

Shaping Our U/U Future - Innovator Bios

Seanan Fong is a minister turned designer, who combines a grounded empathy and a builder's imagination to reweave our missing moral infrastructure. He leads the San Francisco Contemplarium as its Founding Director. Seanan received his B.A. in Philosophy from Stanford University and his M.Div. from Harvard Divinity School. Having grown up as a nonreligious Chinese American, he co-authored *Family Sacrifices: The Ethics and Worldviews of Chinese Americans* (Oxford University Press, 2019), a sociological study of Chinese Americans reviewed in the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. In his career as a designer, Seanan spearheaded UX design for clinicians at a healthcare technology company serving primary care physicians. By shipping human-centric design that clinicians loved, while meeting strict criteria for government certification, he helped the company raise a successful Series C and eventually win the industry's best-in-class award. His work as a leader in healthcare design has forged his understanding of the structural and personal complexities that go into promoting well-being in our communities. Seanan lives in San Francisco, near his three nieces and two nephews, and far from a long-distance best friend in Iowa. He enjoys speculative fiction, constructed languages, drawing folkloric sketches, and singing for the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus.

Christana Wille McKnight is the Island Minister and Beloved Community Project Manager at Star Island, a UU/UCC Camp and Conference Center off the coast of New Hampshire. One of Rev. Christana's primary areas of focus is on inclusion and representation within the wider Star Island organization in the past, present and future. Rev. Christana has been an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister since 2005, and served as a long-term care and hospice chaplain until becoming a parish minister in Taunton, Massachusetts, where she served for a decade. She has served in leadership on the national level with the Unitarian Universalist Minister's Association Board of Trustees and the Unitarian Universalist Society for Ministerial Relief, as well as in numerous regional roles. Rev. Christana lives with her husband Eric and their two teenage children in Portsmouth, NH, where they enjoy skiing at the nearby mountains and walking on the beach with their beloved dog, Roscoe.

Matt Meyer has a degree in hand drumming from Berklee College of Music and has studied abroad in Cuba, Ghana, and Central America. He's worked on campaigns to preserve old growth forests, support farmworkers rights, and stop the construction of fossil fuel pipelines, and is always looking for ways to dismantle systems of oppression and support communities grounded in justice. He travels the country making music and speaking about the intersections of music, community, and social justice. Matt has led worship for hundreds of congregations, traveling the country sharing a message of love and justice, through rhythm and song. He serves as the Director of Community Life at Sanctuary Boston.