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2022  
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La Plaza de Cultura y Artes

Sept. 15, 2022 6:30 - 9:30 pm PST

Honorees

Luckie Alexander Fuller

Diana Feliz Oliva

Maria Roman-Taylorson

## About The Williams Institute

The Williams Institute is the leading research center on sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy. We ensure that facts — not stereotypes — inform laws, policies, and judicial decisions that affect the LGBTQ community.

### Brad Sears



Brad Sears, J.D., is the Founding Executive Director and David Sanders Distinguished Scholar of Law & Policy at the Williams Institute. In addition, he is the Associate Dean of Public Interest Law at UCLA Law. Sears has published a number of research studies, primarily on discrimination against LGBT people and people living with HIV. He has taught courses on LGBT and disability law at UCLA, Harvard, and Whittier law schools. He has testified before Congress and state legislatures, authored amicus briefs in key court cases, helped to draft state and federal legislation, and been cited frequently by national media. A graduate of Yale College and Harvard Law School, he has received several awards, including the Co-Presidents Award from the LGBT Bar LA (2019) and the Earl Warren Outstanding Public Service Award from the American Society of Public Administration (2018).

# 2022 uniTy

## Message from Williams Institute's Founding Executive Director Brad Sears

Welcome to uniTy 2022! We are thrilled to be partnering with the TransLatin@ Coalition on this year's event. uniTy was created to support the health, well-being, and rights of transgender and non-binary communities. The goal of this year's event is to raise money for a groundbreaking survey of transgender and non-binary people in Los Angeles County that will provide information about their health, housing, economic, and employment status and experiences of discrimination and harassment, resilience, and well-being.

The Williams Institute is the nation's leading research center on sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy. Our research has supported policies that protect transgender and non-binary people, including legislation to eliminate the trans panic defense, ban conversion therapy, prohibit discrimination and bullying, ensure access to gender-affirming care, and more.

This year we are proud to recognize three individuals at uniTy 2022 who have made exceptional contributions to the lives of transgender and non-binary people in Los Angeles:

- **Luckie Alexander Fuller** for founding and leading Invisible Men, which brings visibility to and amplifies the voices of TransMasc individuals;
- **Diana Feliz Oliva** for her incredible work with Gilead Sciences supporting and funding the transgender movement, the LGBTQ movement in the South, and the movement to decriminalize HIV; and
- **Maria Roman-Taylorson** for her tireless and inspirational work on behalf of the transgender community in Los Angeles, including her leadership role with TransLatin@ Coalition.

Thank you for supporting the work of the Williams Institute and the TransLatin@ Coalition.

With gratitude,

Brad Sears, Founding Executive Director

## About The TransLatin@ Coalition

The mission of the TransLatin@ Coalition (TLC) is to advocate for the specific needs of the TransLatin@ community that resides in the U.S. and to plan strategies that improve our quality of life.

For more information go to [www.translatinacoalition.org](http://www.translatinacoalition.org)

### Bamby Salcedo

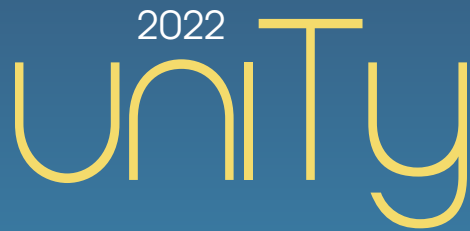


Bamby Salcedo is a prominent and celebrated transgender Latina activist, known all over the world for her passionate and productive social, political, and economic influence.

As the President and CEO of the TransLatin@ Coalition, Bamby steadily leads this nationally recognized organization that advocates for and addresses the issues of transgender Latinas throughout the United States. Bamby

received her Master's Degree in Latin American Studies from California State University, Los Angeles, and also developed the Center for Violence Prevention & Transgender Wellness, a multimillion, multipurpose, multiservice space for Trans people in Los Angeles.

