

FAO SCHWARZ FAMILY FOUNDATION SPRING 2013 NEWSLETTER

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Trustees Select Organizations to Host Five 2013-2015 FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellows

At its February 2013 board meeting, the trustees selected organizations to host five FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellows for 2013-2015. Outlined below is a short description of the direct service and special project work for each Fellow. The new FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellows will benefit from having a trustee mentor and a FAO Schwarz Family Foundation alumni Fellow mentor, the assignments of which are indicated below.

The Food Trust (Philadelphia)

The FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow will provide nutrition education and youth leadership activities to youth in low-income communities and will work on policy and sustainability efforts related to access to healthy food. The mentors to the Fellow at the Food Trust are trustee Molly Wing-Berman and FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow Greg Wright '13 (who is completing his fellowship at The Food Trust).

Jumpstart Boston (Boston)

The FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow will support recruitment, training and management of Corps members to provide educational enrichment to young children and will work on projects for the national Program Department. The mentors to the Fellow at Jumpstart Boston are trustee Eric Schwarz and FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow Maley Mullin '12 (who completed her fellowship at Jumpstart Boston).

Jumpstart New York (New York City)

The FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow will manage volunteers in Jumpstart's Readers Program for young children and will work on developing and building tailored community engagement plans. The mentors to the Fellow at Jumpstart New York are trustee Eliza Ladd Schwarz and FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow Louis Berman '13 (who is completing his fellowship at Jumpstart New York).

Please Touch Museum (Philadelphia)

The FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow will create garden-related programming for children and will expand the Museum's Get Up and Grow™ programming initiative. The mentors to the Fellow at Please Touch Museum are trustee Peter Schastny and FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow Tory Kline '09 (who completed her fellowship at Please Touch Museum).

Row New York (New York City)

The FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow will act as a rowing coach and tutor for youth and will support next phase of organizational expansion,

Important Upcoming Dates

April 26, 2013 – Boston

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. for all current fellows, Boston-based alumni fellows and Trustees at Russell House Restaurant in Harvard Square (14 JFK Street, Cambridge).

September 26, 2013 – NYC

Dinner for Philadelphia and NYC-based alumni and current Fellows and Trustees at 6:30 p.m. at home of Trustee Eliza Ladd Schwarz (65 South Oxford Street, Brooklyn, NY).

For Trustees Only

September 27, 2013 – NYC

Board Meeting from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (114 West 47th Street)

including opening a new rowing facility on the Harlem River in Upper Manhattan. The mentors to the Fellow at Row New York are trustee Eliza Ladd Schwarz and FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow Ariana Dugan '11 (who completed her fellowship at YearUp New York).

FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow Alumni Updates

The following are updates from the "supreme" and wonderful FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Alumni Fellows:

Class of 2008: Class Marshall Christyne DeMango Anderson

❖ **CJ Anderson '08**

CJ , who completed his FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship at BELL, is working in Billerica as a 5th grade teacher. CJ and Christyne DeMango Anderson have two children -- daughter Aubree was born in December 2012 and son Declan was born in May 2011.

❖ **Christyne DeMango Anderson '08**

After four years at Associated Day Care (where she completed her FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship and then worked for two years), Christyne worked at Wheelock College at the Aspire Institute for 3 years. Recently, Christine switched jobs and now works for Harvard Medical School in the Systems Biology department as a Senior Grants Manager. Christyne wrote that "much of our focus has been on our personal lives these past couple of years with the expansion of our family" (with the birth of her second child with husband CJ Anderson).

❖ **Jordy Owen '08**

After completing her FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship at Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI) in Philadelphia, Jordy was hired by the organization and is now the Manager of Family and Community Partnerships. In addition, she is pursuing a masters of education degree part-time from the University of Pennsylvania's program focused on education, culture and society.

❖ **Joanna Steinberg '08**

Joanna, who was a FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow at the Museum of the City of New York, wrote: "This has been a great year at the Museum of the City of New York. I have worked on the curriculum for our new *Activist New York* exhibition, which explores key episodes of social activism in New York City from the 17th century to the present. I will be co-presenting this curriculum with my colleague EY at the National Council for History Education Conference in Richmond, Virginia next week. In relation to my graduate thesis, this fall I was invited by Steve Paxton, the eminent choreographer and one of the founders of Judson Dance Theater, to lecture on the history of Judson Church and its avant-garde arts scene at his event "A Conversation Without Walls. " The event was part of Danspace's 50th Anniversary series on Judson Dance Theater at St. Mark's Church, NYC."

