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Angela Acker is the narrative infrastructure team leader at CHR&R. This team's work includes implementing narrative change across University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute (UWPHI) and externally through Narratives for Health. Alongside many partners and supporters, Narratives for Health is a project co-led by CHR&R and Human Impact Partners working to build a collective of organizations seeking to shift their work toward more inclusive ideas and worldviews that support health and racial justice.

Prior to this role, Acker was a program manager for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize at the UWPHI. With experience across local, state and national settings, Acker builds capacity for and connects communities and organizations to build a world where everyone can thrive.

Residing in Memphis, TN, with her husband and daughter, Acker holds a Master of Public Health from the University of Kentucky, and a bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University with a double major in English (creative writing) and medicine, health and society.



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María Poblet has roots in Buenos Aires, Guadalajara, and East Los Angeles, and learned community organizing in San Francisco's mission district in the 1990s. She was instrumental in building Causa Justa :: Just Cause, aggregating the power of three different neighborhood-based Latino and African American organizing groups into a single, multi-racial powerhouse in the San Francisco Bay Area. As founding executive director of Grassroots Power Project, Poblet led the organization in groundbreaking work building cross-racial solidarity against the displacement of immigrant and Black

communities. Poblet helped build Bay Rising, US Social Forums of 2007 & 2010, Right to the City Alliance, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance, California Working Families Party, and the US chapter of the World March of Women. She is grateful to have been trained by June Jordan, Bill Sorro and Marta Harnecker.