

CAC Quarterly Meeting - September 2022

Speaker Biographies in Order of the Agenda

Albert Arévalo

Program Coordinator, Latino Outdoors

A native Texan and lover of BBQ, Albert is a proud alumnus of Texas State University-San Marcos—Eat ‘Em Up, Cats! Albert is passionate about making services accessible to everyone, particular minorities and low income communities. He has been fortunate to work alongside colleagues and organizations that align with his moral compass. From connecting youth to their local parks to leading a Regional Litter Campaign in DC, Albert is dedicated to improving the quality of life of the individuals he works with. In his free time, Albert loves to play tennis, hike, tweet on behalf of @PetTurtleOliver, and play kickball.

Jenny Guillaume

Director of Planning and Community Engagement, ReBuild Metro

As the Director of Planning and Community Engagement, Jenny Guillaume leads ReBUILD Metro's efforts to work directly with community leaders to provide technical and planning support for community-led initiatives that enhance the organization's housing redevelopment and real estate investments. These initiatives include neighborhood master planning, public art, traffic calming, sustainability, and greening. Prior to joining ReBUILD Metro in 2019, Ms. Guillaume worked for the non-profit sector and City government including Baltimore City Department of Planning, Office of Sustainability and the District of Columbia's Department of the Environment and Energy developing partnerships, systems, plans, and taking concepts to implementation to revitalize urban environments. Her 15 years of experience have been dedicated to building relationships across sectors that lead to healthier communities, cleaner watersheds, and lasting success to programs that transform urban environments. She holds a BA from Bates College.

Daniel Kravetz

Fundraising and Communications Manager, ReBuild Metro

Since joining ReBUILD Metro in 2019, Mr. Kravetz has led ReBUILD's completion of grant applications, stewardship of grant funds, expansion of donor-based fundraising, and external communications with ReBUILD stakeholders and the broader public. Prior to joining ReBUILD, Mr. Kravetz owned and operated Daniel Kravetz Writing LLC from 2014-2019, through which he wrote and designed grant proposals, annual reports, newsletters, website text, success stories, talking points, and policy/program impact reports for 12 nonprofits across seven states. Mr. Kravetz's 15 years of community development experience includes service as Fundraising and Media Coordinator for New Jersey Community Capital (New Brunswick, NJ) and as Community Development Assistant for Aurora/St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation (St. Paul, MN). Mr. Kravetz holds a B.A. from Macalester College and an M.P.P./M.C.R.P. from Rutgers University.

Nathan Harrington

Executive Director, Ward 8 Woods Conservancy

Nathan Harrington was born in Washington, DC and grew up in Rockville, Maryland. After graduating from Bates College in Maine, he taught social studies and Spanish in DC area public schools for 11 years and earned an M.Ed Degree in Educational Leadership and Policy from Howard University. Nathan has lived and been civically active in Ward 8 since 2009, chairing the Committee to Restore Shepherd Parkway and managing the Ward 8 Farmers Market. In 2018 he spearheaded the formation of the Ward 8 Woods Conservancy. He has also worked as a local urban gardener and professional tour guide.

Gabrielle Roffe

Manager of Equity and Community Engagement, Chesapeake Conservancy

Gabrielle Roffe is the Manager of Equity and Community Engagement at Chesapeake Conservancy where she works in partnership with the National Park Service to promote inclusive stewardship in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Gabrielle leads initiatives focused on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice for the Conservancy. Prior to working at the Chesapeake Conservancy, Gabrielle worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service building urban partnerships and community engagement programs in Kansas City and Denver as well as with the National Aquarium in Baltimore. Gabrielle has expertise in the areas of partnership and capacity building, community engagement, and creative place making. She takes a multidisciplinary and intersectional approach to environmental issues and community outreach through nature, art, and storytelling to authentically build community. Gabrielle completed her MS in Environmental Science at Towson University and her BA at the University of Southern California. In her spare time she practices yoga, spends time with family, and goes for walks in her local Baltimore parks.

Jake Reilly

Director, Chesapeake Bay Programs, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Jake Reilly is Director of Chesapeake Bay Programs for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Jake has experience in policy and management of Federal, state and local environmental and agricultural conservation programs with a focus on watershed management, climate resilience, and innovative finance. Prior to his role at NFWF, Jake served as a Policy Analyst with the White House Office of Management and Budget. He holds degrees in agricultural and natural resource economics and environmental science and policy from University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University.

Joe Toolan

Manager, Chesapeake Bay programs, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Joe Toolan (he/him) is Manager of Chesapeake Bay programs at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. He has experience managing grant programs focused on community stewardship and behavior change across jurisdictions, coordinating green workforce development programs, building capacity in and networks of nonprofit organizations, and leading Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice work. Joe has a bachelor's degree in Geographical Sciences with a concentration in Environment Systems and Natural Resource Management from the University of Maryland, and an Executive Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Georgetown University. Joe is also Chair of Annapolis Pride, Chair of the State of Maryland Commission on LGBTQ Affairs, and a Planning Committee Member for the Naturally Latinos Conference.

Dr. Kandis Boyd

Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program

Dr. Kandis Y. Boyd Wyatt is a trailblazer, an advocate and renowned expert in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). She has nearly 30 years of experience leading, teaching, advising and mentoring students and early career enthusiasts in environmental and atmospheric science. She was the first African-American female to receive an undergraduate degree in Meteorology from Iowa State University in 1996. And in 2007, received her doctorate in public administration with a specific concentration in inter-organizational leadership and cultural values. Her most recent federal government experience includes serving as the Strategic Advisor for the National Science Foundation (NSF) Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR) in the Office of the Director (OD), the first Deputy Division Director (DDD) of the NSF Division of Grants and agreements, and serving as both the Acting Director and Deputy Director of the NOAA Weather Program Office.

Rachel Felver

CBP Communications Director, Chesapeake Bay Program, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

Rachel began her career as a government contractor for the U.S. Coast Guard, where she wrote vessel response plans in case of hazardous waste or oil spills. In 2007, Rachel moved on to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) where she discovered her flair for communications. She spent almost nine years in the Office of Environmental Information, most notably as their Communications Director for over four years. During her tenure at EPA, Rachel grew her expertise in strategic communications, internal communications, and program and project management. Wanting to test out the waters in the non-profit arena, she left EPA in the fall of 2015 to join the Marketing team at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, where she was responsible for strategic communications planning for priority projects. She joined the Alliance as the Chesapeake Bay Program's Communications Director in March 2016.