

# 2021 CONVENING

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

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#FCCP2021Convening



The Funders' Committee for Civic Participation (FCCP) is an innovative and thought-provoking network that shares an underlying conviction that all people deserve a voice in our democratic process. We serve leaders in the philanthropic community working to further this vision with heightened attention to issues of equity and historically disenfranchised and underrepresented communities. Our members support non-partisan efforts to engage voters, eliminate structural barriers to voting, advance reforms to improve government and electoral systems, and inspire public involvement in civic life.

FCCP provides funders with a community in which to build connections, a stage for showcasing innovations, a forum for strategic dialogue and collaboration, and a resource for civic participation research and tools. We work to build a more effective network of grantmakers who are passionate about realizing our collective vision of a vibrant and inclusive democracy for all.

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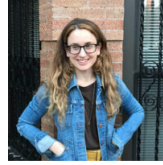
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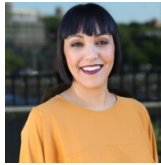
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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### SE-AH-DOM EDMO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *SEEDING JUSTICE*



Se-ah-dom Edmo, Shoshone-Bannock, Nez Perce & Yakama, is Seeding Justice's Executive Director. She brings deep experience in community organizing for racial and social justice work across the nation. She is co-editor of the Tribal Equity Toolkit 3.0: Tribal Resolutions and Codes for Two Spirit and LGBT Justice in Indian Country and American Indian Identity: Citizenship, Membership & Blood. Prior to joining Seeding Justice, she served as the Sovereignty Program Director at Western States Center where she was the coalition convener of Tribal History: Shared History (Senate Bill 13, 2017) in Oregon - this law established and funded teaching of Indian History and Sovereignty in K - 12 Schools across the state. A hallmark of her career has been fostering relationships and collaborations between tribes and organizations that do social, racial, environmental, and economic justice work across the region. She is currently a member of the Steering Committee of Oregon Recovers and is an ALF Senior Fellow. She lives in Portland with her husband James and their children Siale, Imasees and Miyosiwin, as well as her parents, Ed and Carol Edmo.

Se-ah-dom's ancestors are from Celilo, a fishing village along the Columbia River and one of the oldest known settlements in the West.

# CONVENING AGENDA

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

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1:00-1:50  
PM EST

## **WELCOME**

**Speakers:** Ilona Prucha, Wellspring Philanthropic Fund

## **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Introduction:** Esperanza Tervalon-Garrett, Dancing Hearts Consulting

**Speaker:** Se-ah-dom Edmo, Seeding Justice

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHAT**

We are pleased to welcome FCCP's new Executive Director, LaShanda Jackson. This conversation will be an opportunity for the network to learn more about LaShanda, and will draw from questions fielded from the network in the weeks leading up to the convening.

**Speakers:** Esperanza Tervalon-Garrett, Dancing Hearts Consulting; LaShanda Jackson, Funders' Committee for Civic Participation

1:50-2:30  
PM EST

## **PHILANTHROPIC LEADERS CONVERSATION**

2021 is a year of both reflection and purpose, and of dynamic change and robust opportunity. Join senior philanthropic leaders Connie Malloy of Panta Rhea Foundation, Amoretta Morris of Borealis Philanthropy, Lateefah Simon of Akonadi Foundation, and Vivian Chang of Susan Sandler Fund as they reflect on the evolution of civic engagement philanthropy, how we can move forward from an extraordinary year to be better philanthropic partners among the civic engagement ecosystem, and address the just sharing of resources and power. Together, we will hear from these executives who are living our values and moving philanthropy forward in ways that truly support, elevate, and fund multi identity, communities of color focused organizations year round.

**Moderator:** Connie Malloy, Panta Rhea Foundation

**Speakers:** Amoretta Morris, Borealis Philanthropy; Lateefah Simon, Akonadi Foundation; Vivan Chang, Susan Sandler Fund

2:30-2:45  
PM EST

## **BREAK**

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2:45-4:00  
PM EST

## **CONCURRENT SESSION** DEMOCRACY REFORM: STATE + NATIONAL STRATEGIES TO BUILD POWER

Whether fighting voter suppression, mitigating the influence of money in local politics, or passing federal reforms, pro democracy movements rely on organizing that is critical to advance reforms. In turn, structural policy changes are essential to secure and maintain power. Similarly, federal reforms rely on state based momentum to be successful, while state efforts can benefit from a national pro democracy narrative. This session will share specific examples from Arizona, Florida, and Georgia, while reinforcing the connections among ballot access efforts, redistricting, reducing the influence of money in politics, and protecting the right to protest.

**Introduction:** Estevan Muñoz-Howard, Piper Fund, a Proteus Fund initiative

**Moderator:** Julie Fernandes, Rockefeller Family Fund

**Speakers:** Anna Eskamani, Florida House of Representatives; Reginald Bolding, Arizona House of Representatives; Hillary Holley, Fair Fight

2:45-4:00  
PM EST

## **CONCURRENT SESSION** INTERWOVEN STRATEGIES: CULTURAL ORGANIZING, MOBILIZATION + VOTER ENGAGEMENT THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH

In local Southern contexts where legacies of fear, sexism, and retribution over activism still reverberate, leaders of color are paving the way through innovative ways of reaching individuals. Through cultural organizing, base building, and voter engagement, they are driving a 360° approach to civic engagement. Learn how these combined efforts lead to the building of power for communities of color in places like Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and North Carolina, along with the important nuances of hyperlocal, regional, and rural work. Experts will share their lived experiences rooted in community, how to shift philanthropy locally, and how we can support and celebrate communities throughout the region.

**Introduction:** Rebecca Greenberg, Solidago Foundation

**Moderator:** Chi-Ante Singletary, Cypress Fund

**Speakers:** La'Meshia Whittington, NC Black Alliance; Tamiaka Mosley, Grantmakers for Southern Progress; Ethan Hamblin, Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation; Chavi Khanna Koneru, NCAAT

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**4:00-4:30  
PM EST**

## ***CLOSING REMARKS***

**Speaker:** Esperanza Tervalon-Garrett, Dancing Hearts Consulting

**4:30-5:30  
PM EST**

## ***SOCIAL HOUR***

Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with their colleagues in small group conversations around various topics related to civic engagement, philanthropy, and general networking. Topic suggestions will also be accepted throughout the convening.

**Host:** Quanita Toffie, Groundswell Fund