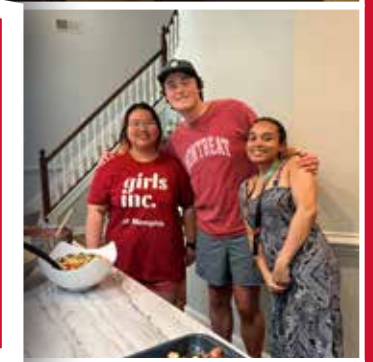




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# VOICES OF SERVICE

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## Erin Batchelor

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**Major:** Psychology  
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### OUTMemphis

This summer I worked as an intern at the Youth Emergency Center for OUTMemphis. OUTMemphis is a nonprofit that works to serve the LGBTQ+ population of Memphis. The organization has many services for the LGBTQ+ community such as rapid rehousing programs and workshops to help people legally change their name and their sex on government-issued identification; they also host a variety of events meant to bring the community together. The Youth Emergency Center (YEC) in particular works with youth ages 18-24 and offers programs such as Hot Meal of the Day and LifeHacks, a series that teaches youth important life skills. They also have dorms on site for temporary housing assistance. As an

intern at the YEC, I spent my time planning events and interacting with participants, as well as preparing the dorms for new residents.

My time working with OUTMemphis has given me the chance to grow as an individual, as well as learn more about the community around me. I was given the opportunity to take a larger role in the workplace, which helped build my confidence. While learning about the variety of resources offered in Memphis, I also saw the web of collaboration between various nonprofits and how each plays an integral role in serving the community.

OUTMemphis has given me my first exposure into working with a nonprofit. Before, I had just been a volunteer every now and then, but working at a site was completely different to anything I had done before. I have a better sense of the day-to-day operations and the roles that many people fulfill. I was so fortunate to be learning about nonprofits and reshaping my ideas of service around people from a community that I am so proud to be a part of. OUTMemphis does incredibly important work in Memphis and provides a safe and welcoming space for the LGBTQ+ community.



## Asya Bray

Class of 2024  
**Major:** Psychology  
**Hometown:** Country Club Hills, IL

### ROOM IN THE INN

This summer I have been the director of CITI (Children In the Inn) camp at Room In the Inn (RITI). RITI provides constant support for the homeless community in Memphis by being a “one stop shop” of shelter, resources, and protection/guidance. During the summers, RITI holds a summer camp through their family services since the children are not in school. As the director, I was in charge of running activities and helping keep the campers on track for school by partnering up with programs like Literacy Midsouth and Team Read. I have always been interested in working with children; I thought when I was younger that I might be a teacher, plus with my previous serving experiences, I know a bit about summer camp. Camp consists of constant activities (which can be anything from watching a movie

to going outside, field trips, lunch, and snack time). I have enjoyed all my time with the wonderful campers, and every volunteer that comes through enriches my entire experience.

This fellowship has allowed for me to connect with an experience much different from my own and learn how to better approach situations that may seem frustrating. As a psychology major, I am always looking for how different experiences impact development and human interactions, and children are the first stage. My experience with RITI showed me a different view of service, because even though my primary time is spent with the CITI campers, I get to have conversations with coworkers who are not only integral to keeping RITI thriving but are also growing and changing just like the organization. It really represents the ever-changing aspect of nonprofits; yes, there is change on the larger scale, but the everyday people also change. I know that even though I am a temporary help, I will have made a lasting impact, which is all I wanted to accomplish.



## Harrison Dircks

Class of 2024  
**Major:** English  
**Hometown:** Larhmont, NY

### MoSH

My name is Harrison Dircks, and I am a rising junior majoring in English at Rhodes. This summer, I am an intern for the Executive Team at City Leadership, a nonprofit consulting firm in Memphis that created some of the city’s most recognizable campaigns such as Choose901. I am incredibly excited about working with City Leadership this summer because it is my first real opportunity to engage with the city of Memphis outside of school and learn about the functions of a nonprofit organization, especially one as unique as City Leadership. As a nonprofit consulting firm, City Leadership invests a lot of its resources into helping partner organizations write grants, publicize their mission, and fundraise. As the

Executive Team Intern, my responsibilities have been centered around overseeing assets such as the shop, the Choose901 website, and client relations. I am amazed by the commitment to investing in Memphis that is exemplified by each team member, and I was eager to help the team achieve its goals this summer!

