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CGI U Alumni Celebration Program

- Check-in / Light Breakfast
- CGI U Welcome Remarks
- Alumni-Led Small Group Discussions: Morning Session (Speaker Bios Page 9)
- Break
- Morning Plenary (Speaker Bios Page 3)

BEYOND THE COMMITMENT: SUSTAINING THE DRIVE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

MODERATOR:
Chelsea Clinton, Vice Chair of the Clinton Foundation

PANELISTS:
Ashifi Gogo CGI U ’09, Founder and CEO, Sproxil, Inc.
Derrius Quarles CGI U ’13, Fellow, Foster America and Founder of Million Dollar Scholar
Suhani Jalota CGI U ’14, Founder and CEO, Myna Mahila Foundation
Kristin Duquette CGI U ’13, Former Appointee, Obama Administration

- Networking Lunch
- Afternoon Plenary (Speaker Bios Page 6)

CHOOSING POSSIBILITY OVER PERIL: LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP

MODERATOR:
President Bill Clinton, 42nd President of the United States

PANELISTS:
Indra Nooyi, Former Chairman and CEO, PepsiCo
Cheryl Dorsey, President, Echoing Green
Zainab Salbi, Humanitarian, Journalist, and Author
Howard W. Buffett, Professor and Research Scholar, Columbia University

LIGHTNING ROUND UPDATES:
Sixto Cancel CGI U ’13, Founder and CEO, Think of Us
Mahmoud Khedr CGI U ’18, Co-Founder and CEO, FloraMind
Agnes Igoye CGI U ’11, Deputy National Coordinator Counter Human Trafficking, Government of Uganda
Katie Sgarro CGI U ’16, Co-Founder, Asylum Connect

- Break
- Alumni-Led Small Group Discussions: Afternoon Session (Speaker Bios Page 13)
- CGI U Team Closing Remarks and Next Steps
- Alumni Reception
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Beyond the Commitment: Sustaining the Drive to Make a Difference

Morning Plenary

Ashifi Gogo CGI U ’09, Panelist
Founder and CEO, Sproxil, Inc.

Ashifi founded Sproxil in 2009 and currently serves as the company’s Chief Executive Officer. Under his leadership, Sproxil developed its award-winning solutions that have been used on over 2.4 billion product units available to consumers in 6 countries to verify the authenticity of their products and earn instant rewards for their loyalty. In 2015, Ashifi was named to Fortune’s 40 under 40 list. He was awarded the Social Entrepreneur of the Year award in 2014 by the Schwab Foundation. In 2013, Sproxil was named the world’s most innovative company in health care by Fast Company, and #7 most innovative worldwide, beating 99 of the Fortune 100 companies. Ashifi earned a Ph.D. in Engineering from Dartmouth College and a B.A. in Mathematics and Physics from Whitman College, where he delivered the 2018 commencement address and received an honorary doctorate. He is Dartmouth’s first-ever Ph.D. Innovation Fellow and teaches a course in New Business Ventures Technology Management at Columbia University.

Derrius Quarles CGI U ’13, Panelist
Fellow, Foster America and Founder of Million Dollar Scholar

Born and bred on the south-side of Chicago, Derrius is an author, entrepreneur, and web designer whose business ventures have collectively impacted the lives of over 15,000 marginalized youth in America. He is the Co-Founder of Million Dollar Scholar and BREAUX Capital and is unapologetic about using technology and business to improve Black Lives. In 2015, he was honored by Barack Obama at the White House for his activism in expanding educational access and his work has been highlighted by The Associated Press, Black Enterprise, Huffington Post, CNN, MTV, Time Magazine, and BET amongst others. Derrius was recently named a Fellow for Foster America and delivered a TED Talk to propose a new model for addressing financial wellness in communities that have been marginalized by the financial service industry.
Suhani Jalota CGI U ‘14, Panelist
Founder and CEO, Myna Mahila Foundation

Suhani Jalota is the founder and CEO of Myna Mahila Foundation, an organization working on women's health in slum communities in India. She is currently a Knight Hennessy Scholar pursuing her MBA and PhD in Health Policy and Economics at Stanford University. For the last eight years, she has been working in urban slum areas and rural communities on projects ranging from adolescent girl health, water and sanitation, to social protection policies in South Africa, Thailand, and several cities in India. She was involved in sanitation evaluation projects with IDinsight, UNICEF and Department of Education in the Philippines. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Global Health from Duke University. She is a Forbes Asia under 30 recipient 2018, Asia 21 Leader 2019, Young Achiever’s Mother Teresa Memorial Awardee 2018, and Queen's Young Leader 2017.

