

Dr. Adrienne S. Lawson is an academic administrator and educator with more than 25 years of experience. She joined UC Davis Health campus as the Director of Institutional Culture/Climate and Community Engagement in 2014. Her primary responsibilities at the medical center includes working with leadership in the School of Medicine, School of Nursing, and in Medical Education on climate needs assessment and reporting; continuous diversity improvement, community engagement, and professional development for faculty, staff, and students. She has received several awards in Inclusion Excellence and Community Engagement.

Adrienne is an Alumni of Sacramento State, she has a doctorate in Educational Leadership & Policy Studies, a Master's degree in Multicultural Education. She also obtained a Bachelor's degree in Sociology at San Jose State University. Her research interest includes culture change in organizations, transformational leadership, restorative justice practices, inclusion excellence in mentoring, and enhancing the diversity of academic institutions.

Before joining UC Davis Health, Adrienne served as the Diversity Manager for Faculty Recruitment and Retention at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in Portland, Oregon. Her career started at Sacramento State where she served for over 19 years in a variety of roles in the Department of Social Work, Research Administration and Ethnic Studies as an adjunct faculty member. Adrienne has been a keynote speaker and presented at several conferences locally, regionally and nationally. She is a member of several national organizations, including the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. (NCBW), the National Association of Community and Restorative Justice (NACRJ) and The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Group on Diversity & Inclusion (GDI).

When not at work, Adrienne enjoys church and community activities, exercise, and spending time with her family.

Jeri L Sprewell is a resilient African American Woman who is in "Life Long Recovery" from mental, sexual and physical abuse. Jeri contributes her passion to give back to the humanity, being skilled in Substance Abuse Counseling, Peer Mentorship, Role model as an overcomer and Spiritual Licensed Evangelist. Jeri is a Clinical Wellness Advocate III (Peer Advocate) at Tri City Mental Health in Pomona CA, to provide "whatever it takes" to support others with their journey as overcomers to reach their desired goals.

Dr. Thomas Allison is an assistant professor of legal studies, licensed attorney, and president and founder of Social Justice Advocacy Project, Inc. a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides community-based empowerment resources to disenfranchised communities. Thomas is licensed and have practiced in multiple states and have been engaged in civil and human rights work since graduating law school in 2010. Thomas has a master's degree in public administration and is currently conducting research for his doctorate in public administration.