

LEADERSHIP TOMORROW 2022 COACHES BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Shereese Braun, LT'21 is a Program Manager with King County's Children, Youth and Young Adults Division, where she supervises teams of social work and administrative professionals who work with young people, ages 16-24 years. She began her professional career working with at-risk youth, teaching employability and goal setting skills and has over 10 years' experience working in higher education, with focuses in financial aid and Workforce Education. Shereese holds a bachelor's degree in Integrated Social Sciences and a master's in Adult Education and Instructional Design. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her son and daughter, reading, game nights and kayaking or being near the coast. She is a fan of all things fantastical and is a hobby fiction writer.

Sharon Chism, LT'21 is a Senior Manager at Russell Investments. Sharon manages sub-advisor fee negotiations, working closely with external managers and the firm's Portfolio Management, Legal, Finance, and Operations teams. She has comprehensive corporate experience across multiple industries. Prior to joining Russell Investments in 2017, Sharon spent five years at Amazon where she helped broker relationships with many of the firm's external service and systems providers. Prior to that, she was a Sourcing Manager at Georgia-Pacific in Atlanta, Georgia. Earlier in her career Sharon was Consultant with Cap Gemini Ernst & Young and a Buyer with Honda of America, Mfg. Sharon is passionate about equity-focused community engagement that creates access to opportunities and empowers individuals. Sharon is an Ambassador for Black Girls RUN!, an organization that encourages women to make fitness and healthy living a priority. She recently joined the board of Educurious which leverages project-based learning to engage and inspire middle school students and teachers. Sharon is a Steering Committee member of the Russell Investments Black Associate Resource Group and represents the firm on the Washington Employers for Racial Equity Metrics Workgroup and the Challenge Seattle Education Workgroup. She holds an M.B.A from Case Western Reserve University and a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida A&M University.

<u>Danielle Friedman</u>, LT'21 is works as a Strategic Advisor with the Department of Neighborhoods with the City of Seattle. She has been in this role since 2017 and has worked on numerous issues with a focus on equitable outreach and engagement. Currently, she is working on the West Seattle Bridge closure. She has over 15 years of experience working with non-profits and a strong commitment to racial equity and social justice. In her previous roles at the Statewide Poverty Action Network and Thrive Washington, she focused on working with community to influence policy at the state level. She received a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Washington in 2005. Originally from New York, Danielle moved to Seattle after college and loved it so much that she never left. She lives in South Seattle with her family, pet bunny rabbit, and numerous houseplants.

Heather Hart, LT'21 is a community volunteer and health educator. Her experience with Leadership Tomorrow last year inspired her to leave her job facilitating and coordinating pregnancy care to support the local movement for racial equity in education (particularly around family engagement and funding). She is the incoming secretary of the Seattle Council Parent Teacher and Student Association, and the legislative chair for the Beacon Hill PTA. Her favorite part of any work is collaborative problem solving and relationship building. Heather graduated from Western Washington University with a BS in Biology and a BA in Spanish. She received her Master of Public Health from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. She has served on Seattle non-profit boards for 10 years. Heather lives with her 3 kids and partner in South Seattle. She loves to spend time outdoors and eat good food.

<u>Brittney Jackson</u>, LT'21, is a proud product of Seattle's enduring Black community, and is currently living and serving on the stolen lands of the Puyallup Tribe (present day Tacoma, WA). After receiving her B.A. in Psychology from Agnes Scott College, she returned to the Seattle area and joined the Office of Admission at the University of Puget Sound, as the university's first undergraduate 'Multicultural' Admission Coordinator. In this inaugural role, she developed

strategic recruitment efforts for several undergraduate scholarship programs - like the Posse Foundation's Bay Area Office, thus solidifying Puget Sound as the only partner institution in the Pacific Northwest. Having spent the entirety of her time at Puget Sound spearheading recruitment for their flagship financial aid initiative for Tacoma Public School students, she was drawn to Leadership Tomorrow's expressed focus on regional issues, and anti-racism. As an independent Black Feminist scholar, she is passionate about decolonizing our understanding of BIPOC student contributions to the academy, and believes that enrollment managers have an vital role to play in the fight for access to higher education.

