Mike Young moved to South Carolina from California in 2011 to study cultural anthropology at UofSC and did research with remote indigenous communities in the jungles of Guatemala. He got his masters in 2013 and after achieving ABD status in his doctorate program he decided to leave academia. Mike wasn’t interested in only studying community, how people connect, share, support, and understand one another. The PASOs organization put these principles into action and lifted their neighbors. As the Co-Interim Executive Director Mike ensures that PASOs grows and continues to do incredible work. Mike is part of the Diversity Leaders Initiative at the Riley Institute, a member of several equity and inclusion coalitions, and regularly gets invited by state, regional, national, and local governmental and nongovernmental entities to speak about diversity, equity, inclusion, implicit bias, anti-racism, and other social issues. Other interesting bits of info about Mike- his mom is from El Salvador, he lived in Puerto Rico, he is a poet, and the singer of a rock band.