

AMS Planning & Research launches 'Pathways to Consulting' Fellowship Program and announces first two fellows

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Southport, CT - **AMS Planning & Research Corp.**, an arts management consulting practice headquartered in Southport, Connecticut with a West Coast office in Sacramento, California is pleased to announce the inaugural fellows in its newly launched 'Pathways to Consulting' Fellowship program. Launched following extensive field consultation by Lynette Turner, a long-time senior associate with AMS, this first-in-the-field program is being initiated to help encourage, support and increase the involvement of those who have been historically underrepresented in arts and culture consulting. The fellowships will provide practical training and nurture future leadership by expanding and fostering inclusiveness.

Founded with a deep commitment to the role of the arts in our communities, AMS has dedicated itself for 30 years to working with arts and community leaders to develop ventures that are vital and effective. The firm's global practice areas include facility planning, strategy, policy, audience/market research and benchmarking. Steven Wolff, Principal of AMS noted that "this program is an extension of our decades-long commitment to diversity and inclusion in the field and on our team. Our sector needs to encourage more diversity among its service providers, and we are proud to be leading the way. Our first two fellows confirm real interest in arts consulting as a professional option and demonstrate the opportunity to expand the perspectives available to all in the field."



Lynette Turner, Sr. Associate, AMS



Renée Leigh-Anne Cox



Kay Anna Pusey

Renée Leigh-Anne Cox earned her BA-Journalism/Advertising from Howard University and is currently attending the University of Connecticut earning her MFA in Arts Administration. Renée trained as a dancer and while at Howard she worked with the Department of Theatre Arts. She has already worked for or interned at several theatre organizations in CT. She has a keen interest in research and is looking forward to working on feasibility studies. Her fellowship will begin this winter.

Kay Anna Pusey currently attends the University of Bridgeport (CT) Trefz School of Business where she is working toward her B.S. in Finance. A singer with a passion for the arts and experience in project management and financial analysis. Kay Anna is interested in working on marketing analysis and analytics projects. Her fellowship will begin this summer.

Fellows will be mentored by AMS staff, each a recognized sector leader, and will engage in valuable training, work and dialogue with a professional staff is deeply committed to innovative solutions and problem-solving across the field. Stipends will be provided, and the 'Pathways to Consulting' will be a year-round program, with each fellow engaged for a three-month period of time.

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