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Meeting the moment: Philanthropy advancing the greater good

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Caroline Brunton
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Caroline Brunton, J.D., M.P.H., is a program officer for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan, where she leads the national health equity portfolio which focuses on health care access and coverage, and public health infrastructure. Prior to joining the foundation, Brunton was with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia for 13 years in a variety of policy and communications roles. She led budget formulation, program evaluation, strategic planning, and Congressional relations for many of CDC's environmental health, chronic

disease, community, and children's health programs, and supported agency-wide responses to 2009 H1N1 influenza and Hurricane Katrina. Brunton holds a bachelor's degree in microbiology from the University of Rhode Island, a master's degree in epidemiology from the University of Michigan, and a Juris Doctorate from Georgia State University. She is a member of the State Bar of Georgia.



Reverend Shantell Hinton Hill
Senior equity officer
Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation

Shantell Hinton Hill is a visionary leader and Renaissance woman whose work lives at the intersection of social justice, public theology, and Black feminism/womanism. A native of Conway, Arkansas, she is a devoted mother, daughter, sister, and friend.

She holds a Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt Divinity School, as well as bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from Vanderbilt University and Colorado State University. An ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Hinton Hill is a proud member of

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the National Society of Black Engineers.

At the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, she leads faith-based coalition building and narrative change efforts to advance equity in Arkansas. Hinton Hill founded the Micah Fellows Program, which supports local clergy in deepening their theological practice and economic justice advocacy. A published author and current Ph.D. student in sacred rhetoric and communications at Clemson University, her work centers the healing, power, and sacred belonging of Black women. Her most recent book, *Love Auntie: Parables and Prayers for Sacred Belonging*, was released in November 2024.

Hinton Hill's guiding mantra is from Reverend Dr. Katie G. Cannon: *"Do the work your soul must have."*



Paul Kennedy

President

Walker Area Community Foundation

Paul Kennedy is the president of the Walker Area Community Foundation in Jasper, Alabama. The Foundation strives to foster philanthropy and advance nonprofits addressing critical needs in north central Alabama. As president, Kennedy also works closely with regional and state philanthropy organizations and nonprofit associations to learn and to return better business models to the nonprofits at work in Walker. He acquired a B.S. in forestry and natural resource management from N.C. State University, worked for the U.S. Forest Service, Proctor and Gamble, and private

practice forestry before joining the Natural Resources Conservation Service and investing the last 14 of his 23 years of federal service starting and operating a multi-county nonprofit in the Birmingham, Alabama Metro Area. In 2007, Kennedy joined the Walker Area Community Foundation as its executive director and became president in 2009. Since joining, the foundation has grown from \$10 million and one advised fund to more than \$150 million and more than 50 advised funds. The foundation grants more than \$5 million to over 100 501(c)(3) nonprofits. The foundation works with nonprofits along with local, state, and federal representatives year-round to create a more vibrant and healthy community.