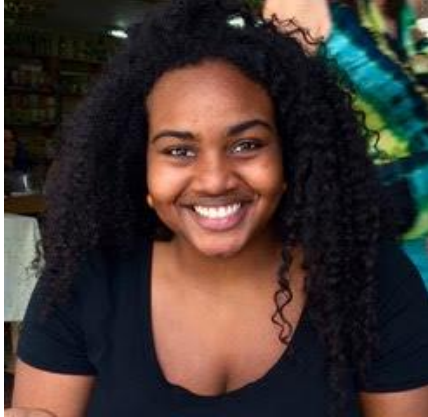


2017-2018 AllPeopleBeHappy Fellows

Tiffany Brown, has been selected as a Spring 2017 *AllPeopleBeHappy* Fellow, working with **Yspaniola**, a community-based education non-profit in the Dominican Republic. Tiffany has



been working for 1 year as a Princeton in Latin America fellow at the Batey Libertad Learning Center in Esparanza. She also received a 2016 *AllPeopleBeHappy* Volunteer Service Award grant. The Batey Libertad Learning Center, serving over 150 students, ages 4-16, was created to provide access to quality education for batey residents. The public school that currently serves the community of Batey Libertad does not have the necessary infrastructure to provide a complete school day of instruction for all of its students. The public school operates on a shift schedule, in which most students only receive a half-day of instruction. Working within this context, the Batey Libertad Learning Center works

to supplement the public school day (and thereby provide a complete day of educational instruction) by offering direct and targeted literacy interventions to students in the community.

As an *AllPeopleBeHappy* Fellow, her new title at the Center is Director of Curriculum Development and Teacher Support. She is undertaking the task of developing the primary and secondary education curriculum, and then through training workshops and training manuals, transition the Learning Center from utilizing short-term international staff to local teachers and assistants.

Koto Kishida, Natural Resource Specialist with Oregon Department of Environmental Quality,



was selected as a Spring 2017 *AllPeopleBeHappy* Fellow working with **Green Empowerment**, as the Malaysia Program Officer in Malaysian Borneo. In this role, Koto will provide support activities to partner organizations and develop new projects in sustainable agriculture practices, watershed monitoring and pollution control, and biogas projects. Koto will work directly with communities as well as with local partner NGOs PACOS, FS, and Tonibung to develop a minimum of five cottage industry and biogas projects.

For examples, the communities in Ulu Papar still predominantly rely on firewood for cooking. Tiku is one of the few indigenous villages that keep big livestock (buffalo and pig), thus making it an ideal candidate to receive biogas digesters. In Kampung Batu Putih, the community members own small oil palm plantations and are interested in utilizing biomass from these

plantations. This presents an opportunity to develop a biogas project that can then be evaluated and potentially published as a model for other small communities in Malaysian Borneo that own palm oil plantations.

Julio Louis grew up in Batey Libertad, a small rural community of Dominicans, Haitians, and



Dominican-Haitians in the Cibao region of the Dominican Republic. **Yspaniola** has been making a major push toward empowering local leaders in the community, and as a result of receiving the *AllPeopleBeHappy* Fellows grant, Julio stepped into a large leadership role in the organization as Director of Operations. He is involved in overseeing all Yspaniola programs, in particular the experiential learning program, the university scholarship program, and directing

Yspaniola's participation in other community projects in Batey Libertad. Additionally, he collaborates closely with Yspaniola's Board of Directors to create a long-term strategy for success. His role in the organization will model Yspaniola's ultimate vision for the community – that community members form the foundation of Yspaniola's leadership and become the force that moves the organization forward toward the benefit of all. "In my position, I'm growing enormously and I understand that as a member of my community and the organization, I have the opportunity to create a positive environment for not only employees, but also community members of Batey Libertad."



Paul Oliver – The Recreation Project. Uganda has the youngest age population in the world with over three-quarters under the age of 30. Unemployment for 18-24 year-olds is at 80%. Challenges of rebuilding a society impacted by over 20 years of conflict with the Lord's Resistance Army requires unique solutions. The Recreation Project (TRP) is addressing these issue through recreation therapy. Because the original participants in their program are now young adults, TRP has evolved to also include new programs that focus on employment training in the agriculture sector. Paul Oliver, received an *AllPeopleBeHappy* Fellows grant to enable his work as the TRP Country Director.