Kristin Duquette CGI U ‘13, Panelist
Former Appointee, Obama Administration

Kristin Duquette is a globally-recognized disability rights advocate, former world class athlete, and a political appointee in the Obama Administration. She is a 5x American Paralympic Record Holder, 3x Junior National Record Holder, and the former Captain of the U.S. Paralympic Swim Team for the 2010 Greek Open. In 2014, Kristin was named the disability mentor for the Clinton Global Initiative University. From December 2015 - March 2017, Kristin was the Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff for the National Endowment for the Arts inside the Obama Administration. Kristin was also appointed by D.C. Mayor Bowser as the Chair to the first Multimodal Accessibility Advisory Council. She has been featured in Forbes and has shared innovative perspectives at the United Nations and the World Bank. Kristin is currently a Program Analyst for FEMA's Transportation Security Grant Program and is the Director of Inclusion for FEMA's Women's Forum.
President Bill Clinton, Moderator
42nd President of the United States

William Jefferson Clinton, the first Democratic president in six decades to be elected twice, led the U.S. to the longest economic expansion in American history, including the creation of more than 22 million jobs.

After leaving the White House, President Clinton established the William J. Clinton Foundation, and today, the renamed Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation, works to improve global health and wellness, increase opportunity for girls and women, reduce childhood obesity, create economic opportunity and growth, and help communities address the effects of climate change.

Today the Foundation has staff and volunteers around the world working to improve lives through several initiatives, including the independent Clinton Health Access Initiative, through which over 11.5 million people in more than 70 countries have access to CHAI-negotiated prices for HIV/AIDS medications. The Clinton Climate Initiative, the Clinton Development Initiative, the Clinton Foundation’s Haiti team, and the Clinton Giustra Enterprise Partnership are applying a business-oriented approach to promote sustainable economic growth and to fight climate change worldwide and in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. In the U.S., the Foundation is working to combat the alarming rise in childhood obesity and preventable disease through the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and the Clinton Health Matters Initiative. Established in 2005, the Clinton Global Initiative brings together global leaders to devise and implement innovative solutions to some of the world’s most pressing issues. So far, more than 3,600 Clinton Global Initiative commitments have improved the lives of over 435 million people in more than 180 countries.

In addition to his Foundation work, President Clinton has joined with former President George H.W. Bush three times — after the 2004 tsunami in South Asia, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and Hurricane Ike in 2008, and with President George W. Bush in Haiti in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake. Today the Clinton Foundation supports economic growth, job creation, and sustainability in Haiti.

President Clinton was born on August 19, 1946, in Hope, Arkansas. He and his wife Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton have one daughter, Chelsea, and live in Chappaqua, New York.
Indra Nooyi, Panelist
Former Chairman and CEO, PepsiCo

Indra Nooyi is the former Chairman and CEO of PepsiCo. Prior to becoming CEO, Mrs. Nooyi served as President and Chief Financial Officer beginning in 2001, when she was also named to PepsiCo’s Board of Directors. Before joining PepsiCo in 1994 she held senior positions at The Boston Consulting Group, Motorola, and Asea Brown Boveri the Zurich-based industrial technology company. Mrs. Nooyi serves as a member of the board of Amazon and Schlumberger Limited. She is a member of the International Advisory Council of Temasek, an independent director of the International Cricket Council and is a member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. She holds a B.S. from Madras Christian College, an M.B.A. from the Indian Institute of Management in Calcutta, and a Master of Public and Private Management from Yale University. Mrs. Nooyi is married and has two daughters.