Bamby's wide-ranging activist work has brought visibility and given a voice to not only the trans community but to countless others whose efforts focus on critical topics that include immigration, HIV, at-risk youth, LGBTQIA+ issues, incarceration, and more. Through her dynamic leadership, Bamby has developed several organizations that have created networks and connections where there were none, and she, to this day, tirelessly advocates for the rights, dignity, and humanity of those who are often silenced. Determined to affect change at every level, Bamby actively engages and supports many local, national, and international organizations and planning groups.



## Program

### Congratulations to our unity 2022 honorees

Presented by:

**Bamby Salcedo, The TransLatin@ Coalition**

Acceptance:

**Maria Roman-Taylorson, The TransLatin@ Coalition**



Presented by:

**Brad Sears, The Williams Institute**

Acceptance:

**Diana Feliz Oliva, Gilead Sciences**



Presented by:

**Cynthia Ruffin, The AMAAD Institute**

Acceptance:

**Luckie Alexander Fuller, Invisible Men**

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## Presenter

### Cynthia Ruffin



Cynthia Ruffin, M.A., has been on the forefront of social justice for more than 25 years, and is thrilled to be a part of the growing team at the AMAAD Institute. With training in front-line counseling at Vanier College in Montreal (her hometown), theatre at the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco, and Nonprofit Management at Antioch University in Los Angeles, she has found the perfect blend of creativity, activism, and professionalism. Her theatre activism began with her work serving LGBTQ+ youth who had been kicked out of their homes for being gay and had resorted to survival sex, and she has gone on to work with survivors of domestic violence, ex-addicts, felons and ex-felons, and people struggling with homelessness.

Cynthia has helped create youth programming, written full-length plays and produced events and shows at Wise Fool in New Mexico and Fringe Benefits Theatre in Los Angeles. Most recently, she served as the director of COLORS LGBTQ Youth Counseling Services where she grew the agency's capacity, doubling the number of clients served and the number of clinicians providing those services.

Cynthia is founder and director of the production company Revolutionary Angel Productions, a ground-breaking mission-based and value-driven production company investing in communities by producing socially relevant content for businesses, nonprofits, and educational institutions. She is published in the anthology *Cootie Shots: Theatrical Inoculations Against Bigotry*, and she continues to write, direct, and perform.

## Our Honorees

### Maria Roman-Taylorson



Maria Roman-Taylorson is the current Vice President and COO for the TransLatin@ Coalition. She has been a leader in social services for the transgender community in Los Angeles for over 20 years. Maria is a 46-year-old Puerto Rican Latina woman who began her journey to self-discovery at age 19. Many doors would close in her path, but she was driven and determined to succeed. With this decision came empowerment and hardship. She has survived life on the streets and has overcome many of the issues her community continues to fight today. She has become an outspoken voice, an activist, and a role model to the transgender community. Maria Roman was the first transgender person to become Program Manager for Transgeneros Unidas prevention program at Bienestar Human Services, one of the largest HIV-prevention programs in the nation with an all-transgender staff.

Maria was a recipient, of the Community Hero's Award in 2005 by the Alianza Latino HIV Caucus Conference, of the Harvey Milk Award by CSW in 2009, and the Women in Leadership Award by the West Hollywood Women in Leadership Chamber of Commerce. Maria served four years as a Los Angeles County HIV Commissioner and is a California Certified Addiction specialist. She is a Member of the Los Angeles Transgender Advisory Board on the Los Angeles Human Relations Commission, and the Gilead Transgender and HIV Research Community Advisory Board.

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## Our Honorees

### Diana Feliz Oliva



Diana Feliz Oliva has worked in the field of social services and public health for over 25 years. Her work began in 1994 with the County of Fresno – Department of Social Services to her position as HIV Community Liaison at Gilead Sciences in 2017, making her the first openly transgender person hired by Gilead Sciences, Inc. Because of her unique and valuable expertise on transgender and HIV issues, Diana was promoted to Senior Manager in Public Affairs in 2019, where she helped develop the TRANScend Community Impact Fund (#1 funder of trans-led orgs in the U.S.) and the first national Transgender Community Engagement Strategy by any biopharmaceutical company in history. As of March 2021, she has become the Associate Director of Community Engagement & Advocacy in Public Affairs and will launch the first-ever global Transgender Community Engagement Strategy in Latin America.

