



Mrs. Esquivel leads a passionate career for social justice in various fields such as poverty, racial and ethnic inclusion, public health and domestic violence.

She is a native of Costa Rica, a local of Charlotte for 22 years “*when we had the Eastland Mall and the NFL came to the Carolinas*”. She calls herself a Costarican Southern, she likes grits and fried plantain in the same dish.

Mrs. Esquivel is the Principal of Civic Canvas where she is revolutionizing how we develop programs and practices in the non-profit sector. She has worked for the best non-profits in town, Levine Museum of the New South, Crisis Assistance Ministry and Read Charlotte.

She has served on multiple non-profit boards at both, local and state level. Recently, as a board member of the Charlotte Lesbian Gay Fund and Chair of the UNCC Women+Girls Research Alliance.

Esquivel’s diverse educational background in Education and Counseling from the National University of Costa Rica, a Master’s Degree in Change Management from Pfeiffer University, and an experienced Project Manager offers a multidimensional perspective.

Gina is a storytelling enthusiast; she is studying photography at the New York Institute of Photography. Gina and her wife Kathia love travel, the outdoors and aim to keep living with a new perspective.