



**BROWN**  
School of Professional Studies

## Advisory Council to Eliminate Anti-Black Racism Board Members

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### **Jacqueline Ejuwa '17 Executive Master of Healthcare Leadership**

Jacqueline Ejuwa is Vice President, Strategic Partnerships & Innovation Adoption at Blue Shield of California, the 3rd largest health insurer in the state.

Jackie has 3 decades of health care experience across 3 continents. Her 16 years at Blue Shield have taken her from clinical pharmacy, operations, pharmacy product strategy, systems implementation, and regulatory compliance to her current senior leadership role in innovation and transformation.



In her role as Vice President, Strategic Partnerships & Innovation Adoption, Jackie leads a 30 plus innovation team, providing oversight for piloting, assessing, evaluating, and learning from new and innovative strategies in support of Blue Shield's Health Reimagined strategy. Jackie is accountable to use learnings to inform future pilots, the overall Health Reimagined strategy, and to lead efforts to sustain, spread and scale successful innovations.

Jackie is passionate about diversity, equity, learning, mentorship, and leadership. In 2014, Jackie co-founded Blue Shield of California's first employee resource group for minorities, the Black Employee Network in support of Blue Shield's Diversity & Inclusion mission. As Chair of B.E.N.'s Group Mentoring Program, she led the participation of more than 100 mentees and mentors.

Jackie has a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree, a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida and a Master of Healthcare Leadership from Brown University School of Professional Studies.

As a member of the SPS Advisory Council, Jackie hopes to apply learnings from her life, academic and professional experience to help dismantle systemic racism.

**Cynthia Henry '91, '17 IE Brown Executive Master of Business Administration**

Cynthia Henry is employed as the Vice President, General Counsel for El Paso Electric Company in El Paso, TX. She has a B.A. in English and American Literature from Brown University, a J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law, an LL.M from The University of London and an Executive MBA from IE and Brown University.



**Lauren Johnson '20 IE Brown Executive Master of Business Administration**

An expert in behavior change marketing, Lauren believes that emotional connections form the backbone of meaningful campaigns. Lauren holds an executive MBA from IE and Brown University's School of Professional Studies. Her capstone project explored operationalizing diversity and inclusivity within investment practices to improve organizational resiliency.



With a decade of experience building cross-functional marketing teams from the ground up, she's produced award-winning social impact campaigns in the health, technology, and humanitarian sectors. In addition, she has consulted on brand strategy, inclusive marketing, and women/diversity.

Lauren is passionate about working with brands that value dignity and respect for the audience's diverse perspectives.

She leads business innovation using research-driven insights to form strategic partnerships and optimize how users experience products and services. Whether developing City of Philadelphia health campaigns or differentiating B2B clients from their competitors, she gets satisfaction from helping organizations understand and connect with their villages.

She enjoys traveling and has spent summers in Northern India, studied in London and supported EMEA for a Fortune 500 life science company. These experiences have deeply influenced her world view, inspiring empathy and insight.

## **Gigi Palma '20 Executive Master of Science in Technology Leadership**

Gigi Palma originally hails from Manila, Philippines, and now resides in Anchorage, Alaska. She is a project manager at GCI Liberty. Her current role allows her to collaborate in a multiethnic and multicultural community. She is passionate about fostering an organizational culture that promotes diversity, equality, inclusion, and anti-racism.



As a member of the council, her goal is to identify strategies that will raise awareness in dissolving inequality barriers to ensure a sense of belonging in a cross-functional environment. Gigi brings a diverse perspective and respect for the importance of different values and beliefs. She believes that equal access will drive opportunities and will foster authentic future leaders.

Gigi holds a master's degree in Science and Technology Leadership class of 2020.

## **Talya Parker '19 Executive Master of Cybersecurity**

[Talya Parker](#) is a Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Risk Management Executive with over eight years of advisory, consulting, and management experience. She leads cross-functional teams through stakeholder management, requirements development, and risk mitigation strategies in order to meet privacy and security regulatory requirements.



Talya has worked with companies like Deloitte, Nike, and the highly-regarded applied research Institute, GTRI that is part of the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Talya created an organization, [Black Girls In Cyber, LLC](#) to create awareness about career opportunities in cybersecurity, and to coach other minority women seeking to transition into the field. She launched her 1st live video series, [#BlackGirlsInCyber](#) to highlight talented black women in security and privacy, and to share their stories in hopes of inspiring a new generation of minority talent.

Talya holds a B.S. in Business from Florida A&M University; a Master of International Business from Nova Southeastern University; and an Executive Masters in Cybersecurity from Brown University.

As a member of the board, Talya hopes to increase alumni engagement to bring awareness, and cultivate a network that enhances access to better opportunities for minority students.

During her spare time, Talya enjoys the beach, spending time with family, traveling all over Europe, Asia, the Caribbeans, and visiting local coffee shops.

### **Ace Robinson '19 Executive Master of Healthcare Leadership**

Ace Robinson (pronoun: he) is a leading administrative and policy HIV advocate and population health expert who serves communities disproportionately impacted by HIV, COVID-19 and associated illnesses through NMAC (formerly National Minority AIDS Council) as the Director of Strategic Partnerships & the Center to End the Epidemics.



Ace also serves on the boards for the Economic & Policy Impact Center (EPIC) focused on leadership development for BIPOC and sits on the UCLA Center for HIV, Identification, Prevention & Treatment (CHIPTS) steering committee.

Prior to joining NMAC, Ace served in senior leadership roles at Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) in New York City, Lifelong (AIDS Alliance) in Seattle, and the Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation in Cape Town, South Africa.

Robinson holds a Master of Healthcare Leadership from Brown University School of Professional Studies, a Master of Public Health from the University of Cape Town, in addition to a Bachelor of Chemistry from Duke University.

### **Shircara Stewart '20 Executive Master of Science in Technology Leadership**

Shircara Stewart is a Senior-Level Project Management and Technology professional, with 12+ years' experience. She currently works as a Senior Project Manager for Pfizer, has a strong history of success in high-level technical team leadership, complex project management, and business analysis roles.



She is a 2020 graduate from Brown University's School of Professional Studies, where she earned an Executive Master's in Science and Technology Leadership. In addition to her degree accomplishments from Brown, she also holds a Master of Science in Entertainment Business from Full Sail University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from Pace University.

Shircara prides herself in being a community activist and volunteer within various organizations throughout the New York City area, to include: being a volunteer and a previous Junior Committee member for New York Cares, and a volunteer staff member for student technology programs at New York on Tech.

Next on the horizon for her, is her continued development of her technical start up social impact platform, which goal is to provide at-risk minority students an introduction and a full scope of information to build their involvement and knowledge within the technology industry.