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### Peace and Blessings, Everyone!

On behalf of the [Ripe for Creative Disruption Environmental Justice Fellowship](#), we would like to thank you for your leadership and solidarity during the EJ Leaders Retreat in South Florida, June 15 - 18, 2022. The EJ Leaders left with Miami in their heart and soul; feeling regenerated and inspired by the collaborative work you are leading across Florida. We are eternally grateful for grounding us during our first in-person retreat and opening your communities to fellow leaders from across Turtle Island, and Territories as far as Puerto Rico and the Pacific to exchange ideas, relationships, and affirm a shared commitment to continue creatively disrupting the climate movement beyond a moment, and beyond the crisis. **#EJDisruptDesign**

In our appreciations, we collectively acknowledge that what is now called Miami, is the original unceded lands stewarded by the Tequesta, Seminole and Miccosukee people and built upon the stolen labor and lives of African ancestors whose descendents are still here and leading our struggle for liberation.

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2022-23 [Ripe for Creative Disruption EJ Fellows](#) work as clusters of leaders to innovate climate solutions and represent:

- 20 Leaders from various regions
- 18 movement organizations
- 8 States
- 5 Territories

The experiences shared in the 305 will be a formative part of the EJ Leaders' 2 year experience in designing climate solutions for communities most impacted by climate disasters with the communities themselves. It will be hard to top this experience in the next phase of the EJ Movement Fellowship! Miami is not only one of the most climate impacted communities. Our experience on the ground with the Host Committee and Anchors proves that it is also one of the most impactful.

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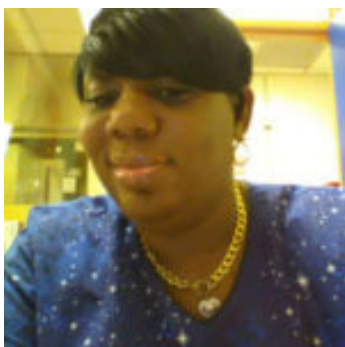




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A special appreciation to Host Committee Chair, Trenise Bryant, Director of Women with Broken Heals, Board of [Miami Climate Alliance](#), and [SMASH](#).



Host Committee Chair Trenise Bryant from Women with Broken Heals, [SMASH](#), and [Miami Climate Alliance](#), [Ripe for Creative Disruption EJ Fellowship](#) Director Angela Mahecha, and Ruth Jeannoel from [Fanm Saji](#) at the Juneteenth Party at [MUCE](#).



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*EJ Fellow Rep. Sheila Babauta ([OCW670](#)) from Lemmai Loves, Claudia Navarro from [WeCount](#), Adrian Madriz from [SMASH](#), Jesus Vasquez, (Organisacion Boricua) and Zelalem Adrefis from [Catalyst](#) at the 305 Mixer - Broken Shaker.*



*EJ Fellow Dr. Boston ([TFN](#)) from Sankofa Souls with the family at [SMASH](#) and Chantelle Sookram from [Urban Oasis Project](#). Credits to [Eye Urban TV](#) for the photos.*

### Shoutout to the EJ Host Committee/ 305 Anchors/ Miami Local Artists

- **Chair - Trenise Bryant** - Director - Women with Broken Heals - [Miami Climate Alliance](#)
- Adrian Madriz - Director - [SMASH](#)
- Ruth Jeannoel - Director - [Fanm Saj](#)
- Chantelle Sookram - Operations Manager- [Urban Oasis Project](#)
- Andre and Team - [Eye Urban TV](#)
- Bart and Team - [MUCE](#)
- Claudia Navarro, Co-Director- [WeCount](#)
- Zelalem Adrefis -VP of Policy and Advocacy - [Catalyst](#) - Miami Climate Alliance
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Many thanks to [SMILE TRUST](#) for the solidarity community experience passing out

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hurricane preparedness kits and gratitude for the support and solidarity from [POWER U](#).



[SMILE Trust](#) and [POWER U](#) community hurricane preparedness event. Credits to [Eye Urban TV](#) for the photos.



EJ Fellows Dwaigh Tyndal ([ACE](#)) from Group 1 and Melissa Miles ([NJEJA](#)) from Sankofa Souls with Valencia Gunder from [SMILE Trust](#) at community hurricane preparedness event. Credits to [Eye Urban TV](#) for the photos.

## Key Contributors to the Housing EJ Spark at SMASH



EJ Fellow Teron McGrew ([CESBS](#)) from Bridgers on Housing EJ Spark at [SMASH](#). Liberty City



EJ Fellows Rachel Jefferson ([Groundwork NRG](#)) from Sankofa Souls and Moñeka De Oro

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*Land Trust.*

*(MCCA) from Lemmai Loves at [SMASH](#).*

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- **Porgie "Gigi" Town, Board,** [SMASH](#)
- **Rosalie "Cookie" Whiley- Board** - [SMASH](#)
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- **Juan Rosario** - [AMANESER 2025](#)
- **Maria Lopez-Nunez - Deputy Director of Organizing and Advocacy** - [Ironbound Community Corporation](#)
- **Teron McGrew** - [NAACP Center Equity in the Building Sector + Emeralds Collective Environmental & Climate Justice Program](#)

Did you love the Weaver Bracelets? Get more!

Shoutout to [Jennifaye Singleton](#) for weaving together our communities through her basket and bracelet designs.

[Jennifaye Singleton](#) was born and raised in South Carolina by a six generation family of basket weavers. She credits her aunt Martha Wright with teaching her the basics at age 7. Jennifaye continued to learn by watching family members weaving and sewing throughout her childhood and adult life. Using a combination of sweet grass, pine needles, bulrush, and palmetto and palm leaves, Jennifaye crafts each basket that is unique and one of a kind. Jennifaye decided that she wanted to share her knowledge of basket weaving and the Gullah Culture. [geecheesweetgrassbaskets@gmail.com](mailto:geecheesweetgrassbaskets@gmail.com)



We are deeply grateful for your welcoming spirit!

May we all come together again soon as an unstoppable joyful Movement for climate justice. Please feel free to share photos and memories in honor of the 305 with the Ripe for Creative Disruption EJ Fellowship via social media. Waivers have been signed by those in the media folder for use in relationship

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with the fellowship and communities that participate. If you plan to use the media for another purpose please reach out to: [cortadop@newschool.edu](mailto:cortadop@newschool.edu),

Finally, we've added you all to our newsletter and we hope that your organizational leaders will apply to be part of the next cohort of leaders.



*Coming Soon: Host Community Webpages;  
we will be in touch before it launches.*

Lastly, let's stay connected! Please repost the following sample posts below, tag each other, and use the hashtags: *#EJDisruptDesign #ClimateJustice #JustTransition #RegenerativeEconomy* Twitter: [@newschoolTEDC](https://twitter.com/newschoolTEDC) Instagram: [@tishmancenter](https://www.instagram.com/tishmancenter) Facebook: [@newschoolTEDC](https://www.facebook.com/newschoolTEDC)

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