

## Panelist Bios | Event 2: The Unsung Realities of Fatherhood

**Erik Anderson** is a Senior Acquisitions Editor at the University of Minnesota Press, where he acquires general interest titles focusing on books about Minnesota and the Upper Great Lakes region as well as national trade titles, including memoir, history, creative nonfiction, children's books, fiction, and cookbooks. Before his time at the Press, he worked in science education at the Monterey Bay Aquarium in Monterey, California. He also plays in the band *ahem*, whose album *Avoider* comes out in May on Minneapolis record label Forged Artifacts.

**Jonathan Brown** is respected and recognized as a leader with a collaborative style that emphasizes autonomy, team development, connection, and skills development. Jonathan has been a visionary leader with over 12 years of experience in educational finance, communication, equity leadership, management, training, and community development. He is a husband and father of four, a business owner, athletic coach, and a believer in people. His motto is: all work is "people work," create the conditions for others to succeed.

**Linus Chan** is an associate professor of clinical law and the director of the Detainee Rights Clinic. He is an immigration attorney that focuses removal defense for those detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. He also teaches classes in the intersection of criminal and immigration law.

**Chris Martin** is a tilted listening animal languaging. He teaches and learns at Unrestricted Interest and is the curator of *Multiverse*, a series of neurodivergent writing from Milkweed Editions. His most recent book of poems is *Things to Do in Hell*, and his first book of nonfiction is *May Tomorrow Be Awake: On Poetry, Autism, and Our Neurodiverse Future*. He lives on the edge of Bde Maka Ska in Minneapolis, among the mulberries and bur oaks, with Mary Austin Speaker and their two bewildering creatures.

**Michael Torres** was born and brought up in Pomona, California where he spent his adolescence as a graffiti artist. His debut collection of poems, *An Incomplete List of Names* was selected by Roque Raquel Salas Rivera for the National Poetry Series and named one of NPR's Books We Love, 2020. Currently he's an Associate Professor in the MFA program at Minnesota State University, Mankato, and a teaching artist with the Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop.

**Moderator: Suleiman Adan** is a writer, poet, and writing teacher whose work has been published in the anthology "We are Meant to Rise: Voices for Justice from Minneapolis to the World." In addition to his creative pursuits, Suleiman is a dedicated systems builder, community advocate, and DEI trainer with over a decade of experience empowering teams and building capacity through grassroots trainings and organizing efforts. Passionate about youth education, he has operated a free tutoring company focused on increasing literacy and proficiency in BIPOC youth, while also serving on Education and Arts boards. As an experienced project manager and fundraiser, Suleiman has led diverse global initiatives across sectors. A skilled trainer, he has mobilized volunteers in 8 countries for social justice causes and facilitates critical dialogues on diversity, equity and inclusion. Suleiman currently serves as the Deputy Executive Director at CAIR MN, the nation's largest civil rights organization.