Cheryl Dorsey, Panelist
President, Echoing Green

Cheryl Dorsey is the president of Echoing Green, a global nonprofit that supports emerging social entrepreneurs and invests deeply in their ideas and leadership. A social entrepreneur herself, Cheryl received an Echoing Green Fellowship in 1992 to launch The Family Van, a community-based mobile health unit in Boston. She has served in two presidential administrations and on several boards including The Bridgespan Group and, previously, the Harvard Board of Overseers. Cheryl has received the Pfizer Roerig History of Medicine Award, the Robert Kennedy Distinguished Public Service Award, and the Manuel C. Carballo Memorial Prize. She was named one of “America’s Best Leaders” by US News & World Report and the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard Kennedy School, one of The Nonprofit Times’ “Power and Influence Top 50,” and a Schwab Foundation Social Innovation Thought Leader. Cheryl has a medical degree from Harvard Medical School and her Master’s in Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School.
Zainab Salbi, Panelist
Humanitarian, Journalist, and Author

Zainab Salbi is a humanitarian, a journalist and an author. At the age of 23, she founded Women for Women International, a grassroots humanitarian organization dedicated to serving women survivors of wars by offering tools and resources to help them rebuild their lives. Under her leadership, the organization reached 420,000 women and distributed 120 million dollars in aids and loans. Salbi is also the host of several TV series including her latest Through Her Eyes on Yahoo News. She is the author of several books including her best selling memoir Between Two Worlds and her most recent book Freedom is an Inside Job. She has been identified as one of the most influential women in Newsweek, The Guardian, and People Magazine. Most recently, she received The Eleanor Roosevelt award for her humanitarian and journalistic work.

Howard W. Buffett, Panelist
Professor and Research Scholar, Columbia University

Howard W. Buffett is an Associate Professor and Research Scholar at Columbia University. His award-winning research, Social Value Investing: A Management Framework for Effective Partnerships, analyzes innovative collaborations from across sectors and introduces Impact Rate of Return—a new way to measure social and environmental impact. Previously, he was executive director of the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, which strengthens food security for vulnerable populations throughout Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Before that, he oversaw economic stabilization programs in Afghanistan and Iraq for the U.S. Department of Defense. For his work he received the highest-ranking civilian honor presented by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and requiring the approval of a Combatant Commander. Buffett also served as a policy advisor for the White House Domestic Policy Council. He earned a BS from Northwestern, an MPA from Columbia, and graduate-level certificates from Harvard Business School. He currently sits on a number of corporate advisory boards.
Myeashea Alexander CGI U ‘10
Using Art & Media for Social Innovation

Myeashea Alexander is the Commitments Manager for CGI U. Myeashea manages the CGI U commitment portfolio and Commitment Mentor program, and is also responsible for selecting, featuring, and supporting commitments year-round. She holds a BA in culture and media from The New School, and a Master’s in biological anthropology specializing in forensic anthropology from CUNY Hunter. In addition to managing the science communication blog, The Rockstar Anthropologist, Myeashea runs a mobile anthropology bone lab that provides free hands-on forensic anthropology and archaeology workshops for underserved schools and community centers in NYC. The lab has been featured by the American Association of Anthropology, Bust Magazine, and more.

John Kester III CGI U ‘12
Networking & Building Partnerships

John Kester III is the Director of Sustainability Services for Zoned Properties in Phoenix, Arizona. John obtained his PhD in Environmental Dynamics from the University of Arkansas and spent much of his academic career studying how to build community relationships. His professional career has put those learnings into practice, and he spends much of his time in business development settings where networking is a crucial element to growing business. John also applies his expertise in building relationships to the non-profit sector by supporting partnerships with The Sustainability Consortium and the National Cannabis Industry Association.
Alumni-Led Small Group Discussions
Morning Session

Gavin Armstrong CGI U ‘13
Pitching for Investment

Dr. Gavin Armstrong is a committed impact entrepreneur. He is currently serving as the Founder and President of Lucky Iron Fish Enterprise®, a social enterprise attempting to alleviate iron deficiency around the world using a simple health innovation. Through this role he was a Fulbright scholar at Auburn University and was awarded the prestigious Forbes 30 Under 30 in the Social Entrepreneur category in 2016. In 2017 he received the Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Award and was named ‘Social Entrepreneur of the Year’ by EY Canada. In 2018 he successfully pitched his company Lucky Iron Fish Enterprise on CBC’s Dragons Den where he was able to secure a deal with two dragons.

Daquan Oliver CGI U ‘13
Scalable Systems, Scalable Impact

Daquan J. Oliver is the founder and CEO of WeThrive, a national organization equipping underestimated youth to own their future. Using entrepreneurship as a practice field, youth explore passions, create a real business venture where they earn real revenues as they acquire the skills needed to become future-ready and succeed in tomorrow’s economy. WeThrive works within more than 20 major cities and has gained support from major corporations such as AT&T, Microsoft, Fossil, WeWork, and others.

