

# **Leaders in All Walks of Life**

FIFTY YEARS OF WOMEN AT BOWDOIN

**Session Participants  
September 24–25, 2021**

**Friday, September 24**

## **Using Our Voices: The Bowdoin Experience of Women of Color**



### **Terry Guen '81**

Terry is the master landscape architect of Chicago's Millennium Park and for numerous award-winning design projects in the Midwest. She is the founder of her twenty-two-year-old, women-minority-owned small business, Terry Guen Design Associates, which specializes in rebuilding nature and ecology in harsh urban areas and neighborhoods. She majored in chemistry at Bowdoin, is a fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and is a mother of three grown sons.



### **Praise Hall '20**

Praise is an education justice advocate dedicated to increasing educational opportunities for marginalized populations. In 2019 she was competitively selected as one of sixty Harry S. Truman Scholars nationwide based on her educational justice efforts. Upon graduation from Bowdoin, she worked at Sidwell Friends School as an auxiliary programs fellow, where she partnered extensively with College Counseling, the Center for Ethical Leadership, and Equity Justice and Community. She currently works as a business analyst at Kitamba, a social impact consulting and products firm dedicated to dramatically improving learning and life outcomes for all children. In her spare time, she is learning to play tennis, brushing up on her golf skills, and reading many more books than she can finish.



### **Terrancia Holmes '13**

Terrancia Holmes is a wellness advocate and budding writer whose passion for mental health was first sparked during her time at Bowdoin. She writes about her own experiences to help remove the shame and stigma around mental health issues and encourage others to embrace the personal journey of self-discovery. Terrancia majored in Africana studies at Bowdoin and earned her master's in marketing from Vanderbilt University in 2017. She has a background in corporate events and nonprofit fundraising and currently works as a communications professional at Goldman Sachs. Terrancia is a proud Atlanta native who has called Dallas, Texas, home for nearly four years.



### **Adaiah Hudgins-Lopez '18**

Adaiah is a proud native of Detroit, by way of Pittsburgh. At Bowdoin, among other things, she was a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow, Chamberlain Scholar, Writing Project assistant, and member of Peer Health. In 2018, she earned her Bowdoin degree in anthropology and English with a minor in dance. Since graduating, Adaiah has taught in Atlanta Public Schools through Teach for America, interned

at the Crim Fitness Foundation and the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, and worked as an associate of advisory services at Root Cause. In 2021, she was awarded a Gates Cambridge Scholarship to pursue a master's in philosophy in social anthropology at the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. She heads there as Bowdoin's first Gates Cambridge Scholar.

### **Dhaujée Kelly '11**

Dhaujée is a Baltimore-born, Los Angeles-based educator and creative strategist. With training in social emotional learning (SEL), curriculum design, and nonprofit management, she has been able to support organizations and individuals across the country in developing more mindful and accessible programs. Her work highlights an awareness of the mind-body connection, offers applicable tools for learners of all types, and brings innovation to wellness and education communities.



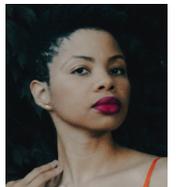
### **Shanique Brown Kilgallon '04**

Shanique is a pediatric anesthesiologist with Nemours Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware. Shanique graduated from Bowdoin in 2004 with a major in biochemistry and minor in Africana studies. At Bowdoin, she was an active member of various student organizations including the Young Alumni Leadership Program (YALP) and trustee committees. For Commencement, she was chosen to deliver the baccalaureate speech to her class. She later graduated from NYU School of Medicine (Class of 2008) and completed a residency in anesthesiology at the University of Pennsylvania in 2012. She became subspecialized in pediatric anesthesiology after completing fellowship training at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in 2013. Shanique currently resides in the suburbs of Philadelphia with her husband, Joseph, and two young sons, Joey and Sammy.



### **Coretta King '12**

Coretta's voice speaks to your soul. Growing up in Memphis's vibrant music community, she honed her passion for singing-songwriting with The Consortium Memphis Music Town, a mentorship program founded by renowned Songwriter Hall of Fame inductee David Porter (*Sam & Dave*, "Soul Man"). Since moving to Nashville, she has been featured at songwriting shows at The Bluebird Cafe, Top Writer Series, and Backstage Nashville. You can listen to Coretta's songs at [corettakingmusic.com](http://corettakingmusic.com).