As someone who is still relatively new to Memphis, I am constantly finding things to be excited about here. One of my favorite things about the city so far is Crosstown Concourse. It is a fantastic place to foster community and invest in the city of Memphis, and it is representative of the rich, supportive culture that exists here. City Leadership is a huge part of that, so I am delighted to be a part of an organization that cares so deeply about the city and does so much to maintain its vibrance. While I am not sure if nonprofit work is what I want to do after graduation, I will undoubtedly draw from my experience with the Summer Service Fellowship in all my future endeavors. The people I have met, the projects I have worked on, and the growth I have seen in myself have been and will continue to be invaluable to me. In the future I hope to work in media and find some creative way to use my English major in addition to a minor in Business, but we will just have to wait and see!



## Khulan Erdenechimeg

Class of 2024  
**Major:** Business  
**Hometown:** Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

### VERTON PARK SHELL

The Overton Park Shell is a music venue in the middle of Memphis where music lovers have been coming to make everlasting memories since 1936. As cliché as it sounds, I knew I wanted to work there when I first read their mission statement: “Building community through music and education, finding common ground in a diverse audience.” I was assigned to be on the archival team to help sort out the Overton Park Shell archival collection. I was able to explore the long history of the Shell from a 3D perspective—just the amount of weird advertisements I encountered in those show programs from the late ’40s was mind-blowing! War bonds, stereo systems, dry cleaners; it was amazing to see Memphis and the community

from almost century-old eyes. Lots of my archival work was spent behind the desk, working on excel sheets and researching library technologies.

Then there’s the other side of my Shell internship, where I had to run around in the hot and humid Memphis summer weather. As soon as I started my internship, I was asked to help the film crew by operating one of the cameras. It was probably one of the coolest things I have ever gotten to do. The experience was supposed to last only a week, but I begged to stay on the team. I filmed 17 shows in total, picked up the camera, and found my passion in documentaries along the way. I also acquired dozens of pairs of earplugs, a signed setlist from one of my favorite bands, and an oversized Shell Video Crew t-shirt.

Overall, my Shell experience was one of the highlights of my 2022. Getting to know the legendary people of this historical venue gave me so much insight into the Memphis music scene. Plus, I had the pleasure of having one of the most considerate and inspiring people as my supervisor, and I couldn’t have imagined my experience without him. The Shell and the people surrounding it really made me feel at home—the mission statement came true in real-time.



## Sam Frank

Class of 2024  
**Major:** History  
**Hometown:** Cincinnati, OH

### JUST CITY

Over the summer, I worked as a Summer Service Fellow with Just City. Through various programs, Just City works to make the Memphis criminal justice system more transparent, more effective, and less harmful to those who come into contact with it; I had the privilege of working with each of their three primary programs. An especially impactful Just City initiative is the Memphis Community Bail Fund, a bail fund accessible to Memphis public defenders. In Shelby County especially, money bail often serves to keep non-violent people charged with crimes in jail simply because they are unable to afford their bail. The MCBF helps to get people back to their families and give them a chance to negotiate better deals with

prosecutors. I had the opportunity to learn about not only Just City's program, but a national consortium of bail funds by attending national meetings. Another facet of Just City I worked on was the Clean Slate Fund. The CSF helps people navigate the unnecessarily difficult process of criminal record expungement, allowing people to land better jobs and get their lives on track. I was also a weekly court watcher, participating in the Just City program that places citizens in Shelby County courts to observe the conduct of judges and bear witness to flaws in the legal system.