At the age of 27, Daquan has been selected to the Forbes 30 Under 30 List, as an Echoing Green Fellow, featured in Black Enterprise, Nasdaq, Boston Business Journal, Pacific Standard, an Ashoka Emerging Innovator, delivered a TEDx Talk on actionable strategies to overcome structural violence, and named One of Five Top Black Student Leaders to Watch in 2014 by the Clinton Foundation.
Agnes Igoye CGI U ‘11
Human Trafficking

Agnes Igoye escaped human traffickers at 14, when the Lord’s Resistance Army raided her village in search of virgins. For her CGI U Commitment to action, she built a center to serve survivors of human trafficking in Uganda, trained over 3000 law enforcement and fundraised for and delivered over 92,000 textbooks to educate vulnerable children. She is an Aspen New Voices Fellow and contributes to teach an online child protection course at Harvard University. Agnes is a Harvard Kennedy School Mid-Career Master in Public Administration (MC/MPA) graduate, a 2010/11 Fulbright/Hubert Humphrey Fellow (University of Minnesota) and studied Forced Migration at the University of Oxford. Agnes received a Global Development and Social Justice Certification with a special session with President Jimmy Carter at Emory University. One of New African Magazine’ 100 most influential Africans in 2015, Agnes is a recipient of several awards including the Diane Von Furstenberg (DVF) International Award; The Josephine S. Vernon award-Harvard Kennedy School; University of Minnesota’s Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals; Global Freedom Exchange Award from Vital Voices and Hilton Worldwide Global Partnership and the 2017 CGI U Alumni Honor Roll.

Benjamin Conard CGI U ‘16
The Next Generation of Social Entrepreneurship

Ben celebrates all cultures and people. As a U.S. Ambassador for the 33rd Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange, Ben spent a year in Germany representing the US to strengthen diplomatic relations. And as a human rights activist, he was named 40 LGBT Leaders Under 40 by Business Equality Magazine. Dedicated to great taste, consumer health, and sustainable sourcing, Ben founded Five North Chocolate®, an award winning, Certified LGBT Business Enterprise® supporting cacao farmers around the world by creating deliciously nutritious, Fair Trade Certified™ chocolate snacks.
Robert Pecchio CGI U ‘15
Building Resilient Organizations

Robert Pecchio has served for the past two years as a CGI U Commitment Mentor in the focus area Dialogue and Conflict Resolution. Robert is an attorney in South Florida, whose practice is focused on labor and employment disputes. Outside of the law, Robert is a scholar-practitioner in the area of conflict analysis and resolution. He leads a peace education organization and consults on conflict resolution and management issues for organizations and civic institutions.
Frank Fredericks CGI U ’08
Theory of Change

Frank Fredericks is the founder of World Faith, a global movement to end religious violence, and Mean Communications, a digital agency for social good. After working in the music industry, managing artists such as Lady Gaga, Frank founded World Faith in 2008. He has been recognized as a Global Shaper by the World Economic Forum and is a Fellow Alumnus of Leading for Impact at Oxford Skoll Centre, AMENDS at Stanford, IFYC, Soliya, Ariane de Rothschild, and YouthActionNet. He did his BM at NYU and his MBA at Oxford Said as a Global Shaper Scholar from the World Economic Forum.

Ryan Ubuntu Olson CGI U ’10
Diversity & Inclusion - Ensuring No One is Left Behind

Ryan Ubuntu Olson is an international development professional at Palladium with over a decade of domestic and international experience related to public health, human rights and diversity and inclusion. Olson has worked around the world in a variety of capacities. He has developed a human rights training alongside a local NGO in Kenya and tracked human rights abuses; served on a global coordination team for the world's largest day of solidarity against homophobia, biphobia and transphobia, conducted advocacy at the United Nations for human rights based on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression; supported regional organizations in Sub-Saharan Africa to better advocate for effective and affirmative policies impacting the lives of marginalized and vulnerable populations; and led the design and implementation of a global training on gender and sexual diversity that has been delivered to over 5,000 people in over 40 countries and adapted to 5 different country contexts. Olson holds a masters in Public Service from the Clinton School of Public Service and an undergraduate degree from Gonzaga University. He has served as a mentor for CGI U for the past 8 years and was named to the inaugural CGI U honor roll in 2017.
Pauline Pamela Pratt CGI U ‘17  
Leveraging Partnerships & Collaborations for Social Impact

Pauline is a feminist, public health practitioner, global advocate for women and girls, public speaker and a mother. She holds a BA in Policy Studies, MA in Public Administration and a MPH with a concentration of global health. She is the founder of Babyphoria, Inc. and currently works for the United Nation.

