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Nanci Luna Jiménez is regionally, nationally, and internationally recognized for her highly effective and insightful trainings, inclusive facilitation, and dynamic speaking for groups of diverse ages, industries, and cultural backgrounds. In 1994, she founded the [Luna Jiménez Institute for Social Transformation](#) (then known as Luna Jiménez Seminars & Associates) to deliver unique programs that guide individual healing and transformation, cultivate initiative and leadership in social change, and create more just and equitable workplaces and communities.

A [Certified Professional Facilitator®](#) since 2006, Nanci facilitates individuals and groups in understanding how systemic oppression affects their lives, their work, and their relationships with others, then supports them to envision and make revolutionary changes through personal healing, cross-cultural communication, group consensus, organizational inclusion, and short- and long-term strategic planning.

Nanci's unique approach to diversity, inclusion, and social justice continues the legacy of work first started by [Dr. Erica "Ricky" Sherover Marcuse](#), who coined the term "unlearning racism," and then carried on by recognized cross-cultural communication specialist [Lillian Roybal Rose](#), M.Ed. Their approaches encourage participants to recognize the value of their own heritage and to foster common understanding with others as a means of building alliances and working for social justice, and Nanci uniquely combines this training along with methodologies developed by the [Institute for Cultural Affairs](#) (ICA), an international organization that trains people to lead participatory processes for more sustained organizational and social change.

Of Puerto Rican and Chicana heritage, Nanci was born in Detroit, Michigan, and was raised there and in Tucson, Arizona. She currently lives in Portland, Oregon.