



ReunityTM

The Pan-African Women's Philanthropy Summit

A Global Black Philanthropy Month Women's
Celebration Produced by The WISE Fund

August 29, 2020

A Virtual Black Philanthropy Month
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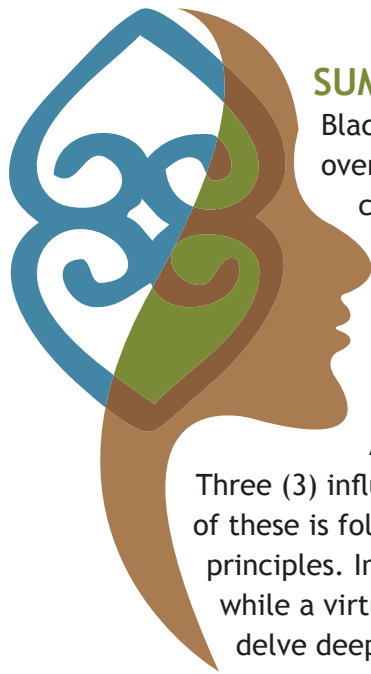
BACKGROUND

August 2020 begins the 9th year of Black Philanthropy Month (BPM), founded by Jackie Bouvier Copeland as a global celebration, revival and mobilization of Black giving in all its forms to advance Black communities everywhere. Now co-organized with Valaida Fullwood of The Soul of Philanthropy and Tracey Webb of Black Benefactors, as well as African and global Diaspora leaders from the Pan-African Women's Philanthropy Network (PAWPNet), Black Philanthropy Month has become a global movement. Black Philanthropy Month has become a national movement. The United Nations and over 30 governmental bodies have declared *every August* Black Philanthropy Month. Combining sophisticated social media with in-person and virtual events organized by changemakers in cities all over the world, to date 17 million people have celebrated BPM. Today, BPM is more important than ever, as the twin pandemics of Covid-19 and anti-Black racism have decimated communities everywhere. This global celebration and social action initiative promotes a culture of giving and mutual support year-round to buoy the spirits and capacity of stressed Black communities to recover and rebuild.

Black people worldwide give billions in philanthropy, and there is a growing social impact investing and venture funding movement, too. Despite our longstanding and determined leadership to help ourselves, it is well documented that our Black-led nonprofits and businesses have been chronically underfunded by the private sector. Equitable funding is a racial justice issue. A monumental funding investment will be required for Black communities to rebuild post-Covid. In response, BPM organizers are convening a series of three virtual events over four dates during August 2020. These convenings and every discussion are designed to mobilize Black philanthropists, social and angel investors, venture capitalists as well as non-Black allies, along with leaders of nonprofits, businesses, communities and movements to create a set of shared funding guidelines for effective Black community rebuilding. The WISE Fund will coordinate follow-up implementation of BPM Summit recommendations and action steps in collaboration with partners and attendees over the next year.

PLATFORM

The Summit uses a high-tech, interactive platform that simulates a global Black conference location to provide an Afro-futuristic sense of place that stirs an immersive visceral experience and healing. The platform and design elements are crucial for Black people experiencing social isolation, severe illness, death, financial distress, heightened anxiety and anti-Black hostilities during the Covid era.



SUMMIT SERIES

Black Giving and Beyond is a global, virtual convening with three distinct events over four dates (August 1st, 4th, 5th and 29th). Each event is designed to cultivate community and identify actionable principles for equitable, impactful funding of Black communities ravaged by racism and Covid. Live events based on US and African time zones, along with recordings accessible after each live event, allow the entire world and Black Diaspora to participate.

Day 1: Global BPM Kickoff, August 1st, 2020 (12:00 PM - 8:00 PM EDT/9:00 AM - 5:00 PM PDT)

Three (3) influential leaders deliver keynotes with respondent panel discussions. Each of these is followed by audience engagement and polling to develop new Black funding principles. Intermittent cultural performances will lift spirits and stimulate new thinking, while a virtual expo hall, breakouts and a networking lounge will allow participants to delve deeper into the issues and create new connections.

Days 2 and 3: Black Philanthropy Month - Africa, August 4th and 5th, 2020 (2 PM - 6 PM WAT)

Led by the continent's most prominent funders, a keynote and respondent panel will spotlight strategies that are working to address Covid and leapfrog Africa's development. Cultural performances, the virtual expo and networking halls will enhance the Summit's community building impact. Polling during panel discussions will enable attendees of all backgrounds to create Africa's version of The New Black Funding Principles that are the anticipated Summit outcome.

Day 4: Reunity™: The Pan-African Women's Philanthropy Network Summit, August 29th, 2020 (11 AM - 10:30 PM EDT/8 AM - 7:30 PM PDT)

Created by The WISE Fund, Reunity™ is a global rally and revival of Black women funders and innovators from philanthropy, social impact investing and venture capital designed to build diverse Black women's networks, learning, energy and spirits as they lead the social justice movement while working and caring for families, especially in the uniquely stressful conditions of the pandemic recession's impact on our communities. Organized as a series of keynotes, with interactive audience-speaker conversations, Reunity™ will operate as a master coaching session for Black women. An innovation panel focused on next generation Black Diaspora Giving will be a highlight of the event.

A CALL TO ACTION

This is a turning point for Black communities. The Summit calls on all Black funders and our allies to ask and answer the question: ***What are YOU willing to do to heal and fund Black communities for post-Covid recovery and rebuilding?*** The time is now. The future is ours. Thank you to all participants, partners and sponsors for joining us to create a safe and just world at Black Giving and Beyond: The Black Philanthropy Month 2020 Summit Series.



Reunity™: The Pan-African Women's Philanthropy Network Summit

A Global Black Philanthropy Month 2020 Women's Celebration Produced by The WISE Fund

Reunity™ is a virtual celebration of BPM and the final year of the African Union's Decade of the Woman. Although often unheralded and invisible, Black women are the backbone of their communities' social change innovation and future. A one-day virtual summit, Reunity is designed to honor, rally and revive the many Black and African- descent women, who are the backbone of our community's future through their philanthropy, social investment, venture capital, volunteerism, activism and caregiving. We anticipate at least 1000 participants.

Founded in Minneapolis, MN in 2003, the Pan-African Women's Philanthropy Network (PAWPNet) is a coalition of old and new Black Diaspora women philanthropists, funders and activists with 300 members from 30 countries from throughout the US, Africa and the global Black Diaspora. A peer support network for diverse Black and allied women, PAWPNet organized the inaugural BPM 2011 convening, called the "Pan-African Women's Action Summit," a global celebration of Black giving.

Today BPM, PAWPNet and Reunity™ are projects of The WISE Fund (thewisefund.org), a social enterprise committed to empowering grassroots Black and Indigenous women renewable energy innovators using technology to equitably address our world's most challenging issues. The WISE Fund is also the backbone organization for Black Philanthropy Month and its Summit series.

