

### **Torie Weiston-Serdan Ph.D.**

Torie Weiston-Serdan is a scholar-activist and practitioner with over eleven years of teaching and youth programming experience. She received her Ph.D. in Education from Claremont Graduate University at the age of 30 and has dedicated her life and career to teaching and mentoring young people in her community. She does extensive work with community-based organizations in support of their youth advocacy efforts, specializing in training mentors to work with diverse youth populations; i.e. Black, Latinx, LGBTQQ, First Generation College Students and Low-Income Youth.

Torie founded the Youth Mentoring Action Network, a non-profit organization in Southern California. The organization has served over 600 youth, helping them get to universities like the University of California at Berkeley, American University, Howard University, Clark Atlanta University, and California State East Bay.

As a scholar, she examines how marginalized and minoritized youth are served by mentoring and youth development programs and is the author of the forthcoming book, *Critical Mentoring: A Practical Guide*, due to be released in January. Passionate about young people and armed with a firm understanding of educational institutions, Dr. Weiston-Serdan is a dedicated youth partner and advocate.