Cari Dighton CGI U ‘10  
Social Listening During Disaster Response

Before taking on her current role as Regional Communications Officer for the American Red Cross where she oversees all media relations, social media engagement, brand management and disaster public affairs for the Alaska Region, Cari interned as the international page editor for a daily newspaper in Ghana’s capital, was a foreign language assistant for the Spanish government’s Ministry of Education and Culture in Madrid, and worked as communications and engagement manager for an early education initiative housed at the Dallas Regional Chamber. Cari has a BA in International Studies and a BS in Journalism from the University of Idaho, a Diploma of Spanish as a Foreign Language from Cervantes Institute in Madrid, and a master’s degree in Public Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington.
Oscar Jorge Romero Jr. CGI U ‘17
Impact Assessment & Outcome Based Thinking for Social Enterprises

Oscar Romero leads the community-driven innovation efforts of the NYC Mayor’s Office of the Chief Technology Officer (MOCTO). His work focuses on Digital Equity, Participatory Development and Smart City Public Policy. Before joining MOCTO, Oscar worked for The New School’s Digital Equity Laboratory where he researched how broadband access and privacy protection policies affect vulnerable populations across New York City. Oscar has worked on international cooperation for universities and international development organizations. He has designed experiential learning initiatives for large student communities (+100,000) in the US and Latin America. Oscar holds a M.A. in International Affairs from The New School and a B.S. in International Studies from the University of Guadalajara.

Devon Skerritt CGI U ‘16
Human-Centered Design Thinking & Creativity

Devon Skerritt, Ed.D., is Deputy Director of Design Research in the Innovation Center at Southern New Hampshire University. He is responsible for growing the practice of design thinking in the organization’s research and development unit at one of the nation’s largest not-for-profit four-year universities, currently serving more than 130,000 students worldwide. Previously, Devon was Associate Director of Design and Innovation programs at SMU where he worked with a team practicing human-centered design in a variety of curricular, co-curricular and external contexts and was an adjunct lecturer teaching about Life Design and career exploration. He has more than 18 years of experience across education administration roles particularly serving students as an advisor and counselor. Devon received his Ed.D. in higher education from SMU where he studied non-cognitive behaviors in social innovation programs and institutionalization of design thinking and social entrepreneurship in K12 and higher education, and was a 2015 Social Impact Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania.
Ritu Jadwani CGI U ‘18
The Social Entrepreneurship Journey Within Developing Countries

Ritu Jadwani is a social entrepreneur who works with non-profits in India to generate employment opportunities for differently abled women and skilled artisans. In 2013, she launched Namaste NYC, a fair-trade label that creates hand block printed apparel, scarves, leather bags & trinket accessories in collaboration with these artisans. She also has 4 years of experience in academic environment, primarily within the domain of design, apparel business and entrepreneurship in India and United States. This includes working as an adjunct faculty at National Institute of Fashion Technology – leading fashion institute in India, delivering guest seminars at North Carolina State University and research projects at Thomas Jefferson University (formerly Philadelphia University of Textiles), and most recently working as a Program Manager & Business mentor with the Blackstone LaunchPad at Thomas Jefferson. All of these were aimed at assisting students in realizing their own entrepreneurial dreams.

Vinny Johl CGI U ‘10
Effective Fundraising

Vinny Johl holds undergraduate degrees in Marketing & Management and a Master’s in Business Administration from the University of the Pacific. She served as the Commissioner of Sustainability for the University of Pacific and created the University’s first experiential learning garden. The garden project was also her commitment to action for CGI U 2010. Vinny and her family farm in Sutter County are the 4th generation to farm the land. Vinny works for Kaiser Permanente, Roseville Medical Center in California as the Care Experience Practice Leader. Vinny is passionate about community service and was recently appointed as the Vice Chair Economic Development Commissioner for the city of Yuba.