Trevor Lovell, LT'21 is an attorney at the law firm Fenwick & West where his legal practice focuses on advising startup companies. Trevor's clients are primarily information technology, biotech, and blockchain companies that hail from all parts of the globe. Prior to joining Fenwick, Trevor was at Perkins Coie, where in addition to his corporate practice, Trevor established a strong pro bono practice focused on immigrant rights and advising environmental and other nonprofits. Trevor is originally from Texas and prior to becoming an attorney he worked for Public Citizen as the Environmental Programs Coordinator for its Texas office. In this capacity he lobbied local and state governments on energy and climate change, organized grassroots campaigns, published numerous editorials, and helped educate white-led environmental organizations on environmental justice issues and connect those organizations' resources to local BIPOC-led efforts. Trevor received his law degree from University of Virginia where he was Editor-in-Chief of the Virginia Law Review and subsequently became a legal clerk to Chief Judge Roger L. Gregory, the first Black judge appointed to the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Trevor earned a bachelor's degree from the Business Honors Program at the University of Texas at Austin.

Shannon McIntyre, LT'21 is the Program & Construction Manager at Construction for Change, a Seattle-based non-profit that manages the construction of social-infrastructure in low resourced communities. Shannon began her career in the for-profit sector as an architect in Pittsburgh, PA. She is licensed in both Pennsylvania and Washington. Upon moving to Seattle in 2016, Shannon switched into construction as a commercial construction project manager. Recently transitioning to the non-profit sector has been a long-time dream of Shannon's, where she is able to utilize her professional skills for social and economic empowerment. Shannon is also an experienced scuba diver and is actively pursuing her Divemaster certification. Outside of work, Shannon and her husband, Scott, enjoy traveling, camping, hiking, scuba diving, and hanging out with their two awesome dogs.

Sumana Ramadurgam, LT'21, is a Network Engineer and a Technical Program Manager at an Al-Startup, B.Yond, Inc. She is particularly experienced in the areas of process development, employee relations and partner business management. She provides strategic advice to directors and coaches employees on workplace matters and influences the company culture. Sumana currently serves as an advisory council member at her company, where she strives to create an inclusive work environment for everyone. She also engages in the work of organizations that support women of color, and set up small businesses through her coaching work. Sumana arrived in the United States as a teenager, originally attending a boarding school in India and transitioning to Public schools in the United States, which gave her an opportunity early on to experience the best of both worlds and embrace her cultural differences. She spent most of her upbringing in the New England area and received a M.S in Electrical Engineering from National University, San Diego. Drawn to the Pacific Northwest by its beautiful scenery and cultural diversity; she spends her free time hiking and exploring the area with her four-year-old son and husband.

<u>Duy Tran</u>, LT'21, is a Coordinated Entry and Housing Placement Manager at Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC). The notion of "where you are from" is a bit tricky for immigrant families, but Houston, TX is where Duy grew up. He moved to Washington for school at Whitman College in 2012 and, entranced by the state's natural beauty, decided to stay in Seattle after graduating. Duy has held various jobs, including a season on an Alaskan fishing boat, but most of his professional experience has been with DESC. Duy sees housing, or lack thereof, as an intersection of many different inequities within our society and thus wants to devote his energy into understanding and addressing issues around housing. In his current role, Duy works to match the available housing resources in DESC's portfolio to

the overwhelming need in the community, provide input for the direction of DESC's Housing Department as a member of their Housing Leadership Team, and generally tries to make the often facelessness nature of administrative work more accessible. Duy previously held other positions within DESC including being a clinical outreach worker and as a team lead for the agency's Rapid Rehousing program. In his spare time, Duy tries to keep himself active physically by biking or running, spiritually by practicing his Catholic faith, and communally by building relationships with various social groups around Seattle. Duy's comfort food is noodle soup and his favorite soup is bún bò Huế.

Katie Weiss, LT'21 is the Philanthropy Officer at KEXP, connecting people through music. She grew up in South King County and is a life-long Washingtonian. Katie has been fundraising for 8 years and is passionate about connecting people to missions that matter in ways that are meaningful to them, and redistributing wealth. She has a certificate in fundraising management from UW and is influenced by the works of Community Centered Fundraising, Resource Generation, and Edgar Villanueva. She earned a bachelor's degree in History and Social Studies from WWU in Bellingham, where she started her career as a camp director at Bellingham Girls Rock Camp. She has spent her career in the non-profit sector, most often working in equity in education. She has extensive experience with fundraising, small nonprofits, board development, grant writing, and more. Ask her about roller skating, wealth redistribution, and ancient Greco-Roman history. You can find Katie around town at Southgate Roller Rink, Madrona Beach, antique stores, and the Seattle Center International Fountain