

NATIONAL GIRLS COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

STEM Role Models for Transformative Change

MacArthur Fellows Dialogues

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New York Hall of Science · Queens, New York

ABOUT THE EVENT

The National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP), in partnership with the New York Hall of Science and through generous support of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, is thrilled to host a youth-centered event featuring three MacArthur Fellows — Nicola Dell, Kristina Douglass, and Martha Muñoz — each with distinctive, interdisciplinary STEM careers. The event features a 60-minute panel discussion moderated by members of NGCP's Youth Advisory Board (YAB) and hands-on workshops led by Fellows. We look forward to learning together about diverse STEM career pathways and engaging in candid conversation with MacArthur Fellows.

AGENDA

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| 1:00 – 1:10 PM | Welcome |
| 1:10 – 1:20 PM | Introductions of MacArthur Fellows & YAB Moderators |
| 1:20 – 2:15 PM | Live Panel Discussion with MacArthur Fellows |
| 2:15 – 2:30 PM | Audience Q&A |
| 2:30 – 2:45 PM | Break & Workshop Transition |
| 2:45 – 3:45 PM | Hands-on STEM Workshops |
| 3:45 – 4:00 PM | Transition Back to Theatre |
| 4:00 – 4:30 PM | Workshop Debrief & Closing Remarks |

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MACARTHUR FELLOWS PANELISTS



Nicola Dell

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION
SCIENTIST
MACARTHUR FELLOW CLASS OF 2024

Nicola Dell develops technology interventions that address the needs of overlooked populations, in particular survivors of intimate partner violence and home healthcare workers. Her work spans human-computer interaction, computer security and privacy, and information and communication technologies for development.



Kristina Douglass

ARCHAEOLOGIST
MACARTHUR FELLOW CLASS OF 2025

Kristina Douglass investigates how human societies and environments co-evolved and adapted to climate variability. Her research focuses on coastal communities in southwest Madagascar, a biodiversity hot spot vulnerable to present-day climate change. She draws on archaeology, climatology, and conservation biology, and works closely with local, Indigenous, and descendant communities to co-produce knowledge.



Martha Muñoz

EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGIST
MACARTHUR FELLOW CLASS OF 2024

Martha Muñoz investigates why some organisms and traits evolve rapidly while others remain unchanged for millennia. She combines behavioral observation in natural habitats and the lab, analysis of morphological, physiological, and biomechanical traits, and phylogenetics. Her research with reptiles, amphibians, and fishes reveals how behavior and biomechanics shape evolution.

NGCP YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MODERATORS



Renuka G.

Renuka is the Team Lead of the NGCP Youth Advisory Board as well as a YAB alum (2019-2021). She graduated from UC Berkeley last year and currently works as a research assistant at the University of California San Francisco, while volunteering at her local free clinic, and she hopes to attend medical school next year.



Alyssa H.

Alyssa attends the Branson School in Ross, California. Inspired by the STEM gender gap and her experience tutoring first-generation students, she founded and leads AspireED, which has expanded access to STEM education for 2,000+ students across 50+ schools. She also conducts and publishes research in environmental chemistry and water purification.



Angelina L.

Angelina attends Alief Early College High School in Houston, Texas. A passionate advocate for STEM and public policy, she is committed to advancing reproductive justice and expanding teens' access to accurate reproductive health education. She works on campaigns across Texas and serves on the administration of one of Houston's largest civic engagement nonprofits.



Rashi G.

Rashi is from San Diego, California, and loves complex math theory, computer science, and cognitive science. Driven by her interest in human behavior and the intersection of AI and psychology, she aims to develop new solutions that improve mental health and wellbeing. Outside of school, she studies Odissi, an ancient Indian classical dance form.



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