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Presenter Bios

Stuart Axenfeld, Assistant Inspector General – Corporation for National and Community Service

Stuart G. Axenfeld was appointed Assistant Inspector General for Audit in 2008, overseeing the team performing audits of Corporation operations, programs and grantees. He joined the OIG in 2004 as an Audit Manager. Axenfeld previously served as Senior Auditor at the Office of Inspector General of the Library of Congress as the Senior Auditor.

Theresa Hall-Brown, Regional Coordinator – America Reads Mississippi AmeriCorps Program

Theresa Brown is the Regional Coordinator for the America Reads – Mississippi (AmeriCorps) program at Mississippi State University. She has worked for America Reads – Mississippi for the past fourteen years.

Tom Bryer, Ph.D, Director – University of Central Florida Non Profit Management and Leader Center

As Director of the Center for Public and Nonprofit Management in the School of Public Administration at the University Central Florida, Thomas Bryer, Ph.D, leads efforts to develop, coordinate and implement a range of professional development and capacity building projects for government and nonprofit sectors throughout Florida, the United States, and in multiple international settings. His research focuses on collaboration and partnership development, citizen and stakeholder engagement, and volunteerism.

Carson Carroll, National Service Project Supervisor – United Way Association of South Carolina

Carson Carroll is the National Service Project Supervisor at the South Carolina Commission on National and Community Service. She is responsible for facilitating both in-person and virtual meetings for VISTAs, Site Supervisors, and advisory committees associated with the Commission's statewide VISTA EARNs project.

Harry Coverston, Assistant Lecturer – University of Central Florida

Harry Coverston, Ph.D, is an Assistant Lecturer in Religion and Cultural Studies and Humanities and Cultural Studies at the University of Central Florida. He was trained by the Center for Civic Reflection in 2005 and has conducted two different Civic Reflections programs for the Florida Humanities Council. Coverston is currently serving the Council as scholar for its Prime Time Reading program and developing Community Conversations programs for both adults and families. He is a Fulbright scholar, a member of the Florida Bar, an ordained Episcopal priest and a fifth generation Floridian.

Diana Epstein, Senior Research Analyst – Corporation for National and Community Service

Diana Epstein is a Senior Research Analyst in the Office of Research and Evaluation. She leads a portfolio of projects that includes the national evaluation of School Turnaround AmeriCorps, the redesign of the AmeriCorps Member Exit Survey, a nationally representative survey of AmeriCorps alumni, and evaluation capacity building for AmeriCorps State and National grantees. She served in AmeriCorps NCCC for two years at the Charleston campus.

Kinza Ghaznavi, Grants Management Specialist – Corporation for National and Community Service

Since 2011, Kinza Ghaznavi has served as CNCS' National Service Criminal History Check (NSCHC) expert. Prior to joining CNCS, Kinza was the lead program officer of the youth program at Religions for Peace - International in New York City.

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Janis Glenn, Founder – Pathways Leadership Coaching

Janis Glenn, M.G.A. is an executive coach, trainer, facilitator, and organizational development consultant with over 20 years of experience in leadership training, management and performance coaching, emotional intelligence competencies, strategic partnerships, effective communications, and resource development in the nonprofit, public, and private sectors. Janis has extensive experience in national service organizations, serving as Executive Director of the Delaware Commission and as Director of the Maryland Service Exchange, a volunteer corps of 70 professionals.

Bill Hulterstrom, President - United Way of Utah County

Bill Hulterstrom has been helping individuals and families improve their communities throughout North America and overseas for more than 30 years. Bill began his career working at the Utah Special Olympics, where he served as project director. Bill has served as vice chair of America's Service Commissions, first vice chair of the Utah Commission on Volunteers, and co-chair of the Utah County Homeless Coordinating Committee.

John Kelly, Deputy Chief of Staff – Corporation for National and Community Service

As Deputy Chief of Staff at the Corporation for National and Community Service, John Kelly leads the agency's national service growth strategy by developing partnerships at the national, state, and community level. Prior to his role with CNCS, John Kelly worked in the White House Domestic Policy Council in the Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Brent Kossick, Director of South Carolina Service Commission – United Way Association of South Carolina

Brent Kossick is the Director of the South Carolina Commission on National and Community Service and has been involved with AmeriCorps since 2007. He is a Certified United Way Meeting Facilitator and has led community meetings, training events, and strategic planning sessions.

Ted Miller, Director of Office of External Affairs – Corporation for National and Community Service

Ted Miller serves as the chief of external affairs at the Corporation for National and Community Service. Miller directs all online and digital platforms, manage partnerships with outside organizations, oversees media relations, and works with the White House to advance President Obama's Call to Service priorities. He also oversees the MLK Day of Service and the September 11th Day of Service and Remembrance.

