Monica Cosby describes herself as a "Gramma trying to do liberatory stuff", subscribing to an abolition feminist mode of thinking, being & moving in the world. Her life and work have been shaped and informed by the communities to which she belongs, including the community of artists, scholars and moms with whom she was incarcerated, and whose survival was/is an act of resistance against a system that would dispose of them. A frequent guest in classrooms at U of Chicago, Northwestern University and more- lecturing on gender based violence and criminalization of survivors, solitary confinement, mental health and the rights of imprisoned peoples. As an advocate and activist, she has collaborated, organized and worked with Westside Justice Center, Moms United Against Violence & Incarceration, Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network among many others on participatory defense freedom campaigns. Monica is a scholar, thinker and writer, having essays published in or reprinted in TruthOut and reprinted in The Long Term (Haymarket Books) Solitary Confinement Is Used To Break People , On Leaving Prison: A Reflection on Entering and Exiting Communities and in the St. Thomas Law Journal (with Annalise Buth) "Restorative Revelations" by Monica Cosby and Annalise Buth.

Monica Cosby is a mother, grandmother, activist, organizer, restorative justice and peace circle keeper, poet, person of the theater, and a lover of books, music, cats, dogs, and the earth. Her life and work have been shaped and informed by the communities she has belonged to, including the community of artists, scholars, and mothers with whom she was incarcerated for twenty years and whose survival was and is an act of resistance against a system that would dispose of them.

https://youtu.be/CKw8tyagfb4 Panel discussion, Past as Prologue Kathy Boudin, Toussaint Losier & Mariame Kaba and me

https://youtu.be/nS79VhxMorQ Prison As Gender Violence Dr. Beth Richie, Rachel Caidor and me

https://youtu.be/Ym7t8hxIdYQ Mental Health, Mental Wellness & the Criminal Justice System, Colette Payne, Deanne Benos, Fred Friedman, Alan Mills and me.
I organized all the logistics of this one, panelists, food, space, all the things $1500 is what I got paid.

https://truthout.org/articles/solitary-confinement-is-used-to-break-people-i-know-because-i-endured-it/?fbclid=
A piece I wrote about solitary confinement for truthout

https://truthout.org/articles/on-leaving-prison-a-reflection-on-entering-and-exiting-communities/
Another piece I wrote for truthout

https://jeanieaustin.com/2020/09/19/monica-cosbys-essay-on-reading-in-prison/ On Reading In Prison

https://ir.stthomas.edu/ustlj/vol17/iss1/6/ Restorative Revelations Annalise Buth and Me

https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.nwsa.org/resource/resmgr/pastprograms/2019_program.pdf
I presented at NWSA for Authors Meet Critics with Erica Meiners, Gina Dent, Dean Spade & Alice Kim, the year prior I presented with Dr. Beth Richie, Alice Kim, Erica Meiner w Deana Lewis moderating. It had a title but I don't remember.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuQR4sdSVP0&feature=youtu.be
Abolition:They Said What They Said
Study and Struggle Critical Conversation #1: Intersectionality

https://fieldfoundation.org/field-foundation-announces-first-leaders-new-chicago-award-recipients/?fbclid=IwAR1JDj95NeRCBX1myBHk9N5JpsnhfBfUBQ3nv48Px72wwS_xJN91Jaargxo
I received an award from the Field Foundation

Soros Fellow 2021/22 Public Announcement coming soon

NCHEP Denver 2021 Plenary: Gina Dent. Alice Kim, Erica Meiner, and Me

Founded Acting OutSide

Can I count my prison stuff? It counts to me.

Acting Out Theatre Troupe 2007 - 2015

Toastmasters: A Woman's Voice 2007 - 2015 (V.P. of Education 2012-2015) i could be wrong on start date
Law Clerk at both Lincoln and Logan Correctional Centers 2009 - 2015

Baker's Apprenticeship Dwight Women's Correctional Center 1998 - 2006

Restaurant Management can't remember exactly