

Vivian D. Nixon, Writer in Residence, The Square One Project

Reverend Vivian D. Nixon is Writer in Residence at The Square One Project. Vivian comes to the Square One Project after 20 years as the Executive Director of College & Community Fellowship (CCF), a nonprofit dedicated to helping women with criminal convictions earn college degrees.

As a formerly incarcerated woman and CCF program graduate, Vivian has been a leader in the movement to ensure that justice-involved women and their families have a better future. Vivian writes across genres to advance ideas about social justice and personal well-being, and has published essays, poems, opinions, and critiques in various media outlets.

Vivian earned her undergraduate degree post-incarceration while under community supervision. Later she earned an MFA from Columbia School of the Arts, received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Bard College, and was ordained a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.