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Bio

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Dr. Ayodele Thomas (she/her) brings over two decades of transformative leadership to her role as Managing Director of the Center for Just Environmental Futures in the Doerr School of Sustainability. Throughout her career at Stanford University, she has championed organizational transformation and operational excellence through an equity and inclusion lens across four academic schools and multiple university units.

Dr. Thomas most recently served as Associate Vice Provost for IDEAL Advancement and as Associate Vice President for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging in University Human Resources, where she led equity and inclusion efforts for staff across the university. Earlier, she served as Associate Dean for Graduate & Career Education and Diversity in the School of Medicine, and spent 12 years in the School of Humanities & Sciences leading student data, technology, and inclusion initiatives. For 21 years, she has also taught a self-designed course for first-year doctoral students that addresses the academic, psychosocial, financial, and career realities of graduate education.

Beyond Stanford, Dr. Thomas served for 11 years as Executive Director of Greene Scholars, a STEM enrichment program for Black Bay Area youth that achieved exceptional outcomes.

Dr. Thomas earned a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and became the first Black woman to earn a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University.

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Graduate Environment of Support: BIOS 301 (Aut)

2025-26

- Graduate Environment of Support: BIOS 301 (Aut)

2024-25

- Graduate Environment of Support: BIOS 301 (Aut)

2023-24

- Graduate Environment of Support: BIOS 301 (Aut)