

**PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM
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**KARA KATWAROO-LEE
LAWYERS FOR CHILDREN**



Kara Katwaroo-Lee is a staff social worker at Lawyers for Children; she provides advocacy for youth in foster care as well as those involved in custody, visitation, neglect and abandonment proceedings. Ms. Katwaroo-Lee makes frequent court appearances and provides testimony when necessary. She also collaborates with social service agencies to develop appropriate treatment and discharge plans for children and adolescents in foster care and institutions. Ms. Katwaroo-Lee has been employed at Lawyers for Children since July 2008; she is passionate about working in the field of child welfare and often leads by modeling quality practice.

Ms. Katwaroo-Lee began her career in child welfare in 2000 as a homefinder with a homemaking agency in New York City; shortly thereafter she became a case planner with a New York City foster care agency. She held a social worker position at New York City's Bellevue Hospital Center.

Kara Katwaroo-Lee graduated from Boston University with a bachelor's of arts degree in sociology and a minor in women's studies. She subsequently earned her master's degree in social work from Fordham University with a concentration in social work and the law in 2003.

Ms. Katwaroo-Lee will be hosted by Norwegian Lutheran Mission in Ulgii, northwestern Mongolia.

**JULIA LINDGREN
HESTER STREET COLLABORATIVE**



Julia Lindgren has extensive experience working in community engaged design and planning. As an architect, she believes that design can serve as a catalyst to enhance livability for all communities, particularly those with limited resources. Julia is currently a senior project manager at Hester Street Collaborative (HST) where she leads design and development projects that strive to create more vibrant, equitable, and resilient neighborhoods.

Prior to joining HST, Julia worked as a designer at Interface Studio Architects (ISA) in Philadelphia where she designed and documented ground-up residential infill, mixed-use multi-family, and commercial interior projects with a focus on sustainability and community health. While at ISA, Julia led an outcomes-based design studio in partnership with public

health practitioners and community developers that explored how various design decisions can be leveraged to optimize population-level health impacts. Before that, Julia was a project manager at bcWORKSHOP in Dallas and Brownsville, Texas, where she developed and implemented initiatives at the neighborhood and regional scales to improve community equity through projects that included rapid recovery disaster housing, resident-informed participatory home design, and University of Texas Rio Grande Valley inclusionary planning.

Julia’s passion for design continuously feeds her love of travel, people, and working with her hands. She holds a bachelor’s of architecture from Lehigh University and a master’s of architecture from the University of Washington.

Ms. Lindgren will be hosted by the Zorig Foundation in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

PAUL MILLER
SAINT FRANCIS COMMUNITY SERVICES



Paul Miller is from Wichita, Kansas, where he works at Saint Francis Community Services, whose mission is to provide hope and healing for families. He works in the Innovation Department, where he and his team look at how processes currently work and how they can be improved. He has worked in child welfare for over 13 years, and his desire has always been to work on the macro-level of child welfare. He believes that child welfare is constantly evolving, and the systems that provide care for at-risk children and families must continuously adapt to meet their needs.

Mr. Miller graduated with a bachelor’s degree in social work in 2015 from Wichita State University, and plans to continue following his passion of seeking constant improvement in the child welfare system.

Mr. Miller will be hosted by Save the Children China in Kunming.

NEIL PETERS-MICHAUD
CASCADE ASSET MANAGEMENT



Mr. Neil Peters-Michaud serves as chief executive officer of Cascade Asset Management, an organization providing environmentally sustainable and secure solutions to the challenge of technology asset disposition. Since Neil and his wife founded the company in 1999, Cascade has processed more than 90 million pounds of electronics for refurbishment and recycling.

In addition to leading this business, Neil has been involved in international efforts to promote responsible recycling and reuse of electronics through his participation in a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and World Bank project establishing a computer refurbishment and demanufacturing facility in Ethiopia. He also served on the original development team for e-Stewards, a global e-waste standard promoting responsible management of electronic waste around the world. Neil has been elected to the joint committee responsible for developing the new EPEAT standard for eco-friendly computer servers.

Neil has served on non-profit boards including WasteCap Wisconsin (an organization working to assist businesses and organizations in waste reduction, diversion and recycling), DANEnet (a community group promoting digital inclusion), the Weinert Applied Ventures in Entrepreneurship (an educational program of the University of Wisconsin supporting entrepreneurial activities), and the International Association of Electronics Recyclers. He also worked for the National Wildlife Federation to promote programs fighting global climate change. Neil worked in state government on business education and outreach activities for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Neil grew up in Silicon Valley and moved to Wisconsin to earn his bachelor of science degree and MBA at the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Peters-Michaud will be hosted by IFINE Environmental in Shanghai, China.

JONI RYDER
SAINT FRANCIS COMMUNITY SERVICES



Joni Ryder graduated from Colorado Christian University with two bachelor's degrees, one in global studies and the other in Biblical studies. Following graduation, she worked in new business development and social media marketing for a start-up. In 2013, Joni traveled to China to work with an NGO focused on social entrepreneurship, poverty alleviation, and local empowerment. Since 2014, Joni has worked with Saint Francis Community Services as a foster care homes worker. At Saint Francis, Joni has trained prospective foster parents, managed foster homes, made placements, developed trainings for existing foster parents, recruited and matched adoptive families, and worked with youth survivors of human trafficking. In addition, Joni raises funds for adopting families and mentors community members on budgets and financial responsibility.

Ms. Ryder will be hosted by the Wuhou New Zone Youth Development Center in Chengdu, China.

KENNETH TANG
ASIAN PACIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK



Kenneth Tang was born in Hong Kong and moved to the United State at the age of 10. He was introduced to environmental justice and organizing through volunteering for the Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN) and shortly thereafter joined APEN as a community organizer. He never in his wildest dreams thought he would be working for a non-profit transformative environmental organization.

As an immigrant from Hong Kong, he is passionate about connecting with the Chinese community, and he enjoys spending time with seniors for they are full of wisdom and advice that we can all learn and benefit from. In his free time, he enjoys cooking for others and exploring nature.

Mr. Tang will be hosted by Pacific Environment in Chongqing, China.

STANFORD THOMPSON
PLAY ON, PHILLY!



Stanford Thompson is a musician and educator who is passionate about using music for social action and serves as the founder and executive director of Play On, Philly!, an El-Sistema inspired program bringing music education to students in underserved areas in Philadelphia. Recently recognized as a TED fellow, Stanford regularly appears at local TED events, national conferences and international symposiums as a keynote presenter and contributor. He believes that music education and orchestras offer important lessons in leadership, innovation, and diversity and inclusion.

As a trained, professional trumpeter, Stanford has performed with the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra, Curtis Symphony Orchestra, Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, Symphony in C and recorded on the Ondine label with Christoph Eschenbach. He also appeared as a soloist with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Ocean City Pops Orchestra and the North Springs Philharmonic. He leads residencies with Philos Brass in Pennsylvania and Georgia where they perform recitals and outreach presentations, present master classes, and conduct clinics. In the jazz idiom, he has performed for the Berks Jazz Festival, on the Washington College Concert Series and presented for the opening gala of the Philadelphia Orchestra with the Rittenhouse Jazz Quintet.

Stanford currently serves on the boards of the American Composers Forum and the Philadelphia Wind Symphony, and was previously a board member for the Curtis Institute of Music, Interlochen Center for the Arts, and El Sistema USA.

Stanford is a native of Atlanta, GA, and hold degrees from The Curtis Institute of Music and the New England Conservatory's Abreu Fellows Program.

Mr. Thompson will be hosted by the Arts Council of Mongolia in Ulaanbaatar.