

Meet the NYSSSWA Board: Dr. Krystal Folk-Nagua

New York City Regional Representative



Dr. Krystal Folk-Nagua is a Black feminist and abolitionist social worker passionate about dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline and advocating for and advancing the lives of Black and Brown youth and women. She is the Senior Director of programs at Girls for Gender Equity. Dr. Folk-Nagua has previous experience working as the Director of Social Work at a Charter middle school, as a therapist at an alternative to incarceration program, and as a forensic social worker at a public defender's office. Dr. Folk-Nagua works part-time at Columbia University's School of Social Work Online Campus and NYU Silver

School of Social Work. Her expertise includes transformative justice, restorative justice, anti-racist praxis, DEI, social change advocacy, positive youth development, and social-emotional learning. She also has experience with crisis intervention, community development, policy development, program development and implementation, and leading interdisciplinary teams.