



BIO

Daniel loves traveling, meeting new people, and working to build bridges of understanding and empathy across challenging "divides." He deeply believe that all people matter, and he's spent much of his life working in roles that have allowed him to develop thinking around the nature of education and learning, relationship-building, and professional growth.

He owns and runs his own speaking and consulting business, and works with conference planners, learning and development leaders, school districts, nonprofit boards, and corporate entities - all in a pursuit to help them grow their leadership impact and make the spaces they influence more inclusive.

Most recently, as the Director for the Ohio and Indiana Diversity Councils, Daniel took a fledgling organization and grew its corporate membership ranks by almost 2,000% in 2 years. Within the OHDC Daniel worked to create opportunities for employee engagement, professional development, education, and advocacy around all facets of diversity, inclusion and equity.

Daniel graduated with a Master's of Education from The Ohio State University, and is a life-long Ohio resident. As an educator, he was selected to assist in creating and implementing a pilot program designed to bridge the academic gap for at-risk students between high school and college in the South-Western City School District, and worked with a city-wide group of educators and researchers to further explore that student transition. As a part of the Olentangy Local Schools system, Daniel helped to create a new blended learning module for senior students, and was an active member of the district's curriculum blueprinting team.

Across his adult years, he has participated and led many international trips, some as short as a week, and others ranging from months to almost two years. While on a team to start a bilingual elementary school for at-risk youth in Thailand, Daniel managed a diverse team of educators, of all ages, backgrounds, and nationalities, providing linguistic and cultural leadership. He wrote curriculum, translated, taught full-time, volunteered with local non-profits, and fostered a young Thai child with his wife.

In Columbus, Ohio, Daniel and his family have volunteered with World Relief and CRIS as cultural liaisons and mentors to incoming refugee families, providing friendship and support in times of transition. They seek to walk with refugee families through the cultural barrage of resettlement, all while learning about their home culture, language, and traditions.

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