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KOSARACHI ACHIFE
Undergraduate Student Affiliate, The College

Kosarachi is a second-year in the College, tentatively double majoring in Global Studies and Anthropology. Her interest in social justice has largely been inspired by her participation in UCSC’s Chicago Bound Program, through which she has been able to discuss and engage with a variety of activists and non-profit leaders around the city of Chicago. She is involved in community engagement around campus with the Institute of Politics through the Woman in Public Service Program and has continued her relationship with the UCSC as a Chicago Bound Alumni Co-coordinator. She has taken her engagement efforts off-campus as an intern at the Hyde Park Art Center and AIDS Foundation of Chicago. Kosarachi is inspired to represent the true effectiveness of the USCS and cultivate and strengthen a culture of service on campus.

CHARLIE BARLOW
Alumni Affiliate (AB’12), Policy Research Collaborative, Roosevelt University

Charlie is the Director of the Policy Research Collaborative at Roosevelt University, an applied research center working to alleviate societal inequities and strengthen metropolitan communities in collaboration with community partners. His ties with the UCSC are longstanding and began with a Summer Links internship in 2010. As a lecturer in Public Policy and Geography at the University of Chicago from 2015-17, Charlie worked to expand experiential learning and community-based research initiatives alongside Chicago Studies, UChicago Urban, and the Office of Civic Engagement. He also serves on the board of directors for the National Public Housing Museum and Housing Choice Partners.

LISA COCKERHAM
Community Partner Affiliate, Ounce of Prevention Fund

Lisa is Program Manager of the Educare Chicago Alumni Network at nonprofit Ounce of Prevention Fund. The Ounce uses an innovative cycle of family-focused programs, research, training, policy analysis, and advocacy to help young children succeed in school and throughout life. Educare Chicago, located in the city’s Grand Boulevard community, offers year-round programming for children ages six weeks to five years. Lisa has nearly 20 years of experience managing programs for youth, families, high school/college students, formerly incarcerated job seekers and low-income community residents. Her mission is to connect others with educational, occupational and even recreational resources to help ensure life success.
MONIQUE COOK-BEY  
Community Partner Affiliate, Chicago Youth Programs

Monique serves as the Chief Program Officer for Chicago Youth Programs. CYP is a nonprofit organization that has worked in Chicago’s most under-served communities for the last 32 years. CYP utilizes a holistic approach by delivering nearly 40 programs that give More education, More guidance, and More results, to Chicago’s youth, ages 3-25. Monique holds a Bachelor of Science in African-American Studies and a Masters of Science in Education with an emphasis in College Student Affairs. Monique brings years of experience working in Student Affairs as it relates to Multicultural/Minority Student Affairs. Monique has demonstrated ability to build and sustain relationships and partnerships; especially within the academic, business and community organizations. Her areas of specialty include but are not limited to community outreach, volunteer outreach, and program management. As a product of programs like Chicago Youth Programs herself, she believes in the mission and lives her life to change those who follow one child at a time.

TRENTON CRAWFORD  
Undergraduate Student Affiliate, The College

Trenton is a third-year in the College studying history with a focus on human rights. To complement his studies, he is constantly seeking new opportunities to learn about the types of work that grassroots organizers and non-profit organizations are doing to promote social change at both a micro and macro level. His experience working in the state government and the non-profit sector has broadened his perspective of how powerful the actions of a community or the individual can be. In his remaining years at UChicago, Trenton hopes to discover new ways that fellow students can play a more active role in strengthening the relationship between the campus and its surrounding communities.

BRIDGETTE DAVIS  
Graduate Student Affiliate, University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration

Bridgette is a doctoral student at the University of Chicago, School of Social Administration and two-time Point Foundation Scholar. She first engaged with the UCSC as an educator in 2013 before returning as a student to volunteer for Chicago’s 2015 Homelessness Data Count; this is her third year as a member of the advisory board. Bridgette currently serves on the advisory council for Student Support Services in the University of Chicago’s Center for Inclusion + Identity and as a doctoral student representative of SSA’s Inclusion, Equity, & Diversity Standing Committee. She volunteers as a community advocate with KIPP Bloom College Prep and The Sweet Water Foundation's Perry Ave Community Farm. Bridgette also continues to support 40 first-generation college students and graduates in their transitions to adulthood as a former program director for One Goal, provides consulting and feedback for a pilot workforce development program at Chicago House, and is an Institute of Education Sciences Fellow and apprentice serving on a research team at the Chicago Consortium on School Research. Bridgette is a Teach For America Alum; she taught and led for ten years in middle and high schools in Atlanta and Chicago. She earned her Bachelor’s degree in Journalism/Mass Communications and English from Simpson College in 2003, an AM degree from SSA in 2016. Bridgette shares her life and work on the South Side of Chicago with her wife, Ellen, and her Welsh Terrier, Poppy.
ANDREW HAMMOND  
Faculty Affiliate (AB’07), The College, The Law School, and Law, Letters, and Society

Andrew is a Senior Lecturer in the College, Lecturer in Law, and Associate Director of the Law, Letters, and Society Program at the University of Chicago. Before entering academia, Andrew practiced at the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law as a Skadden Fellow and clerked for Chief Judge Diane P. Wood of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and Judge Robert M. Dow of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Before law school, Andrew was the Director of Strategy at Single Stop USA where he helped implement a benefits-access program at community colleges nationwide that won a White House Social Innovation Fund award. A Harry S. Truman Scholar, Andrew received his A.B. in political science from the University of Chicago, his M.Phil. in comparative social policy from Oxford University on a Rhodes Scholarship, and his J.D. from Yale Law School where he was a Coker Fellow for Civil Procedure and Comments Editor of the Yale Law Journal.