As a pre-law student, working for Just City helped me develop a more realistic and critical view of the legal system in Memphis. Spending my mornings watching criminal court proceedings or helping Clean Slate Fund candidates have their records cleared was an eye-opening experience; the criminal justice system is far less black and white than many make it out to be and I learned that it is and ought to be a constantly evolving system. Working with reformers, public defenders, and people forced to contend with the often-times broken system helped me understand that the criminal justice system can exacerbate inequalities when neglected. However, it also showed me that passionate members of the community with firm beliefs and creative ideas can reform that system to right its course.



## Taryn Graves

Class of 2023  
**Major:** Urban Studies  
**Hometown:** Miami Shores, FL

### SEEDING SUCCESS

This summer I worked as a research assistant at Seeding Success. Seeding Success is a non-profit organization that works with other Memphis organizations to ensure children in the Memphis Shelby County area have the resources to succeed; their primary focus is on children's academic and financial success through capacity building. Their goal to help children succeed introduces various educational issues, such as kindergarten readiness, proficiency in reading, and college and career readiness. The organization's overall mission is to provide resources and opportunities for academic achievement and future careers. While interning at this non-profit, I specifically supported Seeding Success's More for Memphis

Initiative, a community-based plan to help improve the quality of life in the Memphis and Shelby County community. I provided research on the Health and Wellness and Community Development focus areas by researching current policies and programs that help improve Memphians' opportunities nationally and locally.

As someone who wants to attend graduate school and receive a degree in public policy or public administration, this internship provided me with work experience and a unique opportunity that has helped prepare me for the public policy field. My policy research on health and wellness and community development-related issues provided insight into Memphis's inadequate housing and healthcare problems, such as renters' cost burden, blight, and the ways in which stress, obesity, and substance abuse act as major underlying causes of Memphians' maternal and infant mortality rates. In addition, I learned how to conduct meaningful research in my assigned policy fields and became more knowledgeable about the city of Memphis through Seeding Success's partnerships with other Memphis and Shelby County organizations.

Overall, my experience with Seeding Success this summer significantly impacted my outlook on the Memphis community. I participated in producing meaningful ways to help improve the city of Memphis while gaining the necessary skills for my future career in public policy. Seeding Success has many partners within the area that contribute to various urban topics that affect the Memphis community. I hope to continue exploring these issues and discovering service work that contributes to assisting urban dilemmas while residing in Memphis.



## Patrick Grooms

Class of 2024  
**Major:** Religious Studies  
**Hometown:** Germantown, TN

### MoSH

Over the summer, I worked with the Museum of Science and History for my fellowship, working in the community engagement department. MoSH does most of its work and advocacy through the spread of information to the community through its exhibits. Specifically, MoSH hosted a local exhibit that was focused around LGBTQ+ Memphis, called Memphis Proud, in tandem with a traveling national exhibit about the national civil rights struggle of the community, called Rise Up. These collectively created a story of the struggle for equality and the creation of community of queer people in Memphis and nationally. I worked to

help create the community programming for this event to get people to engage with this community through the spread of knowledge.

Throughout my work at MoSH, I learned many valuable skills and had to reckon with the many issues that museums must deal with when curating their exhibits and engaging with the community. I learned how to event plan, creating a night for people to come to the museum and enjoy some chemistry with the Blue Suede Sisters, led by Sister Kat Ion who wanted to bring her own science spin on drag, which was my big project for the fellowship. I also got to be part of some big conversations involving censorship of the exhibit, especially having to do with whether camp kids could see the exhibit. These challenges and successes made my fellowship quite fulfilling and informative.

My time at MoSH has changed a lot of how I view non-profit work. I've seen how much money is king even in this sector where money shouldn't be as important. However, since the doors need to stay open, people have to decide what the true mission is while understanding that not everything can be based on ideals. Additionally, I have learned the value of working with departments across a large company. Since each department has their own specialty, doing your job and communicating makes it easier for everyone to be successful. The Summer Service Fellowship was extremely enlightening to me and has taught me invaluable lessons I will bring into the rest of my life.



