

## PHPR Summit 2023 Speaker Bios and Contact Info

### **Justin Bai, Pedestrian Dignity - [Juba2393@colorado.edu](mailto:Juba2393@colorado.edu)**

Justin Bai is a PhD student at CU Boulder with a passion for mobility. As someone who doesn't drive, he advocates for better public transportation and pedestrian infrastructure.

### **Keith Bailey, Articulated Intelligence - [keith@articulated-intelligence.com](mailto:keith@articulated-intelligence.com)**

I've had a passion for public speaking since experiencing a seminal moment, while delivering a book report, in the 4th grade. From the hospitality industry to global corporate sales I learned the power of storytelling for profit, influence and fun. During my 16 years as a coach, 8+ years as a Toastmaster, and ongoing involvement in the National Speakers Association, I have learned that good speakers are created, not born. To give everyone the opportunity to live life well-spoken I co-founded Articulated Intelligence, a communication up-leveling firm where we developed With 1 Word®, a gamified storytelling technique to up your communication game and help prevent unintentional audience abuse.

### **Antonio Benton, Trust for Public Land - [antonio.benton@tpl.org](mailto:antonio.benton@tpl.org)**

Antonio has 7 years of experience working with communities and local, state, and federal partners to plan, design, and build public spaces. As Colorado Parks for People Project Manager, Antonio oversees projects' community engagement process, park design, and construction. He is also part of TPL's National Community Strategies team, where he collaborates to develop and disseminate best practices and standards for place-based community engagement and organizing. Antonio earned a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Georgetown University. He lives in Denver with his wife and two golden retrievers. In his free time, he enjoys fly fishing in Colorado rivers, playing basketball, and riding his motorcycle.

### **Jo Burns, JoBurnsConnects, LLC – [jo@joburnsconnects.com](mailto:jo@joburnsconnects.com)**

Jo is known for her work bringing together professionals from parks, recreation and public health. She is the co-founder of the Public Health/Parks & Recreation Collaborative of Colorado. The collaborative has focused on common interests and mutual impact areas, such as reducing obesity, increasing opportunities for physical activity, and developing walk-able communities. Jo is a skillful connector with 20+ years of experience in community, camp, association and higher ed parks & recreation settings, and continues to be a CTRS. With numerous public speaking engagements, and critically acclaimed workshops, Jo is a recognized expert in parks and public health arenas.

### **Nica Cave, Pedestrian Dignity - [nicolacave@gmail.com](mailto:nicolacave@gmail.com)**

Nica Cave is a transit and mobility advocate who specializes in accessibility and lives in Denver, Colorado. She is the founder and CEO of Human Centric Design, which advocates for safe and healthy cities, and is a member of Pedestrian Dignity and the Denver Streets Partnership. When not creating a better city and a better world, she loves to spend time with her cat Murphy, watch the Twilight series, and write and perform poetry.

### **Nichole Harrell, I-70 Corridor Communities that Care - [nharrell@bennettrec.org](mailto:nharrell@bennettrec.org)**

Nichole Harrell has been the Community Mobilizer for the I-70 Corridor along the eastern part of I-70, serving the communities of Watkins, Bennett, Strasburg, Byers, and Deer Trail since 2016. Nichole earned her Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction at Colorado Christian University and comes from a background in education, where she taught for 21 years. After leaving the field of education, she was granted the opportunity to work in the public health sector as the community mobilizer for the I-70 Corridor Communities that Care, a coalition of residents, business owners, and youth. One of Nichole's passions is keeping youth on a healthy path to becoming strong community leaders.

**Libby Harrington, Adams County Health Department - [eharrington@adcogov.org](mailto:eharrington@adcogov.org)**

Libby Harrington is a Community Prevention & Policy Specialist at Adams County Health Department (ACHD) and serves rural communities in Adams County through her work with I-70 Corridor Communities That Care. Before her work at ACHD, Libby worked at Tri-County Health Department, furthering youth engagement and substance use prevention in Adams County. She is a passionate servant leader committed to centering youth and the community. Libby received her Master's degree in public health at the Colorado School of Public Health and her bachelor's of science in human services at University of Colorado. While in school, Libby focused her studies on rural health and community health education.

**Diana Hernandez, The Brighton Youth Commission - [Hernandezdiana.12@gmail.com](mailto:Hernandezdiana.12@gmail.com)**

Diana Hernandez is the Chair of the Brighton Youth Commission. She is a senior at Eagle Ridge Academy. After high school Diana hopes to serve in the US Airforce, study aerospace engineering and work alongside NASA.

**Kori Johnson, Safe Routes Partnership - [kori@saferoutespartnership.org](mailto:kori@saferoutespartnership.org)**

Kori Johnson serves as the Program and Engagement Manager at the Safe Routes Partnership. In this role, Kori provides technical assistance to communities across the country that are working to advance safe and equitable transportation options. Kori's personal and professional journey centers on building accessible, inclusive, community-driven spaces that elevate underrepresented voices. Her practice also incorporates arts-based community engagement methods. She has worked on community engagement initiatives in New York City, the Washington, D.C. Metro, and the Bay Area. Kori holds a B.A. in Political Science and Spanish from Haverford College and an M.S. in Elementary Education from Pace University. She lives in Washington, D.C.

