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Makani Themba-Nixon is executive director of The Praxis Project, as well as national program director of PATH. Makani was previously director of the Transnational Racial Justice Initiative (TRJI), an international project to build capacity among advocates to more effectively address structural racism and leverage tools and best practices from around the world. Prior to that she directed the GrassRoots Innovative Policy Program (GRIPP), a national project to build capacity among local organizing groups to more effectively engage in media and policy advocacy addressing institutional racism in welfare and public education. Makani has published numerous articles and case studies on race, media, policy advocacy and public health. Her latest book is *Talking the Walk: A Communications Guide to Racial Justice*.

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