

BECOMING AN ANTI-RACISM FAITH COMMUNITY

- A FACILITATED GATHERING -

AUGUST 24, 2024

ALBUQUERQUE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

PRESENTERS

Jinx Baskerville

Jinx Baskerville was raised in Kalamazoo, Michigan where her mom was a co-founder of a Friends Meeting House. Jinx moved to Albuquerque in her early 20's and has lived here ever since. Jinx recently retired from Albuquerque Public Schools where she was the principal of New Futures, a school for pregnant and parenting teenagers. Jinx became a principal after many years of teaching so she would be in a better position to advocate for students, especially students in Special Education. Jinx was the first principal in APS to make her office a Safe Zone for LGBTQ+ students, and brought Native American Studies and Ethnic Studies courses into the New Futures curriculum. She also started a community garden and was the first principal in APS to participate in an *Undoing Racism and Community Organizing* workshop with the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond.

Tony Watkins

Tony Watkins is a 60-year-old white man who moved from a border town of the Puallup Nation in the state of Washington to a border town of the Navajo Nation when he was eleven years old. He is a founding member of *Families United for Education* (FUE), a de-centralized, self-organized network in Albuquerque, New Mexico that researched, wrote, and successfully advocated for a family engagement policy in Albuquerque Public Schools. The policy is a reflection of the experiences of over 400 families and calls for equity and utilizing the histories and cultures of families as a foundation for education. In addition to the policy passing the APS board in 2012, FUE's accomplishments include convening APS School Board Candidate Forums, organizing multiple *Undoing Racism and Community Organizing* workshops with the Anti-Racism Training Center of the Southwest (ARTI) and the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond for school board and community members, and advocating for ethnic studies in Albuquerque Public Schools.

Tony has taken the *Undoing Racism and Community Organizing* workshop of the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond many times and has been a trainer/organizer with the Institute since 2018.