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Cherry tree blossoms at Duke Gardens!



JSC Alumni - help us fill out this map of where you have ended up after JSC! [Please fill out this form](#). We hope to see you at 4pm on June 2nd for the alumni reunion at St. Philip's in Durham!

Dear *|FIRST_NAME|*,

The last two months have been a blur of interviews with potential fellows and meetings with future Partner Organizations, all alongside the normal programming with our current cohort! Our current "krewes" is staying busy and preparing to travel to DC for our annual retreat in May. Time is flying by, and our End of Year Celebration will be here before we know it (see invitation below)!

While we sadly anticipate the departure of our current cohort in just 2 months, we are also excited to begin introducing our next cohort of amazing young adults, along with some of the new nonprofit partner organizations they will be working with. We have so many things to celebrate!

2024-2025 JSC Fellows

Meet Emily Padgett!



I am from Terre Haute, IN, and have lived in several places ranging from Texas to Massachusetts over the past few years. I am currently in the process of finishing my Masters of Divinity on the chaplaincy track at Boston University School of Theology. Chaplaincy, and the intersection of physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual care are important to me as I continue to explore what a vocation to chaplaincy might look like. I am thrilled to be joining JSC to invest in the community: the neighborhood, city, and intentional community. I'm hoping to find a sense of rootedness in relationships and this beautiful place through service, shared spiritual practices, and living in intentional community. I hope to get involved with Restorative Justice Durham when I move as it is a passion of mine. Several years ago I found a home within the Episcopal Church as a welcoming space for questions about faith and belonging within the community and the liturgy. Some of my favorite things include swing dancing, ice skating, birding, taking pictures, especially outside, and caring for plants and gardening whenever I have the chance!

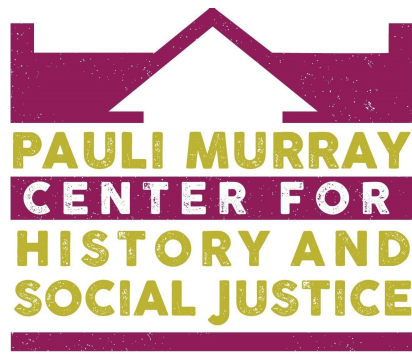
Meet Sydney Spencer!

I will be graduating this May from the University of Mississippi, where I have pursued a Major in Political Science, complemented by minors in English and Business, with a specialized emphasis in Law and Courts. Beyond academics, baton twirling has been a cherished passion throughout my life, and I am immensely proud to have represented Ole Miss as a Feature Twirler for the past four years while also competing as a member of Team USA last fall. During my undergraduate years, I also had the privilege of serving as an Ambassador for the university, while also being an active member of Delta Gamma Sorority. I am very excited for this upcoming year with the Johnson Service Corps and look forward to all the opportunities the future holds!



New Partner Organizations

We are excited to have four new Partner Organizations joining us next year!
Some have hosted JSC fellows in previous years, and one supervisor will be a JSC alum!



To realize a world in which wholeness is a human right for all and not a privilege of a few, [The Pauli Murray Center](#) actively works toward fairness and justice across race, class, sexuality, gender, and spiritual practice. We embrace the transformative power of collecting and telling our stories to heal and promote human rights.

[Code the Dream](#) offers free, intensive training in software development to people from diverse, low-income backgrounds. The goal of CTD is for coders to gain real experience building apps that make the world a better place, then use that experience to launch careers with opportunities for themselves, their families, and their communities.

[Urban Ministries of Durham](#) connects with the community to end homelessness and fight poverty by offering food, shelter and a future to neighbors in need. UMD is the primary point of connection for those who are homeless, hungry, or in need in Durham. With the help of nearly 4,000 volunteers, countless donations from the community, and dedicated staff, we serve some 6,000 people each year.

[Porch Inc](#) fights food insecurity one PORCH at a time. PORCH Communities is a grassroots organization mobilizing volunteers to create sustainable hunger relief programs in their local areas. Our simple model is used by 2,000 volunteers in 550 neighborhoods across 10 states.

Meet our Newest Board Member!

