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YWCA Southeast Wisconsin Announces *One Mission* Awardees
Kelly Scroggins-Powell and Tammie Xiong to be Honored at December 9th Event at Discovery World

Milwaukee, WI, December 3, 2021 – On December 9th YWCA Southeast Wisconsin will present its One Mission awards to Kelly Scroggins-Powell, Executive Director of Racine Women for Racial Justice, Inc., and Tammie Xiong, Executive Director, Hmong American Women's Association. The awards will be presented during YWCA SEW's 17th annual An Evening to Promote Racial Justice, December 9th at Discovery World with COVID respectful protocols in place.

The One Mission award embodies YWCA SEW's bold, intersectional mission of eliminating racism and empowering women. Consistent with this year's theme connecting art and racial justice, each awardee will receive a representational artwork created by local artist, [Kelsey Marie Harris](#).

Kelly Scroggins-Powell is established leader in the nonprofit sector with more 30 years of experience, empowering teams to achieve their greatest capacity through collective leadership, strategic planning, and mission aligned actions. She works extensively with individuals and families from diverse socio-economic backgrounds across the nation and is a staunch proponent for justice. Well known for her activism and advocacy for women and BIPOC, in 2020, Kelly co-founded Racine Women for Racial Justice. The organization is committed to encouraging women to raise their voices and use their collective power to bring racial healing and transformative change to Racine through collective leadership opportunities, civic engagement, and anti-racist initiatives with an emphasis on building strong relationships with allies, stakeholders, and community partners.

Tammie Xiong currently serves as Executive Director for the Hmong American Women's Association, a Milwaukee-based, grassroots social justice organization led by Southeast Asian Women and Queer Fem women dedicated to ending gender-based violence against Southeast Asian Women, Girls, Queer and Trans folks. Her intersectional work around gender and race has led to securing resources and advocacy services for Southeast Asian survivors of violence, as well as community organizing to build political and economic power for Black and Brown communities in Milwaukee. Tammie has dedicated nearly 15 years to providing gender justice advocacy and leadership development for Southeast Asian women and girls in Milwaukee and has organized national and international movements to end violence against Hmong Women, Girls, Queer and Trans folks through the Building our Future global campaign. She is also co-founder of the Wisconsin Hmong Women's Giving Circle, a philanthropic project to raise funds to support Hmong women-led social change projects in Wisconsin, and is co-founder and board member of the Black and Brown Womyn Power Coalition.

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YWCA IS ON A MISSION

Now in its 17th year, this year's event features Dr. Sarah Lewis, a renowned art historian with dual appointments at Harvard University in the Departments of Art and Architecture and African and African American Studies. Her expertise focuses on the intersection of African American and Black Atlantic visual representation, racial justice and representational democracy in the United States. By examining how the arts have shaped the evolution of social justice narratives and discourse, Dr. Lewis will join YWCA SEW as it focuses on how to build a more just community – together.

In announcing the award recipients, Chief Racial Justice Officer Martha Barry noted, "YWCA Southeast Wisconsin has worked at the intersection of race and gender for over 100 years. Our community will thrive with the commitment of people like Kelly and Tammie whose work embodies our One Mission award. They are inspirational women leading the work addressing racial and gender inequities. We value their commitment and dedication to justice."

For more information and event tickets visit <https://www.ywcasew.org/blog/event/an-evening-to-promote-racial-justice/>

[About YWCA Southeast Wisconsin](#)

As part of a national network of 200+ affiliates with a bold mission to eliminate racism and empower women, YWCA SEW's work serves 10,000+ individuals annually, equipping and challenging our community to commit itself to peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Through its distinctive lens focused on economic social determinants of health, YWCA SEW offers an array of interconnected empowerment services for women and their families and community-focused racial justice/gender equity programming. YWCA SEW's vision for the region: a thriving, inclusive, and just Southeast Wisconsin defined by racial and gender equity as the foundation for healthy communities. Visit www.ywcasew.org

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