## Oliver Hurst

Class of 2024  
**Major:** Health Equity  
**Hometown:** Atlanta, GA

### BINGHAMPTON COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

This summer I worked as an intern for the Binghampton Community Land Trust (BCLT). The BCLT is a relatively new grassroots organization made up of Binghampton community members. These neighbors came together and formed the land trust in response to the rapid gentrification Binghampton is experiencing. They saw massive, sudden shifts in the housing stock and saw long-term neighbors forced to leave due to skyrocketing rents. The BCLT hopes to preserve some of the housing stock in Binghampton as affordable units for years to come by collective ownership of the land. Unlike many other land trusts around the country,

BCLT is one of the few that is completely community based. In the fall of 2021, they finished their first house.

My purpose was to lay the groundwork for the BCLT's future expansion. While West Binghampton is largely gentrified, East Binghampton still has many of its historic, long-term residents. As a result, I spent much of my time on the east side of the neighborhood. I tried to immerse myself into the community by speaking with neighbors and other organizations that are based in Binghampton. Additionally, I completed a housing survey for the neighborhood in which I identified vacant properties that the land trust could target for later acquisition. Using the results of the survey and outside research, I came up with a plan for how the BCLT can acquire properties.

My experience with the BCLT was nothing less than extraordinary. Because it is a small organization, I was given more responsibility than most people would be given in my position. It was great being able to spend time getting to know an entirely new neighborhood. The Summer Service Fellowship allowed me practical experience with community-centering work. As a result, it has changed my perspectives on what nonprofit work and service can mean.





## Elise Keller

Class of 2024  
**Major:** Urban Studies  
**Hometown:** St. Louis, MO

### MY CITY RIDES

I spent my summer as a fellow at My City Rides, an organization that focuses on providing transportation to Memphis workers. The program operates as a three-year program where participants pay around \$100 a month, which covers the cost of a brand new moped and gear, insurance, maintenance, and a class M license. At the end of the three years, the title to the scooter is in the participant's name, meaning they completely own their own transportation, which is unlike any other transportation nonprofit in the country. They serve the full scope of Memphians, from those who make under \$10,000 to over \$100,000, from 18-year-olds all the way to folks in their 60s.

My role was mainly working with the director of marketing to innovate and grow the program, as well as working with data and demographics to help My City Rides better allocate their resources to the participants. I was given the opportunity to develop a rewards program to allow participants to become more involved with the program. I helped think through the clients' demographics in order to give them the best financial plans. There was never a dull moment, and I was able to help with numerous other projects and events. I'm excited to see how My City Rides continues to grow, as I was fortunate enough to see the busiest months and new milestones, as well as a huge expansion to the organization.

This summer was so much fun for me. I met so many great people and had so many invaluable experiences. I have always been passionate about transportation and mobility, and it was such an honor to be able to see so many people get their own means of transportation. I know how much dignity that kind of independence gives a person, and I'm so proud to be able to say I had a part in that. It made my day to see the smiles on people's faces when they walked out of the shop with their very own moped. The Summer Service Fellowship helped me to continue to grow my love of service. I'm excited to see the Summer Service Fellowship continue to inspire and challenge students to work for something greater in our community.



## Izzy Logsdon

Class of 2025  
**Major:** Undeclared  
**Hometown:** Lexington, KY

### BLDG

This summer I had the opportunity to work with BLDG (build, live, develop, grow) Memphis. I worked as both a capacity building and advocacy fellow to connect nonprofits with each other and help develop programming that will benefit the greater Memphis community. The members of BLDG Memphis are brilliant, driven, courageous people brought together under the shared banner of building equity in their city. BLDG Memphis's Capacity Building helps nonprofits identify what their goals are, how to engage the community, and what their capacity is. They also created an intricate quilt of nonprofits working together towards common projects and goals such as blight removal, housing affordability, and safer

neighborhoods. Advocacy focuses on directing and realizing projects that multiple nonprofits are working on in conjunction with BLDG Memphis, and offers assistance in designing programs for nonprofits to use for advocacy, such as safer streets, housing counseling, and economic development. By working with both departments, I was able to see how the inner workings of a nonprofit fit together and to engage directly with the community to discuss possible solutions to their concerns and programs.

