

Chimi Boyd-Keyes Bio

Chimi's mission is to help people realize their highest potential by connecting to their Purpose. As a successful entrepreneur and much sought after consultant, speaker, trainer and grant writer, she is passionate about creating programs and initiatives that develop leaders and promote an equitable, inclusive environment. As a seasoned Higher Education professional for 19 years, Chimi has worked extensively on women's and gender issues and topics relating to other marginalized populations. She has directed two university Women's Centers, one at a historically black university (HBCU) and one at a predominantly white university (PWI). She also was at the helm of a volunteerism/social justice organization, and has led a program designed to help at-risk youth pursue higher education.

Chimi was the co-Principal Investigator of the only published study that exists on Sexual Assault at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and has been a consultant and Technical Assistance provider for the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women, the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault, The Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence and the US Army. She also serves on both state-wide Domestic Violence Prevention and Sexual Assault Prevention taskforces in North Carolina. Chimi has also volunteered for direct service crisis agencies since 1998.

She co-founded Helpers and Advocates for Violence Ending Now (HAVEN), an award-winning program which trains faculty, staff, and students to be allies for students who are survivors of sexual and relationship violence and stalking, and Circle of Sisters, an initiative dedicated to women's leadership development. She has successfully applied for and has been awarded over \$2.5 million in grants and sponsorships and works with non-profits and educational institutions to help them meet their financial goals through grant writing. She is proud to have created a bystander intervention training specifically for HBCUs and students of color at all colleges and universities called "BOUT that Life," which is listed as one of NASPA's Culture of Respect's Emerging Prevention programs. Her newest addition is SHElect, a workshop for girls and women of color who wish to pursue elected leadership.

A native of Durham, NC, Chimi is proud to have received both her BA and MA in psychology from UNC-Chapel Hill and North Carolina Central University, respectively.