
Official Bio: Christina Dawkins

Christina Dawkins is the founder of A4Abolitionist, a social justice consultancy committed to abolishing all forms of modern-day slavery, and the Abolition Project, a non-profit think-and-do tank for abolitionists.

Christina specializes in human trafficking, punitive incarceration, and immigrant detention. She has over 15 years of experience developing programs, leading workshops, teaching courses, and designing curricula. Christina uses visual storytelling, systems change program design, and educational tools in her work to create initiatives that combat modern-day slavery by centering the experiences of BIPOC women and girls.

She has worked in higher education in prison since 2013 and created Columbia University's Justice-in-Education Scholars program, the first on-campus credit-bearing program for formerly incarcerated people. Christina also founded the Lang Prison Initiative at the New School, the first in-person college program at Metropolitan Correctional Center in New York. She developed programs, led workshops, and designed curricula for the Oxford Consortium for Human Rights, Harvard University, Brown University, and other educational institutions.

Christina also has a background in theatre and built arts and education programs for Creative Time and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. She produced several arts and justice events with artists such as Claudia Rankine, Phil Collins, and Bryan Shih.

In 2021, she was awarded a Voqal Fellowship to produce Systems Mapping for Abolition, a visual storytelling project that used participatory action research to create a systems map that illustrates pathways into and out of the sexual abuse-to-prison pipeline.

She holds an M.A. in Human Rights Studies from Columbia University and a B.A. in Communications from Northwestern University.