❖ **Emily Kuross Vikre '08**

Emily, who completed her FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship at the Boston Children's Museum, wrote: "My husband and I moved with our dog (in a 36 ft. moving truck and towing our car!) from Boston to Northern Minnesota early this fall. We've been settling in enjoying the access to trails in the woods and being around lakes and near my family. I'm finishing up the last stages of writing my dissertation for which I interviewed members of a community academic research collaboration as well as a number of new immigrant women in the Boston area who were involved in an obesity prevention intervention, to understand how communities can collaborate with universities to better serve the health (specifically nutrition and physical activity) needs of new immigrant women and children. My husband and I are also working to start our own business, a craft distillery where we will make whiskey and gin from local and foraged ingredients, and work through the distillery on issues of preserving the environment of the watershed of Lake Superior. I still maintain a food blog called Five and Spice, where I develop recipes and write about cooking with real, seasonal ingredients. And, last but not least, we are pregnant with our first child, who is due in September."

Class of 2009: Class Marshall Massomah Muhammad

❖ **Tory Kline '09**

After the completion of her FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship at Please Touch Museum, Tory worked an additional two years at the Museum. Tory wrote: "After leaving Please Touch Museum in the

summer of 2011, I decided to pursue my Master's of Divinity degree (with a children's ministry focus) at Palmer Theological Seminary. After a short period working at Delaware Children's Museum, I left the museum world to pursue my degree full-time. In July 2012, I was hired as the new Director of Children's Ministries at the Church of the Redeemer, a large Episcopal church in Bryn Mawr, PA. It is a vibrant and growing congregation with over 100 children (birth through 5th grade) enrolled in our weekly programs. I am currently working part-time and attending school full-time. I hope to graduate in the Fall of 2015."

❖ **Massomeh Muhammad '09**

After completing her Fellowship at YearUp, Massomeh is currently working as an Operations Manager at Growing Up Green Charter School that serves K-4 kids and will be starting a middle school next year.

Massomeh wrote: "I focus on all operational procedures at the school from purchasing and reconciliation to pupil transportation to partnering with local farmers to make sure our kids have the healthiest organic foods for lunch. I have finished my first masters and am researching education doctoral degree programs for next year. I adopted a cat and I planned a wonderful trip to Seattle for summer break. "

❖ **Barbyose Noisette '09**

Barbyose, who completed her Fellowship at Big Brothers and Big Sisters, wrote: "Osirus Ivander Moon is a healthy 1 year old! I will be married 3 years in May to my amazing husband, Adrian. I work at the American Red Cross as a Volunteer Specialist. I coordinate recruitment, orientation, and schedule for volunteers in Southeastern PA, coordinate Community Events, oversee the annual Celebration of Volunteers Event, develop marketing material, and supervise WorkReady students in the summer. Did a lot of work responding to spontaneous volunteers who were interested in helping in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy in Jersey and New York. Volunteers are still being deployed to areas in Jersey and New York .I am starting to paint again and hope to come up with a sizable portfolio by the end of the year."

❖ **Bianca Van Heydoorn '09**

Bianca, who completed her Fellowship at the Vera Institute, wrote: "Things are going well for me. I am currently working at the Prisoner Reentry Institute at John Jay College (CUNY). It is a research institute within the college. As the Director of Educational Initiatives, I am responsible for co-directing a college-in-prison program as well as developing strategies for improving access to higher education for people with criminal justice involvement. The work is extremely rewarding--and dizzying! I am grateful that my work has allowed me to continue to have direct contact with people as well as a policy component, a trend that began with the FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship. Wishing you and everyone all the best."

Class of 2010: Class Marshall Liana Mitman

❖ **Dani Calnan '10**

Dani, who completed her FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship at Tenacity, wrote: "My boyfriend Ted and I are currently in Kansas city, MO! Ted's company is moving to TX and as the corporate Project Manager, he was asked to go- and so we are moving to The Woodlands, TX in May! We are in the process of buying our first house and we are excited to close, move to TX, and get a puppy. I am a Director for The YMCA of Greater Kansas City where I manage youth programs and licensing. I am transferring to The YMCA of Greater Houston this Spring-very excited for this new opportunity." Dani ran a marathon in March.