### **Ebitari Isoun Larsen '94**

Ebitari was named a "Wonderpreneur" on Medium.com. She founded Delta Data Services in 2009 to assist companies in achieving world-class status using management technology such as Zoho, Laserfiche, Microsoft, Cisco, and more. She is an award-winning researcher and teacher. Ebitari has authored software visual user guides including Zoho and Microsoft. She has successfully worked



with numerous federal agencies including the US Department of Energy. Ebitari has assisted many organizations in reaching their goals including Rutgers University, Comcast Programming Group, and numerous small- and medium-sized enterprises and nonprofits.



**Joy L. Lee '07**

Joy is a health services researcher whose work examines electronic communication in healthcare. She earned her master's degree in health policy and management from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and her doctorate from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. While at Bowdoin, Joy often spent time at the McKeen Center for the Common Good. Today, she lives in Indianapolis and enjoys Banagrams, Instagram, and Teddy Grahams.



**Golden Owens '15**

Golden Marie Owens graduated from Bowdoin in 2015 with a degree in English literature. During her time at Bowdoin, she sang with Ursus Verses and the Bowdoin Chamber Choir and was a member of the African American Society and a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow. Currently, she is a PhD candidate in the Screen Cultures PhD program at Northwestern University. Her dissertation examines how virtual assistants like Siri are tied to a history of Black women's labor in the United States. Golden is a fourth-degree black belt in Taekwondo and spends her free time practicing with Northwestern's Taekwondo team, singing with the Northwestern Keynotes, and mentoring undergraduates interested in furthering their academic education.



**Tawana Cook Purnell '75**

A Pittsburgh native, Tawana spent years in Washington, DC as a teacher and administrator at St. Albans School, the National Cathedral School, and the Bishop Walker School for Boys. Tawana also served as principal at the Environmental Charter School and executive director at The Campus School at Carlow University in Pittsburgh. A philosophy major and graduate of Spelman College, Tawana earned her master's in private school leadership at Columbia University Teachers College.



**Krista Sahrbeck '98**

Krista is originally from Cape Elizabeth, Maine, and graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School. During her time at Bowdoin, Krista played soccer and basketball and majored in government with a concentration in international relations and environmental studies. She also was a member of Bears and Cubs for all four years. Krista just finished her first year as the dean of students at the Kingswood Oxford School in West Hartford, Connecticut, where she also serves as the head women's soccer and assistant women's basketball coach. Before coming to Kingswood Oxford, Krista spent fifteen years as a grade dean, admissions associate, head women's soccer coach, assistant varsity boys' soccer coach, and assistant varsity women's basketball coach at the Kent Denver School in Englewood, Colorado.

**Gwendolyn Stretch '75**

Gwendolyn is a retired family practitioner. She served as medical director of a Suffolk County, New York, health center for more than twenty years. Gwendolyn was associate professor of family medicine at Stony Brook University. She has served on several hospital and county health advisory boards and has held leadership positions in the Suffolk County Medical Society and in her local chapter of the National Medical Society. She served as chair of the Access to Care subcommittee of the Suffolk County Department of Health Care Services Task Force.

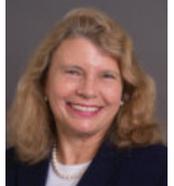


**Friday, September 24**

**Keynote: "Speaking for El Bien Común"**

**Dora Anne Mills '82, P'24**

Dora has served as the chief health improvement officer for MaineHealth, Maine's largest health system, since 2018. She previously served as the Maine CDC director for fifteen years under Governor Angus King and Governor John Baldacci, overseeing many efforts, including the development of a statewide public health infrastructure, Maine's response to the H1N1 influenza pandemic, and the implementation of a system for chronic disease prevention and addressing a number of environmental health issues. During part of this time, she also served simultaneously as the state epidemiologist. Dora was the vice president for clinical affairs and the director of the Center for Health Innovation at the University of New England for seven years. Earlier in her career, she practiced medicine in her hometown of Farmington, Maine. She is the recipient of a number of awards, including the highest honors by the Maine Medical Association and the Maine Public Health Association and the Nathan Davis Award by the American Medical Association. Having earned degrees from Bowdoin College, the University of Vermont College of Medicine, and Harvard School of Public Health and completed a residence and internship at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Dora also lived and worked in Tanzania, as well as volunteered for shorter stints in Ivory Coast, Ghana, and the Dominican Republic. She lives in Portland and Farmington and is the mother of a young adult and a teenager.



