

# IEITC

## Funders Network

### Addressing Equity Through Taxes

Tuesday, September 20th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm ET

#### Speaker Bios

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#### **Ivana Escobar**

Ms. Escobar is a Director of Collective Impact at United Community, a nonprofit organization working towards ending generational poverty within Richmond Hwy. Ivana is currently leading the COMMUNITY+ initiative, which mission is to achieve upstream change that addresses social and racial inequities along Richmond Highway, as defined by empowered residential voices. Ivana has a Master's Degree in Social Work with a concentration in Social Change from George Mason University.



#### **Darrick Hamilton**

Mr. Hamilton is a university professor, Henry Cohen Professor of Economics and Urban Policy, and founding director of the Institute on Race, Power, and Political Economy at The New School. Considered one of the nation's foremost public intellectuals, Dr. Hamilton has been profiled in the *New York Times*, *Mother Jones*, *Bloomberg's Business Week* and the *Wall Street Journal*. Darrick was named a Freedom Scholar by the Marguerite Casey Foundation and the Group Health Foundation. Darrick has been involved in crafting policy proposals that have garnered media attention and inspired legislative proposals at the federal, state, and local levels, including baby bonds, guaranteed income, and a federal job guarantee. He has testified before several Senate and House committees, including the Joint Economic Committee and the Senate Banking Committee. Darrick was born and raised in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, New York. He is a graduate of Oberlin College and received a PhD in Economics from the University of North Carolina.



#### **Economy F. Jackson**

Ms. Jackson is Director Asset Building, Income at the United Way of Greater Atlanta (UWGA). Ms. Jackson manages the Build Wealth Focus Area of United Way's Economic Stability Impact Priority. She provides supports to organizations and programs that empower families to build financial literacy skills, improve credit scores, access safe financial products, attain assets that create economic mobility and build generational wealth. She manages the UWGA VITA program, processing over 10,000 tax returns each year. Ms. Jackson is a national financial education trainer with over 15 years of experience. During this time, she has trained over 1000 people across the nation and over 300 Financial Coaches. In her career she has managed over \$25 Million supporting families in homeownership, higher education, quality childcare, microenterprise business development and creating emergency savings accounts. Ms. Jackson has a BS from New York Institute of Technology and resides in Atlanta GA.



**Sari Raskin**

Ms. Raskin is Vice President of Grants and Community Leadership at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia. Sari has been with the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia since June 2012 where she serves as the VP of Grants and Community Leadership, overseeing the Foundation's grant making and scholarship processes which invest in improving the lives of residents of Northern Virginia. She directs the Community Foundation's discretionary grants program of more than \$1 million distributed annually to local nonprofits and its scholarships program, awarding more than \$300,000 to Northern Virginia students seeking financial aid for post-secondary education. Sari directs and helps frame the Community

Foundation's growing community leadership role, working with senior leadership to design strategies for more impactful philanthropic investments that help build a community that works for everyone. She has an integral role in developing awareness and educational programs to share findings from the Community Foundation's Insight Region® Data and Research Center and convenes leaders from the nonprofit, government, and philanthropic sectors. Under her purview, the Community Foundation has launched initiatives around community wealth building and the 2020 Decennial Census, encouraging participation and increased access to resources for Northern Virginia. Sari represents the Community Foundation through various regional and national initiatives and was instrumental in launching both the Business Women's Giving Circle as well as the Innovation Fund at the Community Foundation.



**Lauren Thomas Priest**

Ms. Thomas Priest is a Program Officer at the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta. Lauren (she/her/hers) serves as a program officer on the Community Impact Team. She leads strategies to reduce racial income and wealth gaps in metro Atlanta through the Foundation's Income & Wealth systems work. Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Lauren has lived in the Atlanta area with her three children for more than five years. She has twelve years of experience working within the nonprofit sector, including

roles in development, direct service, outreach, and program management, and joined the Foundation because of its focus on making our region more equitable for all of its residents. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies from Miami University of Ohio, and a Master of Nonprofit Management from Regis University. Lauren was awarded a Northeast Ohio Top 25 Under 35 Movers and Shakers Award from The Cleveland Professional 20/30 Club and a 30 Under 30 Nonprofit Leader Award from the Atlanta chapter of the Young Nonprofit Professional Network.