Working with BLDG Memphis has helped me understand that when working to better a community, you must look at it holistically. Though I primarily worked on program development, I was able to participate in community meetings, learn, and offer a pair of fresh eyes to a multitude of projects. I have been able to learn about how to celebrate success, how to manage passionate debate, and how to ask the right questions. Being able to learn about the heart and passion that every nonprofit puts into their work has been inspiring and eye opening.

My experience BLDG Memphis has deeply impacted my understanding of nonprofit work and the greater Memphis area. I have learned how to better manage personal projects and design places for people to have open discussions. I have also been able to see the impact that local government has on the lives of the people, but when the drive is there, incredible things happen. BLDG Memphis acts as both a mentor and a go-between for the plethora of nonprofits in Memphis. Because of BLDG Memphis's unique position in the community I have been able to see the diversity of thought that contributes to Memphis, and that fighting for social change takes an army, but with dedication, anything can happen.



## Frankie Moutier

Class of 2024  
**Major:** Philosophy  
**Hometown:** Bradley Beach, NJ

### OUTMemphis

This summer I worked as a fellow at OUTMemphis's Youth Emergency Center. The organization's goal is to empower, educate, and advocate for the LGBTQ+ community in Memphis and in the mid-south. It does this through support and educational programs, and also provides free HIV testing. It brings together the Queer community by throwing events such as Queer Prom, and it supports people through name change and gender marker clinics. Still, these examples do not encompass the vast network that OUTMemphis provides the community. One of their sites, the Youth Emergency Center (YEC) is where I worked this summer. The YEC is a resource for youth ages 18-24 who are at a high risk of homelessness. The center

provides case management, educational programming, and entertainment. It also has a fully functioning kitchen, laundry room, and full bathroom to fill the needs of the participants. These resources are available during drop-in hours, but the center recently opened four dorms to serve as transitional housing for youth experiencing homelessness.

My work this summer was getting the dorms ready to open and helping run drop-in hours. Most of my work consisted of interacting with participants to make the YEC a safe and welcoming environment. I also helped run programs such as the OUTdoor BBQ and the Hot Meal program, which provided participants with dinner every Thursday. Near the end of the fellowship, I ran an educational program on safe gender-affirming practices.

Getting to work at OUTMemphis was a good introduction into working with a nonprofit, something I hope to do as a career. I was able to learn from the employees in the center and get an understanding of what it is like to work with the community directly. My time at the Youth Emergency Center has been extremely rewarding as well as eye opening. Through the fellowship, I gained a better understanding of the bubble that I live in and allowed me to empathize with people from different backgrounds. I have come to gain a new perspective on life in Memphis.



## Lucia Mwanzia

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**Major:** Economics and Business  
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### BLDG

This summer I had an amazing experience as a Capacity Building Intern at BLDG Memphis. BLDG Memphis is a nonprofit organization that works with Community Development Corporations (CDCs) to drive investments in Memphis through building capacity in members, civic engagement, and public policy. BLDG Memphis aims to promote economic development in Memphis by developing affordable housing, supporting small businesses, and improving public spaces. My roles as a Capacity Building Intern included doing research on effective ways to support the member CDCs, drafting workplans on Excel, and planning workshops to address the issues facing the CDCs in Memphis.

Working with people that are passionate about the development and empowerment of Memphis was very inspiring to me. I have learned the challenges that a city goes through, and how to effectively address some of those challenges. Additionally, I have learned to appreciate the work that nonprofits do in our communities because they have a great impact on not only the appearance of the city but also on the well-being of its people, especially minority groups and low-income communities. The knowledge and skills that I have acquired from BLDG Memphis have greatly prepared me for my future career roles. I also have more understanding of the issues facing Memphis, and I look forward to participating in roles that will address some of those issues through volunteering and creating awareness about them to my peers.



