

Facilitator Bios



Rebecca Johnson joined Braver Angels in 2019, co-founded the Greater Cincinnati Alliance, and served as a co-chair of the Alliance for three years. In early 2023, she became a trained Braver Angels moderator and has conducted several workshops over the last year, primarily with high school and university students and faith organizations. Rebecca is currently a Public History professor and consultant at Xavier University. Before that, she was an instructor in the Graduate Program in Public History at

Northern Kentucky University.



Kelly Zimmerman joined Braver Angels as a member and accepted the role of Community Organizer as part of a grant to focus on the Greater Cincinnati area in 2021. Since then, the scope has expanded to include all of Ohio, with a focus on building relationships and partnerships with local organizations that support bringing Americans together for civil discourse to bridge divides. Before joining Braver Angels, Kelly spent

17 years working in product management in the market research industry.



Brandon Black is a native of Cincinnati and the chief illustration officer of Drawnversation—a facilitation business specializing in real-time visual notation for group discussions, processes and presentations. He thrives on assisting people as they engage in storytelling, goal setting, innovation and strategic planning. While he enjoys employing his talents for corporations and non-profits, he especially has a heart for serving individuals and families seeking to cast vision and cement legacies. You can follow Brandon on Instagram @drawnversation or

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