**Rachel Keely, Brighton Youth Services - [rkeely@brightonco.gov](mailto:rkeely@brightonco.gov)**

Rachel started with Brighton Youth Services in September 2020. Rachel has been working with youth and underserved populations in the non-profit sector for over five years. As part of her role here, she works closely with the Brighton Youth Corps and assists in coordinating the programs Brighton Youth Services offers. Before accepting her position here, Rachel worked with families to coordinate integrated healthcare services for their children. In her free time, Rachel enjoys being outdoors, watching basketball and spending time with friends and family.

**Joy Kuebler, JKLA and PLAYCE Studios - [jkuebler@jklstudio.com](mailto:jkuebler@jklstudio.com)**

Joy Kuebler, RLA, is an award-winning professional with more than 20 years' experience with her work being recognized locally and nationally. Across her career, she has focused her work on the human

experience in the landscape, integrating the outdoors and architecture to create unique and inspiring environments. She formed Joy Kuebler Landscape Architect, PC in 2003 to have a positive impact on the quality of life for people through sensitive and responsible designs. Joy has insightfully adapted her firm's practice to foster the community's participation and understanding of their site, and their community, through a methodology she calls PLAYCE. PLAYCE blends the empowerment of play found in team-building and social science with the vital design component of site analysis, creating unique community engagement and public participation for both public and private sector projects. In 2020, she launched a second company, PLAYCE Studio, as a training organization bringing her unique community empowerment techniques to design professionals and students as well as municipal and community leaders everywhere. Most recently she co-published the whitepaper "Playful Placemaking; Community Engagement using Social Science in the Design Process" in addition to co-teaching a Masters of Architecture studio course called Engaged and Empower at SUNY Buffalo.

**Ethan Levy, Dork Dancing** - [ethan@dorkdancing.com](mailto:ethan@dorkdancing.com)

Ethan Levy is the founder of Dork Dancing, a dance movement and mental health advocacy campaign. Ethan goes out into public spaces and dances to build community and promote mental health awareness & positivity. Ethan, diagnosed as bipolar, advocates passionately because he believes that mental health underlies everything about the human experience; and dance can help reveal our common humanity while emboldening our sense of connection.

**Araceli Newman, Larimer County Department of Health and Environment** - [Anewman@larimer.org](mailto:Anewman@larimer.org)

Araceli Newman is a Community Engagement Program Coordinator at Larimer County Department of Health and Environment on the Built Environment Team. She works directly with the community to improve their health and connects them with the leaders of the City and the County to have a voice in planning decisions. She is from Mexico and, as a mother of two, she knows the importance of being active and healthy. She passionately works to help others and believes that if you want to work with the community you need to go to them directly, listen and learn from them, and help train and support them to get what they need.

**Natasha Riveron, Safe Routes Partnership** - [natasha@saferoutespartnership.org](mailto:natasha@saferoutespartnership.org)

Natasha Riveron serves as the Healthy Parks and Places Manager for the Safe Routes to Parks Activating Communities program. In this role, she provides technical assistance, develops resources, and builds relationships to support communities working to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility of parks and open space. She is passionate about activating places (whether that's the local park or neighborhood sidewalk) to strengthen community. Natasha graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Colorado College with a Bachelor of Arts in History and completed a year-long Public Interest Fellowship in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Now, she lives in Seattle, WA where she enjoys volunteering at her community tool library, taking long walks, and taking full advantage of her library card.

**Cheryl Salazar, PLAYCE Studios** - [cherylsalazar7@gmail.com](mailto:cherylsalazar7@gmail.com)

Cheryl Salazar, MPA, CPRP, has over 17 years of experience in the recreation industry including with the City of Fontana, Riverside County and City of San Marcos, California. She earned her Masters in Public Administration from California Baptist University and is a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional. She has managed operations, marketing, training, budgeting, nonprofits and events over the years.

Cheryl is an experienced trainer and facilitator, having been an Instructor and Instructor Trainer for over 10 years. She has always had a passion for serving the community and through PLAYCE Studio has found a renewed inspiration and new methodology to do so.

**Mari Steinbach, MPA, CPRP, Montrose Recreation District - [mari@montroserec.com](mailto:mari@montroserec.com)**

Mari Steinbach is the Executive Director of the Montrose Recreation District since September, 2019, the current capstone on a 36-year public parks and recreation career. Mari grew up in Illinois and Florida, and has professionally served communities in Colorado, Illinois, Alaska, Arizona, Vermont, Minnesota, and South Carolina. A strength and foundational principle to leading community public services has been the many successful partnerships and programs, initiatives and activities that consistently contribute to the health, wellness, and livability of the community. Professionally, Mari is a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional as recognized by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), has a B.S. in Business Administration with a minor in Recreation Resources Management from Colorado State University and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver. Personally, Mari shares her life and zest for outdoor pursuits with her adventurous pup Bandit and is a competitive age-group multisport athlete.

**James Warren, Pedestrian Dignity, [jameswarren35@gmail.com](mailto:jameswarren35@gmail.com)**

James Warren is a consultant for the Colorado Workforce Development Council specializing in nonprofit partnerships. As a mobility advocate, he is passionate about safe, healthy, sustainable cities that are places of opportunity and empowerment.