

Panelist Bios | Event 1: In Praise of Single Fathers

Nick Metcalf, Cetanzi (Yellow Hawk) is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe - Sicangu Oyate (Burnt Thigh People) and was born and raised on Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. Nick supports Collective Action Lab in strategy development, project management, community engagement, convening, facilitation, and organizational development. They have experience in systems change in the nonprofit sector, state and county government, and community. Nick is also active in nonprofits and community engagement efforts and has been an organizational development consultant for over 20 years working with a variety of organizations. Nick holds a Ph D in Organizational Leadership and Policy Development from University of Minnesota and a Master's degree in Social Work in Family Therapy from Augsburg University. Nick is faculty in the Social Work Department at Metro State University and Title IV E Associate Director.

Bao Phi is a Vietnamese American poet, spoken word artist, children's book author, arts administrator, and single co-parent father. He was born in Saigon and raised in Minneapolis. He used to be a community organizer, but now mostly organizes his book shelf and his cat's snacks. He is the recipient of many awards and fellowships, most recently, the 2024 Kay Sexton Award.

Davu Underwood Seru is an improvising musician, composer, archivist and published author. Otherwise, he's gardening, cooking, walking, and making music in Frogtown with his 15 year-old son.

Clarence White is a writer, typewriter poet, curator, arts administrator, ice skating instructor and a former bookseller at the Hungry Mind Bookstore. He is widely published in many anthologies and journals. His essay "Smart Enough for Ford" appears in *Blues Vision: African American Writing from Minnesota*. He was co-curator of the 2016 and 2017 Banfill-Locke Reading Series and Silverwood Park's 2014 Art on Foot. He is a past Givens Foundation Retreat Fellow, and a recent alum of the Loft Mentors Series. He is Associate Director of East Side Freedom Library and lives in Saint Paul.

Moderator: Ben Weaver is a father, caregiver, songwriter, poet and hide tanner, who travels by bicycle. He uses music and poetry to strengthen relationships and culture between human and non-human entities. He has released nine studio albums of music and five books of poetry. Given the choice he will side with the animals, lakes, rivers and trees. Relationship is the repair.