




*Salima*  
**THOMAS**

STRATEGIST & SPEAKER

**SPEAKER KIT 2020**

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## BIOGRAPHY

Salima Thomas is an award-winning leader, strategist, speaker, and trainer with a passion for systems-thinking and meaningfully engaging communities. She grew up in the Triangle area with roots in the "Big Apple" of New York. Salima has spent over fifteen years of her professional career serving the public sector including nonprofits, government, and faith-based organizations.

Salima exemplifies her passion and commitment to organizational capacity building that leaves a positive impact on people and communities. She is a diligent advocate for equity and inclusion. She uses her platform to champion causes that excite her including leadership development, health & wellness, and the performing arts and culture.

Salima has served on boards and committees throughout the state and nationally. She has been recognized with awards such as the Triangle Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Leadership Award and the Association Executives of North Carolina's Rising Star. A proud Spartan and Forty-Niner, Salima received her bachelor's in music education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and master's in public administration with dual concentrations in arts administration and nonprofit management from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

In her free time, she enjoys the arts, traveling to new places, reading, and spending quality time with family and friends.



## PRIOR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **Association Executives of North Carolina (AENC)  
Winter Conference**
- **The University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
MPA Alumni-Student Conference**
- **Radio One Women's Empowerment Seminar**
- **Create Good Conference**
- **Statewide Conference for North Carolina's  
Nonprofit Sector**
- **North Carolina Association of Volunteer  
Administration State Conference on  
Volunteerism**



## SPEAKING TOPICS

Salima is a passionate and savvy speaker with a keen ability to engage diverse audiences. She provides intentional speeches, seminars and workshops on a range of topics ranging from leadership development to the arts to health & wellness. Salima is fully committed to positively impacting individuals and organizations wherever she goes.

**Popular topics include but are not limited to:**

✓ **Leadership**

- Unlocking your leadership potential
- Shifting your perspective on navigating change

✓ **The Arts**

- Infusing creativity in the workplace
- How arts organizations can offer culturally responsive programming

✓ **Health & Wellness**

- Overcoming “perfectionist paralysis”
- Prioritizing wellness in the workplace
- Leveraging hopefulness to overcome your fears





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