

Our Members

DEIB Task Force members have been invited by Columbus State University to guide the department's efforts to ensure diversity, equality and inclusion are amplified within the structures of theatre education and reflected in curriculum, productions, practices and policies. We represent current Theatre students, alumni, faculty and community members with a keen interest or expertise in diversity and inclusion matters.

Our members include:

Chair:

Beth Reeves '09, '17

Part-time CSU faculty

Bryan Dewsbury, Ph.D.

Gardner Institute Fellow and

Associate Professor, University of Rhode Island

Jo Anne Hill

Executive Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Piedmont Healthcare

Krystal Kennel

Professor, CSU Theatre Department

David McCray '18

Box Office Manager, CSU Theatre Department

Lauren Pollock

CSU Theatre Student and

President, Theatre of Color

Michael Stiggers '09

Professional actor, singer and voiceover artist

Gabby Story

CSU Theatre Student

David Turner

Associate Professor, CSU Theatre Department

DEIB Standing Committee (Accountability)

The department will routinely assess its progress, using the previously mentioned assessment instruments, to ensure its DEIB goals are being met and to improve policy and practice.

- A standing DEIB Committee will be appointed by the chair and approved by the dean, constituted in the following way:
 - Two Theatre Faculty
 - Two Theatre Students
 - Two Theatre Alumni
 - At least two members from outside the Theatre Department (CSU faculty, diversity experts from inside or outside CSU, key community members, or others as needed)
- A diversity officer will be appointed annually from among the faculty by the department chair; the DO will chair the DEIB Committee and text-ly the annual DEIB assessment process.

- Annual Program Reviews and Comprehensive Program Reviews will include results and discussion of the department's DEIB goals.

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