MICHAEL HARRIES  
Graduate Student Affiliate, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

Michael is a third-year medical student at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine where he is interested in pursuing a career in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Before attending medical school, Michael taught 9th grade physics at Urban Prep Academy-West Campus in Chicago. While a teacher he co-founded Teachers Supporting Teachers, an education non-profit organization whose mission is to mobilize and support teacher leaders to have a lasting impact in their schools. He still works as the organization's Chief Operations Officer. He graduated from Washington University in St. Louis in 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology-Neuroscience and received his Masters degree in the Art of Teaching from Dominican University in 2015.

SALONI JAISWAL  
Undergraduate Student Affiliate, The College

Saloni is a second-year in the College, double majoring in Political Science and Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations. She became involved with the UCSC as a member of the 2016-2017 Seeds of Justice program, which allowed her to meet like-minded individuals who were interested in learning about community development and social justice issues as it pertains to the Chicago area. Outside of the UCSC, Saloni has been involved with the South Asian Students’ Community Engagement Committee and Whatever It Takes Test Prep, and is currently heavily involved with spiritual and religious life on campus. As a member of the Advisory Board, Saloni hopes to create more resources and avenues for students and community members who are looking for ways to engage with the city of Chicago.

KATHERINE KAMEL  
Undergraduate Student Affiliate, The College

Katherine is a third-year intended Economics and Public Policy major in the College. She was involved with the UCSC all through her first year as a member of the 2015-2016 Seeds of Justice leadership development and community-building cohort program that helped her learn about some of the social justice issues the city of Chicago faces. Katherine is also involved with UChicago's chapter of Moneythink, a nonprofit committed to teaching financial literacy to low-income high school students.
CHENAB NAVALKHA
Alumni Affiliate (AB ’13), Research & Project Manager, Lindau Lab

Chenab worked as the Program Manager for Chicago Bound 2014 and supported the program’s expansion from twenty to forty first-year participants, and is eager to support additional UCSC programs as a member of the Advisory Board. Chenab has previously worked at the Institute of Politics through a non-profit fellowship, and hopes to contribute her connections across the city within the non-profit and public sector to the UCSC. She also looks forward to brainstorming how to maximize the UCSC’s impact on campus and within the city of Chicago. Chenab graduated from the College in 2013 with a BA in both Biology and Philosophy.

SONIA OYOLA
Faculty Affiliate, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

Sonia is the Pritzker School of Medicine Family Medicine Clerkship Director for third and fourth year medical students. She has been a Family Medicine Physician since 2000 after completing medical school at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1997 and her residency at Cook County’s Family Medicine Residency thereafter. She is a 2013 graduate of the Arizona Center’s Integrative Medicine fellowship. Her specific interests are in Integrative Primary Care for Under-represented communities, Domestic Violence, Stress Disorders, Mind-Body Medicine (Meditation, Yoga and Breathwork) and Culinary Medicine. In 2009, she founded a nonprofit organization called Be Alright which supports survivors of domestic violence and Chicago-area DV shelters and is the board president of YogaCare, a nonprofit dedicated to incorporating yoga into federally qualified health centers. She has completed training in Level 1-2 Vinyasa Yoga, Homeopathy and Mindfulness Meditation. Her life’s mission is to relieve suffering through mindfulness, kindness, joy, love and the promotion of compassion.

RYAN PRIESTER
Campus Affiliate (AB ’01, MDiv’04), University of Chicago Office of Civic Engagement

Ryan began working with community-based nonprofits while an undergraduate in the College. Following advice he received from UCSC staff, he helped create a free after-school tutoring program in Woodlawn. After his work in the Divinity School, he became a community organizer in Woodlawn and later became the founding Associate Director of the Woodlawn Public Safety Alliance. Ryan is currently the Director of Community Programs at UChicago’s Office of Civic Engagement. In this role, he works to build connections between the university community and surrounding community-based organizations. He also manages the Community Education Series that provides access to nonprofit industry leaders and groups focused improving service delivery and organizational best practices.

TADEO MELEAN WEINER
Graduate Student Affiliate, University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration

Tadeo is a second-year PhD student in the School of Social Service Administration. Of Bolivian and Argentine parents, Tadeo grew up in La Paz and Kansas City before attending Stanford University where he received a BA in sociology. Tadeo comes to SSA with a background in community organizing and policy advocacy around juvenile justice reform, immigration reform, anti-poverty policy, and tenant protections.
ERIC WHITNEY
Graduate Student Affiliate, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

Eric is a fourth-year student at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. At Pritzker, he serves as one of three Pritzker Chiefs, who act as school leaders and the principal liaisons between the administration and the student body. He previously worked as Co-Director of the Maria Shelter Clinic, a free clinic based out of a homeless shelter in the Englewood neighborhood and he continues to perform research with the South Side Diabetes Project under Dr. Monica Peek. Prior to medical school, he taught first grade in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn for two years. Eric received his Bachelor’s degree in Human Biology from Stanford University and his Master’s degree in Elementary Education from Hunter College. After medical school, he will be pursuing a career in child and adolescent psychiatry.

NIKKI YAGODA
Campus Affiliate, University of Chicago Graham School

Nikki is an alum of the College, current graduate student in the Master of Liberal Arts (MLA) program, and on staff at the University’s Graham School. With a background in art history and English literature, she centers her professional and academic work on cultural programming and partnerships with arts and culture organizations. Locally, Nikki works with 40+ organizations to bring visibility to the vibrant South Side arts community. Nationally, she steers the National Museum Publishing Seminar to convene top talent from leading museums on the subject of audience accessibility and diversity. She looks forward to facilitating new connections as part of the UCSC Advisory Board, and is especially excited to work alongside the University and local institutions to promote civic engagement opportunities.