**Short Biography- Ericka Huggins**

Ericka Huggins is an educator, leading Black Panther Party member, former political prisoner, human rights advocate, and poet.

For over 50 years, Ericka has used her voice and life experience to serve her community, including the creation of The Oakland Community School, free clinic programs, and innovative mindfulness programs implemented in schools and prisons.

Ericka was professor of Sociology and African American Studies from 2008 through 2015 in the Peralta Community College District. From 2003 to 2011 she was professor of Women and Gender Studies at California State Universities, East Bay and San Francisco.

Ericka is a Racial Equity workshop and Learning Lab facilitator for WORLD TRUST Educational Services. She curates conversations focused on the individual and collective work of becoming equitable in our daily lives, as well as the workplace.Additionally, she facilitates workshops on the benefit of spiritual practice in creating social change.