From August 17, 2020, the first 100 registrants for Reunity™ will receive complimentary copies of Everyday Ubuntu by Mungi Ngomane, a treatise on the ancient Indigenous African philosophy for giving and giving meaning "I am because you are" applied for contemporary times. Mguni Ngomane is granddaughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and daughter of Reverend Canon Nontombi Naomi Tutu of The Episcopal Church, a renowned social justice advocate, PAWPNet co-founder and keynote speaker from the early 2000s.

Reunity™ 2020 will engender hope, foresight, community, learning, new relationships, and wellness among diverse Black women, as we are all called to lead new social, economic and environmental justice movement everywhere in these very stressful times.

Reunity™ 2020 Speakers



**Dr. Jacqueline
Bouvier Copeland**

Founder, Black Philanthropy
Month (BPM) and CEO,
The WISE Fund



**Congresswoman
Ilhan Omar**

Minnesota, District 5,
116th US Congress



Kwanza Jones
CoFounder and CEO,
SUPERCHARGED Initiative



Natalia Kanem, MD
United Nations Under Secretary-
General and Executive Director
United Nations Population Fund



**Reverend Canon
Nontombi Naomi Tutu**
The Episcopal Church



Caretha Coleman
Chairman, Dignity Community
Health



Trista Harris
Founder and CEO, FutureGood



Christal Jackson
Founder and CEO, Head and
Heart Philanthropy



Solome Lemma
President and CEO,
A Thousand Currents



Latanya Mapp Frett
President and CEO, Global Fund
for Women



**Nompumelelo Mungi
Ngomane**
Author, Everyday Ubuntu

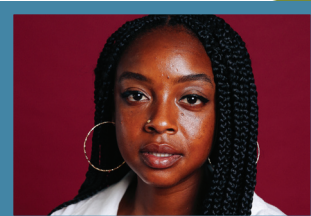


Susan Taylor Batten
President and CEO, Association of
Black Foundation Executives



Sherrell Moore-Tucker

Founder and CEO of
MindBodyFAITH and Author,
Meditate Like A Boss



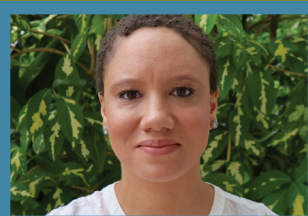
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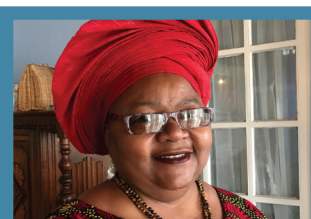
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**Dr. Mojubaolu Olufunke
Okome**

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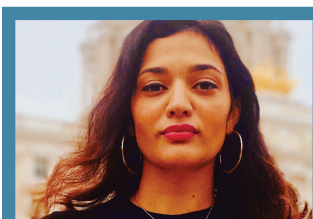
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CEO and Founder, 1847
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**Dr. Antonia Apolinario-
Wilcoxon**

Principal Consultant, Equity
Strategies, LLC



Maria Isa

International Recording Artist,
Singer, Songwriter, and Activist,
CEO, SotaRico



Teresa "Lah Tere" Ayala

Co-Founder, Momma's Hip Hop
Kitchen



Sonia Davila-Williams

Associate Professor and Chair,
Department of Social Work,
Metropolitan State University



Toyin Adegbite-Moore

Executive Director (West
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Philanthropy Alliance



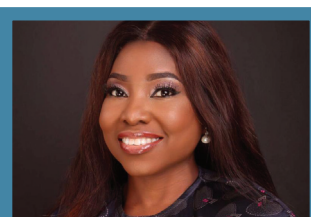
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Investment Director, Graca
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Dr. Shungu Gwarinda

Director of Programs of Interim
CEO, Graca Machel Trust



Mosun Layode

Executive Director, African
Philanthropy Forum



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Partner Sahel Consulting and
Co-Founder AACE Food

Black Giving and Beyond Reunity™ 2020 Program

Reunity™: (All times are Pacific | All sessions are in Main Auditorium unless noted)

8:00

8:00 AM

Attendee Check-in: Tour virtual platform, Exhibit Hall Visits and hosted Networking Lounge Chat

8:30

8:30 AM

Reunity™: A Blessing for Black Women's Healing and Unity by Reverend Canon Nontombi Naomi Tutu, The Episcopal Church, Global Social Justice Leader and PAWPNet Co-Founder

8:35 AM

Welcome by Congresswoman Ilhan Omar

8:40 AM

Welcome by Latanya Mapp Frett, CEO, Global Fund for Women

8:45

8:45 AM

Opening Cultural Innovator Performance, Sounds of Blackness, A Special Black Philanthropy Month 2020 Tribute

8:53 AM

Opening Remarks by Jackie Bouvier Copeland, Founder, Black Philanthropy Month, Black Giving and Beyond Summit, The WISE Fund and Pan-African Women's Philanthropy Network and Introduction of Kwanza Jones, Co-Founder and CEO, SUPERCHARGED Initiative

9:00

9 AM - 10 AM

Blending Hope: My Supercharge Story, Kwanza Jones, Co-Founder and CEO, Supercharged Initiative with Dr. Jackie Bouvier Copeland
Kwanza shares key lessons from co-founding and leading Supercharge Initiative, which combines philanthropy, social investment and venture funding to support promising nonprofit and business organizations led by underrepresented people to change the world and promote equity. Blended funding is an emerging practice to expand the pool of private capital for economic equity and justice.
Remarks | Audience Discussion | Polling



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10:00

10 AM-10:20 AM

Recovering Mind, Body and Community: A Global Black Women's Perspective on Post-Covid Wellness Natalia Kanem, MD, United Nations Under Secretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund with Caretha Coleman, Chairman, Dignity Health Community Care
Remarks | Polling

10:20

10:20 AM-11 AM

Break

- Women's Wellness Chat (Networking Lounge)
Sherrell Moore Tucker, Founder and CEO of MindBodyFAITH and Author, Meditate Like A Boss
Bring your questions for wellness educator to answer by live text-chat in the Networking Lounge. This will be a preview of her Keynote session.
- Black Giving and Beyond Summit Exhibit Hall and Networking Lounge Visits
- Black Giving and Beyond Summit WISE Conversations Replay at bit.ly/FundBlackSummit
 - The Bring Back Our Girls Movement (Sponsored Auditorium)
Dr. Mojubaolu Olufunke Okome, Political Science, African and Women Studies Professor, Brooklyn College, interviewed by Yvonne Moore, Founder and Principal, Moore Philanthropy (from August 1st, 2020 Summit)
 - Global Debut of The Trends in Global Covid Giving: A Pan-African Story (Breakout Room)
Dr. Una Osili, Associate Dean, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy interviewed by Dr. Jackie Bouvier Copeland, Black Philanthropy Month/Summit, PAWPNet and The WISE Fund Founder (from August 1st, 2020 Summit)
 - Blended Philanthropy and Social Investment for Impact: The Africa Example (Sponsored Auditorium)
Thelma Ekiyor, Founder and Chairman, Afrigrants and Managing Partner, SME.NG interviewed by Dr. Una Osili, Associate Dean, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy (from August 1st, 2020 Summit)

