

Alan W. Goff is Junior Associate at LJS. As a trainer and facilitator, Alan channels the power of dialogue to foster understanding, build alliances, and advance social justice. He is grounded in his work by the belief that dialogue allows us to explore the fullness of human experience, and thereby gain clearer understanding of the common values that connect us all.

Alan was born and raised in Los Angeles, of Belizean Kriol heritage. He is the proud son of Alice Goff, a long-time L.A. city civil servant, labor leader, and rights activist. His commitment to justice was sparked by early proximity to his mother's work. He grew up in the union family, engaged in the efforts to organize and advocate for justice in workplace, community, and political spheres.

Alan's work is firmly guided by a spiritual base. He incorporates insights gained from his own spiritual practice, and from his ongoing interfaith dialogue work. He began his formal development as a social justice advocate and dialogue facilitator as an undergraduate student leader on the campus of UC Santa Barbara, where he was engaged in Muslim-Jewish dialogue efforts in a heated post-9/11 climate.

In 2005, Alan's eyes were opened to the interconnection of all oppression when he participated in a Transformational Communication workshop delivered by Nanci Luna Jimenez, and her mentor, Lilian Roybal Rose. Since that time, he has dedicated himself to the work of transformational dialogue to create a world without oppression, for himself and for all people. He has done this work in a variety of education and community settings, primarily university residential education, nonprofit youth and community programs, and K-12 teacher education.

Alan is committed to continual learning and development in this work. He is trained in the highly engaging and inclusive ToP Facilitation methods. He holds an M.Ed. in Social Justice Education from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where he specialized in the theory, design, and facilitation of Intergroup Dialogue. He is currently a PhD student and researcher in Education at UCLA, where his doctoral work is focused on dialogue as a means for intergroup healing and alliance building in schools and communities. He is a 2016-17 Fellow with NewGround L.A., a partnership to strengthen Muslim-Jewish relations and advance a shared agenda for change in Los Angeles.

Alan finds joy in the treasures of world culture, including music, dance, language, and cuisine. He continues to engage this passion as a contributing member of a Los Angeles nonprofit folkloric dance company dedicated to the promotion of cultural knowledge and traditions through the performing arts.

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