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CONNECTING LEADERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Todd A. Battiste

Todd A. Battiste is the Vice President for Education with United Way of Southeast Louisiana. As the VP for Education, Todd coordinates and manages staff and programs that contribute to the United Way's vision... "equitable communities where all individuals are healthy, educated and economically stable." In addition, Todd provides leadership and support to United Way Community Impact Initiatives—Success By 6, a multi-sector collaborative that is research-based, data driven and outcome oriented; and School to Career—a collaboration with individual organizations to help children reach their potential and prepare the future workforce through schools. Todd also serves as a thought partner on various committees around youth development, grade level reading and career technical education.



Landrum Beard

Landrum Beard is the Director of the Communities of Giving Legacy Initiative (CGLI), a fund of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, New York. The CGLI recognizes the importance of endowment building as a sustainable means of inspiring philanthropy for and within communities of color. Landrum's role at the Community Foundation focuses on improving life outcomes for youth of color and increasing philanthropies of color in the region. Prior to the Community Foundation, Landrum worked at the United Way of Buffalo & Erie County as a Leadership Executive and Assistant Director of Alumni Relations at SUNY Buffalo State.



C'Ardiss "CC" Gardner Gleser

C'Ardiss "CC" Gardner Gleser currently works at the Satterberg Foundation as a Program Officer. Prior to working in the nonprofit sector, C'Ardiss spent many years working in software as an engineer and project manager for GE Healthcare (formerly PHAMIS, Inc.). She is very involved in her community, both locally and nationally. She currently serves on the boards of the Charlotte Martin Foundation, Philanthropy Northwest and The Bush School. She is also very involved in the Yale community where she recently completed a three-year term with the Board of Governors and is the Immediate Past President of the Yale Black Alumni Association.



Storme Gray

Storme Gray currently serves as Director of Programs for Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy (EPIP). Prior to joining EPIP, Storme served as Program Officer for the Young Women's Initiative at the Washington Area Women's Foundation, where she developed the foundation's newest initiative to improve the educational, economic and life outcomes for cis and trans young women and girls of color. Working in partnership with local policymakers, community-based organizations, youth advocates, and other key stakeholders, Storme led the development of an action plan to eliminate systemic and institutional barriers to success for young women and girls through the alignment of resources, creation of better public policies, and the increase resources. A strong believer in the motto "nothing about me, without me," Storme also developed a Young Women's Advisory Council fellowship which provides local young women the opportunity work within the Young Women's Initiative, co-creating solutions while developing their leadership and advocacy skills.



Orville Jackson

Orville Jackson joined the College Futures Foundation in 2015 as the senior policy and research officer. In his role, Orville uses research and data analysis to inform the Foundation's strategy, and communicates the insights emerging from the Foundation's work.

Previously, Orville was a senior research analyst at the Education Trust—West, where he conducted research and advocated for policies to increase educational achievement and close opportunity gaps affecting students of color and students in poverty in California schools. In previous roles he has consulted on strategic planning and analytics projects for global foundations and nonprofit organizations, conducted research on nonprofit measurement and evaluation, and developed systems to support data-driven instruction in K-12 schools.



