



# Our Unfinished Work: Creating Equity through Service-Learning and Civic and Community Engagement

SLCE Conference 2022

April 5-6  
Virtual

This gathering will provide students, faculty, community-engaged practitioners, and administrators an opportunity to reflect and learn together about how we can use service-learning and civic engagement to advance justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) within our institutions and communities.

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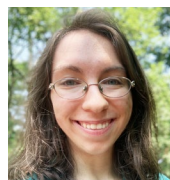
**Ms. Delanie Blubaugh** is a senior at Frostburg State University (FSU) graduating with degrees in political science and Law & Society with a concentration in legal studies in May. Throughout her four years at FSU, Delanie has been an active student leader in the realm of civic engagement, serving as the Editor in Chief of student newspaper The Bottom Line, Student Program Coordinator of the Office of Civic Engagement,

Global Civic Leader, member of the President's Leadership Circle, and FSU's 2021-2022 Newman Civic Fellow with Campus Compact. She co-chaired the University System of Maryland Student Civic Leaders Committee (SCLC) since 2020 alongside Tess McRae.



**Ms. Umaila Fatima**, originally from Cumberland, is a senior at the University of Maryland (UMD) pursuing degrees in public policy and physiology and neurobiology. During her time at UMD, Umaila has been involved with the Integrated Life Sciences Honors College, Federal Fellows, the Student Health Advisory Committee, Combating Overdoses in Rural Areas, and the Student Government Association. Off-campus,

she has interned with Johns Hopkins University, Children's National Hospital, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Maryland Department of Health, and Cornerstone Government Affairs. Following graduation, Umaila plans to pursue a career in clinical medicine and health policy and develop equitable health policy solutions to address the needs of vulnerable communities.



**Ms. Tess McRae** is a graduating senior and Humanities Scholar at UMBC pursuing a self-designed major, "Civic Renewal and Creative Expression," through the Individualized Study program. In her role as Senior Intern for Civic Design and Engagement with UMBC's Center for Democracy and Civic Life, she envisions and supports activities that foster community and develops visuals that communicate the Center's philosophy, including

the logo for the Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement (CLDE) Theory of Change. She also serves as a coach for STRiVE, UMBC's immersive leadership for social impact program. Along with her colleagues, Tess develops, applies, and shares the Center for Democracy and Civic Life's civic tools on campus and in national forums. She co-chairs the University System of Maryland's Student Civic Leaders Committee (SCLC) along with Delanie Blubaugh.



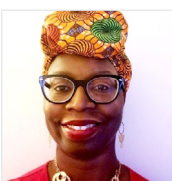
**Ms. Marie-Claire Ofoegbu** is a member of the Stevenson University Class of 2023, where she majors in communication studies. She serves in numerous leadership roles on campus and represents Stevenson University as a student member of the Maryland Higher Education Student Advisory Council. Additionally, Ms. Ofoegbu was named a 2021-2022 Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Compact, through which she embodies the

program's spirit in her efforts to challenge racism.

## Conference Day 1: Tuesday, April 5, 2022

1:00-2:00 PM - PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION FOR STUDENTS

3:00-4:00 PM - KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. SHAWNTAY STOCKS



**Dr. Shawntay Stocks** has over a decade of experience in service and community-based learning, coordinating service and diversity programs, and teaching. Dr. Stocks is trained in Critical Participatory Action Research (CPAR) which she utilizes in planning and executing training in areas of diversity, equity, inclusion, and community-based learning. Additionally, Dr. Stocks uses her poetry as a reflective tool within her workshops and trainings.



## Institutionalizing a Culture of Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) on Campus-Focused Session Speakers



**Ms. Zandra Cuff** serves as the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) and Special Projects AmeriCorps VISTA Leader with Campus Compact Mid-Atlantic. Zandra is a three-time AmeriCorps VISTA, previously serving as a VISTA Leader for North Carolina Campus Compact in 2018. During her time at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, she developed a passion for public policy and law, and how these tools can be used to address poverty.



**Mr. Patrick O'Brien** serves as Director of the Office of Civic Engagement at Frostburg State University (FSU). A 2007 graduate of FSU, he has grown in his position to become a regional and national leader in volunteerism, national service, service learning, civic learning and democratic engagement. His "footprint" over the years has included millions of dollars of grant funding and relationships with dozens of nonprofits, governmental

and educational institutions in connection with the ASTAR in Western Maryland AmeriCorps program, along with playing a key role in events like Beautify the Burg, Relay For Life and the Maryland Special Olympic Games.



