

# IMPACT INVESTING SYMPOSIUM SPRING 2026

*Interested in investing with purpose?*

*Attend the Impact Investing Symposium to see how strategic investing drives social change and builds stronger communities.*

*Events coming soon! Be on the lookout!*

## WHO ARE WE?

The Impact Investing Symposium (IIS) is an annual event organized by students from WashU's Olin Business School and Brown School. Now in its 10th year, IIS brings together students, professionals, and community leaders to connect, share ideas, and learn how to “do good while doing well.”



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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Specialized, mission-driven financial institutions that provide credit, capital, and financial services to underserved markets and populations. They are dedicated to delivering responsible, affordable lending to help low-income, low-wealth, and other disadvantaged people and communities join the economic mainstream.

Different Types of CDFIs	Description
<b>Community Development Banks</b>	<i>FDIC-insured banks dedicated to local revitalization.</i>
<b>Community Development Credit Unions (CDCUs)</b>	<i>Member-owned cooperatives offering fair financial services.</i>
<b>Community Development Loan Funds (CDLFs)</b>	<i>Non-profits providing flexible loans for housing and community projects.</i>
<b>Community Development Venture Capital (CDVC)</b>	<i>Funds investing in businesses to create jobs in underserved areas.</i>
<b>Microenterprise Development Loan Fund</b>	<i>Providers of small "microloans" and support for very small businesses.</i>
<b>Community Development Corporations</b>	<i>Community-controlled organizations that develop affordable housing and commercial spaces.</i>

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

## WHAT DO THEY DO?

- Provide loans to small businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Finance the development of affordable housing.
- Support community facilities like health clinics, childcare centers, and schools.
- Offer financial counseling and services to help families build assets and credit.



### ***Our Local CDFIs in St. Louis:***



# PLANNING COMMITTEE

## RAH-NYSHA CAMPBELL, MSW/MBA

*Logistics & Operations*



2nd year MBA & MSW: Social Impact Leadership

Rah-Nysha is a dual-degree graduate student at Washington University in St. Louis, pursuing a Master of Social Work at the Brown School and a Master of Business Administration at the Olin Business School. Her academic focus bridges Social Impact Leadership and Private Capital & Strategic Ownership, with a strong interest in asset management and inclusive economic development. She is a Consortium Fellow and Dean’s Scholarship recipient at Olin, and a Danforth University Scholar at the Brown School, where she maintains a 3.92 GPA. Rah-Nysha earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Jackson State University, where she was a Dean’s List scholar.

Rah-Nysha’s professional experience spans strategic planning, data synthesis, and social innovation. She currently serves as a Program Support Specialist at the St. Louis Education Fund, where she supports data-driven decision-making and literacy equity initiatives. As the founder of AIME, she advises mission-driven businesses on strategic growth and organizational alignment. Her entrepreneurial background also includes launching and successfully exiting a short-term rental venture. She is passionate about real estate development and urban revitalization, informed by her participation in the Urban Land Institute’s REDI program. Rah-Nysha’s interdisciplinary training and commitment to systems-level change led her to the Impact Investing Symposium (IIS), where she engages with peers and professionals to explore innovative approaches to capital deployment for social good.



3rd-year MBA & MSW: Entrepreneurship/General Management; Mental Health

## MAYA HOLMES, MSW/MBA

*Logistics & Operations*

Maya Holmes was born in St. Louis and raised in Florissant, MO (North County). Maya was adopted as an infant and has recently begun advocating for the adoption community. Adoption is a big part of Maya's identity! Maya has been featured on podcasts and panels sharing her story. In her free time, Maya enjoys pottery (wheel throwing), rock climbing, and traveling.

Maya studied psychology at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO. After graduating, Maya worked as a behavioral therapist for kids on the Autism Spectrum. That was fulfilling work but Maya had to pivot due to the pandemic. Maya then started working as a strategic sourcing specialist for two healthcare companies (Intalere now Vizient) and (Centene Corporation). This work gave Maya valuable skills in project management, stakeholder engagement, and negotiation. However, Maya realized this work wasn't aligned with her long-term goals, prompting her decision to pursue graduate school.

Maya would like to describe herself as an interdisciplinary strategist. Maya is currently in her third year as an MBA/MSW student. These degrees have provided Maya with a unique perspective. Post graduation, Maya is hoping to continue using her unique skills through business management and clinical work.

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**JEREMY R. DEGENHART, CFA**  
*Faculty Advisor*

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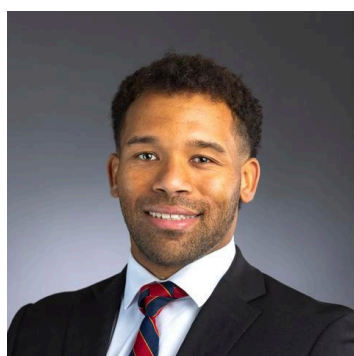
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2nd-year Full-Time MBA



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*Finance & Partnerships*

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*Finance & Partnerships*

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*Content, Communications,  
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*1st-year MSQF: Specialized  
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**RIMAL DALAL, MBA**  
*Speaker Outreach &  
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*1st-year Full-Time MBA*