

CONGRATULATIONS

2015-2016

ABFE Connecting Leaders Fellowship Class

Investing in Your Philanthropic Leadership



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The Philadelphia Foundation



Dr. Tionna Jenkins

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Bill, Hillary and Chelsea
Clinton Foundation



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A Philanthropic Partnership for Black Communities

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The Connecting Leaders Fellowship Program (CLFP) is a year-long, comprehensive leadership and professional development experience. ABFE launched CLFP in 2005 to improve retention and career advancement for Black professionals in the field of philanthropy. Each cohort of Fellows takes part in leadership and personality assessments, receives 10 hours of individual executive coaching, and participates in monthly conference calls with their cohort. Fellows also conduct a personalized project of their choosing.

The 11 members of the class of 2015-2016 will begin their experience with a week-long Leadership Summit in Minneapolis, MN, October 26th - 30th. During their time in the Twin Cities area, Fellows will gain insight about the region's Black communities and connect with local CLFP alumni, philanthropic, business, and community leaders. They will also gain greater insight about ABFE's work and commitment to promoting effective and responsive philanthropy in Black communities.



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ALLISON R. BROWN



RACIAL JUSTICE

Allison R. Brown is the Program Officer for the Racial Justice portfolio at the Open Society Foundations. She is a civil rights attorney by training and, prior to joining the Open Society Foundations, founded Allison Brown Consulting (ABC) to work with schools, school districts, communities, and others to craft education equity plans and promote equity in education in compliance with federal civil rights law. She also is the creator and host of the podcast, Know-It-All: The ABCs of Education.

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DR. BRANDON HAYNES

**COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**



Dr. Brandon Haynes joined Deaconess Foundation as the Director of Community Engagement in January 2014. As the Director, he stewards the community engagement strategy for the foundation, managing its activities in grantmaking and systems-level collaboration. Prior to moving to the Saint Louis region, Dr. Haynes, a New Orleans native, obtained his Ph.D. in urban studies at the University of New Orleans. His doctoral research focused on the roles collective identity and football played in New Orleans' return from Hurricane Katrina. He has Master's degrees in both public and business administration from the University of Missouri and Kennesaw State University, respectively, and a Bachelor's degree in mass communications from Louisiana State University. Brandon has also served as a performance auditor for the cities of Kansas City, Missouri, and Atlanta, Georgia.



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DARYLE W. UNSELD JR.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Daryle W. Unseld Jr. serves as Senior Manager of Community Engagement for Metro United Way. He is charged with leading the development and execution of strategies that help guide the strategic development of partnerships that support Metro United Way's mission through engagement in giving, advocating, and volunteering. Prior to his service at Metro United Way, the 11 year U.S. Air Force veteran held positions in Louisville Metro Government, and at the YMCA of Greater Louisville. Daryle earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Sport Administration from the University of Louisville, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from Saint Leo University.

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FRANK GETTRIDGE



EDUCATION

Frank Gettridge is a program officer at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan. As part of the Education & Learning team, he identifies and nurtures opportunities for positive systemic change within communities and executes programming efforts aligned with the foundation's organizational direction. Prior to joining the Foundation Frank was a Chicago Public Schools administrator, most recently principal of Clara Barton Elementary School, serving students from PreK through 8th grade. Earlier, he was assistant principal of the Robert Lindblom Math and Science Academy High School and principal intern at William W. Carter Elementary, both in Chicago. Other professional experience in Chicago included fiscal management and oversight of the Community Partnership Preschool for All Program; coordinating staff development for the Office of Specialized Services of the Chicago Public Schools; serving on the local affiliate board of the National Black Child Development Institute-Chicago; and serving as early childhood director for Jane Addams Hull House and Bright Horizons.



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GABRIEL FOSTER



**LGBTQ
COMMUNITIES**

Gabriel Foster is a black, queer, trans, momma's boy based in Brooklyn, New York. He is the director of The Trans Justice Funding Project, a community-led funding initiative supporting grassroots; trans justice groups run by and for trans people. Gabriel has a long history of working with LGBTQ communities in Seattle, WA, Oakland, CA, Philadelphia, PA, Atlanta, GA and New York. He has worked for the American Friends Service Committee, Northwest Network for Survivors of Abuse, The Leeway Foundation, The Bread and Roses Fund, SPARK Reproductive Justice Now and the Sylvia Rivera Law Project. Gabriel has also recently joined the board of directors of Funders for LGBT Issues.

