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## Education Professionals Selected to Study and Develop Afterschool and Expanded Learning Policy

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GREENVILLE, SC – Fifteen leaders in the field of afterschool and expanded learning nationwide have been selected as White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellows as part of a partnership between the Riley Institute at Furman University and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. The C.S. Mott Foundation has extended its funding for the program with a two-year renewal grant totaling \$280,000.



Through discussion of actual case studies led by policy change-makers, the Fellowship equips graduates with a real world understanding of the art and science of sound policy-making for afterschool and expanded learning. In the 10-month program, which begins in October, Fellows will study afterschool/expanded learning policy and develop and implement state-level policy projects in partnership with their Statewide Afterschool Networks and the national Afterschool Alliance.

Launched in 2012, the White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellowship is named for William S. White, President and CEO of the C.S. Mott Foundation; Richard W. Riley, former South Carolina Governor and U.S. Secretary of Education under President Clinton; and Dr. Terry Peterson, National Board Chair with the Afterschool Alliance, and senior fellow at the Riley Institute.

The 2015-2016 White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellows are:

- Thomas Azzarella**, Director, Alaska Afterschool Network (Anchorage, Alaska)
- David Beard**, Director, Education Policy & Advocacy, School's Out Washington (Seattle, Wash.)
- Melissa Beck**, Network Lead, The Civic Canopy (Denver, Colo.)
- Susan Gamble**, Network Lead, West Virginia Statewide Afterschool Network (Charleston, W.V.)
- Ebony Grace**, Director, Expanded Learning Opportunities, New Jersey School Age Care Coalition (NJSACC): The Statewide Afterschool Network (Westfield, N.J.)
- Darren Grimshaw**, Board Member, Iowa Afterschool Alliance (Burlington, Iowa)
- Don Kent**, Chairman, Net Literacy (Carmel, Ind.)
- Dave Knutson**, Vice President-Government Affairs & Special Initiatives, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee (Milwaukee, Wis.)
- Lani Lingo**, State Director, Education & Specialized Programs, Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs (Tallahassee, Fla.)
- Alison Reis-Khanna**, Director of Partnerships and Quality Initiatives, Texas Partnership for Out of School Time (TXPOST) (Austin, Texas)
- Tammy Shay**, Program Coordinator, Maryland Out of School Time (MOST) Network (Baltimore, Md.)
- Erik Skold**, Associate Director, Sprockets: Saint Paul's Out-of-School Time Network (St. Paul, Minn.)
- Bethany Thramer**, Policy & Outreach Coordinator, Oregon Afterschool for Kids, (Eugene, Ore.)
- Craig Williams**, Teacher, Wyoming Afterschool Alliance (Cheyenne, Wyo.)
- Kathryn Johnson**, Executive Director, Alternatives, Inc. (Ft. Monroe, Va.)

Learn more about the [White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellowship](#). Or contact Cathy Stevens at the Riley Institute (864) 294-3265, or [cathy.stevens@furman.edu](mailto:cathy.stevens@furman.edu).

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