



ANNOUNCEMENT:

Three CUE Fellows receive prestigious Field Foundation Award recognizing leadership promoting racial equity in the arts

Chicago United for Equity and The Field Foundation are pleased to announce that Paola Aguirre, Tiffanie Beatty, and Glenance Green have received the Field Leader Award, a highly selective honor granted in recognition of their leadership to promote racial equity in the arts.

This prestigious distinction recognizes the visionary commitment made by these leaders, who seek to create a more just, equitable, and inclusive city both through and within the arts. Aguirre, Beatty, and Green each seek to reimagine the relationships between artists, communities, and power structures that define our city's civic architecture. Through the Chicago United for Equity Fellowship program, all three have committed a project promoting equity within their organizations.

Aguirre is working to build a community-centered process to determine the future use of buildings closed in the 2013 school closing crisis. Beatty seeks to promote greater representation of artists of color in the Chicago Humanities Festival. Green is working to use data to ensure that youth of color are accessing and transforming media through her work at Free Spirit Media. Collectively, all three narrative shapers are transforming how Chicagoans tell their own stories.

As Field Leader Fellows, Aguirre, Beatty, and Green will join a network of civic leaders who have the potential to transform Chicago in the fields of justice and the arts. By partnering with Chicago United for Equity, the Field Foundation is able to invest in the brilliance of civic change who embody the Field Foundation's goal of Community Empowerment through Justice and Art.

"We are honored that three of our Fellows have received this important distinction for their work to promote racial equity in the arts. The work of narrative shapers in our city is often overlooked for the critical value it has in shaping our city's future. Both CUE and the Field Foundation believe that building a just and equitable future for Chicago requires us to invest in visionary leaders guided by a commitment to community-centered practice," said Niketa Brar, Executive Director of Chicago United for Equity. "Paola, Tiff, and Glenance embody this mission. We're humbled to be a small part of these leaders' stories."

The Field Leader Award

At the heart of the Field Foundation's work is a commitment to community-centered empowerment. Through its Leadership Investment work, the foundation aims to recognize, honor, and support the deep bench of visionary leaders across Chicago by granting the Field Leader Award, which supports building social capital, skill sets, networks and exposure. By creating a Field Leader network, the Field Foundation acts as a connector, supporter, and



investor in its selected leaders who have the potential to transform Chicago. The Field Leader Award is a prestigious honor given to an individual working at a Field Foundation grantee organization.

Founded in 1940 by Marshall Field III, the Field Foundation is a private, independent foundation that has been dedicated to the promise of Chicago for more than 80 years. The Field Foundation aims its grantmaking toward the goal of Community Empowerment through Justice, Art and Leadership Investment. With racial equity at the center of its giving, it directs dollars to critical organizations working to address systemic issues in Chicago and aims to directly benefit some of our city's most divested communities.

Learn more about the Field Foundation's investment in leadership for racial equity [here](#).

The CUE Fellowship

Chicago United for Equity works to build a just, equitable, and inclusive future for the city of Chicago. To dismantle the institutional and structural racism that stands in the way of this vision, CUE invests in accelerating and amplifying the impact of civic change agents committed to promoting racial equity.

The CUE Fellowship program enrolls a class of 30 individuals who work within one of three areas of influence in our city: mobilizing people, influencing legal and policy decisions, and shaping our public narratives. Fellows commit to building two projects of impact during their nine-month term: the first to promote equity within their individual work and the second to work collaboratively on promoting public accountability for racial equity across our city.

Learn more about the CUE Fellowship program [here](#).