

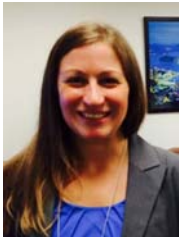
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**Pem Brown, MA/MPP'11**, is a Senior Strategist at M+R where he works with progressive non-profits like the Union of Concerned Scientists, SEIU, and PETA to develop and implement innovative online fundraising and online advocacy campaigns. Pem joined M+R after working for NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts for five years, where he managed their fundraising and online communications programs. In addition, he has worked with a range of progressive candidates and issue advocacy organizations. Pem majored in French and European Studies at Amherst College, and received joint degrees that include the MPP in social policy and an MA in women's and gender studies.



**Linda Sprague Martinez, PhD'09**, is an Assistant Professor of Macro Community Practice at the Boston University School of Social Work. Her work is focused on how assets can be recognized and leveraged by communities to improve living environments and health. She is specifically interested in examining culturally relevant strategies to tackle health inequities. Community and youth engaged research approaches are central to her work. Dr. Sprague Martinez has expertise in urban health; community, student and youth engaged research; photovoice; community assessment and mobilization; and qualitative research methods and analyses.



**Crystal Vitagliano, MA SID'14**, is a Program Analyst for the eRulemaking Program at the US Environmental Protection Agency. eRulemaking is part of the ongoing open government and transparency initiative that allows agencies to accept public comments electronically on rulemaking materials. Rulemaking is a process by which over 170 government agencies issue regulations implementing statutes passed by Congress. She primarily supports these agencies and the content they publish on the public-facing site: Regulations.gov - where the public can comment on rules and proposed rules. Currently she is working on a project to support the government's 2019 initiative to switch from paper to electronic records. In addition to her Heller degree, Crystal also has a BA in English Literature from Xavier University. With experience in the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps and the private sector, Crystal's position with the EPA blends her passion for public service and the environment - with her experience in business operations and information technology.



**Cassandra Welchlin, MA SID'05**, is the Child Care Matters Director at Mississippi Low-Income Child Care Initiative. She is a native Mississippian and change agent for low wealth communities of color. In addition to her Heller degree, she graduated from Jackson State University and is a licensed Social Worker. For the past seven years she has worked with organizations at the local, state, regional and national level to develop strategies and create opportunities to address the social, political, economic and ecological injustices in low wealth communities of color that grows out of racial inequity in public policy. Cassandra works to build local leadership and partnerships in order to organize their efforts and support their community's power for the purpose of eradicating racial inequity. Currently she is a policy/advocacy consultant managing the Child Care Matters Campaign for the Mississippi Low Income Child Care Initiative.