❖ **Stephanie Dueno '10**

After the completion of her Fellowship at the Museum of the City of New York, Stephanie was hired by the Museum to be their History Day Coordinator. Stephanie wrote: "History Day was a great success! The number of projects entered into the competition keeps growing and growing as do the number of new schools participating. I am looking forward to another busy summer at the Museum. I have been invited to speak at the New York Archives Conference in June as a part of a panel that will discuss how to engage K-12 students in the exploration of archival materials in collaboration with my colleagues from the American Social History Project and the National Archives at New York City. This summer also means marine biology summer camp at the South Street Seaport Museum! I'm partnering with a colleague from the SSSM to plan and facilitate a week long exploration of the New York harbor for middle school students. We piloted the program last year and are eager to spearhead it once again. Joanna (Steinberg '08) and I will also be facilitating a series of P-Credit courses for educators throughout the summer months focused on various aspects of New York history including natural history, colonial history and the history of social activism."

❖ **Sarah Goetz '10**

Sarah moved to downtown Indianapolis, Indiana in June of 2012 after completing her Master's in Education at St. Joseph's University. She is currently working at Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis as their Volunteer Engagement Specialist. In this role, she recruits, trains, and engages volunteers for the organization. Sarah wrote that "she will be marrying her college sweetheart on May 26th, 2013 in Western Pennsylvania."

❖ **Julia MacMahon '10**

Julia, who completed her fellowship at Wheelock College, wrote: "I am working with St. Stephen's/The Episcopal Diocese as Lead organizer of the B-PEACE for Jorge Campaign to do the ground research and planning around a Diocese-wide anti-violence initiative. I was supposed to be leaving for the Peace Corps in January, but had a change of heart after the September murder of one Jorge Fuentes, a young man who grew up in our programs at St. Stephen's. While it was hard for me to give up the opportunity to go to the Peace Corps, I wanted to come back to my community here and help to launch something that I hope will be meaningful and make some real change. Recently, we held an interfaith breakfast that brought together about 25 leaders from different faith groups and faith-based organizations to discuss how we could work together to build peace in our communities across Massachusetts. There are a lot of very exciting things happening in other areas as well, including developing partnerships with schools and jobs organizations and working on engaging people in gun reform efforts."

❖ **Liana Mitman '10**

Liana, who completed her FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship at Jumpstart Boston, wrote: "I am currently in my second year as the Teen Program Manager at the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston. I really love this job, and I have been able to expand and elevate the teen programs in Greater Boston over the last couple of years. The Diller Teen Fellowship is an incredible leadership and identity-forming experience for young people, and guiding so many teens as they grow into thoughtful and community-minded young adults has been remarkable. I traveled to Israel three times this year for work and for other professional development opportunities. This year, I am serving in a special fellowship opportunity for youth educators, through Hebrew College. I continue to travel on my own, work-related and personally (I have an upcoming trip planned to Peru to visit my family!). I am still very involved as a volunteer in many different local and international Jewish organizations' young leadership arms. I am serving my third year as a Board member for Combined Jewish Philanthropies' Young Leadership Division, where I work to raise funds philanthropically for CJP and also plan programs for young professionals in the Boston area. In my not-so-spare time, I still have my jewelry business and am hoping to do more jewelry parties for kids and adults (www.jewelrybyliana.com)! I recently moved into my own apartment in Coolidge Corner and I am enjoying spending time with friends and family close by."

❖ **Brianne Studer '10**

Brianne, who completed her FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship at the Boston Children's Museum, wrote: "This year, I have taken on the role of Boston Program Manager for Science Club for Girls, managing K-5 science enrichment programs at 4-5 sites throughout Boston each semester. In addition, I am the Program Director for Farrington NatureLinc, a nature activity site in Lincoln, MA, running their summer field trip program and year round weekend activities."

Class of 2011: Class Marshall Mariah Peebles

❖ **Ariana Dugan '11**

Ariana, who completed her fellowship at Year Up New York, wrote: "I'm still enjoying my job as an operations supervisor at McMaster-Carr and living on my own in Brooklyn. I'm also still involved as a mentor at Year Up New York, and I've found that my experience in a new work environment has given me the added bonus of a new perspective to share with my mentees as we talk about the various decisions they're making in their lives."

