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EDUCATION & HONORS

2008 B.A. Department of Psychology, Seattle Pacific University
 2021 [Hedgebrook Writing Residency](#)
 2023 Vanguard in Adoption Award - [Adoption Knowledge Affiliates](#)
 2024 Puget Sound Business Journal [40 Under 40](#)

WORK & CONSULTING

2021-Present [Adoptee Mentoring Society](#), Founder, Chief Executive Officer
 2012-Present [The Adopted Life](#), Chief Executive Officer
 2023-Present Treehouse Foundation [National Conference Advisor](#) & Host of [INNOVATE!](#)
 2022-Present C.A.S.E Academy [Advisory Board](#)
 Faculty: Beyond the Textbook: Incorporating the Lived Experience
 2019-Present [Permanency & Adoption Certificate Course](#)
 Adjunct Professor, University of Minnesota
 “Transracial Adoption.” Seven-hour training curriculum for Permanency and Adoption Competency Certificate Training Program. Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, University of Minnesota School of Social Work, St. Paul, MN.
 2021- 2022 [Society of Adoptee Professionals of Color in Adoption](#), Steering Committee
 2018 - 2023 The Adoption Files Initiative at [Amara](#), Ethics Committee
 2019 Broadway. *Jagged Little Pill*, New York City, NY
 2017-2021 National Broadcasting Company (NBC), *This is Us*, Los Angeles, CA

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Book & Book Chapters

- “You Should Be Grateful:” Stories of Race, Identity, and Transracial Adoption. Beacon Press 2023.
- [In Her Voice: Angela](#). In J. Hoyt-Oliver, H. Haslam Straughan, & J. E. Schooler (Authors), *Parenting in Transracial Adoption: Real Questions, Real Answers* (pp. 133-140). Praeger.

Journal Articles & Conference Proceedings

- Mentioned in: Branco, S.F., Kim, J., Newton, G., Cooper-Lewter, S.K., and O'Loughlin, P. (2022). [Out of the fog and into consciousness: A model of adoptee awareness](#). Self-published manuscript.
- Bartz, E. N. (2021). An Interview with Angela Tucker. [Adoption & Culture](#), 9.
- Kim, J.R., & Tucker, A. (2020). The Inclusive Family Support Model: Facilitating openness for post-adoptive families. *Child & Family Social Work*, 25, 173-181. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/cfs.12675>
- Kalb, S., & Tucker, A. (2019). [How Adoptees are Shaping Post-Adoption Services](#). Rudd Adoption Research Program Publication Series: *The Future of Adoption*. University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Print/Online

- Living In Adoption's Emotional Aftermath by Larissa MacFarquhar. [The New Yorker](#). 2023
- 'You Should Be Grateful' tackles complex truths of transracial adoption. [The Seattle Times](#). 2023
- [Getting rid of "You should be grateful": Angela Tucker on what adoptee centrism actually looks like](#) by Anne Helen Petersen. Culture Study. 2023
- [Gratitude and Loss](#) by Maria Browning. Humanities Tennessee. 2023
- ["Institutional Racism and the Rights of Black Fathers."](#) The Petrie-Flom Center at Harvard Law School. 2022
- [A Seattle Agency Digs Deep into Unanswered Questions About Past Adoption Practices, and its Obligations to Families](#). The Imprint. 2021
- ["Amy Coney Barrett's Adoption Myths: They're opting our lives and our stories"](#) by Irin Carmen. 2021. NY Mag.
- ["Straddling Two Worlds: Transracial Adoption and the Authenticity of Blackness."](#) The Root. 2019
- Tucker, A. (2018, November 1). ["The Problem with Saying You'll Adopt After You Have Biological Kids."](#) Role Reboot. 2018
- [When White Parents Adopt Black Children](#) by Aisha Harris. [Slate.com](#). 2014
- Overstreet, J. [Adoption, Unscripted](#). Response, Seattle Pacific University. 2013

SELECT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- International Conference on Adoption Research, Porto, Portugal, 2026
- Children's Justice Conference, Spokane, WA, 2026
- Child Welfare League of America, Washington DC, 2026
- Keynote: ATTACH Conference, San Antonio, TX, 2026
- Panelist: Whetstone Winery w/Gretchen Sisson, Napa, CA, 2026
- Panelist: Busboys & Poets w/ Jen Psaki, Washington DC, 2025
- Panelist: Emerson College w/ Marissa Jo Cerrar, Los Angeles, CA, 2025