11:00

11 AM-12:30 PM

Concurrent Breakout Session 1

The Future of Black Diaspora Giving: A Panel Discussion Organized by The Black Diaspora Giving Project

The next generation of the Black Diaspora is creating emergent, exciting practices and structures in the global Black Philanthropy Movement. The panel will guide us through a discussion of the future of New Black Diaspora Giving and how it can impact the most compelling social, racial, economic and environmental justice issues of our times.

Moderator:

Dr. Rumbidzai Mufuka, The Black Diaspora Giving Project and Director of Impact & Strategic Engagement, Compass Pro Bono

Panelists:

Cheri-Leigh Erasmus, Global Director of Learning, Accountability Lab

Beverley Hatcher-Mbu, Senior Associate, Development Gateway

Dr. Mojubaolu Olufunke Okome, Professor Brooklyn College; Co-Founder, Bring Back Our Girls NYC

Rashida Peterson, CEO and Founder, 1847 Philanthropic and DIA-Fund

11:00

11 AM-12:30 PM

Concurrent Breakout Session 2

Afro-Latinx Women's Voices: Crosscurrents in Black Giving Co-organized by Dr. Antonia Apolinario-Wilcoxon and Maria Isa

The Black Giving Movement is as diverse as the African Diaspora itself, including the many Afro-descent people of Latinx heritage in countries worldwide. With Black and Latin identities, Afro-Latinx giving has its own unique character, but like philanthropy everywhere is often led by women. With a focus on Minneapolis, MN USA, a new epicenter in the global; racial justice movement, this panel will share the perspective of Afro-Latinx women on how to empower the Black Philanthropy Movement and ways that women can build common cause for social and racial justice across our communities.

Moderator:

Maria Isa, International Recording Artist, Singer, Songwriter, and Activist, SotaRico

Panelists:

Dr. Antonia Apolinario-Wilcoxon, Principal Consultant, Equity Strategies, LLC

Teresa "Lah Tere" Ayala, Co-Founder, Momma's Hip Hop Kitchen

Sonia Davila-Williams, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Social Work, Metropolitan State University

11:00

11 AM-12:30 PM

Concurrent Breakout Session 3 African Women Speak: The Future of Black Philanthropy on the Continent Organized by The Graça Machel Trust

Influential women leaders in African philanthropy and social investment share trends, will discuss their hopes and advice for the continent's women leaders in the field. African women are driving the growth and development of the field at the same time they advocate for women's rights. This panel will explore the challenges facing women in the African funding field and share their perspectives on how to best promote Black women's rights on the continent.

Moderator:

Dr. Shungu Gwarinda, Interim CEO and Director of Programs, Graça Machel Trust

Panelists:

Toyin Adegbite-Moore, Executive Director (West Africa Region), African Venture Philanthropy Alliance

Andia Chakava, Investment Director, Graça Machel Trust

Mosun Layode, Executive Director, African Philanthropy Forum (Invited*)

Ndidi Nwuneli, Founder, Leap Africa, Managing Partner Sahel Consulting and Co-Founder AACE Food (Invited*)

12:30

12:30-1:30 PM

WISE Wellness Break: A Black Woman's Guide to Practical Everyday Health in a Covid World with Sherrell Moore-Tucker, Founder and CEO of MindBodyFAITH and Author, Meditate Like A Boss

1:30

1:30 PM-2:15 PM

Black Funding Matters Everywhere: Giving for Social Justice in the Global Black Economy Solome Lemma, President and CEO, A Thousand Currents
Remarks | Audience Discussion | Polling

2:15

2:15 PM-3:00 PM

Equity Now! Next Steps for Black Foundation Leaders Susan Batten Taylor, President and CEO, Association of Black Foundation Executives
Remarks | Audience Discussion | Polling

3:00

3:00 PM-3:45 PM

Minding Our Business: Funding Black Social Entrepreneurs Post-Covid
Christal Jackson, Founder and CEO, Head and Heart Philanthropy
Remarks | Audience Discussion | Polling

3:45

3:45 PM-4:30 PM

Black Funding Futures: Signals from a Covid World, Trista Harris, Founder and CEO, FutureGood

Remarks | Audience Discussion | Polling

4:30

4:30 PM-5:00 PM

Closing Cultural Innovator Performance: A Reading from Everyday Ubuntu by Author Nompumelelo Mungi Ngomane

Towards New Black Funding Principles: A New Vision for Pan-African Women
Closing Remarks by Jackie Bouvier Copeland, Founder of Black Philanthropy Month™, Black Giving and Beyond Summit, PAWPNet, Reunity™ and The Women Invested to Save Earth™ (WISE) Fund CEO

5:00

5:00 PM-5:30 PM

Break

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5:30

5:30-7:00 PM

The #BlackJoy Women's After-Party with @DJRedCorvette aka Carmena Woodward, Co-Founder and COO of the Women Sound Off Music Festival

Featuring female performers, enjoy a global virtual dance party curated and played by Oakland, California USA's @DJRedCorvette to heal, strengthen and celebrate sisterhood over the soothing and empowering sounds of music from throughout the Black World.

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BIOGRAPHIES

Toyin Adegbite-Moore

Oluwatoyin Adegbite-Moore is the Executive Director, West Africa for the African Venture Philanthropy Alliance (AVPA), a Pan-African Network with a mission to increase the flow of capital (financial, human and intellectual) to African Social Investments and ensure the use of the capital for maximum social impact. Prior to joining AVPA, Toyin founded and managed Sheafam & Tam Limited, an international consulting firm specializing in organizational and capacity development including business process management, strategic and change management for SMEs, MSMEs and nonprofits in the US and Nigeria. With over 25 years of leadership within the philanthropic and private sectors, she served as the founding consultant for promoting diversity and inclusion for the work by the Council of Michigan Foundations and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Toyin has provided project oversight on Transformational Projects in the Public, Private and Social Sectors. She is a Salzburg Fellow and was selected in 2019 in the inaugural list of the Top 100 Women CEOs across 24 African countries by Reset Global People in partnership with Pulse and Avance Media. She also serves on the Governance Board of the Sterling Bank Foundation for the Health Workers Fund.

