I am extremely passionate about cultivating diverse and inclusive environments. My counseling practice is centered around fostering a safe environment for individuals that represent marginalized communities. As a diversity fellow with Antioch, I will have an opportunity to spread awareness and advocate for students that are impacted by systemic racism, gender bias and other forms of oppression.

ANGELA BANKS
PHD IN COUNSELOR EDUCATION AND SUPERVISION PROGRAM

I wish to be a Diversity Fellow because I feel like I can bring a unique experience as a bisexual, second-generation, Filipina American. I am proud of all these identities and I want to represent myself and others that identify like me. I will contribute to AUS’s core values of diversity and inclusion by taking up space. I will also address topics that don’t get enough attention -- ableism, religion, and even political changes that the university does not talk about and it is important to start somewhere.

ANNABELLE FALLORIA
PSYD IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

I want to bring light to neurodiversity in higher education. As a future counselor, I want to empower my clients with learning disorders to see where they can use creativity to overcome barriers. I think it is important to have counselors with disabilities in the field, because anyone can become disabled at any time in their lives and it is important to have a community.

JESSA FARR
MA IN COUNSELING, CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PROGRAM

Becoming a Diversity Fellow connects me directly to the efforts at Antioch to decolonize mental health as well as build my community as a new therapist and non-traditional student. This Diversity Fellowship will leverage my experience in storytelling, marketing, and now mental health to enhance the student experience and connect faculty and administration to concerns, particularly in the Students Of Color community.

MELODY ROSSITER
MA IN COUNSELING, CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PROGRAM | ART THERAPY

The Diversity Fellowship provides a place to engage with other students and thought leaders who are passionate about diversity, equity, and inclusion and who desire to raise awareness and activate social change. The diversity dialogues also offer insight into additional special populations that may not be covered in class material and a place for students to connect about topics they care about.

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I realized that being a solo advocate could be emotionally draining, and sometimes, I felt quite powerless. However, coming from a collectivist culture, I have always believed in joining forces to make a difference in the world, and that is one of the most crucial reasons that I wish to be a Diversity Fellow to work with like-minded individuals to promote and challenge the existing barriers in inequity and construct new meanings that reflect individual and communal identities.

K. RENE KREIN  
MA IN COUNSELING  
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PROGRAM | DRAMA THERAPY  
I am a post-disciplinary artist-clinician who is passionate about combining the work of art, grief, and transformation in service of personal and cultural healing. My work in advocacy has thus far been centered in gender, sexual, relational, and affectional diversity. I am honored to serve as a 2023 Fellow, embracing the opportunity to interrogate academia’s relationship to capitalism, colonialism, and other systems of oppression.

BIANCA LEE  
PHD IN COUNSELOR EDUCATION AND SUPERVISION PROGRAM  
TEACHING FACULTY | ART THERAPY PROGRAM  
I wish to be a Diversity Fellow because of my belief that diversity, equity, and inclusion is the way to live in a world that is more just. In order to achieve the greater goal of bringing more structural changes in the larger society, I believe to start with my immediate environment is the key. As a person with multiple marginalized identities I have experienced my fair share of microaggression and discriminatory behaviors. I believe in representation and standing up to make my voice heard are one of the first steps towards change.

PORTER WOODY  
MA IN COUNSELING, CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PROGRAM  
I’d like to be a Diversity Fellow for Antioch University because I have a never-ending well of curiosity, quest for knowledge and passion for sustainable equity and social justice. We have never existed in or seen a world that’s equitable and it is of the utmost importance to me. I’d love to do my part in creating safe(r), more expansive and free from harm spaces for current and incoming students, staff and faculty here.

LINDSAY THOMAS  
MA IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY  
When I began as a student at Antioch, I had high expectations about the school environment, culture and curriculum around equity, inclusion and anti-racism. My expectations were high because of the school’s core values and its historic commitment to social justice. Since being a student for one year, I have seen that Antioch still has room for growth with regard to living these values and supporting students in living them.