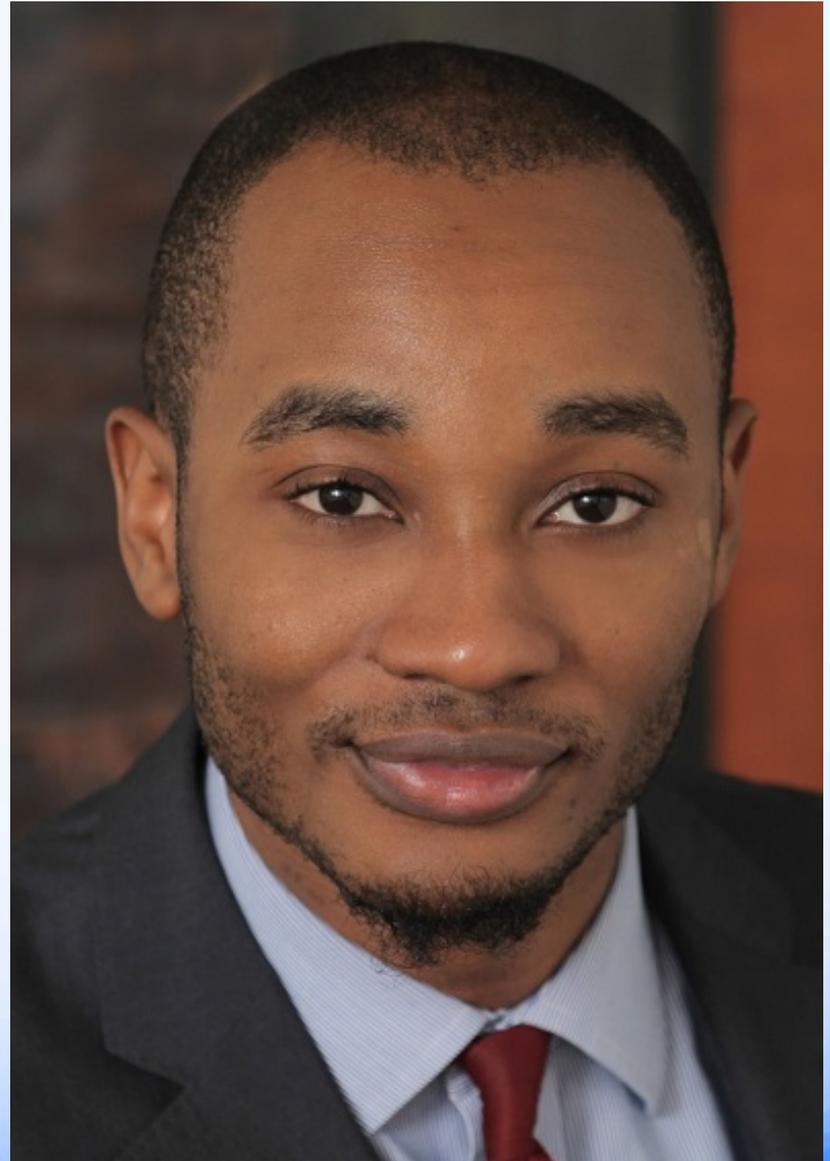
Keisha A. Leverette

Keisha A. Leverette is the Director of Development and Donor Services at the Baltimore Community Foundation where she oversees the foundation's cultivation, engagement, and stewardship of donors and fund holders, annual fundraising goals, its work with private foundation, corporations, individual donors and their families. Previously, Keisha was BCF's Campaign Director. In that role, she was responsible for the overall organization and management of a \$100 million endowment campaign.



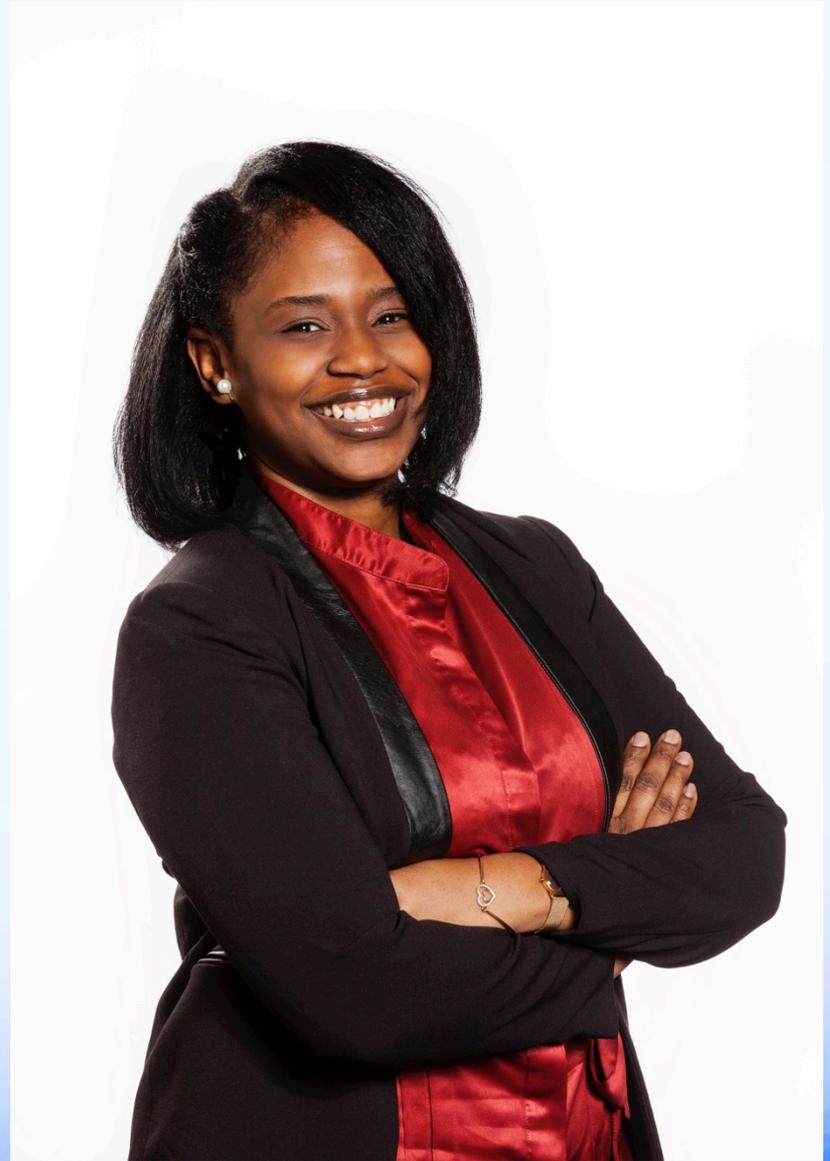
Chukwudi Onike

Chukwudi Onike is a Program Associate for Strategic Insights at the Rockefeller Foundation where he manages early-stage explorations into potential large-scale opportunities for impact. Prior to working for the Foundation, Mr. Onike was previously a research consultant for the Public Sector and Governance Practice at the World Bank. During graduate school, he worked as a Program Assistant for the Black Male Empowerment Cooperative at LaGuardia Community College in New York City, a retention program designed to increase matriculation, retention and graduation rates of underrepresented students, particularly men of color.



