



NNIP Month Session, Wednesday May 26, 2021:

What does this moment require? Perspectives from philanthropy

In the past year and a half, a global pandemic erupted with disparate impact on low-income workers; a racial justice movement began, sparked by the murder of George Floyd and so many other people of color by police; and the results of a national election were disputed but shifted power in Washington. These forces and the moment we find ourselves in has required us to reflect on how our organizations can do better in combating racism and advancing equity. Foundations have been no exception to this. In this panel we are joined by representatives from national and local foundations to share their thoughts on the trends they see in philanthropy, how their own foundations have shifted in thinking and grantmaking, and the role that they see for data to inform their efforts and those of their grantees.

Panel:

- Faith Mitchell (Moderator), Urban Institute
- Colleen Briggs, JPMorgan Chase & Co
- Mark Constantine, Richmond Memorial Health Foundation
- Chantel Rush, The Kresge Foundation

Panelist Bios:

Faith Mitchell (moderator) is an Institute fellow the Urban Institute working with the Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy and the Health Policy Center. She is also developing the Urban Institute's American Transformation project, which will look at the implications—and possibilities—of this country's racial and ethnic evolution. Over several decades, her career has bridged research, practice, and social and health policy.

Previously, Mitchell was president and CEO of Grantmakers In Health, a DC-based national organization that advises, informs, and supports the work of health foundations and corporate giving programs. Before that, she held leadership positions at the National Academies (National Research Council and Institute of Medicine), the US Department of State, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and the San Francisco Foundation.

Mitchell has a doctorate in medical anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley. She has written or edited numerous policy-related publications and is the author of *Hoodoo Medicine*, a groundbreaking study of Black folk medicine, and *The Book of Secrets, Part 1*, a semifactual supernatural thriller. She cochairs the advisory group for the John A. Hartford Foundation and Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Age-Friendly Health Systems initiative and serves on the advisory committee of the National Collaborative for Health Equity, the editorial board of *Health Affairs*, and the boards of directors of Community Wealth Partners and The Jacob & Valeria Langeloth Foundation.



Colleen Briggs is Head of Inclusive Economies, Financial Health and Community Development within the Office of Corporate Responsibility at JPMorgan Chase & Co, a global leader in corporate philanthropy with more than \$300 million invested in communities annually. She is responsible for helping establish and execute the firm's strategies to promote an equitable recovery, including advising the development and implementation of the firm's \$30 billion commitment to advance racial equity by harnessing the firm's products, hiring, philanthropy and advocacy to help dismantle structural inequities within the firm. Specifically, Colleen helped launch new strategies to advance affordable housing and homeownership, small business growth, financial health and access to credit for Black and Latinx communities. To scale these racial equity commitments, Colleen managed Jamie Dimon's Chairmanship of the Business Roundtable's Subcommittee to develop new corporate commitments and policy endorsements to address the racial wealth divide. She also leads strategic initiatives for the JPMorgan Foundation, including developing and managing global strategies for community development, affordable housing and inclusive growth.

Mark Constantine is President & Chief Executive Officer of Richmond Memorial Health Foundation (RMHF). RMHF works explicitly to foster an equitable and healthy Richmond region through grant making, research, convenings, and impact investing. Prior to joining RMHF, he served as senior vice president at the Jessie Ball duPont Fund in Jacksonville, Florida, where he directed the Program-Related Investment and affordable housing activities of the Fund. Dr. Constantine has authored two books, *Wit and Wisdom: Unleashing the Philanthropic Imagination* (2009) and *Travelers on the Journey: Pastors Talk about Their Lives and Commitments* (2005), as well as the award-winning monograph, "Where Hope and History Rhyme: Reflections and Findings from the MidSouth Commission to Build Philanthropy (2005)." He is currently working on his third book, *Wit and Wisdom Unleashed*, with Dr. Stephanie Cooper-Lewter. Dr. Constantine holds a PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, an MBA from the Fuqua School of Business (Duke University) and a Master of Theological Studies degree from Duke Divinity School. He was a 2006/2007 Fellow of the Emerging Leaders Program directed by the Centres for Leadership at Public Values at the University of Cape Town and Duke University. He serves as the Chair of the Virginia Funders Network.

Chantel Rush is managing director of The Kresge Foundation's American Cities Program. Her work advances the foundation's efforts to catalyze more effective community and economic development practice that expands opportunities for people with low incomes in American cities. Chantel manages Kresge's American Cities Program grantmaking to support: knowledge exchange among community development practitioners; national community development intermediaries; innovative and scalable community development solutions; pioneering research; and city-based dialogues aimed at promoting effective practice and policy. Chantel also stewards the foundation's place-based work in Memphis, Tennessee and New Orleans, Louisiana. Chantel joined the foundation in 2015, working as a special assistant to Kresge President and CEO Rip Rapson. Before joining Kresge, Chantel served as senior analyst of global strategy and business development at Gap Inc. She started her career in management consulting, where her responsibilities included advising both corporate and private equity clients. A native of Orange County, California, Chantel earned bachelor's degrees in international



relations and Spanish language from Stanford University and a master's degree in business administration from Harvard Business School. Chantel serves on the boards of the National Housing Law Project, the Greater New Orleans Funders Network and Signal-Return.