Racial Equity Fund Grant Making Committee

The Fund for Santa Barbara (The FUND) employs an activist-led participatory grant making process. The REF grant making committee is an inspiring group of volunteers with deep roots in Santa Barbara County and insight to a range of issues affecting our community.

Feliciano Aguilar, he/him
Feliciano was born in Baja California. His parents immigrated in the mid 80’s and settled in Coachella where he lived until high school. Feliciano obtained his B.A. in Psychology and minors in Spanish and Chican@ studies from the University of California, Los Angeles. He then attended California State University, Northridge for his M.S. in Counseling and PPS credentials in School Psychology. He moved to Santa Maria in 2008, and currently works for the Santa Maria-Bonita School District as a School Psychologist.

Rosalyn Y. Collins, she/her
Rosalyn Y. Collins is an Etiquette and International Protocol Consultant and Radio DJ/Host who has lived in Santa Barbara since 1992 when she came to UCSB. She graduated with an emphasis in Black Studies, and a B.A. in Religious Studies (with a concentration in Jewish Studies). She continues her journey towards a career as a Licensed Clinical Psychologist; as a Research Assistant for the Miller Memory Lab at UCSB while concurrently attending Fielding Graduate University. Rosalyn has been involved with various MultiCultural, Mental Health, Gender, and Disabled Students orgs on the UCSB campus. As well as, holding positions through several community organizations including but not limited to MLK, Jr. Committee of SB, SB RiteCare Childhood Language Center, Franklin Center Advisory Board, Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara, Endowment for Youth, Greater Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Bible Study Fellowship Int’l, Job Smart. Inc., GUSD, Cancer Center of Santa Barbara, and other non-profits.

Lyiam Galo, he/him, they/them
Lyiam Galo is a first generation Honduran immigrant and UCSB alumnus. A lifetime volunteer and optimist, he strives to foster an equitable community with a focus on the historically underserved — specifically the unhoused, the LGBTQ community, and people of color. Lyiam coordinates a county-wide United Way AmeriCorps program that serves veterans and people experiencing homelessness. He supports accessible resources for monolingual Spanish speakers, advocacy for undocumented folks, and creative food security initiatives. Lyiam rents in downtown Santa Barbara with his partner and 23 plant children.
Dalia Garcia, she/her
Dalia is an indigenous Mixteca immigrant woman from San Juan Mixtepec, Oaxaca. She is the daughter of a single mother and the second of four children. Dalia’s mother, who had the determination to escape from the mistreatment of her father and the poor living conditions in Mexico, decided to immigrate to the United States when Dalia was 16 years old. Growing up in Santa Maria California, an agricultural town predominantly Latino and Indigenous hard-working class community, has taught Dalia to get closer to her indigenous roots. The love and passion that she has for her Mixteca indigenous identity pushes her to get involved in the community to create safe and inclusive spaces for indigenous youth. Dalia works with the Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project, where she manages the Tequio program, which is dedicated to uplifting the cultural identity of the indigenous youth.

Kristena Gordon, she/her
Kristena Gordon has lived on the Central Coast for most of her life. As a former military dependent, she has had the opportunity to travel and live abroad. After High School, Kristena attended Allan Hancock College. She then transferred to Hawaii Pacific University where she graduated with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Psychology. Following college, she attended Thomas Jefferson School of Law, graduating with a Juris Doctor. Kristena currently works as an insurance defense attorney. Kristena is involved in several local community organizations that focus on promoting nonviolence and progressive change in Santa Barbara County.

Rachel Johnson, she/her
Rachel Johnson (she/her/ella) serves as Co-Chair of the Fund’s GMC, and is the Chief Program Officer at the Foundation for Santa Barbara City College. Her professional and volunteer work is deeply rooted in social and educational equity, and guided by her core values – justice, wonder, health, collaboration, authenticity. Rachel’s work at the SBCC Foundation supports programs and community collaborations that address a broad spectrum of issues, including educational access for disproportionately impacted populations, basic needs support, sustainability projects, and more.

Jordan Anthony Killebrew, he/him
Jordan Killebrew (he/him/his) is the founder of Juneteenth Santa Barbara and Project IV Love. He is a community organizer, with an abnormal love of the community, especially in Santa Barbara County. He works at the Santa Barbara Foundation as Director of Communications, while his free time is spent volunteering with local nonprofits, including support for Juneteenth Santa Barbara, Community Formation Commission for the City of Santa Barbara, Healing Justice Santa Barbara, the Board of Endowment for Youth Committee, Independent Advisory Board, to name a few. Jordan is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara, and he revels in the pride of being a Gaucho alum.

Dr. Leonie H. Mattison, she/her
Dr. Leonie H. Mattison, Ed.D., MBA or “Dr. Lee”, is a published Author, International Speaker, and Organizational and Leadership Development Practitioner. She has over 20 years of multi-entity experience across nonprofit, government, and corporate environments and currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer with CommUnify. The common thread in her work has been her focus on helping individuals, teams, and organizations achieve intentional transformation through workforce development, process improvement, and cutting-edge innovation. Dr. Lee has served as Chief of Organization & Talent Development for the County of Santa Barbara since 2017.