

Poverty & Opportunity Training Forum:

Compassion in Action

Keynote Address



Ferene Paris

Founder & Artist

All Hearts Inspirations

Ferene Paris (she/her) is a storyteller and Black Haitian femme artist who creates heart-centered spaces through live performances, workshops, and community engagement. Known for living out loud with courageous truth-telling and vulnerable vibes, her work inspires stories rooted in love and purpose – inviting people to see themselves, one another, and their stories more clearly.

In 2020, she founded **All Heart Inspirations**, her creative vessel for storytelling that builds belonging and sparks collective care. Since then, Ferene has curated over 200 offerings—from intimate community gatherings to keynote addresses and artist residencies—making meaningful impact within Vermont and beyond.

Her artistry has been featured on **Vermont Public** (Brave Little State, Homegoings, Vermont Edition) and **Seven Days' Stuck in Vermont**, with her *Homegoings* feature earning a **New England Emmy nomination**. Prior to All Heart, Ferene spent 15 years in Student Affairs, shaping orientation and residential experiences centered on student voice and belonging.