Dr. Antonia Apolinário-Wilcoxon

Antonia Maria Apolinário-Wilcoxon, Ed.D., Equity Strategies, LLC, principal consultant provides direction and leadership in efforts of private, public, and collaborative efforts working to improve the lives of disenfranchised and vulnerable persons impacted by inequities. Dr. Apolinário-Wilcoxon obtained her doctorate degree in educational leadership focusing on critical studies informed by Critical Pedagogy theorists. An African-Brazilian, she brings experiences in education, corporate, private nonprofits and government to lead efforts that bring agency, voice and liberation in spaces where the presence of Oppression, bias and other barriers, silence those most valuable voices to find solutions to problems in their world. Dr. Apolinário-Wilcoxon's approach is one of listening deeply, exercising inquiry to enable wisdom and insights to emerge. Her facilitation is participatory, inclusive, resourceful, caring, and thoughtful. Trained in Respectful Conversations, Kaleidoscope Institute Faith-Based Facilitation, Technology of Participation (Institute of Cultural Affairs) and Art of Hosting/Art of Participatory Leadership, she blends these methodologies to attend to her audience's needs and motivation more responsively.

Teresa “Lah Tere” Ayala

Lah Tere is a humanitarian, organizer, activist, emcee, songstress, proud BBW, and a visionary speaker for the 21st Century. The Afro-Antillean/Puerto Rican/Boricua sister grew up in Chicago’s historic Puerto Rican community of Humboldt Park near the famed Paseo Boricua. She is the first generation born on the mainland, and the daughter of revolutionary educators and survivors of Chicago’s notorious ghettos. Lah is a proud Aspirante and active member of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. Her sheroes are her mother Carmen Maria, Abuela Maria Teresa Serrano, Titi Lah and Dr. Antonia Pantoja (founder of ASPIRA).

Lah was a member of Rebel Diaz, an internationally known rap group that took a critical and political stance on many social issues from police brutality on the streets of New York to violence against women globally. Her dedication and hard work granted her the opportunity to travel to Spain, Germany, Guatemala, Chile, and Venezuela. She is also a founding member of the Rebel Diaz Arts Collective (RDAC), a multimedia arts and music community center in the South Bronx.

Lah is a co-founder of Momma’s Hip Hop Kitchen: The Soup Kitchen for the Hip Hop Soul (MHHK), a multifaceted hip-hop event designed to showcase intergenerational women artists, especially women of color. MHHK serves as a social justice community-organizing platform that educates and empowers women of color on issues that impact their lives, including Health, HIV/AIDS, and reproductive justice.

Lah is also the founder of InnerCityQueens, an organization who is set out to provide a mobile safe healing space for children, women, and men in war-torn/third world countries through events, workshops, and meditation using the arts. In recent years Lah Tere’s vision of teaching women and children about the healing power of Hip Hop truly manifested itself. She taught and performed in some of the poorest communities in Palestine (West Bank), Guatemala City (Comunidad Incencio), Ireland’s Ballymun (like the BX), and the Dominican Republic’s pueblo of Azua (Fundacion Casa Ana). Her most recent journey in the summer of 2016 was to the motherland, Africa. Lah’s project “Bags of Joy: Tanzania Edition” brought hygienic products, educational supplies, and toys to the children who live on the streets of Dar es Salaam and Dodoma. These experiences have equipped her with a wealth of knowledge and have expanded her career. She is currently being booked internationally as a motivational speaker and lecturer on women’s rights and Hip-Hop Healing.

Susan Taylor Batten

Susan Taylor Batten is president and chief executive officer of ABFE: A Philanthropic Partnership for Black Communities. ABFE (established in 1971 as the Association of Black Foundation Executives) is a membership-based philanthropic organization that advocates for responsive and transformative investments in Black communities. Since joining ABFE in 2009, Batten has led the organization’s philanthropic advising and programming on responsive philanthropy in Black communities for foundation leaders, donors and aligned partners.

Batten came to ABFE after more than 25 years of leadership experience in both the private and public sectors. Prior to joining ABFE, Batten served as senior associate with the Annie E. Casey

Foundation, a grantmaking institution focused on child welfare. In this role, she served as staff in the Community Change Initiatives Unit and coordinated a portfolio on equity, diversity and inclusion. In the public sector, Batten worked as a senior analyst for the U.S. Department of Agriculture where she directed research and evaluation on food assistance programs; she also served in the Government of the District of Columbia as an analyst on initiatives supporting children, youth and families. Batten currently serves on the board at the United Philanthropy Forum and the Schott Foundation for Public Education, and is an adjunct lecturer at the Valdry Center for Philanthropy at Southern University. She received her master's degree in social work from Howard University and her bachelor's degree in English and political science from Fisk University.

Andia Laura Chakava

Andia Laura Chakava is an African gender lens investing expert. She is the Investment Director at the Graca Machel Trust to drive the organization's gender lens investing initiative and is leading the team to create a Pan African women's investment fund.

Andia is one of the first female fund managers in the East Africa region and has been instrumental in the set up of two fund management companies from scratch in Kenya (Old Mutual Investment Services and Alpha Africa Asset Managers) where she served in each as Managing Director. She is also the founding Chairperson of New Faces New Voices Kenya chapter (women in finance network) and is the founding principal of AC Advisory. She is passionate about facilitating intra Africa investment, championing women's economic empowerment and creating strategic alliances to promote gendered financial impact.

She is a non-executive director of Sterling Investment Bank, East African Educational Publishers and is a former board member of Echo network Africa (formerly Kenya women holding). She has over 17 years' experience in fund management and over 7 years of driving women economic empowerment goals. In 2014 and 2018 she was named Africa's most influential woman in financial services by CEO magazine and in 2018 won the National Diar Inclusion and Diversity Business Executive champion award in Kenya. In 2019 she was named as a 'woman to watch' by Forbes magazine in 2020.

She holds a Master of Business Administration in Finance with merit from Cass Business School in London and an honours degree in Economics from York University in Toronto. She enjoys travelling, imparting knowledge and bikram yoga.

Caretha Coleman

Getting her start at Hewlett Packard, Caretha has spent 40 years in the technology industry working with start-ups and early stage ventures in the areas of organizational strategy development; and executive coaching and effectiveness. She served as Chief Human Resources Officer for Software Publishing Corporation, where her leadership was instrumental in pioneering one of the first successful desktop computer software businesses. At Interval Research, Caretha served as CAO where she was responsible for Finance, HR and Facilities.

Ms. Coleman is Chairman of the board for Dignity Community Care; and is a member of the boards of The RealReal and Viridis Learning. She is an advisor to Illuminate, an early stage VC firm focused on enterprise, cloud and mobile computing; and was a founding member of The Angels Forum. Her non-profit interests centers on work focused with underserved populations. She chairs the board of The Leverage Network (TLN), is a board member of KIPP Schools in the Bay Area, and a national Board Member of Facing History and Ourselves, and on the advisory board of the Black Economic Alliance.