❖ **Shameka Edmond '11**

After completing her fellowship at Groundwork, Shameka is a currently a Teach For America Corp Member in Greater Newark. Shameka wrote: "I am 3rd grade teacher at SPARK Academy in Newark, NJ. SPARK is apart of the KIPP school network. I recently moved to Jersey and this is my very 1st time having a place without a roommate. I am currently working on my Master's in Elementary Education at Relay Graduate School for Education. I love my scholars, my school, and teaching. "

❖ **Emily Goodridge '11**

Emily shared that “I am at Emerson College getting my masters in theatre education, graduating in May of 2014. I work at Emerson as well as a grad assistant and am involved in various extracurricular activities.”

❖ **Mariah Peebles ‘11**

Mariah, who completed her fellowship at Year Up, wrote: “I am still working at Year Up at our National office as the Manager of Influence Knowledge Transfer. The influence team’s strategies aim to eliminate the systemic barriers that create and perpetuate the opportunity divide by affecting change in three key areas: perceptions about urban young adults (who are economic assets, not social liabilities), business practices (around talent pipeline sourcing and hiring), and public policies (related to workforce, education, and tax policies that shape America’s talent pool). I work as a knowledge broker for the team—keeping track of what’s going on in our field and ensuring we’re leveraging our growing evidence base. I am starting to think about graduate school (for the fall of 2014) but have yet to develop any concrete plans. I moved from Boston to Somerville last September and am loving my time on the other side of the river.”

Class of 2012: Class Marshall Maley Mullin

❖ **Lauren Brincat ‘12**

Lauren, who completed her fellowship at the Museum of the City of New York, wrote: “I am in my second semester of my first year in graduate school studying American material culture as a Lois F. McNeil Fellow at the Winterthur Museum in Delaware. I just came back from a two-week trip to London and Bath where we studied museology and English decorative arts as a part of our coursework. For this spring semester I will be studying archaeological collections from colonial Delaware and will be curating an exhibition about the seventeenth-century settlement of New Sweden. I am also in the throes of thesis work. For my thesis, I will be studying the confluence of diverse cultural groups manifested by everyday objects in seventeenth-century Flushing, Queens. I am very excited to do this work which will ultimately bring me back to the Museum of the City of New York to carry-out research! Hopefully my work will serve as an important contribution to the early history of Queens. The goal is to someday turn it into a public engagement project that reconnects today’s diverse community of Flushing with its long-standing legacy of cultural and religious diversity.”

❖ **Lakeisha Gerald ‘12**

After completing her fellowship at The Food Project, Lakeisha began working as the Operations Manager for ASA Road Service. Lakeisha wrote: “While working to expand, improve, and manage this company I am still at Simmons Graduate School of Social Work! My anticipating graduation date will be in May 2014. I also intern at The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute where I teach elementary students social, and coping skills around loss and grief. In September I will be interning at Tech Boston High School in Dorchester in the Social Work Department!”

❖ **Maley Mullin ‘12**

After completing her fellowship at Jumpstart Boston, Maley was hired by Jumpstart as the Site Manager at Emerson College. Maley wrote: “I am thoroughly enjoying working with college students and experiencing the amazing work they do with our preschool students. I am training for my first big running race—a relay on a team of 12—we will run from Hull to Provincetown!”

❖ **Bridgit Paula ‘12**

After completing her fellowship at Wheelock College, Bridgit was hired at Phoenix Charter Academy in Chelsea, MA to develop and implement a sustainable art program. She wrote: “My work is focused around developing art curriculum that engages students’ strengths and intrinsic creative abilities while also teaching two art classes a day. I love being able to work with students everyday in the classroom as the work is challenging, exciting, and incredible! “

❖ **Kerry Sorensen ‘12**

After completing her fellowship at Breakthrough Philadelphia, Kerry was hired to be the Internship Coordinator at Mastery Charter School Shoemaker Campus in West Philadelphia. Kerry wrote: “In this position, I act as an administrator, teacher and career counselor for the 10th grade class. All of my 10th grade students are required to have an Internship second semester on Wed afternoons. If anyone in the Philadelphia area is interested in hosting an intern next year, please let me know!!”