2020.



MICHELE OLVERA

GENERAL LEGAL COUNCIL

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Michele Olvera (she/her) is the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's General Legal Counsel.

She spent almost 30 years advocating for and litigating on behalf of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

She was also a high school history teacher.

Michele has lived in Vermont for 15 years and considers Burlington her permanent home.



ADAM KERSCH

SR. LEAD RESEARCHER

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Adam Kersch (he/they) is a Jewish-American researcher whose work has focused on race, public health, policy, and immigration. They are committed to community-led and community-oriented research and engaging with both academic and non-academic audiences. He works in memory of his grandparents, who survived attempted genocide.

After completing his dissertation - which focused on race, settler colonialism, and public health policy during infectious disease outbreaks in Sheet'ká (Sitka, Alaska) from 1800 to present - he earned his PhD in anthropology at the University of California, Davis in 2022. His masters research - completed in 2016 with the Department of Anthropology at the University of Central Florida - examined how refugees, asylum-seekers, and undocumented immigrants in Sicily navigated gaps in European Union and Italian healthcare policies.

In their spare time, Adam enjoys spending time with their wife and dog, writing music, hiking, spending time outdoors, reading, and crafting. Adam is immensely grateful for the opportunity to work with and learn from the TRC and Vermonters.



ANN ROY MILLER

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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Ann Miller, (she/her) is Vermont's Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Administrative Assistant and a lifetime Vermonter, wife, mother, and grandmother.

Of French-Canadian descent, 2nd generation, Miller grew up in Central Vermont and spent most of her lengthy working career in insurance, investments, and finance. The Truth of Reconciliation Committee brings a new prospective to our world and she looks forward to continually learning from this commission.

In her spare time, Miller enjoy spending time with family first and foremost, as well as traveling and exploring new areas of our Country, enjoying each new place for its uniqueness.