- Panelist: The McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society at Stanford University w/Larissa McFarquhar, 2025
- Keynote: “The Intersection of Transracial Adoption and Racial (in)Justice.” Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts, Yakima, WA. 2025
- Keynote: “The Intersection of Transracial Adoption and Racial (in)Justice.” Washington State Office of Public Defense, Seattle, WA 2025
- Keynote: “The Intersection of Transracial Adoption and Racial (in)Justice.” New Mexico Children’s Law Institute, 2025
- Guest: [University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma Department of Human Services](#), 2024
- Marist College. Poughkeepsie, New York, 2024
- Gretchen Sisson - Univ. of WA Bookstore (recorded by [C-SPAN](#)), 2024
- Politics & Prose, Washington DC w/ Steve Inskeep and Michele Norris, 2023
- Elliott Bay Books, Seattle WA w/Marcus Harrison Greene, 2023
- Seattle Town Hall, Seattle, WA w/ Catherine Choy and Samira Mehta, 2023
- The New School, Brooklyn, NY w/Rachel Noerdlinger, 2023
- American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, 2023
- American Bar Association - Washington DC, 2023
- UCLA TIES for Families, 2023
- “Transracially Adopted Students: A Forgotten Minority.” People of Color Conference. National Association of Independent Schools, Seattle, WA. 2019
- Panelist. “Q&A with April Dinwoodie, Susan Harris O’Connor.” Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Harlem, NY. 2018
- Keynote. “Beyond Closure” American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, Philadelphia, PA. 2017

Podcasts

Host

- [*The Adoptee Next Door*](#) with Angela Tucker
Angela interviews adoptees from all backgrounds in an effort to shift societal perceptions about adoption. The conversations explore how adoption often reveals something new about racism, religion, immigration, trauma, and the many layers of unconventional families. Co-Produced by [Bryan Tucker](#), an Emmy-award winning filmmaker.
- [INNOVATE](#) - Produced by The Treehouse Foundation
[Seasons 1-5](#)
Angela Tucker sits down with Re-Envisioning Foster Care Champions — visionary leaders using their lived experience expertise to improve life outcomes for our nation’s children and youth in foster care. The conversations range from deeply personal to “what if” theoretical debates, with a focus on honesty and clarity. In the world of bureaucracy-heavy child welfare reform, Innovate! is a refreshing example of real-world stories and insights.

Select Guest Appearances

- [Eartha Kitt's Memoir Alone With Me](#), Glamorous Trash with Chelsea Devantez, 2024
- [An Adoptee's POV On The Childfree Life](#), Dinky, 2025
- [Transracial Adoption](#) Therapy For Black Girls, 2021
- [Angela Tucker: Onward with Rosie O'Donnell](#), 2023
- [Transracial Adoptees Are Tired of TV](#), The Cut, 2021
- [Being Adopted Is Traumatic](#), Slate News, Hear Me Out with Celeste Headlee, 2023
- [KUOW/Soundside](#) Seattle NPR, 2023
- [WNPR/Where We Live](#) Connecticut NPR, 2023

Television

- [KING5/New Day Northwest](#) - live interview aired 4/20/23
- ["Raised by White Parents: A Black Adoptee Speaks."](#) *Red Table Talk*. 2021
- Rushing, Josh. (2020, August 4). *The Stream (IGTV)*, [Al Jazeera](#).
- Cooper, Anderson. (2015, June 18) [What 'Transracial' Means within the Adoption Community](#). *Anderson Cooper 360*. CNN. [Video file, 1:50]

SELECT FILM FESTIVALS/SCREENINGS of CLOSURE

Tucker, Bryan. (2013) *Closure*. (76 min.) Angela Tucker, a transracial adoptee, finds her birth mother, and meets the rest of a family who did not know she existed, including her birth father. A story about identity, the complexities of transracial adoption, and most importantly, finding *closure*. 2021

- University of Colorado; African Diaspora; Dr. Rachel Harding
- Portland State University - Adoptive and Foster Family Therapy Certificate Program
- Clark University Dr. Abbie Goldberg
- St. Olaf College, MN
- Office of the Attorney General, Seattle, WA
- University of Washington, School of Social Work, Seattle, WA
- Seattle Girls School, Seattle, WA
- American Adoption Congress, Boston, MA
- Alexandria Department of Children and Health Services, Arlington, VA
- American University, Washington, D.C.
- Chopin Theatre, Evanston, IL [fundraiser for The Cradle's Ardythe and Gale Sayers Center for African American Adoption]
- Bellevue City Hall, Bellevue, WA
- Mixed Remixed Film & Literary Festival, Los Angeles, CA
- American Adoption Congress Conference, San Francisco, CA
- Swarthmore College, Philadelphia, PA
- Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York City, NY

- Minnesota Transracial Film Festival, Minneapolis, MN
- Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA
- Doctober Festival, Pickford Film Center, Bellingham, WA
- Domestic Adoption Heritage Camp, Denver, CO
- Pickford Film Center, Bellingham, WA
- PACT Camp, Lake Tahoe, CA
- African Caribbean Heritage Camp, Denver, CO
- San Francisco Documentary Film Festival, San Francisco, CA
- Langston Hughes African American Film Festival, Seattle, WA