An advocate for women and minorities in business, Caretha demonstrates her commitment to mentoring young professionals and entrepreneurs across the country. She has been recognized as one of the Bay Area's most Influential Women by the San Francisco Business Times; and Outstanding Director by the Silicon Valley Business Journal, and was named a Visionary Leader by the SF Chronicle for her work in diversity. An American Leadership Forum Fellow, Caretha is a recipient of the YMCA's Red Triangle award, which recognizes the highest level of volunteer. She was also recognized with the Black Enterprise Trailblazer award in 2016; and nominated as a Visionary Leader in the Bay Area for her work towards creating a more diverse community inside and outside of the workplace.

Jackie Bouvier Copeland, PhD

A social and environmental justice leader, Dr. Jackie Bouvier Copeland is Founder and CEO of The Women Invested to Save Earth (WISE) Fund, an innovation enterprise, supporting grassroots Black and Indigenous women climate change innovators in Africa, Brazil, Australia and the USA. Founder of Black Philanthropy Month, a global campaign to document, celebrate and promote African-descent giving, social investment and venture funding that has reached 17 million people, she also is an award-winning social change visionary, recognized as a HistoryMaker by the US Congress for her impactful civic contributions. Trained as an anthropologist and urban designer, her life mission is to promote the wellness and rights of humanity and the planet that we all share. Visit thewisefund.org for more background.

Other key roles have been COO of the Anita Borg Institute of Women and Technology, where she continues to serve as a senior advisor. She also has served as COO of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County; CEO of the social equity enterprise, Copeland Carson & Associates; African Women's Development Fund USA executive director; US Bank Private Client Philanthropy Services vice president and managing director; COO of Twin Cities RISE!; and The Philadelphia Foundation's program vice president.

An occasional professor, curator, and blogger, she is a frequently sought after keynote speaker. Her books and articles on a wide range of business ethics and social sector issues are influential in multiple fields. Dr. Copeland serves on the board of advisors of Uncharted Power, a novel alternative energy company founded by Nigerian-American inventor, Jessica O. Matthews. She is also founder and chair of the Pan-African Women's Philanthropy Network, one of the USA's oldest Diaspora Philanthropy Networks created in 2003 with a coalition from Minneapolis, MN that now has membership from over 30 countries. Among her proudest social justice contributions is the initial design of My Brothers' Keeper, an Obama Administration legacy initiative to advance equality and the life opportunities of low-income US men and boys of color.

Jackie holds two masters degrees, one in urban design and the other in cultural anthropology, with a Ph.D. in anthropology all from the University of Pennsylvania. Specializing in the US, Africa and South Asia, her undergraduate degrees are from Georgetown University's liberal arts and foreign service schools in literature and African studies. She also studied African history, culture, languages and religion at Nigeria's University of Ife under Nobel Laureate, Wole Soyinka.

DJ Red Corvette

Red Corvette is a San Francisco, CA native, COO + Co-founder of Women Sound Off and founder of Black Biz Bay Area. As one of the Bay Area's top DJs with 7+ years of experience, she's played across festivals, nightclubs, tours, branded events and much more. Red Corvette has rocked everything from Trillectro & Electric Forest to some of Cali and NYC's most popular night clubs and bars. Additionally, she's been on 2 national tours and has experience working alongside artists & bands. When it comes to branded events, she's DJ'd for Nike, Verizon, YouTube, Everlane and more. Red Corvette is a multi-format DJ and has real time experience troubleshooting and managing the often-chaotic environments throughout the DJ world. In conclusion, you're in good hands.

Sonia Davila-Williams, MSW, LISW

Sonia Dávila-Williams is native of Puerto Rico. She received her Bachelor in Social Work at the University of Puerto Rico (1980) and her Master in Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh (1984). Presently, she is an associate professor, and chair of the Social Work Department at Metropolitan State University in Minnesota. At Metropolitan State University, she teaches courses on cultural competency and service delivery to oppressed communities. Previously, she taught field instruction in the School of Social Work, University of Minnesota. Before teaching field instruction, Dávila-Williams did counseling for Latino battered women at a shelter and at a family counseling organization, and did training on elder abuse prevention. She has worked as a social worker with the elderly population, the child welfare system, with migrant worker students and with the homeless. She was a founding member of the National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence, known as Alianza, sponsor by The Department of Health and Human Services. Also she was an active board member of Minnesota Coalition on Battered Women and the board chair of Casa de Esperanza. She is also a member of the Association of Latino Social Work Educators.

Cheri-Leigh Erasmus

Cheri-Leigh Erasmus serves as the Global Director of Learning at the Accountability Lab, a nonprofit organization aimed at making governance work for people by supporting active citizens, responsible leaders and accountable institutions. She has spent more than a decade in the international higher education and international development arenas. Through her work in leadership development, she's conceptualized and implemented leadership and skills development curricula for emerging leaders geared for careers in both the private and public sectors. In her current position, she oversees AL's learning and impact as part of a team working with young leaders who are finding innovative ways to hold governments accountable in Nepal, Pakistan, Liberia, Nigeria, Mali, Niger, Mexico, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

Rose Essiem

Rose Essiem is a thoughtful convener and community organizer. She finds deep satisfaction in developing engagement strategies for causes that drive positive and transformative social change. She is a Senior Associate Director for constituent engagement at GW Health, a Berrett-Koehler Foundation Action-Learning Fellow, and an MBA candidate at the GW School of Business. Born and raised in Accra, Ghana, she calls the DC metro area home. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, long hikes, paddle-boarding, and trying out new recipes.

Latanya Mapp Frett

Latanya Mapp Frett is President and CEO of Global Fund for Women, which works to strengthen gender justice movements to shift power, privilege, and perception and create meaningful change that will last beyond our lifetimes. As a feminist fund, Global Fund for Women offers flexible support to a diverse group of partners—more than 5,000 groups across 175 countries so far.

Previously, Latanya was the Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Global, the international arm of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Ms. Frett worked for eight years as a human rights officer for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and for 10 years with the United States Agency for International.