The Rt. Rev. Anne Elliott Hodges-Copple VI Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina (Resigned)

Elected Bishop Suffragan for the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina in 2013, Bishop Hodges-Copple first served with now Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and more recently with Bishop Sam Rodman, the Eleventh and Twelfth Bishops of The Diocese of North Carolina. She resigned from active duty at the end of 2023. During her tenure Bishop Hodges-Copple had direct oversight of lifelong Christian formation, campus and young adult ministries, new mission starts, the ordination process for the diaconate, Hispanic/Latino ministry, global partnerships for mission, criminal justice reform/prison ministry, refugee ministries and the pastoral care of retired clergy, their spouses and surviving spouses. In addition, she collaborated with ministries in creation care, racial equity and justice and congregational vitality. She met with the international network Anglican Leadership for Successful Climate Change Negotiations in preparation for the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26.

Hodges-Copple has just concluded a six year term as a member of the Executive Council for The Episcopal Church where she served on the Finance Committee and the Economic Justice Loan Committee.

Bishop Anne is a Trustee of the American Friends for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. She has helped lead four pilgrimages to the Holy Land and looks forward to resuming that vocation once the conditions in the Holy Land are more conducive for such visitations.

Anne has lived most of her adult life in Durham. In addition to parish ministry and campus ministry, she has previous experience as a shelter director for battered women and has served on various community boards, including Latino Educational Achievement Partnership and Habitat for Humanity of Durham.

She and her husband, John, who recently retired from thirty years as the Director of Planning for the Triangle J Council of Governments have three adult children, each of whom has a wonderful life partner, and four delightful grandchildren, all living in the Raleigh/Durham area.



You are invited! JSC's End of Year Celebration



**Sunday, June 2, 2024
4:00-8:30 pm**

St. Philip's Episcopal Church
403 E Main Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701

As we end a successful program year after our sabbatical year and prepare to start another, Johnson Service Corps has so much to celebrate! We look forward to bringing together our alumni, current fellows, supervisors, mentors, board members, donors, supporters, and community members to celebrate all you each do to support and sustain JSC!



[Please RSVP here by June 19](#) and let us know of any dietary restrictions/preferences.

Schedule of events:

4-5 pm - Alumni Reunion in the Garden

Alumni, past staff, mentors, and supervisors - this is your time to connect, to share stories and memories, and induct the 6 newest alumni into this rich network! We will have drinks and light appetizers. Families welcome!

5-6:30 pm - Fellow presentations in the Sanctuary

Hear about the work our current fellows have been doing for the last 10 months

6:30-8:30 pm - Dinner and fellowship in the Parish Hall and Garden

Dinner and drinks will be served. Hear some toasts and roasts from current supervisors and mentors and our plans for 2024-2025.

What are our current fellows up to?!

- [The Art of Interviewing Workshop with Kendra Neipp](#)
- [Scarcity and Abundance with Second Breath](#)
- [Racial Equity Institute training](#)
- Started "Call and Money" (6 week course) with John Dempsey Parker, who is a partner with [NC Council of Churches](#), the [Beloved Community Center](#) of Greensboro, the [NC Rural Center](#), Duke Divinity School, the [Institute for Emerging Issues](#) at NC State University, [Repairers of the Breach](#), and [Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries](#).
- Launched PRAXIS project - stay tuned for how to connect and support!
- [Self Compassion Workshop with Second Breath](#)



Vocational Discernment Dinner with Carol Woods Supervisors!



JSC Fellows' Blog

If you have not checked our blog page recently, there are updates from Charles in March and from Lynn in April.

"According to my rough calculation, the beginning of February marked the halfway point of the JSC program year. Right around then, I finally changed my default one-word response to the question "How's JSC?" from "Good" to "Challenging." I guess that doesn't sound like a very positive development, but hopefully it's just a step on the road to "Great..."

"This is Lynn speaking! I did the first blog post back in August (gosh, can you believe how time has flown), so I have tons of stuff to talk about! The focus, though, of this blog post is going to be my journey into integrating with Durham..."

Read the rest [here](#)

Your support makes a difference to our organization, to the nonprofits we partner with, and, most importantly, in the lives --hearts, bodies, minds, spirits, and leadership-- of our young people. We are because of you.

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