## Laura Nguyen

Class of 2023

**Major:** Biomathematics

**Hometown:** Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

### GIRLS INC.

This summer I worked as a Rhodes fellow supporting the elementary team at Girls Inc. of Memphis. This nonprofit organization was founded in 1864 with a mission to inspire anyone who identifies as female aged from five to eighteen years old to recognize that they are strong, smart, and bold. To fulfill that mission, G.I.M hosts after-school programs throughout the academic year and summer camps in a pro-girl environment. They also have school-based representations at elementary, secondary, and high schools who interact with girls at school during breaks and market Girl Inc. programs. Their comprehensive curriculums ensure that all girls grow up healthy (both physically and mentally), educated, and independent.

In Summer 2022, Girls Inc. of Memphis provided three different one-week camps named after their core values: STRONG, SMART, and BOLD featuring sport for physical development, STEM for science and academic success, and advocacy for the girls in their lives. With my background, I was assigned to the SMART camp at MoSH where girls learn about science through hands-on projects while exploring the museum. By serving as an elementary fellow, I mainly supported other facilitators with their activities and led one session about dinosaurs. This position also gave me the chance to interact one-on-one with the girls daily to understand their situations and empower women in STEM. While creating an engaging camp for the girls, I learned about classroom management, conflict control, and event planning while sharpening my leadership skills. Additionally, my experience at G.I.M has sparked my interest in youth development.



## Lily Smith

Class of 2025

**Major:** Undeclared

**Hometown:** Lewisburg, TN

### GIRLS INC.

This summer I had the pleasure of working with Girls Inc. of Memphis! Girls Inc. is a nationwide nonprofit created by girls for girls. Girls Inc. is committed to providing safe, pro-girl environments for young girls. One of our core beliefs at Girls Inc. is that every girl who comes to us is already strong, smart, and bold. Our job is to expand their skill sets so that they are better equipped to be economically independent, civic minded, and physically and mentally healthy. We do this through our comprehensive programming. For instance, we teach girls how to budget and plan, so that they can overcome economic barriers. We also have programming specifically for girls to investigate social issues and to learn how they can

advocate for themselves. Our programs teach girls healthy habits such as daily exercise and affirmations. This organization is exactly what I wish I had growing up in my small, rural hometown of Cornersville, Tennessee. As a young woman, I am so proud to help provide the experience I never had for other girls.

I've spent my time working in their summer programming which consisted of week-long camps focused on one element of a girl (strong, smart, or bold). Specifically, I worked at their Smart Camp with ages 5 through 11. While the name "Smart Camp" might sound silly, our work is anything but. At Smart Camp, we expose girls to various aspects of STEM, including activities over solar energy, paleontology, and computer coding. As a fellow, I have been able to spend time with the girls one on one as well as lead my own session with them. The fellowship has helped me become both a leader and a mentor to the girls.



## Tram Truong

Class of 2024

**Major:** Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

**Hometown:** Thanh Pho Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

### CHURCH HEALTH

I spent this summer interning at Church Health as part of the Summer Service Fellowship. Church Health is a community health center dedicated to serving uninsured and under-insured populations in Memphis. Their mission is to care for the whole person, looking at not only traditional medical care but also education on healthy living through cooking classes and more. Working with Church Health was the first time I was introduced to the Social Determinants of Health, which provides the framework for accessing social barriers preventing a person from gaining healthcare access. It's perplexing to me how deeply flawed and ineffective the current healthcare system in the US is with trillions of dollars invested

every year. Church Health and other nonprofit clinics exist as a response the gaps the system fails to cover, and I feel very privileged to be gaining a better understanding of the scene, but it infuriates me how although known for its abundant resources, the US as a nation must rely on charity to keep its people alive and healthy.