Dr. Shungu Gwarinda

Shungu Gwarinda, PhD, is the Director of Programmes and Interim CEO of the Graça Machel Trust where she provides strategic leadership of the Trust and directly oversees the programmes portfolio spanning the Trust's Child Rights, Women's Economic and Social Advancement and Nutrition teams. Before joining the Trust, Shungu served as Country Director-South Africa at mothers2mothers, an Africa-based organisation that champions health and wellbeing for women and children. She also served at the University of Fort Hare in South Africa, where she coordinated public service capacity building projects. At the start of her career, Shungu spent time as a teacher in her home country, Zimbabwe. With over 15 years in the development sector, Shungu has worked with multiple stakeholders including governments, multiple development partners such as USAID, DFID, The ELMA Foundation, UNICEF, Centre for Disease Control, MAC AIDS Fund and Discovery Fund among others. Shungu has a passion for social policy, specifically education of children and youth, health, as well as social security systems for vulnerable populations. Coupled with this, are her background in public management, Shungu interests include leadership and the convergence between the role of state and non-state actors in driving development in Africa.

Trista Harris

Trista Harris is a philanthropic futurist and nationally known as a passionate advocate for leaders in the philanthropic and nonprofit sectors. Trista's work has been covered by the Chronicle of Philanthropy, Forbes, CNN, the New York Times, and numerous social sector blogs. She is also the co-author of the book "How to Become a Nonprofit Rockstar" and the author of "FutureGood". She is a President of FutureGood, a consultancy focused on helping visionaries build a better future.

She has spent her whole career dedicated to the social sector, starting with a job as a summer parks assistant at the age of 15. Before starting FutureGood, Trista was President of the Minnesota Council on Foundations, a vibrant community of grantmakers who award more than \$1.5 billion annually. Prior to joining MCF in 2013, she was executive director of the Headwaters Foundation for Justice in Minneapolis, and she previously served as program officer at the St. Paul Foundation.

Trista has been certified in strategic foresight by Oxford University, earned her Master of Public Policy degree from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, and her Bachelor of Arts from Howard University. She is a board member for the Association of Black Foundation Executives. Trista served on the Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee and the Governor's Council on Law Enforcement and Community Relations, which was convened after the shooting of Philando Castile. She is a passionate national advocate for the social sector using the tools of futurism to solve our communities' most pressing challenges.

Beverley Hatcher-Mbu

Beverley Hatcher-Mbu is an international lawyer with experience in project implementation, client management, policy analysis and data protection. Focused on connecting client needs to technical, policy and privacy solutions, Beverley manages DG's work in Haiti and supports DG's work in the extractives industry and assessments of country data use landscapes. She also advises on data governance and protection issues across DG programs. Previously she worked for the World Bank Group as a legal consultant where she helped develop a web-based legal analysis tool to assist users in analyzing and comparing African mining laws, as well as providing broader legal advisory services and negotiation support to the Transport, Digital Development and Development Finance teams at the World Bank. She also has experience in advocacy and communications for Save the Children International at the African Union level and in the East Africa region. Ms. Hatcher-Mbu has worked in 7 countries and speaks French. She holds a Juris Doctor from George Washington University and a BA cum laude in Political Science from Wellesley College. She is admitted to the bar in New York.

Christal Jackson

For nearly two decades, Christal M. Jackson has had a fulfilling career serving in the social impact sector.

She is the founder of Head and Heart Philanthropy (HHP), a social impact agency focused on improving social, economic and educational outcomes for communities of color. Recently, she was recognized by Essence Magazine for her ability to convene and curate the best and brightest in this sector. Christal attributes her success to having been groomed for leadership by the church - from serving as an intern with the Children's Defense Fund to creating a marketplace for multi-million dollar initiatives focused on solving complicated social issues.

Nearly ten years ago, she became an entrepreneur by launching Jackson and Associates Group, LLC, a boutique fund development and branding firm focused on serving the philanthropic needs of socially conscious individuals and community organizations. This venture was the launching pad to her working with some of the biggest names in sports, politics and entertainment.

Christal is one of EBONY magazine's Future 30 Leaders of America. Her work in the social impact sector has garnered numerous awards and recognition. She is the author of *Women of Color Pray: Voices of Strength, Faith, Healing, Hope, and Courage*, and serves on multiple boards including Harlem Tech Fund, Motown Museum National Leadership Council, Generation USA and the Africa America Institute.

Christal holds a dual degree in Psychology and Religion from Spelman and a Masters of Theological Studies from Duke.

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Kwanza Jones is the co-founder and CEO of the Kwanza Jones & José E. Feliciano SUPERCHARGED Initiative, a philanthropic grant-making and impact investment organization, making a lasting effect across four key areas: Education, Entrepreneurship, Equal Opportunity and Empowerment (kjsi.org). Prior to founding the SUPERCHARGED Initiative, Jones taught cross cultural negotiations at New York University, was a mediator for the New York City Civil Court, and started her career in media and production at Innovation Empowerment Group. She is also the founder of SUPERCHARGED® by Kwanza Jones, a lifestyle & personal development brand that helps individuals and organizations continuously improve. (iamsupercharged.com) With a multifaceted background spanning music, media, production, law, business and philanthropy, some say Jones is a Renaissance woman, others call her a Boss. Given her background as a nine-time and Top 10 Billboard charting dance music artist, it's no surprise — her energy ignites confidence and action. It's all part of Kwanza Jones' passion and purpose, to be a catalyst for the betterment of humanity. (kwanzajones.com)

Dr. Natalia Kanem

Natalia Kanem, MD is United Nations Under-Secretary General and Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency. Appointed by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres in 2017, Dr. Kanem has more than 30 years of strategic leadership experience in the fields of preventive medicine, public and reproductive health, social justice and philanthropy. She started her research career with the Johns Hopkins and Columbia University schools of medicine and public health.

Dr. Kanem joined the United Nations in 2014 as UNFPA Country Representative in the United Republic of Tanzania. In 2016, she was named Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director in charge of programmes. Previously, she served as founding president of ELMA Philanthropies, Inc., and as senior associate of the Lloyd Best Institute of the West Indies.

At the Ford Foundation from 1992 to 2004, she funded pioneering work on women's reproductive health and human rights, serving first in West Africa and eventually as Deputy Vice-President for peace and social justice programmes in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and North America.

She holds a medical degree from Columbia University in New York, and a Master's degree in Public Health with specializations in epidemiology and preventive medicine from the University of Washington in Seattle. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard College in history and science.

In 2019, Dr. Kanem presided over the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25, which marked the 25th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development. Dr. Kanem is recognized for her powerful advocacy for the rights and choices of women and girls and as a key influencer and thought leader in the formulation of global policy on sexual and reproductive health and rights in the Sustainable Development Goals era and has been listed on the Gender Equality Top 100.

Dr. Kanem is the fifth Executive Director of UNFPA since the Fund became operational in 1969.

Mosun Layode

Mosun Layode is a development professional with two decades of experience in international development and nonprofit leadership. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the African Philanthropy Forum (APF) where she works extensively across Africa with established and emerging philanthropists who are committed to the sustainable and inclusive development of Africa. She was instrumental to the establishment of APF as an independent entity in Africa, increasing its reach and impact in the philanthropic community, as well as growing its brand and membership base. Prior to this, she served as the Executive Director of WIMBIZ and LEAP Africa, leading nonprofits in Nigeria. Passionate about the interplay of social issues and business, Mosun founded Social Runway, a nonprofit organization that supports social innovators. She has also served as an independent development consultant for nonprofit organizations.

