





## GOOD LUCK USF IN D.C. FELLOWS!

Best of luck to our newest cohort of USF in DC fellows as they head into their semester-long community-engaged learning in our nation's capitol! This spring semester, our students have the unique opportunity to live, learn, and explore all that Washington, D.C. has to offer. Six of our hardworking fellows including Jackson Haney, Shennel Henries, Cesar Fernandez, Alexandro Taylor-Young, Memar Ivy, and Ashlyn Glancy will spend their time in public service internships with offices such as the Senate Veteran Affairs **Committee, Office of Congressman Chris Smith, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions** of America, and Office of Senator Alex Padilla.

## Note from the Senior Director

Last year, we saw many challenges in returning to full force but 2023 promises new heights ahead. At the Center, we continue to work in collaboration with the community we serve. We are increasing our impact with students, creating new partnerships and working across campus to deliver extraordinary programming that you can learn more about in our 2022 Annual Impact Report.

I continue to pinch myself each day. I am so thankful for all that Team Leo contributes to the Center and I feel so fortunate to lead the Center and work alongside my USF family. In this newsletter you'll meet our spectacular staff and learn about the programs and projects that they'll take to the next level over the coming year. After reading, I'm sure you will agree!

Derick E. Brown Senior Director, Leo T. McCarthy Center



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## Staff in the Spotlight

"Team Leo" continues the legacy of Lt. Governor Leo T. McCarthy in leading for the common good through a multitude of programs and initiatives in collaboration with faculty, individual and organizational partnerships. Here, we share and showcase individual full time staff, supporting cast and the work to-come in 2023. To learn more about the programs, visit www.usfca.edu/mccarthy/



**Star Plaxton-Moore,** Director, Community Engaged Learning

- Designing community-engaged curriculum intensives for faculty
- Delivering keynote talk at the Northwest Community Engagement Institute
- Publishing two book chapters



**Angeline Vuong,**Assoc. Director, Community
Engagement and Public Service
Programs

- Implementing community-engaged learning into existing programs
- Creating ongoing alumni portal project for mentors
- Inaugural member, Anti-Racism Committee at St. Ignatius Church



**Jacqueline Scott Ramos,** Community Engaged-Learning Program Manager

- Abolition research on school-toprison pipeline and housing injustice
- Healing mentor with No More Tears
- CEL and poetry publications



**Leslie Lombre,**Director, External Relations

- Relaunching Conversations for the Common Good series
- Developing and expanding Board of Advisors
- National storytelling and media coverage of Center's success with Aisha and Delaney



**Karin Cotterman,**Director, Engage San Francisco

- Team research on literacy in the Fillmore with Dresden and Carla
- Co-facilitating dialogues on whiteness and community engagement
- Ed.D. anticipated May '23



**Dresden Frazier-Smith,** Literacy Program Coordinator, Engage San Francisco

- Presenting at the Continuums of Service Conference on student mental health
- Presenting a webinar for the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity on activism and Black identity



**Beth Gonzales,** Program Assistant

- Coordinating capital improvements of Masonic 103
- Supporting Center's financial reporting and operations
- More advertising coursework in Spring and Fall



**Derick Brown,**Sr. Director

- Launching Rising Dons mentorship program
- Establishing a bi-coastal partnership with Georgetown University
- Hosting the inaugural McCarthy Center Friendraiser Celebration

## **McCarthy Center Events**

January 25 - May 10 USFVotes General Meetings Wednesdays | 6:30pm | amvuong@usfca.edu

tings March 1 I McCarthy Fellows Deadline Wednesday | 11:59pm | tinyurl.com/sffellows

March 9

Friendraiser Celebration Thursday | 5:30-7:30pm | https://rsvp.usfca.edu/ mccarthy-center-friendraiser Stay informed on the McCarthy Center's students, alums, staff and partners in 2022



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