**Vanessa L. Vidal Castellanos '08**

As a foreign service officer (FSO) with the US Department of State, Vanessa is currently the communications advisor to the US Special Envoy for Yemen. She has served in Saudi Arabia, Zambia, Switzerland, and Tunisia. Prior to her service in the US diplomatic corps, Vanessa was an information technology specialist and a teacher in California. She earned her master of arts in law and diplomacy from The Fletcher School at Tufts University. She speaks Spanish and French fluently and has acquired Arabic and German language skills as an FSO.



**Saturday, September 25**

## **A Look Forward with Bowdoin Women Leaders: Mastering Adaptability**



### **Laurie Hawkes '77**

With over forty years of business experience, Laurie has held executive leadership positions as an investment banker with Salomon Brothers and CS First Boston, as a private real estate equity investor with US Realty Advisors, and as principal investor/entrepreneur cofounding ARP Phoenix Fund I and American Residential Properties, Inc. (ARPI), to acquire, lease, and manage single-family rental homes. Laurie took ARPI public on the New York Stock Exchange as a \$2.4 billion enterprise with 10,000 houses in 2013, and merged with American Homes 4 Rent in 2016, creating an \$8 billion enterprise with over 47,000 homes. Laurie is chairman of the board of directors of Broadstone Net Lease, Inc. She was a former member of the National Association of Securities Dealers and the Urban Land Institute and served on the board of trustees for Bowdoin for twenty-two years. Laurie was Bowdoin's first female recipient of the Alumni Service Award and first female senior class president. She has been active in leadership roles with Opportunity International, an international nonprofit organization that focuses on micro-financing for women. Laurie earned an MBA at Cornell University and her bachelor's degree at Bowdoin College. She studied at The University of Nairobi in Kenya during her junior year at Bowdoin.



### **Emily Hubbard '07**

Emily is assistant director with the US Department of Justice (DOJ) and an adjunct professor at Georgetown Law. Emily has over ten years of broad litigation and advisory experience, specializing in labor and employment and national security matters. Prior to joining DOJ, she served as counsel to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Environmental Protection Agency, litigating employment, national security, and FOIA cases. Emily worked as special counsel to the Boston Public Schools, where she advised on and litigated labor and employment matters. She also litigated special education cases and adjudicated student discipline appeals. A graduate of Boston College Law School, she studied in France both as an undergraduate and at law school—at Sciences Po of Toulouse and University of Strasbourg, respectively. While at Boston College Law School, she was a member of the National European Law Moot Court team and vice president of the Black Law Students Association. Emily loves writing and traveling, and is enjoying new motherhood.

### **Mai Li Libman '00**

Mai is the CEO/cofounder of Haystack Dx, a medical technology startup that is revolutionizing a device to better diagnose nerve and muscle disorders. She believes that “sleep is for the weak,” a motto that she picked up from one of her favorite coffee shops, Small World, and that aptly defines her ability to find time to be a mom, entrepreneur, and runner. Mai has previously worked at Savione, Wall Street Prep, the World Bank, Abt Associates, the Social Security Administration, and United Nations Development Program. She double-majored in government and legal studies and French, with a minor in economics, at Bowdoin, and focused on development economics for her master's program at Princeton University.



### **Marilyn Reizbaum**

Marilyn is the Harrison King McCann Professor of English at Bowdoin. Her scholarship and teaching are in the areas of modernism, contemporary Scottish and Irish literatures and film, and Jewish cultural studies. Marilyn is currently the director of the Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Program, which she has chaired several times as the program has developed over the years.



### **Raquel Santizo '19**

Raquel is based in San Francisco, where she is the growth specialist at Airhouse, a tech startup aiming to simplify logistics for modern e-commerce brands. Prior to her transition into tech, Raquel worked in politics—fundraising for democratic candidates such as Mayor London Breed and Governor Gavin Newsom, organizing for Kamala Harris's 2020 presidential campaign, and doing digital work for Newsom's 2018 gubernatorial race. At Bowdoin, she majored in neuroscience and gender, sexuality, and women's studies and played water polo and rugby.



### **Charlotte Carnevale Willner '06**

Charlotte currently lives in the San Francisco Bay area and is the executive director at the Trust & Safety Professional Association. She began her career at Facebook, where she led international user support, then built out their first safety operations team. She went on to build and lead Pinterest's trust and safety operations team, overseeing online safety, law enforcement response, and intellectual property matters. She earned her degree in English at Bowdoin and is delighted to show you that this is, in fact, what you can do with an English degree.



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