

Forward Equitable Development Conference Conversation #2 Speaker Bios



Jamira Burley is an internationally recognized speaker, social justice advocate, and next-gen social impact consultant.

Jamira is on a mission to lead systematic and sustainable change that improves the lives of young people across the globe. Recognized by the White House as a Champion of Change and Forbes 30 Under 30 Honoree, Jamira leads with expertise on social justice, youth engagement, education reform and corporate social responsibility to authentically reshape communities and disrupt the status quo.

As a native of West Philadelphia, Jamira saw first-hand the disenfranchisement of marginalized communities. In 2015, sparked by the murder of her brother Andre, Jamira discovered her calling at the age of 15 years old. She organized an anti-violence program in her high school, which reduced the rate of violence by 30%. Gaining public recognition through her efforts, she received a \$50,000 grant from the Governor to implement the program in the ten most persistently-dangerous high schools in the city.

She is the first of her 15 siblings to graduate high school and pursue higher education, obtaining a BA in International Business and Legal Studies from Temple University. For the past decade, Jamira has worked with corporations, non-profits, and government leaders on better engaging impacted communities. Currently, she is Head of Youth Engagement and Skills for the Global Business Coalition for Education. There she helps to ensure a collaborative relationship between youth, bilateral agencies, governments, and business leaders; to enable innovative ways to educate, engage, and activate young people around the world. In 2018, she was the first United States citizen awarded the Global Leadership Award for Vital Voices and selected as an MIT Media Lab Fellow.

Before the Global Business Coalition for Education, Jamira worked as the National Deputy Millennial Vote Director at Hillary For America, and before that, she managed the gun violence and criminal justice portfolios at Amnesty International USA. Jamira's work sits at the intersection of policy, community, and social good, Jamira provides unique insight that will help actualize the change we all so desperately need. Lastly, Jamira consults with a number of public/private entities on how to authentically engage impacted communities and guest host on SiriusXM, where she and leading youth/young adult experts reexamine this country's history and the reemerging of past conflicts (current events), to generate a fresh perspective and create REAL change through solution-driven dialogue.



Andre Perry is a Fellow in the Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings, a scholar-in-residence at American University and a columnist for the Hechinger Report. A nationally known and respected commentator on race, structural inequality and education, Perry is a regular contributor to MSNBC and has been published by The New York Times, The Nation, Washington Post, TheRoot.com and CNN.com. Perry has also made appearances on CNN, PBS, National Public Radio, NBC and ABC. His research focuses on race and structural inequality, education, and economic inclusion. Perry's recent scholarship at Brookings has analyzed Black-majority cities and institutions in America, focusing on valuable assets worthy

of increased investment. He is the author of the forthcoming book, *Know Your Price: Valuing Black Lives and Property in America's Black Cities*, which will be released by Brookings Institution Press in May 2020 and is currently available through pre-order.

Perry's academic writings have concentrated on race, structural inequality, and urban schools. Perry co-authored the Brookings Institution report, *Devaluation of Assets in Black Neighborhoods* and has presented its findings across the country, including the U.S. House Financial Services Committee. As a follow-up, Perry co-authored *Five-star reviews, one-star profits: The devaluation of businesses in Black communities*, which examines the effects of racism on business owners' bottom lines. Perry's scholarship and writings on education reform have made him a go-to speaker on structural inequality around schools. For the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Perry co-authored *School by School: The Transformation of New Orleans Public Education* in

"*Resilience and Opportunity: Lessons from the U.S. Gulf Coast after Katrina and Rita*," published by Brookings Institution Press. Perry also co-authored "*The Transformation of New Orleans Public Schools: Addressing System-Level Problems without a System*," published by the Data Center of New Orleans. He also co-authored the

chapter *Between Public and Private: Politics, Governance, and the New Portfolio Models for Urban School Reform* published on Harvard University Press.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Perry earned his Ph.D. in education policy and leadership from the University of Maryland College Park.



Anea Moore, originally from southwest Philadelphia, is a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford where she is currently pursuing an MPP and an MSc in Comparative Social Policy. Her advocacy and research focuses on applying a radical racial justice lens to equitable economic & workforce development, and social services provision in Philadelphia.

Anea originally became committed to improving the lives of marginalized people in Philadelphia in high school, where she helped organize a 1,500 student walkout in protest of the 2013 school district budget cuts and volunteered over 300 hours at local community organizations.

After both of her parents passed in 2015, Anea pursued a B.A. in Sociology and Urban-Studies at the University of Pennsylvania where she used her studies to better understand how racial and economic inequity wrapped into her late parents' lives. During her undergraduate career, she worked with Penn to improve services for low-income students, and helped the university to establish an office and programs that provide food, textbooks, grants, and other services to 1,000+ low-income students every year. She also chaired the 2019 1vyG conference, the largest conference for FGLI students in the world, which provided workshops that taught over 550 attendees how to organize for the rights of low-income students on their own college campuses.

Beyond campus, Anea served as the Assistant Community Engagement Coordinator and as a classroom assistant at a community school. She helped full-time school staff to organize events and workshops for the local community in order to better integrate student, family, and community interests and needs into school policy. During the summer after she graduated, she worked for the White House Initiative for Educational Excellence for African-Americans where she looked at black racial justice in the education space on a national level.

In the future, Anea is hoping to return to Philadelphia after finishing her Oxford degrees next year where she wants to work on equitable community development in her professional life, and mutual aid and political organizing through non-work activities