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JERRY ROBERTS



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Jerry Roberts is Program Officer for Workforce Development at Bader Philanthropies, where he leads the Foundation's efforts to link and support partners that spur opportunity, employment, and economic growth throughout Milwaukee. Roberts works with Foundation board and staff on developing strategies to address workforce needs at both the systemic and neighborhood levels. He works to link nonprofit partners, government entities, the private sector, as well as other donors, to help improve the overall effectiveness in serving community members who have the highest barriers to family-sustaining employment. With an emphasis on the city's most economically challenged communities, the Foundation has given more than \$25 million in related grants since 1997 to further its mission to improve the quality of life for all Milwaukee families.



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JOANNE KORANDU



CHILD WELFARE

Joanne Korandu is a Research Associate at the Child Welfare Strategy Group at the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Her work currently focuses on designing and implementing an assortment of qualitative assessment tools used in state and county child welfare agencies. Prior to this position, Ms. Korandu spent five years working with the Evidence-Based Practice Group, where she helped frame the group's grant-making strategy and contributed to the development of the Evidence2Success framework, designed to guide public investment in the selection and implementation of proven programs, to improve the short-and long-term outcomes for children. Joanne also played a significant role in the development of a network fellowship program, designed to engage practitioners and researchers of color in the building of culturally competent evidence-based programs.

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KIESHA DAVIS, MSW



HEALTH ACCESS

Kiesha Davis, MSW completed her graduate studies in social work at Washington University in St. Louis. Prior to joining the St. Louis Children's Service Fund, she worked with local funders designing programs to help support their grantmaking capacity. She also has experience managing short and long term grantee investment relationships, building collaborations and leveraging resources as well as working on process development and data analysis for nonprofits. Since joining the Fund in 2010, she has worked on various strategic initiatives to increase behavioral health access to children and youth in St. Louis County particularly within school-based and early childhood settings. She's coordinated immediate response efforts of CSF's funded agencies in the wake of the unrest in Ferguson last fall, coordinated increased early childhood service provision for the Spanish Lake and Normandy communities.



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KIM BAILEY



**YOUTH
INVESTMENT**

Kim Bailey has held leadership roles in both government and the nonprofit sector for over 20 years, and is known for her ability to identify strategic alliances, develop community partnerships, raise funds, and drive innovation. Currently, Kim is the Executive Director for the Foundation for Youth Investment, an organization committed to connecting underrepresented youth with nature. Based in Oakland, CA, the Foundation has granted over \$11.5 million in funding connecting more than 300,000 youth to meaningful experiences in the outdoors. Prior to relocating to the Bay Area, Kim was based in Colorado and served as a member of the leadership team at Outward Bound Inc., the nation's foremost nonprofit delivering active-learning expeditions.

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PHILIP FITZGERALD



STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS FOR YOUTH

Philip M. Fitzgerald Jr. is a program officer at The Philadelphia Foundation. His responsibilities include overseeing the Fund for Children Strategic Investment in Youth portfolio, evaluating general operating support and organizational effectiveness grant requests, and developing capacity-building opportunities for the Foundation's grantees. Before working at the Foundation, Phil was the Community Engagement Manager for VILLA, directing corporate giving and community outreach. While at Nonprofit Finance Fund, he managed grantmaking, consulting, and financial services for a private-public initiative to improve the quality of early childhood education in Southeastern Pennsylvania.



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DR. TIONNA JENKINS



HEALTH MATTERS

Dr. Tionna Jenkins is the Regional Director for the Clinton Health Matters Initiative (CHMI), one of the initiatives at the Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton Foundation. She is responsible for leading collaborative efforts that have resulted in more than \$40 million in prevention investments benefiting Arkansans. Additionally, she has worked alongside her fellow colleagues in launching five CHMI sites in the United States. By convening national, state, and local results-based strategic partnerships among diverse sectors of business, NGO's, healthcare, non-profit, government and community leaders, CHMI, under Dr. Jenkin's leadership, has developed and continues to implement a blueprint for action focused on healthcare needs, reducing healthcare costs, and improving health and wellness indicators in targeted communities.

