SESSION PANELISTS

**Beth A. Boehm** is Professor of English, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, and Dean of the School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies at the University of Louisville. Her research and teaching cross three different areas of English Studies: Modern British literature; narrative studies; and rhetoric, composition and pedagogy. Since she joined the provost’s office and the graduate school, most of her research focuses on issues in higher education, particularly the education of graduate students. Recently, she developed the Community Engagement Academy for UofL’s graduate students as part of SIGS’ professional development initiatives.

**Ying Kit Chan**, Professor of Art at the University of Louisville, has been incorporating social justice and multicultural issues into his courses for three decades. As an artist, he has presented his artwork in over 200 exhibitions in the United States as well as in Australia, Canada, Ecuador, Germany, Korea, Japan, England, Hong Kong, Poland, Taiwan, and Portugal. He has received many visual art grants and awards, including the 2017 A&S Distinguished Faculty Award for Full-time Teaching.

**Henry R. Cunningham**, Ph.D., is the Director of Community Engagement at the University of Louisville. In this role, he works with all aspects of community engagement, including policy development, data collection and assessment, faculty development, and community partnerships, among others. He teaches a community-based learning course and has published articles and book chapters on community engagement.

**Cherie Dawson-Edwards** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Louisville. She has taught a variety of criminal justice courses, but her research and teaching interests center on the intersection of public policy and criminal justice with a specific focus on schools and juvenile justice. In addition to a career in teaching, Dr. Dawson-Edwards has held positions in probation and victim services. Dr. Dawson-Edwards is currently Acting Administrative Director at the Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research. She is also the director of UofL’s Social Change Minor.

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Corey Dutton is a third-year undergraduate student at the University of Louisville, majoring in History and French with a minor in Russian Studies. She has worked with local organizations such as Kentucky Refugee Ministries and Hotel Louisville and has participated in the Young People For (YP4) fellowship in 2016. Corey hopes to attend law and public policy school after graduation.

Shireen Deobhakta, Ph.D., works at the Office of Performance Improvement and Innovation within the Mayor’s Office. She focuses on research and evaluation through the application of Behavioral Science to how we deliver services as a government. Shireen received her doctoral degree in Urban and Public Affairs from the University of Louisville. Her research focused on the revitalization that is currently taking place in Over-the-Rhine, Cincinnati. Prior to that, Shireen spent her career as a Public Finance Investment Banker, working with municipalities to structure bonds and notes for their capital projects. She held executive level positions at Huntington Capital Corporation and Chase.

Cassia Herron is a community development professional and political activist with nearly 15 years of experience working on projects at the intersections of community and economic development, food and the built environment—specifically, in West Louisville. Cassia is the Research Manager for the Cooperative Consortium for Transdisciplinary Social Justice Research. She serves as an Executive Committee member of the Kentuckians For The Commonwealth, and as President of Louisville Association for Community Economics, she is working to open a community-owned grocery store in one of Louisville’s downtown neighborhoods. Cassia is a graduate of the University of Louisville and has a master's in Urban Planning from the University of Michigan.

Lauren C. Heberle is the Director of the Center for Environmental Policy and Management (CEPM) and Associate Professor of Sociology. She teaches environmental and social policy courses. Her expertise is in community participation in environmental decision-making. Her areas of research include urban redevelopment, environmental policy, environmental justice, community engagement, and sustainable development. Her work on Brownfields redevelopment began in the Park Hill Corridor in 2005 and now continues in the Russell neighborhood with a pilot project that will develop a toolkit to assess community benefits associated with Brownfields redevelopment. Dr. Heberle and her staff at the CEPM also author the annual State of Metropolitan Housing Report.

Kate Howard is a reporter with WFPL's Kentucky Center for Investigative Reporting, where she focuses on higher education and youth issues. Howard has earned a national Investigative Reporters and Editors award and numerous regional awards. She is also a 2017 National Center for Health Journalism fellow, currently researching a story about disproportionate outcomes for black youth in Kentucky's juvenile justice system.

Alicia Hurle is Deputy Organizing Director for Democracy for Kentuckians For The Commonwealth. Alicia is originally from Louisville and holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Louisville with a concentration in Non-Profit Management and a Graduate Certificate in Pan-African Studies. She has been with Kentuckians For The Commonwealth since January 2013, spending her first 4 years as the Jefferson County Community Organizer before transitioning into her current role in the spring of 2017. In her free time, Alicia is a volunteer leader with Outdoor Afro.

Brandy Kelly-Pryor, PhD, holds a doctorate in recreation, park and tourism sciences with a concentration in youth development from Texas A&M University, a master's degree in education administration and human development, with a concentration in educational policy studies, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in international affairs with concentrations in global public health and Africa, both from The George Washington University. She also serves as the Director of the Center for Health Equity at the Louisville Metro Public Health & Wellness Department where she works alongside the community to help Louisville
make great strides in becoming a city where everyone has a chance of living a healthy life, no matter where they live, work, play or pray.

**Jelani Kerr**, MSPH, PhD, is an assistant professor of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Louisville. He received his PhD in Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior at University of South Carolina. His research focuses on HIV vulnerability of racial/ethnic minority youth in the US and Canada. In particular, he investigates individual and structural factors that influence HIV/AIDS disparities and partners with communities to develop interventions to reduce them. This research includes examinations of HIV-related stigma among people of color, identifying factors that impact continuum of care participation, and the development and evaluation of programming to reduce HIV vulnerability within community settings.