During my internship, I was able to complete a formalized social barrier navigation process for the Tennessee Breast and Cervical Program. I was also able to help prepare presentations on leadership in healthcare, which informed me on how I could best navigate and carry myself in a collaborative work environment. Finally, I worked with Communications to rework the Church Health Welcome Packet for newly established patients, which got discontinued when the pandemic began to minimize contact. I'm proud to have that little contribution to Church Health and imagine that the Welcome Packet will be helpful to patients in learning what services are available to them through Church Health and also to new employees to have a more holistic understanding of Church Health's operations.



**Thank you to our student assistants, Dot Perkins '23, and Anna Parkinson '23!  
We sincerely appreciate all of your help this summer!**



## **Sandi George Tracy | Co-Director**

**Director, Career Services**

As I reflect on the summer of 2022, I am reminded of the injustices of the city I call “home”. Were we able to solve all of the challenges that impact our community this summer? No. Did we make a difference? I would respond with a resounding, “YES!”.

Public transportation, access to health care and education, homelessness, and so many other social issues plague Memphis and holds us back from being the city that we should be. From an outsider’s perspective, Memphis may be seen as a city with more challenges than solutions. But Memphis is also a city of amazing people and organizations. Together, we talked with professionals from Choices, Church Health, REP, OUTMemphis, MoSH, and Youngblood Studios and so many others who are making Memphis better. Your work this summer has also made Memphis a better place. I hope that your SSF experience has challenged you and inspired you to look for ways to build a better Memphis.

I am truly honored to have had the opportunity to work with you this summer. I will miss our weekly meetings. Please stay in touch but more importantly, stay involved! You are talented beyond measure and the world needs you! I wish you much success as you continue on your journey.



## **Scott Garner | Co-Director**

**Assistant Professor, Ancient Mediterranean Studies**

Even after living in Memphis for several years now, I still feel that there is so much that I want to learn about this city and its individuals. Being part of the Summer Service Fellows program provides me with the wonderful experience of getting to know this city more intimately---not only in regard to the challenges it faces, but also (and especially!) in terms of the opportunity and potential it provides. Each year, our visits to wide-ranging sites throughout the city and the discussions that follow challenge me to think more deeply about Memphis in unexpected ways, and I feel deeply indebted to everyone connected to SSF for helping me personally to advance toward being a more integrated and productive Memphian.

All of you have worked diligently throughout the summer to make a positive impact upon this community and the individuals within it, and it is my sincere hope that as you reflect back on this experience, you will be able to see its impact on yourselves as well, and also the opportunities now available for you to continue making a difference in the world around you for years to come!



## **Brittney Jackson | Co-Director**

**Director of First Year Experience and Transitions**

Memphis continues to amaze me in all it has to offer. The Summer Service Fellowship provides the opportunity to explore the city in a unique way, and each experience of our fellowship has challenged me to be a part of the change I want to see in my community. I am most impacted by our weekly site visits and discussions with our amazing fellows. Their personal growth and dedication to public service leaves me confident in the wellbeing of our city’s future. I encourage you to continue to follow your passions and find your niche in the realm of service; one small act of kindness can be the catalyst for transforming the world. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

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# **SUMMER SERVICE FELLOWSHIP 2022**

## **Week 1: Orientation**

Memphis Landmark Scavenger Hunt, Cupboard Restaurant

## **Week 2: Transportation**

MATA Odyssey

## **Week 3: Refugees and Immigration**

REP, Advocates for Immigrant Rights

## **Week 4: Poverty and Homelessness**

Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association, Hospitality Hub

## **Week 5: Health**

Church Health, Choices

## **Week 6: Sustainability**

Shelby Farms Park, Agricenter

SSF Iron Chef Competition

## **Week 7: Education**

Crosstown High

## **Week 8: LGBT+**

OUTMemphis,

## **Week 9: Art/Memphis at Rest**

Sun Studios, Youngblood Studios, Elmwood, Arcade Restaurant





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