



Transforming Communities Institute Launch Event

September 15, 2022



Trhas Tafere
Community Advocate of the Year

Trhas Tafere received her bachelor's degree in Sociology and Anthropology from Utah State University. Trhas is in her last quarter to earn her master's degree in Global Studies and International Relations, with a concentration in Global Health and Development from Northeastern University. Her research interests include refugee health, childhood poverty, and survivors of violent conflict. Her work in Ethiopia focuses mainly on children in the foster care system. Trhas is a community health worker at Bear River Health Department Covid Community partnership program. Her work has been focused on connecting disproportionately affected communities with resources for their social determinants of health needs and leading the health departments' community outreach program. Trhas is working in partnership with community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and worksites in Cache, Rich, and Box Elder Counties. Trhas is passionate about helping underserved members of her community. Since 2016 she has been assisting refugees from Eritrea and Ethiopia in Cache County.



Program

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

3:05 PM - Dr. Jayme Walters
Director of TCI & Assistant Professor of Social Work

ROOTS OF TCI

3:10 PM Dr. Jess Lucero
Department of Social Work Head & Founder of TCI

OUR FUTURE & STRATEGIES FOR PROGRESS

3:20 PM Dr. Jayme Walters

STRATEGY 1, COMMUNITY-ENGAGED RESEARCH: E-COLLABS FOR UTAH & RESEARCH PROJECTS

3:25 PM Dr. Jayme Walters

STRATEGY 1, COMMUNITY-ENGAGED RESEARCH: HIGHLIGHTING THE TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES JOURNAL

3:30 PM Dr. Jayme Walters & Dr. Maureen Boyle
TCI MSW Practicum Student & Transforming Communities Journal Founding
Editorial Board Member

STRATEGY 2, EDUCATION IN COMMUNITY & ORGANIZATIONAL PRACTICE

3:40 PM - Dr. J.C. Sheen
TCI Strategy Leader & Assistant Professor of Social Work

STRATEGY 3, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING STRATEGY 4, CONSULTING & OTHER SERVICES

3:45 PM - Dr. Jayme Walters

STRATEGY 5, COMMUNITY BUILDING: HIGHLIGHTING THE 2022 COMMUNITY ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR, TRHAS TAFERE

3:50 PM - Dr. Jess Lucero, Trhas, Tafere, MS

SUPPORTER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & CONCLUDING REMARKS

4:05 PM - Dr. Jayme Walters

NETWORKING

4:15 PM