

# Tulane SoPA leads conversation on equity in philanthropy

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## Funding Equity: Black Professionals in Philanthropy

Wednesday, Aug. 25, 6 p.m.

Celebrate Black Philanthropy Month with a dynamic panel of philanthropy experts.



**Halima Leak Francis, Ph.D.,  
moderator**

Professor of Practice  
Director, Tulane SoPA  
Public Administration  
Program



**Kimberly O'Neil**

Founding Member,  
HERitage Giving Fund,  
Faculty, Tulane SoPA  
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Program



**Marc Barnes, Ph.D.**

Vice President  
Institutional  
Advancement,  
Ex Officio Board  
Member, Center For  
Racial Justice,  
Dillard University



**Christy Slater**

Program Officer,  
W.K. Kellogg  
Foundation

Register — <https://bit.ly/BlackPhilanthropyPanel>

A recording of the event is available below.

The Tulane University School of Professional Advancement (SoPA) is celebrating Black Philanthropy Month with a virtual panel titled, “Funding Equity: Black Professionals in Philanthropy” on Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 6 p.m.

[Tulane SoPA](#) brings together panelists from Dillard University’s Center for Racial Justice, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and the HERitage Giving Fund for a virtual discussion about the systemic inequities in funding seen within organizations run by BIPOC leaders.

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— Halima Leak Francis, Public Administration Program Director

“Historically, philanthropy has played an integral role in advancing equity within the U.S.; and in recent years, racial justice has emerged more prominently as a key priority for many foundations and individual donors,” says Halima Leak Francis, event organizer and director of Tulane SoPA’s [public administration program](#). “While more resources have been mobilized to address systemic inequities, we still see that organizations run by BIPOC leaders are disproportionately underfunded despite the depth of their relationships with the communities they serve.”

Leak Francis will serve as moderator during the panel discussion, which features Marc Barnes, an ex officio board member of the Center for Racial Justice and Dillard’s vice president of institutional advancement; Christy Slater, a program officer for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation; and Kimberly O’Neil, a founding member of the HERitage Giving Fund.

Get a jumpstart on the conversation [in this article](#) from Dillard University.

[Click here](#) to register for “Funding Equity: Black Professionals in Philanthropy.”

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