Jeffrey Morales, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations – Corporation for National and Community Service

Jeff Morales joined the OIG in 2004 as a Senior Special Agent and was appointed as the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations in 2009, supervising the OIG investigative sections. The investigative section is responsible for detection and investigation of fraud, waste, and abuse within Corporation for National and Community Service programs and operations. His agents conduct various criminal, civil, and administrative investigations. Morales has over 25 years in the law enforcement field.

Melody Prevatte, Ph.D, CAVNC Volunteer Services Director – Southeastern Community College

Melody Prevatte, Ph.D, serves as the Director of the Columbus County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Volunteer Center, and Service Learning. She previously served as VISTA program supervisor and AmeriCorps liaison.

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Susan Rice, Grants Management Specialist – Corporation for National and Community Service

Susan Rice has 16 years of experience in national service program development and grants management at the community, state, and national level. Before joining the CNCS headquarters staff, she served as a VISTA, a state Program Officer, and as a Grant Development Coordinator.

Jeffrey Richardson, Chief Program Officer – National Conference on Citizenship

Jeffrey Richardson is an AmeriCorps alum who completed his service with Wediko Children's Services in Windsor, New Hampshire in 2000. He is the former Chief Service Officer and Executive Director of the District of Columbia State Service Commission.

Ken Skalitzy, Emergency Management Director – Volunteer Florida

Ken Skalitzy serves as Volunteer Florida's Emergency Management Director. Working closely with the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Skalitzy coordinates Volunteer Florida's role as the lead agency for Emergency Support Function (ESF) 15, managing volunteers and donations before, during, and after disasters. Skalitzy previously served as the Voluntary Agency Liaison for FEMA Region IV in Atlanta, where he served eight states in the Southeast. He has responded to over 100 disasters across the nation, including tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, and terrorist attacks.

Tim Smith, Communications Director – Service Nation

Tim Smith is the Communications Director for ServiceNation. He is a proud AmeriCorps Alum, serving in his hometown of Boston, MA with the Massachusetts Promise Fellowship. Smith previously managed online engagement for Slow Food USA and as a data analysis for Upworthy.

Ronjanett Taylor, State Program Director – America Reads Mississippi AmeriCorps Program

Ronjanett Taylor has served as State Director for America Reads – Mississippi since 2008, overseeing the programmatic and fiscal management of partnerships with three university regional offices and 28 public schools. She previously served as the Director of Minority Student Services at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas.

Thomas Toney, Manager of Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness – Teach for America Chicago

Thomas Toney has worked in the nonprofit sector throughout the Chicago area since 2009, bringing together academic, business, and nonprofit organizations to confront issues related to poverty, education, and community development. His previous experience includes serving as a Senior Program Coordinator with Chicago Cares, Chicago's largest volunteer service agency, as Field Support Liaison at the Woodlawn Children's Promise Zone, and as a member of Senior Corps with City Year Chicago.

Nate Treffeisen, National Mobilization Manager - Voices for National Service

Nate Treffeisen is the National Mobilization Manager for Voices for National Service and City Year, Inc., where he is responsible for providing operational support for the Voices for National Service coalition. This includes the management of online and social media campaigns, Capitol Hill outreach, nationwide mobilization strategy, annual fundraising drives, board management, and event planning.

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Yvonne Walker, Grants Management Specialist – Corporation for National and Community Service

Yvonne Walker has been a Grants Officer at CNCS's Field Financial Management Center in Philadelphia for the past eight years. In this role she oversees the financial administration, negotiation, termination, and closeout of federal grant awards. She has 13 years of experience in budget management, development, and monitoring of expenditure patterns. She currently manages Senior Corps and VISTA Support grants in Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama.

Kelly Weiley, Co-Founder – Collective Action Training

Kelly C. Weiley is a Trainer and Co-Founder of Collective Action Training. Kelly has over 14 years of experience designing and delivering high quality interactive trainings on diversity and inclusion, leadership, and service-learning to thousands of participants. Since 2007, Kelly has delivered the Diversity in Service Training for AmeriCorps NCCC and is a proud alum of that program herself (Class VII-VIII).

Tawanna Wright, State Program Officer -Alabama, Corporation for National and Community Service

Tawanna Wright has served in the State Program Office in the Corporation for National and Community Service's Alabama State Office since October 2011. Prior to joining CNCS she served as a grants manager for Birmingham City Schools, and the Birmingham Regional and Empowerment Development Center. She previously served as an AmeriCorps Project Director and as an AmeriCorps Program Officer for Alabama.

Sarah Yue, Program Officer AmeriCorps State and National – Corporation for National and Community Service

Sarah Yue is a Program Officer for AmeriCorps State and National at the Corporation for National and Community Service. She has managed grants for CNCS, the National Science Foundation, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, where she helped design and write new performance measures for federal grantees.