Mosun studied Urban and Regional Planning at the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria and obtained an MSc. in Environmental Resources Management from Lagos State University. She has an MBA from Lagos Business School and benefited from Executive Programs offered by the IESE Business School, Barcelona and Harvard Business School. Mosun currently sits on nonprofit boards and recently joined the Board of Trustees of Candid, a US-based nonprofit that connects people who want to change the world to the resources they need to do it. She is an alumnus of the United States International Visitors Leadership Program and was identified by Forbes as one of the black women to watch in philanthropy.

Solome Lemma

As Executive Director of Thousand Currents, Solomé works closely with the board to set the strategic direction and is responsible for ensuring Thousand Currents remains a dynamic, innovative, and financially-sound organization, rooted in its support of grassroots partners.

As a champion of social transformation through community-driven initiatives, Solomé co-founded and led initiative Africans in the Diaspora (AiD) for four years before its merger with Thousand Currents. Previously, she served as Global Fund for Children's Senior Program Officer for Africa for over five years, managing a portfolio of over 100 grassroots organizations in about 25 countries. Solomé has also worked with the UN Development Programme in Ethiopia, Human Rights Watch in New York City, and International Rescue Committee in Liberia. Solomé currently serves on the steering committee of the Trust-Based Philanthropy Project.

Born in Ethiopia and moving to the United States at a young age, Solomé quickly learned of the skewed perspectives held of Africans. As a co-founder of Africa Responds, Solomé also led a diaspora-led humanitarian effort to galvanize fundraising for grassroots organizations that fought the Ebola outbreak in parts of West Africa. She is a White House Champion of Change for her work with diaspora communities.

Solomé received a Master's in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School and a Bachelor's in International Relations from Stanford University. During her 15+ years of experience in philanthropy and social change, Solomé has become a strong voice against “inequitable and ineffective partnerships” and a fierce supporter of local leadership. Solomé's work and writing has been featured in Forbes, the Washington Post, The Guardian, Inside Philanthropy, and Africa is a Country, among others, and she has appeared on NPR, BBC, and Al Jazeera discussing aid and philanthropy in Africa. She has been an invited guest speaker at community events, conferences, and universities such as the University of Vermont, Columbia, and NYU. Solomé was named as one of Foreign Policy Magazine's “100 women to follow on Twitter” at @innovateafrica.

Sherrell Moore-Tucker

Sherrell is a community and corporate wellness provider offering leadership, health and wellness classes and training to those who are seeking to incorporate mindfulness and complementary and alternative medicine (CAM). She is a military veteran and the creator of MindBody FAITH, a lifestyle and wellness brand rooted in faith with a mission to promote health and healing through faith and holistic wellness practices. Her diverse background includes expertise in labor and employee relations, effective communication, leadership training, conflict coach, diversity and inclusion, unconscious bias, Hatha & Vinyasa yoga, Yin yoga, Student of Healing Touch, Trauma-Informed Yoga, iRest® Level 1 teacher informed by the teachings of Richard Miller and iRest Institute, Restorative Yoga for Race Based Traumatic Stress Injury informed by the teachings of Dr. Gail Parker, and Christian & Biblical meditation informed by the teachings of Dr. K.D Weaver and the Sleeping with God Meditation Center. She is a member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), certified in CPR, Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) and a certified natural health professional (CNHP) through Trinity School of Natural Health.

Dr. Rumbidzai Mufuka

Rumbidzai Mufuka is an organizational strategist with experience in intelligence analysis and field research in Sub-Saharan Africa, change management, and consulting. Past projects include designing diversity and inclusion strategies, supporting technology implementation, and performing organizational assessments. Rumbi's personal mission is to “connect people and organizations with the resources they need to activate their potential for brilliance.” She currently fulfills her purpose as the Director of Impact and Strategic Engagement at Compass Pro Bono, a nonprofit that organizes free, team-based consulting services for nonprofits in DC, Chicago, and Philadelphia. She also serves as Vice-Chair on the board of Art Enables, a nonprofit that promotes and sells the work of artists with disabilities. She received her BA in Political Science from Emory University and her PhD in International Studies and Political Science from the University of Miami.

Nompumelelo (Mungi) Ngomane, Author, Everyday Ubuntu

Nompumelelo (Mungi) Ngomane is the granddaughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and patron of the Tutu Foundation UK. Mungi has never felt that her family forced her to follow in their footsteps but that their hope for justice and human dignity for all was passed down through her genes. She has worked in Middle East conflict resolution and for the advancement of women and girls for some of the world's foremost advocacy organizations and initiatives. She was recently campaign coordinator for a new national and bipartisan campaign, Millions of Conversations, aimed at tackling Islamophobia and discrimination in the US. She is passionate about human rights, specifically the advancement of women and girls, the protection of refugees and the liberation of the Palestinian people. She hopes one day all girls will have FUNdamental human rights. She has a Master's in International Studies and Diplomacy from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) at the University of London.

Ndidi Nwuneli

Ndidi is a social entrepreneur with over 21 years of experience in International Development and Business Management. She is the Founder of LEAP Africa an organization with a mission to develop dynamic, innovative and principled leaders; Co-Founder of AACE Food Processing and Distribution Ltd., an indigenous agro-processing company that is providing high-quality foods for West Africans while improving the livelihoods of farmers in the region; and Managing Partner at Sahel Capital Partners and Advisory Ltd., an advisory and consulting firm focused on the agribusiness and nutrition sectors in West Africa.

She has an undergraduate degree in Multinational and Strategic Management (graduating with honours) from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and a Master of Business Administration from the Harvard Graduate School of Business. Ndidi started her career as a management consultant with McKinsey and Company, working in their Chicago, New York, and Johannesburg Offices.

Ndidi serves on numerous international and local boards including Nestle Nigeria Plc., Nigerian Breweries Plc, Globethics.net, Godrej Consumer Products Ltd. India and Royal DSM Sustainability Board, Netherlands. She has been recognized as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum and has received a National Honour of Member of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by the Nigerian Government.

In 2011, she was listed as one of the Forbes 20 Youngest Power Women in Africa.

Ndidi is the author of "Social Innovation in Africa: A Practical Guide for Scaling Impact," published by Routledge in 2016.

