

Becca Bice

Becca Bice is the Director of Economic Advancement at United Way for Greater Austin, working to ensure all families in Austin have economic opportunity. She is passionate about the power of collaboration to change the systems that hold people in poverty. Becca has spent over a decade in the nonprofit sector in various issue areas, including workforce, education, healthcare, and historic preservation. She lives in Austin, Texas and holds a Master of Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin.



Christopher J. Nellum, Ph.D.

Dr. Christopher J. Nellum is the Executive Director of EdTrust-West, an evidence-driven advocacy organization committed to advancing policies and practices to dismantle the racial and economic barriers embedded in California's education system. In his role, Chris leads a team of passionate, talented advocates and has solidified and strengthened EdTrust-West's role as one of the most influential and impactful education advocacy organizations in the state. Chris is a gubernatorial appointee, serves on several statewide committees as well as the advisory boards of the New Leadership Academy and

GENup, and the Board of Directors of the James B. McClatchy Foundation and Swipe Out Hunger. He is a respected thought leader, a sought-after speaker in California and nationally, and a frequent writer and media commentator on issues of racial equity in education. Nellum completed his undergraduate degree at UC Santa Barbara, master's degree at CSU Long Beach, and Ph.D. at the University of Michigan.



Enyi Okebugwu

Enyi Okebugwu is Senior Program Manager at Imaginable Futures. His work focuses on supporting field building and systems change for student parents in the US through nonprofit investments and partnerships. In addition, he supports the development and implementation of IF's learning and impact practices.

Prior to joining Imaginable Futures, he worked on the investment team at Village Capital, and spent time as an Impact Fellow with New Globe, where he drove the development process for New

Globe's first cohort of primary schools in Nigeria. Enyi began his career by founding a social enterprise, Legendary Tutors, focused on providing high-quality test prep and college admissions consulting to underserved high school students in the south side of Chicago.



Claire Wernstedt-Lynch (Moderator)

Claire Wernstedt-Lynch is a program officer at the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Center for Economic Opportunity, where she supports grantmaking focused on helping young parents and their children access the supports they need to achieve their goals and thrive. For the last five years, she has worked on efforts to advance family-friendly practices at community colleges to improve student parent retention and graduation rates. Prior to joining the

Foundation, she held a variety of research and advocacy roles focused on promoting gender and economic justice for young people. She lives in Washington, D.C. and holds a bachelor's degree in political science and gender, sexuality, and feminist studies from Oberlin College.