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Kara Brewer Boyd (Lumbee): President of the Association of American Indian Farmers which provides advocacy and technical assistance to American Indian farmers and ranchers. Kara is an Air Force Veteran who serves as an advisor for the Native Organizers Alliance and co-founder Indigenous Cultural Ways. She was appointed to a Legislative Committee to address Indian Children Welfare laws and concerns of American Indian families. She also has served as Executive Director, Metrolina Native American Association, Member of the North Carolina Indian Child Welfare Standing Committee, Board Member of the United Tribes of North Carolina. She is married to civil rights activist John Boyd, Jr, President of the National Black Farmers Association (NBFA). The Boyds have spent over 30 years advocating for civil rights and social justice while trying to retain and increase land ownership for minority farmers. Kara serves as the NBFA Event and Program Coordinator. The NBFA has been successful in entering into Memorandums of Understanding with the US Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture and Environmental Protection Agency. While the Boyds were featured in the docuseries the *American Farm* on the History Channel, Kara was featured in a docuseries *Women We Love: Unexpected Beauty* by Paola Mendoza for Estee Lauder on her farm. In 2019, the Boyds purchased an additional 1,000 acre farm with 5 documented Indian Village sites on the Roanoke River in Virginia (ancestral homeland of the Saponi Tribe). Kara created Saponi Ventures, LLC and secured a VA Hemp Growers License. Her 1st hemp crop was grown using regenerative agriculture practices. Kara joined the Board of Directors for Kiss The Ground in 2020.