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MacArthur Antigua is the Senior Director of Alumni Engagement and Cross-Sector Partnerships for Public Allies, whose mission is to build a just and equitable society and the leadership to sustain it. There, he is advancing a network of nearly 8,000 AmeriCorps Alumni to in support of that mission, as well as identifying and forming strategic opportunities to advance that mission across sectors. Mr. Antigua is also the founder of Massive Creativity, a consulting and coaching firm that has provided pro-bono coaching for nonprofit executive directors and social entrepreneurs. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in communication studies from Northwestern University.

When he's not working, he's rabidly supporting Chicago sports teams, or teaching and directing longform improvisation. He lives just outside of Milwaukee, WI with his wife Paru, and his two daughters Leela and Meera. You can follow him on twitter or instagram at [@macarthur31](#).

Ben Duda

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Ben Duda serves as the Managing Director for Corps Members and Alumni. In this role, he leads the organization on developing strategies and resources for service year corps members and alumni to be successful in their service years and beyond.

Prior to joining Service Year Alliance, Ben Duda served as executive director of AmeriCorps Alums since 2011 and helped lead the acquisition that brought AmeriCorps Alums to Service Year Alliance Under his leadership, AmeriCorps Alums designed professional development and leadership opportunities for national service alumni, expanded partnerships with universities and employers, and co-launched the Obama White House initiative Employers of National Service. Ben completed the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Social Sector Talent Pipeline Strategy & Learning lab, and the Results-Based Facilitation training series.



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Previously, Ben held leadership roles at KaBOOM!, served as a Baltimore Mayoral Fellow during the O'Malley administration, and was an emergency responder with the American Red Cross following 9/11.

Ben started his career in service in AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) as a corps member and then as a team leader where he served in a dozen cities across seven states, building houses, tutoring youth, and providing job readiness training. He also completed a two-year teaching fellowship with Citizen Schools AmeriCorps where he led and mentored Boston Public School middle schoolers.

Ben holds an M.P.P. and Nonprofit Management Certificate from The Johns Hopkins University, a B.S. from Cornell University, and sits on the National Advisory Council of Fund the People and Equity in the Center.

Jessica Graham

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As Strategic Partnerships Manager, **Jessica Graham** supports Cisco's Inclusion & Collaboration team, building partnerships to attract, retain, and develop full-spectrum diversity. Jessica also designs global programs that inspire Cisco employees to engage in volunteerism and philanthropic giving in their local communities. Cisco's strategic impact areas focus on inclusive STEM education and closing the opportunity gap for women, girls, and under-represented minorities, anti-poverty work to support basic human needs, economic empowerment, and leveraging technology solutions to scale and amplify social innovation. Since 2012 Cisconians have given over \$60M to 3,600+ nonprofits in 65 countries.

Jessica has been with Cisco for six years and has 15 years of experience around civic engagement and volunteer management with nonprofits, board stewardship, corporate volunteerism, and private/public partnerships.

Jessica earned dual B.A. degrees in English and Spanish from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, and a Master's in Education from Lesley University in Cambridge, MA. An AmeriCorps alum, she remains dedicated to "getting things done" and serves on the National Board of Directors for Rise Against Hunger, an international hunger relief organization, and Adventure Girlz, a sport-based leadership program for Black girls. Jessica resides in Washington, DC.



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Matthew Walsh is a research analyst with Burning Glass Technologies. Prior to BGT, Matthew was a Fulbright scholar in Argentina, where he carried out impact evaluations of Argentine social protection programs. Matthew also served in the Peace Corps as a Community Economic Development volunteer in the Dominican Republic ('14-'16). In the Dominican Republic, Matthew advised a women's chocolate-making cooperative and an association of cocoa growers, and he taught courses on business and entrepreneurship. Matthew holds a degree in economics from the University of Chicago.