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Dr. Kira Banks has been helping individuals and groups understand themselves, others and systems of oppression for more than 25 years. She works across sectors including corporations, Hollywood, Broadway, nonprofits, K-12 schools, colleges and community organizations.

Banks is a professor of psychology at St. Louis University, where she serves as director of clinical training and researches how discrimination affects mental health. She is known for making complex and controversial topics accessible and for helping others better understand intergroup interactions, which she explores in her podcast. She earned her bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College and her master's and doctorate from the University of Michigan.