

## Building Belonging Interim Stewardship Circle — 2022



[Leonie Smith](#) is the founder of the Thoughtful Workplace. She created The Thoughtful Workplace specifically to share with leaders, regardless of where they are in the organization, a way of integrating principles of mutuality and respect in the day to day life of organizations.



[Gail Davidson](#) is a regenerative storyteller, [communications witch](#), community builder, crafty weaver and ritual maker. Seeding regenerative stories, she moves with the Celtic wheel of the year and natural cycles of life, loss and regeneration, as a path to wholeness and healing. She facilitates regenerative village practices, with ecstatic rituals, elemental cycling and grief tending. She's also a death doula in training. Gail lives in widening circles across England and Scotland in the UK.



[Sara Huang](#) combines Taiwanese roots with Dutch directness. She becomes most alive when she can craft and design transformative spaces to satisfy human cravings for connection, collaboration and creative conflict. Sara has a master's degree in Public Administration and brings the skills and experience from a career as both an independent consultant and in-house trainer, facilitator, and advisor for local community initiatives, municipalities, ministeries, Dutch national government organisations and education.



[Motaz Attalla](#) has spent the past two decades working with individuals and groups seeking to transform themselves and the world. Formally trained as a in education policy, he has worked on education reform and alternatives, environmental health and justice, philanthropy, and in the arts, including a several-year stint as a stand-up comedian in his native Egypt. Current themes in his life and work: family and child-rearing; systems thinking and complexity; networks and organizational design.



[Christina Antonakos-Wallace](#) is a filmmaker, cultural organizer, facilitator and life-long activist. Her work has centered around challenging exclusionary narratives of migration, race, and nationality; telling stories that articulate new visions of belonging. Her films and interactive work have been exhibited in over fifteen countries through festivals, schools, galleries, NGOs, and corporations, often accompanied by workshops. Awards include the Euromedia Award for Culture & Diversity (2011), a Media that Matters Change Maker Award (2012), and recognition from the German Alliance for Democracy and Tolerance (2015), MTV Fight for Your Rights Award (2002).



[Brian Stout](#) is a systems convener, curator, and initiator of the Building Belonging collaborative. His background is in international conflict mediation, serving as a diplomat with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in Washington DC and overseas. He also worked in philanthropy with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, before leaving in early 2016 to organize in response to the global rise of authoritarianism and far-right nationalism. He recently returned to his hometown in rural southern Oregon, where he lives with his wife and two children.

## Building Belonging Inaugural Stewardship Circle — 2021



[Brandon Dubé](#) is a self-described digital monk, striving to use technology instead of being used by technology through inward attention-based practices and social approaches. He embraces a deep sense of spirit around community, livelihood and belonging with a personal mission to help others rediscover the latent powers of human connection.



[Antje Fisseler](#) has been an international team & project leader in HR, real estate and finance services until she decided to stop looking for a career. Now, she is on a journey to a new way of being, in line with her purpose of connecting people and in harmony with nature. Antje is a German based in France and wants to contribute to a liveable future.



[Ray Gonzales](#) is a Partner at Focus Impact Performance, LLC and a Transition Coach. He works with people who are stuck to unlock empowering narratives for their lives, that create a clear life purpose that turbocharge their future performance. Ray has been an entrepreneur since he was a teenager. He has created businesses in entertainment and fashion.



[Agnes Meneses](#) collaborates with people to support their journey to become agents of their own change. She supports personal and organizational change by holding space for deep reflection, strategic inquiry, relationship building and openness to learning. With over 20 years of experience in nonprofit and philanthropy, she now aims to support different ways of being and doing in these sectors to nurture equity and belonging. Agnes is a first generation Filipina immigrant, who has made her home in Chicago. She currently serves on the board of Crossroads Fund.



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[Lori Robinson](#) is the founder and executive director of VidaAfrolatina, an emerging international women's fund that mobilizes resources and connects them with women of African descent in Latin America. A journalist for 25 years, Lori is the author of "I Will Survive: The African-American Guide to Healing from Sexual Assault and Abuse." In addition to covering sexual violence extensively, she reported on Black communities in Latin American countries for two decades. She is former editor of BLAC Detroit magazine, and currently lives in Detroit.



[Ivona Boroje](#) has worked in a variety of different contexts including academia, nonprofits and a union. She is one of the organizers of the Bosnian Herzegovinian Film Festival in New York and serves on the leadership committee of a Queens-based mindfulness group. Shaped by her experiences of being a refugee and an immigrant, she is devoted to contributing to belonging for everyone, everywhere.