

Representing the Television and Film Industry



Arri Caviness

Set Designer & Assistant Art Director

Arri is a set designer and assistant art director for film and television. She started working in the industry as a student, designing music videos and short films while attending UT Austin. She began working professionally in Los Angeles after earning an MFA in Production Design at Chapman University. Since then, she has worked on a variety of projects for networks including NBC, Comedy Central, and FX.

Representing the Higher Education and Art Industry



Marla L. McLeod

Artist

***Adjunct Professor
Maine College of Art***

McLeod explores black identity and social constructs through her portrait paintings, textiles, and sculptures. In 2021 she received a Walter Feldman Fellowship, awarded by the Arts & Business Council of Greater Boston, an Emerging Artist Award from St. Botolphs Club Foundation, a Colman Award from BNY Mellon. She co-curated, the 2020 Area Code Art Fair Store Fronts Projects with curator Ellen Tani and was listed as one of the Boston Globes "5 Outstanding Art School

Grads". She has previously received the Will and Elena Barnet Painting Award, a Tisch Library Graduate Research Fellowship, and presented at Black Portraits, NYU.

In 2010/21 she held a Post Grad Teaching Fellowship at the SMFA and was an Adjunct Professor Southern Connecticut State University and she is currently an Adjunct Professor at Maine College of Art (MECA). She is currently in exhibition at Essex Art Center in Lowell, MA and is one of the featured artists in the upcoming 2022 Triennial at the de Cordova and Fruitlands Museums.

Representing the Higher Education and Mental Health Industry



Dr. Troy Davis

***Dean of Counseling and Student Development
Cypress College***

***Psychotherapist
Private Practice***

Dr. Troy Davis is the Dean of Counseling & Student Development at Cypress College and former Division Chair and Counselor at Glendale Community College. Dr. Davis also has a side practice as a Psychotherapist, working with clients that have challenges with depression, anxiety, and relationships. In his past time he enjoys mountain biking, traveling, and a variety of sports activities. He is most proud of raising his 17-year-old daughter and getting her through high school. He is at a point in his career to encourage young professionals to save the world.

Representing the Engineering and Non-Profit Industry



Kerstern Malama

***Quality Systems Engineer II
Northrop Grumman Space Systems***

***CEO and Founder
GIRLSFORSTEMUSA INC.***

Kerstern Malama is a Quality Systems Engineer for Northrop Grumman Space systems in California and is CEO and founder for GIRLSFORSTEMUSA INC. GIRLSFORSTEMUSA INC is a non-profit organization which inspires girls to pursue STEM names for science Technology Engineering and Mathematics. Kerstern has 3+ years Aerospace industry experience in Quality Management Systems, Third party and Internal Auditor for AS9100D Certifications, Tool Calibration Management and Document Control. Kerstern holds a BA in Manufacturing Systems Engineering at California State University, Northridge, Diploma in Production Management from Evelyn Hone College in Lusaka Zambia, AS9100D Certified, and is Quality Process Analyst Certified. Besides her professional expertise, Kerstern Malama has experience in mentoring and fostering engineering student experiences in all areas of student services and academic programs. She is also responsible for providing social and academic support to transfer and freshman students in colleges. She speaks to students at universities and colleges encouraging students to pursue STEM.

Panel Facilitator



Dr. Anthony Culpepper

Dr. Culpepper is the current Vice President of Administrative Services/COO for Glendale Community College. He is a Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Los Angeles County Schools Regionalized Business Service Corporation and is a member of the City of Glendale Oversight Board. He is a two-time graduate of Pepperdine University earning his MBA and his Doctorate in Educational Leadership.