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Monae Roberts is an East Coast Native from Brooklyn, NY who moved out to California in 2016. She identifies as BlaQ and Deliberate in every way, with a passion for authentic connection, and disrupting respectability politics. Monae attributes most of her foundational understanding of social justice to her time spent working and taking courses at Temple University where she earned her M.A. in African-American Studies. Her goal is to promote critical consciousness amongst students, faculty and staff, in order to dismantle the root of all oppressions. The foundation for all that she does is rooted in the African principle of Ubuntu- I am because we are. She is for the healing and liberation of all people, which she believes must come through the elevation of the most oppressed people. Her socio-political interests include: African Diasporic relations, critical consciousness for liberation, authenticity, intersectionality, identity development, queer issues, advocacy and allyship.