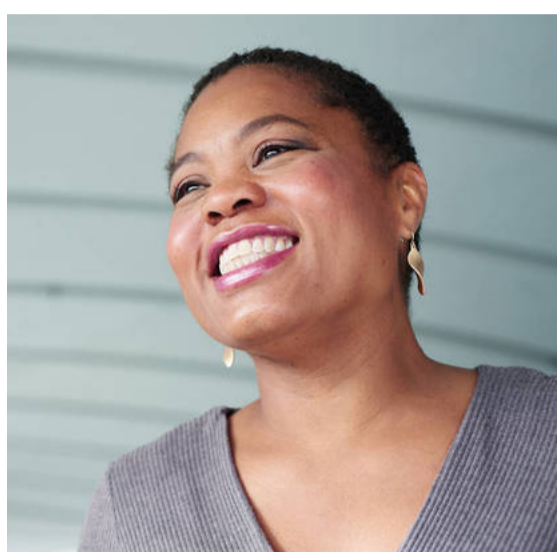


Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the launch of the Leo T. McCarthy Center's Faculty Scholars program, which will provide robust support, collaboration, and leadership opportunities for some of USF's most experienced and dedicated community-engaged faculty. The goals of this program are to build individual faculty capacity for community-engaged teaching and research, strengthen the culture of community engagement across USF, and ensure that the exemplary work of USF faculty shapes the broader field of higher education community engagement.

Our inaugural McCarthy Center Faculty Scholars for 2021-2023 are Stephanie Sears, associate professor of sociology, and Helen Maniates, associate professor of teacher education.



Stephanie Sears



Helen Maniates

[Read more about our inaugural scholars and the program »](#)

I hope you will join me in congratulating Associate Professors Sears and Maniates and celebrating their commitment to teaching and research practices that advance USF's social justice mission and respond to community-identified priorities and needs.

The McCarthy Center intends to expand participation in the Faculty Scholars program to a sustained cadre of five to six faculty members by adding new scholars each year from across USF's schools and the college. Faculty scholars serve a term of two academic years, during which time they participate in co-learning praxis to enhance their engaged scholarship knowledge and skills, facilitate professional development programming for peers, and produce scholarship to inform the field of higher education community engagement through publishing in a peer-reviewed journal or presenting at a conference. Scholars receive an annual honorarium and funds to cover costs for attendance at a conference focused on community engagement.

The McCarthy Center Faculty Scholars program exemplifies our Jesuit values in action. It celebrates community engagement as an integral part of the faculty and student experience at USF and embodies our deep commitment to caring for our city and our world.

Warmly,



Chinyere Oparah
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

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