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Cormekki Whitley is Chief Operating Officer at CLASP. She leads all aspects of CLASP's internal management and operations. She also provides leadership on the organization's racial equity agenda and represents CLASP to other organizations seeking to improve their commitment to racial equity. Prior to joining CLASP, Ms. Whitley served as the Chief Operating Officer for a labor federation where she developed, executed and provided leadership for all of the organization's financial, operational and human systems matters. Her prior experience includes financial and donor management for a large community foundation and experience in the financial services industry. She holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from North Carolina State University and advanced degrees from Meredith College and Northcentral University. She has a passion for understanding the mortgage markets and fair lending. Her published dissertation addressed the North Carolina predatory lending law and the availability of credit.