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Monique Stanley-Davy (they/them) Co-Treasurer

Monique is of Jamaican and Vincentian descent. They grew up as an uninvited guest on the traditional and treaty territories of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg (Nations covered under the Williams Treaties). Monique moved to the unceded territories of the x^wməƏk^wəy'əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh

(Squamish) and səlĭlwəta? (Tsleil-Waututh) nations to pursue writing poetry. They have since found a passion for urban agriculture and has started a small business advocating for sustainable food systems. In their spare time Monique enjoys trying new dinner recipes and spending time with their partner Taigan and two cats.



Valentina Pagetto (any pronouns) Co-Treasurer

Valentina is a first-generation settler from Italy, grateful to live in the traditional and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh nations. As a Finance Analyst at Creative BC, a public non-profit supporting BC's creative industries, they are passionate about

applying their financial knowledge to support initiatives serving their local community and the land they reside in. They hold an Accounting Diploma from BCIT, and are pursuing a Bachelor of Accounting and a CPA designation. Outside of work, Valentina can be found writing or drawing with their cat in their lap, identifying local plant life, and planning dinner parties.



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Dr. Bavisha Kalyan (she/her) At-Large

Dr. Bavisha Kalyan is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of British Columbia. Her research focuses on building equitable community-academic partnerships to understand contaminant exposure in vulnerable communities. Her previous work measured holistic

lead exposure (water, paint, soil, dust) through a community science campaign empowered and uplifted community voices, built workforce development programs, and supported youth. Dr. Kalyan aims to co-create engineering research with students, community members, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders, centered on water, food, energy, and transportation infrastructure to support and advance social and environmental justice.