**Edgardo Mansilla** is the Executive Director of Americana Community Center. Edgardo, a native of Buenos Aires, Argentina, came to Louisville in 1990 on a scholarship to study social work. He holds a master of social work degree from the Carver School of Social Work and a master's of theology. Edgardo is also a part-time professor at the University of Louisville Kent School of Social Work. He has extensive experience providing programs in Louisville to benefit refugee, immigrant, and low-income families.

**Lisa Markowitz** is Acting Co-Principal Investigator of the Cooperative Consortium for Transdisciplinary Social Justice Research and Associate Professor of Anthropology. Since the 1980s, Dr. Markowitz has worked in small communities in Andean South America, and upon returning to Kentucky in the mid-1990s, she became interested in the various social movements aimed at reshaping agriculture in the U.S. Subsequently, as both an activist and researcher, she has been involved with efforts to create a more equitable and sustainable food system here in Louisville. Her latest activity in this vein has been a two-year collaboration with Louisville Metro Government, supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to look at the use of SNAP (formerly food stamps) at farmers’ markets. Her research and publications have also addressed food justice, rural development in Latin America, and agrarian social activism.

**Keri E. Mathis** is a doctoral candidate in English Rhetoric and Composition at the University of Louisville and is the graduate fellow for the Cooperative Consortium for Transdisciplinary Social Justice Research. She is currently writing her dissertation on gendered writing in moments of media transition (manuscript, print, and digital) and also researches structures for community-engaged and social justice research in higher education. She co-developed and implemented the Community Engagement Academy for UofL graduate students as the research assistant to Dean Beth Boehm and has worked with several Louisville nonprofits, including the Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Backside Learning Center.

**Theresa Rajack-Talley** is a Professor & former Chair of the Department of Pan African Studies, as well as the Associate Dean for International, Diversity and Community Engagement Programs in the College of Arts & Sciences. She has more than 30 years of community-based research experience on the impact of race/ethnicity, gender, and social class on social inequality and poverty in the African Diaspora. Locally she has worked with the Urban League, the Mayor’s Task Force, the Department of Juvenile Justice, Shawnee Weed and Seed Project, the Louisville Health Forum, the Yearlings Club, and several other partners whose interests focus on the African American community in Louisville and Kentucky overall. Dr. Rajack-Talley's work has social justice policy implications both globally and locally.

**Mary P. Sheridan** is a Professor in Composition and Rhetoric at the University of Louisville, who researches, publishes and teaches on questions relating to digital composing, community engagement, and feminist methodologies. Today she’ll talk about how she makes her scholarship, teaching, and community-engaged service count on her vita, especially as this relates to tenure and promotion.
Adam Stieglitz is a graduate student researcher for the Consortium and is the director of operations and co-founder of the Andean Alliance for Sustainable Development (AASD). He received his bachelor’s degree in business management from the University of Miami (FL) and a master’s degree in public administration from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California. His research interests include exploring effective ways of bridging academia with community development in order to promote social change. He believes the AASD is in a unique position to contribute to the field of engaged scholarship because of its ability to equally represent the perspectives of both local communities and university students. Adam is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in educational leadership and organization development at the University of Louisville.

Angela Storey is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at UofL. Her research examines the politics of the natural and built environment, with a focus on community activism and participatory processes of urban governance. She has been conducting ethnographic research in Cape Town, South Africa, since 2010, and is currently working on a CCTSJR-supported project in Louisville in collaboration with faculty and students from a wide set of departments.

Enid Trucios-Haynes is a Co-Principal Investigator of the Cooperative Consortium for Transdisciplinary Social Justice Research. She joined the faculty at UofL’s Brandeis School of Law in 1993. She is a nationally-recognized scholar in immigration law, and her teaching focus is in constitutional law, immigration law, international law, and race and the law with an emphasis on issues affecting Latinos. She was the founder and director of the Brandeis School of Law Immigration Mini-Clinic (1998-2000), a pilot project and the only live-client clinical experience available to students at that time. Professor Trucios-Haynes is chair of the Faculty Senate and trustee of the University of Louisville. Since fall 2014, she has been the interim director of the Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice, a diversity unit within the Office of the Vice Provost for Diversity and International Affairs.

Russell Vandenbroucke, Professor of Theatre Arts, is the founding director of UofL’s undergraduate certificate program in Peace, Justice, & Conflict Transformation Program. His work at the nexus of art and social justice includes a book on South African playwright Athol Fugard and plays he has written and directed about the making of the atomic bomb (also public radio), Eleanor Roosevelt (also on PBS “American Playhouse”), the 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, and American soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, among others.

Eddie L. Woods, Jr., Ph.D., is the CEO at LIFE Hope Center, Inc. He has expertise in safe schools and communities, youth violence, gang/drug dealing intervention, youth program development, and risk assessment evaluations. He has over 25 years of hands-on work experience with community groups, gangs, and youth groups. Dr. Woods has a master’s degree in Criminal Justice, extensive studies in Public Administration, and a doctorate in Criminal Justice Management.