Rashanda Perryman-Stiff

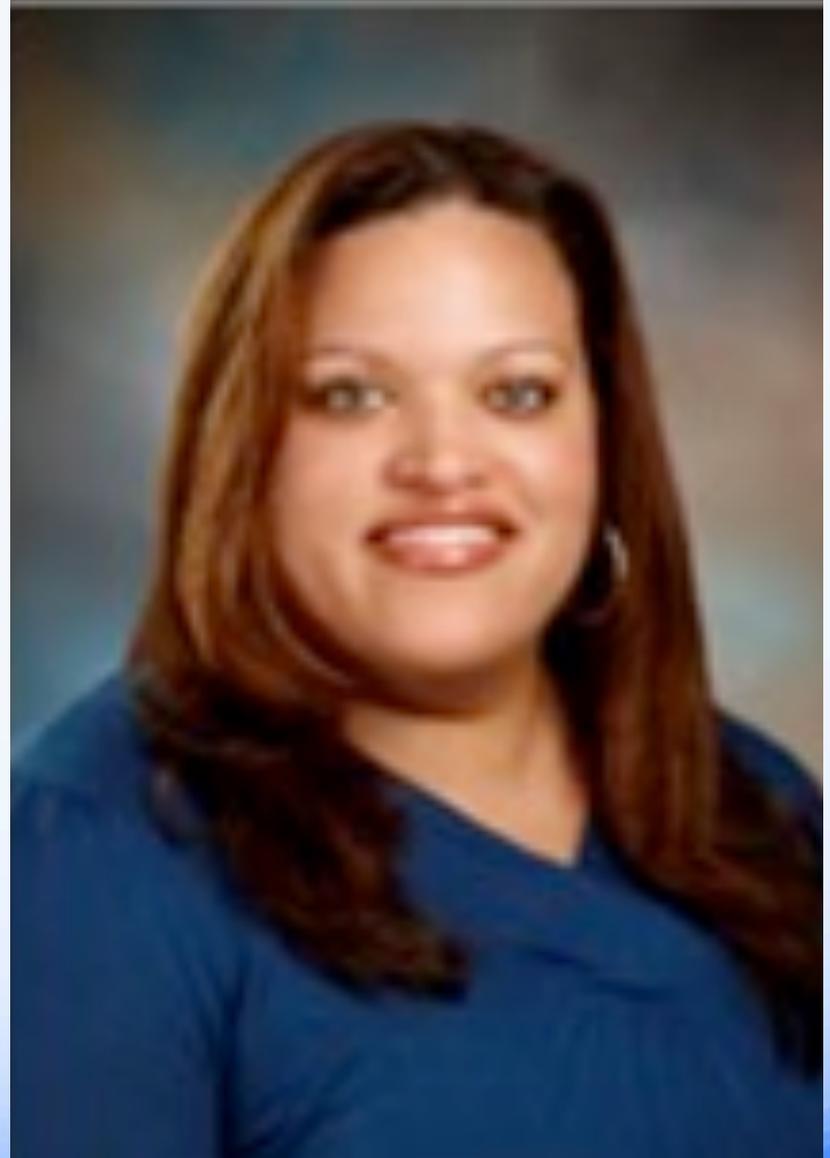
Rashanda Perryman-Stiff is a Program Officer at Vanguard in the Corporate Philanthropy Division. She was former Program Officer at the William Penn Foundation in Philadelphia, PA. Rashanda has spent 20 years in early learning and has worked her way through the field starting as a preschool teacher in a community based child care center and a caseworker in child care subsidy management. For the last decade she has worked in early childhood public policy at both the Ounce of Prevention Fund in Chicago, IL and the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, DC.



Christy Wallace Slater

Christy Wallace Slater is a Program Officer for the New Orleans team with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan. In this role, she helps develop programming priorities; reviews and recommends proposals for funding; manages and monitors a portfolio of active grants; and designs and implements national grant initiatives, place-based work and multi-year projects that affect systematic change and program strategy in New Orleans.

Prior to joining the foundation, Slater served as the director of economic opportunity at the Foundation for Louisiana, where she supported the development and growth of the foundation's program-related investment fund and managed the foundation's grant portfolios, focusing on economic opportunity and neighborhood organizing and planning.



Janelle Williams

Janelle Williams serves as the Senior Associate for Family Economic Success and Research with The Annie E. Casey Foundation. Williams is based in the Atlanta Civic Site (ACS) unit, which works to deploy a place based strategy to support neighborhoods deeply impacted by a high concentration of poverty. Williams manages grants that advance results for the Family Economic Success strategy to ensure residents are employed and on a pathway to family-supporting careers, accessing work supports and building assets and wealth. Her work also supports an influence agenda that create system changes to help connect low income families to the economic mainstream. Williams also advances the units Race, Equity and Inclusion strategy, she was co-author for “Changing the Odds: The Race for Results in Atlanta.”