Dr. Mojúbàolú Olufúnké Okome

Mojúbàolú Olufúnké Okome is an International Political Economist whose regional specialization is on the African continent. Educated at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, Long Island University, New York, and Columbia University, New York, she's a Professor of Political Science at Brooklyn College, CUNY; past Women's Studies Program Director and past Deputy Chair for Graduate

Studies in the Department of Political Science at Brooklyn College. Born in Nigeria, Mojúbàolú has worked on international development issues as a consultant for clients including the United Nations and Commonwealth Secretariat in London. Her teaching interests include a focus on the meanings of inclusive, equitable citizenship in the context of the interplay between globalization, democratization and economic development. Her research interests include: Youth Empowerment, Gender, Democracy and Citizenship in Africa; Governance, Development and Democracy in Africa; Effects of Globalization, Post-Colonialism, and Modernity on Economic and Political Transformation; and African Diaspora Studies. Her most recent publications are: two edited books published in 2013 by Palgrave-Macmillan: *State Fragility, State Formation, and Human Security in Nigeria*; and *Contesting the Nigerian State: Civil Society and the Contradictions of Self-Organization*; and one book co-edited with Afia Serwaa Zakiya published by Bookbuilders, Ibadan, Nigeria: *Women's Political and Legislative Participation in Nigeria: Perspectives From the 2007 Elections*. Previously, she co-edited two books with Olufemi Vaughan (January 2012) *West African Migrations: Transnational and Global Pathways in a New Century*. NY: Palgrave Macmillan, and also with Olufemi Vaughan (January 2012) *Transnational Africa and Globalization*. NY: Palgrave Macmillan. She co-founded #BringBackOurGirlsNYC and is founder and editor of *Ìrìnkèrindò: a Journal of African Migration*.

Congresswoman Ilhan Abdullahi Omar

Congresswoman Ilhan Abdullahi Omar is an American politician serving as the U.S. Representative for Minnesota's 5th congressional district since 2019. She is the first Somali-American, the first naturalized citizen of African birth, and the first woman of color to hold elective office from Minnesota. She is also one of the first two Muslim women (along with Rashida Tlaib) to serve in Congress. She is a member of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party.

Maria Isa Pérez-Hedges

Maria Isa Pérez-Hedges is a national award-winning Puerto Rican singer, songwriter, actress, rapper, activist and recording artist born in Minnesota and raised on St. Paul's West Side barrio. Isa is a recipient of the 2019-2020 McKnight Artist Fellowship for Musicians, CEO of SotaRico Records, directs mentorship for the non-profit organization Twin Cities Mobile Jazz Project, co-host and founder of Latina Theory A Spanglish Podcast and advocates for #Insulin4All. Maria Isa is an advisor for El Fondo Boricua assisting disaster relief and cultural programming in Puerto Rico by way of Minnesota. Her latest EP "Amor Universal" is available now on all music streaming platforms.

Rashida Petersen

Rashida Petersen is the CEO and Founder of 1847 Philanthropic and new technology start-up DIA-Fund. The catalyst to establish 1847 Philanthropic emanates from Ms. Petersen's strong desire to create lasting impact in Africa by bringing the essentials of fundraising to their nonprofit institutions. DIA-Fund is a hybrid micro-philanthropy platform that connects members of the diaspora in the U.S with vetted community based organizations in their home country and was developed out of 1847 Philanthropic, as technology solution to the problem of expensive due diligence costs to vet local organizations.

Ms. Petersen's career has been built on expertise gained from leading major fundraising and development initiatives in Africa as well as expanding U.S. trade and investment in developing countries. Working within the development departments of international nonprofits, she has been responsible for annual funding goals of over \$16 million dollars in institutional funding and over \$1.3 million dollars cumulative in unrestricted sponsorship dollars.

Her steadfast focus on causes with strong community involvement and local impact enabled her to work with some of the major civil rights leaders of our time, including Ambassador Andrew Young, at GoodWorks International, an international management-consulting firm and she served as the vice-president for programs and business development at OIC International, this organization carries the legacy of the late Reverend Leon H. Sullivan.

Ms. Petersen began her career at the U.S. Department of Commerce, where she served as the East Africa desk officer within the International Trade Administration. Additionally, she served as the acting senior commercial officer with the African Development Bank in Tunis, Tunisia. She was formerly the director of membership and marketing for The Corporate Council on Africa, a trade organization devoted to increasing U.S. trade and investment in Africa.

Ms. Petersen is a noted speaker on topics related to international development, organizational development and local impact, fundraising, as well as the importance of diversity in international affairs at conferences and events around the world including, Council on Foreign Relations' Conference on Diversity in International Affairs and Africa 2018 Forum amongst others. Rashida Petersen holds an International Business degree from the University of Maryland. She currently serves on the advisory board of the University of Maryland's Hinman CEOs Program; is a member of Bridge Institute's Africa Policy Group; active member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and a mentor for College Bound in Washington, D.C.

Reverend Canon Nontombi Naomi Tutu

Reverend Canon Nontombi Naomi Tutu is the Missioner for Racial and Economic Equity at the Cathedral of All Souls, Asheville, NC. The challenges of growing up black and female in apartheid South Africa have been the foundation of Rev. Tutu's life as an activist for human rights.

Those experiences taught her that our whole human family loses when we accept situations of oppression, and how the teaching and preaching hate and division injure us all. Rev. Tutu is the third child of Archbishop Desmond and Nomalizo Leah Tutu.

Reverend Tutu's professional experience ranges from being a development consultant in West Africa to being program coordinator for programs on Race and Gender and Gender-based Violence in Education at the African Gender Institute at the University of Cape Town. In addition, Reverend Tutu has taught at the University of Hartford, the University of Connecticut, and Brevard College in North Carolina. She served as Program Coordinator for the historic Race Relations Institute at Fisk University, and was a part of the Institute's delegation to the World Conference Against Racism in Durban.

She started her public speaking as a college student at Berea College in Kentucky in the 1970s when she was invited to speak at churches, community groups, and colleges and universities about her experiences growing up in apartheid South Africa. Since that time, she has become a much sought-after speaker to groups as varied as business associations, professional conferences, elected officials, and church and civic organizations.

In addition to her speaking and preaching, Reverend Tutu has established Nozizwe Consulting. Nozizwe means Mother of Many Lands, in her mother tongue Xhosa, and is the name she was given by her maternal grandmother. The guiding principle of Nozizwe Consulting is to bring different groups together to learn from and celebrate their differences and acknowledge their shared humanity. As part of this work, she has led Truth and Reconciliation Workshops for groups dealing with different types of conflict. She has also offered educational and partnership trips to South Africa for groups as varied as high schools, churches, hospices, K-12 teachers, and women's associations. These trips emphasize the opportunities to share our stories and experiences.

Reverend Tutu is the recipient of four honorary doctorates from universities and colleges in the United States and Nigeria. She is an ordained clergy in the Episcopal Church. Reverend Tutu is the single mother of two daughters and a son.

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