**Dr. Tracy Rone** is Interim Director of Innovation and Community Partnerships, and Associate Professor in the Department of Advanced Studies, Leadership, and Policy in the School of Education and Urban Studies at Morgan State University. She is trained as a linguistic anthropologist. Her research aims to illuminate urban education issues in high-poverty, resource-challenged contexts through an anthropological lens. She has

served as research co-director for the Baltimore Education Research Consortium (BERC), a partnership of Baltimore City Public Schools, Morgan State University, and Johns Hopkins University.



**Ms. Madeline Yates** is the founder and executive director of Campus Compact Mid-Atlantic, a higher education association which leverages the capacity of higher education to develop global citizens and create just communities across Mid-Atlantic region. Ms. Yates has over 25 years of experience in cross-cultural and service-learning programs as a participant, coordinator, and manager. She then taught in Montgomery County Public

Schools and helped coordinate the Maryland State Department of Education's nationally recognized K-12 service-learning program. She has traveled extensively throughout the world — living, teaching, working, and volunteering for extended periods of time in approximately 70 countries, including Haiti, the Philippines, Nicaragua, Japan, Mexico, Switzerland, and New Zealand.

## 1:00-2:30 PM - CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### Faculty-Focused Session Speakers



**Dr. Sosonya Jones** is Associate Professor of Educational Leadership & Policy Studies in the School of Education at Howard University. Dr. Jones has almost twenty years of experience as an administrator, researcher, and educator in higher education. She teaches courses in higher education policy, governance, diversity and equity, and advanced qualitative methods. Her research interests focus on the nexus between policy and

practice for diversity, equity, and inclusion in higher education.



**Dr. Nusta Carranza Ko** is Assistant Professor in the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Baltimore. Dr. Ko's research interests include cross-regional research on human rights and transitional justice processes in Latin America and East Asia, including policies of memorialization in Peru and South Korea and questions of indigenous peoples' rights, namely forced sterilization, and indigenous

identities in Peru. She has conducted fieldwork in Peru, South Korea, and Brazil, and held visiting research positions.

## Faculty-Focused Session Speakers (cont.)



**Dr. Lynnette Young Overby**, is the University of Delaware (UD) Director of The Community Engagement Initiative and Founding Director of the Partnership for Arts & Culture. She also directs the UD Dance Minor and is the Artistic Director of the Sharing our Legacy Dance Theatre. Overby received the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Dance Education Organization and in 2020, served on the Biden/Harris Agency Review Team in Arts and Humanities. Recently she was inducted into the Academy of Community Engagement Scholarship, and in 2021, she was appointed to serve on the National Council on the Humanities.



**Dr. Tiffany Parkman** is a lecturer in the School of Health and Human Services at the University of Baltimore. She has had a love for the mentally ill for well over a decade and has worked in almost every area of the helping field. From her experiences, she learned the critical role that family and having good family relationships play in all that we do. This led to her research interests focusing on families, prisoner

re-entry, and the mentally ill.

## CSM Community Engaged Practitioner-Focused Session Speakers



**Dr. Sarah Merranko** is a Professor of Communications at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM). Dr. Merranko was instrumental in creating the inaugural Center of Civic Engagement and Service Learning at the CSM in 2005. She served as Director of the Center and participated in the development of the Core Learning Area outcomes for Experiential Learning, after which she turned her attention to full time teaching. She

served as the Project Director on CSM's Learn & Serve Higher Education Consortia Grant, facilitated and implemented service-learning and volunteer training for faculty, staff, students, and volunteer organizations, and managed the service-learning and volunteer database.

## 3:00-4:00PM - CLOSING CONVERSATION



**Ms. Shirley Sagawa** be recognized as the 2021 CCMA Brit Kirwan Engaged Leader Award winner, and provide concluding remarks to the conference. Ms. Sagawa is the former CEO of Service Year Alliance and an architect of AmeriCorps. Over the last three decades, she has developed innovative social and education policy, authored groundbreaking reports, and advised national organizations and foundations

on strategy. She has served as a presidential appointee in both Democratic and Republican Administrations.



**Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk** is the President of Frostburg State University and has over 35 years of experience in varied higher education roles. He most recently served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Clarion University, a public comprehensive institution in Pennsylvania. Before joining Clarion, Nowaczyk served in numerous positions in higher-education administration. Nowaczyk began as a

faculty member in psychology, and he remains a passionate educator.



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