A graduate of Columbia University with a master's degree in Social Work in 2005, her particular interest has been advancing the development of public policy that addresses community-level health and social problems. Turning her daunting personal challenges and barriers into the very basis of her activism, Diana has become an effective social advocate and role model. Her work is shown giving voice and visibility to not only the transgender communities but also to the multiple, overlapping communities her life has touched.



## Our Honorees

### Luckie Alexander Fuller



Luckie Alexander Fuller is a passionate advocate and founder of Invisible Men, an organization focused on uplifting and building community among trans men and nonbinary transmasculine folks centered on people of color. Luckie is an important connector across LGBTQI community groups and organizations and a steadfast

advocate for transmasculine people and trans parents. You may also know Luckie as a member of Gender Justice Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Transgender Advisory Council, a proud member & Historian of Brown Boi Project; an HIV Commissioner and a community advisory board member for UCLA's Center for HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services, RAND and TMHJ:LA contributing research author, a recipient of the Lou Sullivan Award for his work centered around transmasculine individuals in the HIV/AIDS arena, and 2018 Mr. Quest, a community advocacy award with APAIT.

Luckie is a crucial voice in health education and organizing, trans justice, and the movement for Black lives. In 2019, he was the Assistant Strategy Director for the historic 2019 National Trans Visibility March. In 2020, he was the designer of the "ALL BLACK LIVES MATTER" art installation on Hollywood Blvd. He is also currently the Prevention Training Specialist for APLA's Trans Wellness Program.



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**Congrats to the 2022  
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# CONGRATULATIONS



## **Maria Roman-Taylorson** on being a *2022 unity Honoree*

The TransLatin@ Coalition congratulates our Vice President and COO,  
Maria Roman-Taylorson and the other honorees.



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***Congratulations***

***Luckie Alexander***

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# Congratulations ! *Luckie Alexander*



CEO/FOUNDER OF INVISIBLE MEN

***The AMAAD Institute (Arming Minorities Against Addiction and Disease) would like to congratulate our friend Luckie Alexander for being selected as a 2022 UniTy Award Winner for his tremendous work in and commitment to the LGBTQ+ community and for his artistry.***



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*Congratulations to the Awardees!*



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**Congratulations and thank you  
to the 2022 unity honorees for  
their work protecting the rights  
of transgender communities.**



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**Kevin Chase Executive Search Congratulates  
Tonight's Honorees**

Luckie Alexander Fuller  
Diana Feliz Oliva  
Maria Roman-Taylorson

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**LUCKIE ALEXANDER FULLER  
AND ALL THE unity HONOREES**

FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THE LA CITY  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND FOR  
THEIR IMPACT IN TRANS, GENDER NON-  
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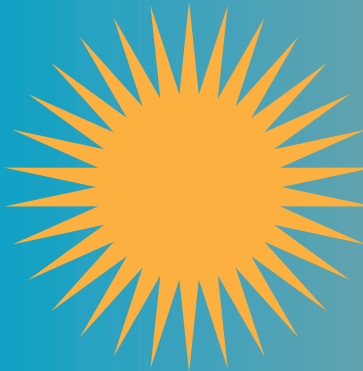
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The LA Civil Rights  
Department and  
Transgender Advisory  
Council congratulate  
Luckie Alexander Fuller,  
Maria Roman-Taylorson  
& all the unity honorees!



*Thank you for your leadership on the LA City Transgender Advisory Council, and  
for all you do for trans, gender nonconforming & non-binary communities!*

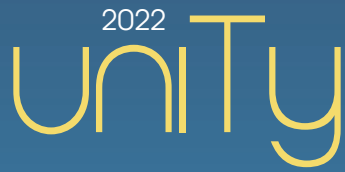


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