



SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

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PEACEJAMMING: YOUTH-CENTRIC COALITIONS FOR POSITIVE PEACE & HEALING-CENTERED PRAXIS

ABSTRACT:

Youth are critical stakeholder-leaders in fostering harmony among individuals and communities. Together we'll reframe youth roles in engaging healing-centered models for collaboration and establish pathways for positive, peace-action with a resonance of sustainable futures. By exploring high-impact strategies for navigating dissonance through community partnerships and youth-centric action in hyper-local and global contexts, this session, facilitated by youth leaders in collaboration with practitioners, will deconstruct the how and the how-might-we of progressing from unawareness to healing-centered-praxis.

THEMATIC FOCUS: RESONANCE | SURPRISING COLLABORATIONS

BIO(S):

BRIDGID SHANNON

Bridgid P. Shannon serves as Assistant Director for Community Engagement at Florida State University's Center for Leadership & Service and Southeast Regional Coordinator of PeaceJam Foundation. English and Intergenerational Studies were Brie's focus at Rollins College, followed by graduate studies in Children's and Young Adult Literature and Creative Writing at Hollins University (M.A. & M.F.A.). Her work stretches from 3-year-olds to senior citizens. Constants have been leadership, relationships, community ecosystems, and fostering positive, sustainable change by engaging stakeholder voices through art, literature, and storytelling. She has collaborated with youth in education, leadership, and service programming for more than 30 years.

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HILLARY HARBAUER

Hillary Harbauer is a third-year student at Florida State University, where she follows a pre-law track, while proudly serving as a Community Ambassador with PeaceJam, Resident Assistant, and Service Scholar at FSU. Hillary immigrated from Venezuela eight years ago with the dream of chasing opportunities that her home country lacked. Her journey has afforded her the pleasure to learn in collaboration with other community stakeholders and to learn how to interact with different communities. Hillary's passion is grounded in supporting and scaffolding opportunities for those who lack the information and guidance to reach their goals and unlock mutual flourishing: "Those who will, can with the right support."

TALETHIA EDWARDS

Talethia O. Edwards is a dedicated community leader, social justice advocate, and consultant committed to equity, empowerment, and systemic change. As the Executive Director of Good News Outreach, she oversees programs addressing poverty, food insecurity, re-entry services, and housing stability in Tallahassee. Through her leadership, she has expanded partnerships, increased community engagement, and developed sustainable solutions to serve vulnerable populations. A fierce advocate for marginalized communities, Talethia has worked extensively in anti-poverty initiatives, parent leadership, and grassroots organizing. She played a pivotal role in securing \$6.4 million for Southside Tallahassee and has led coalition-building efforts with organizations such as the Harvard -Bloomberg, Atlanta Federal Reserve, Opening Nights at FSU, and ReThink Energy, just to name a few. Her work with the HAND Up Project and Birth Justice Doula Training reflects her deep commitment to health justice, economic mobility, and community-centered policy change. At the core of Talethia's work is an unwavering belief in the power of community-driven solutions to create lasting impact.

CINTHYA DOMINGUEZ

Cinthya Dominguez is a dedicated problem-solver with a passion for helping others recognize their strengths and achieve personal growth. As the Director of Empowerment Programs at The Oasis Center for Women and Girls, she manages direct services while also supervising staff, analyzing data, and ensuring program effectiveness. Prior to her current role, Cinthya served as a strengths-based therapist in St. Petersburg, FL, and has a decade of experience in customer service. She holds a Master of Social Work (MSW) from Florida State University, bringing both an understanding of social issues and a commitment to making a meaningful difference in the community