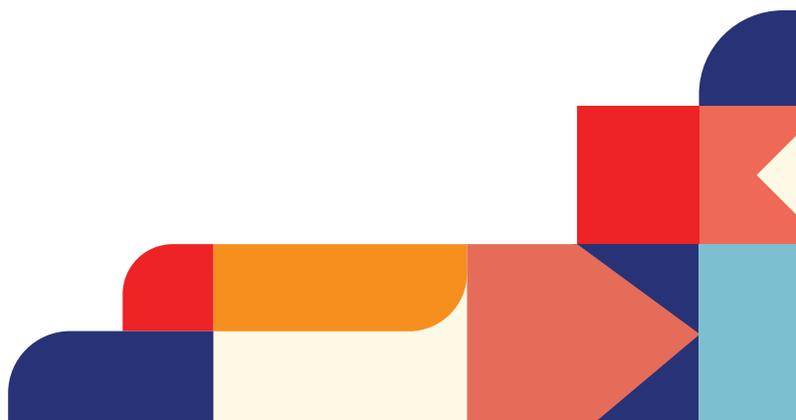


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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1** Build and strengthen relationships with people from your community and across the region
- 2** Discover tools and new ideas for working together to bridge divides and build community
- 3** Learn how America at 250 can serve as a meaningful moment to reflect on our shared past and reimagine our region's future

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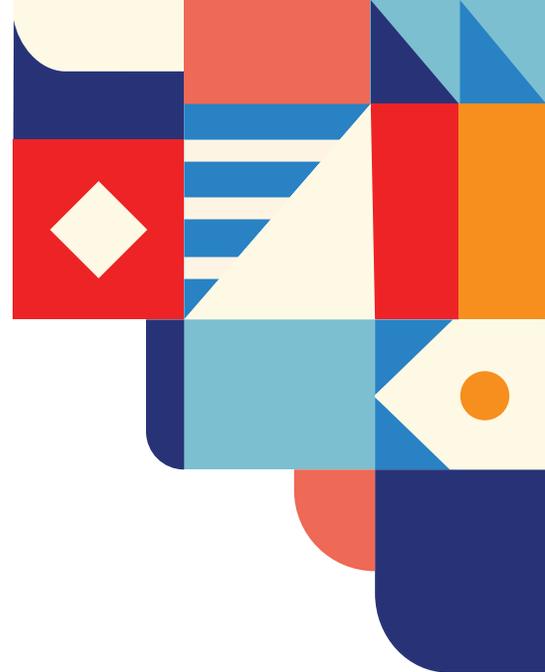
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# agenda at a glance

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- 1:15 PM *Break*
- 1:30 PM **Story & The Power of Narratives**
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- 2:45 PM **Reimagining Social Connection**
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## PRESENTER

- Shelly O'Quinn  
Marty Dickinson  
John Noltner  
Dr. Catherine Ettman  
Dr. Matt Bumpus
- Maryam Banikarim
- Elissa Yancey
- Hays Witt  
Stacia Morfin

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## PRESENTER

- Shelly O'Quinn  
Terry Kylo  
Katherine Strickler
- Al Getler & Panel  
Ben Small  
Mara Casey Tieken
- John Noltner  
Stephy Nobles-Beans  
Shelly O'Quinn

# day one



**8:00 AM | Check-in begins**

**10:00 AM | Welcome**

**Shelly O'Quinn | CEO, Innovia Foundation**

As a respected regional leader and former elected official, Shelly has led the Foundation through phenomenal growth in her nearly 9 years as CEO. Shelly will highlight the mission and vision of Innovia and share updates on exciting initiatives as we begin the Summit.



**Sponsor Greeting | Marty Dickinson | Chief Community Officer, STCU**  
**Invitation | John Noltner, A Peace of My Mind**



**10:30 AM | Social Trust in America**

**Dr. Catherine Ettman | Assistant Professor, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University**

Dr. Catherine Ettman brings leading insight into how trust, health, and policy shape community wellbeing. Drawing from her work on the Pew Research Center's national study on social trust, she'll explore how trust influences mental health, civic participation, and social connection. This opening session invites participants to consider how strengthening trust can foster healthier, more resilient communities across our region.

**key takeaways:**

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**11:15 AM | Lightning Round: Civic Trust Survey**

**Dr. Matt Bumpus | Director of Research and Community Impact, Innovia Foundation**

**11:30 AM | Break: Share your story at John Noltner's pop-up studio and view American Stories exhibit**

**12:00 PM | Lunch & Keynote: The Longest Table**

**Maryam Banikarim | Founder, The Longest Table**

Maryam Banikarim is a convener, an Emmy Award-winning storyteller, and host of *The Messy Parts Podcast*, exploring the real stories behind success. With over 25 years as a C-suite executive driving growth at Fortune Media, Nextdoor, Hyatt, Gannett, NBCUniversal, and Univision, she now convenes senior marketing leaders as Chair of the WSJ



Institutes CMO Council. Maryam has built movements that spark connection and joy, including co-founding NYCNext during the pandemic, leading the WE ❤️ NYC campaign, and creating The Longest Table, a nationwide potluck initiative connecting neighbors.

**key takeaways:**

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1:15 PM | Break

### 1:30 PM | Story & The Power of Narratives

**Elissa Yancey | President & Co-founder, A Picture's Worth**

This interactive storytelling experience explores how shared stories can build trust, belonging, and purpose across difference. Using the prompt “My America at 250,” participants will create Story Quilts — visual representations of resilience and hope. Together, these quilts will form a collective tapestry, demonstrating how storytelling strengthens community connection, leadership, and the fabric of civic life in our region.



**key takeaways:**

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2:30 PM | Break

### 2:45 PM | Reimagining Social Connection

**Hays Witt | Head of Community Engagement, Roundabout**



### 3:15 PM | Where the Drum Meets the Land: Building Trust Through Nimiipuu Story, Place, and Relationship

**Stacia Morfin | Owner, Nez Perce Tourism and Traditions Gift Shop**

*Where the Drum Meets the Land* is an immersive Visit Nimiipuu Experience that invites participants to move beyond the role of spectator and into the role of partner. As our nation approaches America 250, this session serves as a visionary laboratory for the future of our region. We will move past traditional historical narratives to showcase collective impact in action, sharing case studies of successful place-based collaborations.

**key takeaways:**

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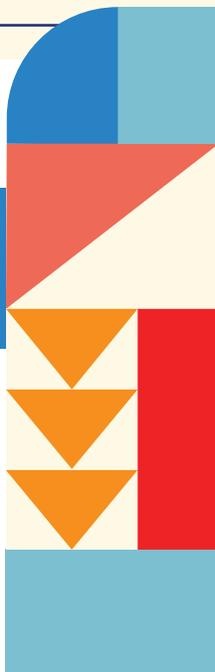
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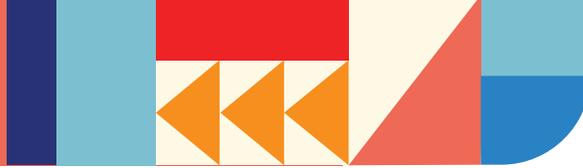
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**Leadership Council member dinner at Fête (20 N. Stevens St.)**



# day two



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**8:00 AM | Welcome Day 2**

**Shelly O'Quinn | CEO, Innovia Foundation**

**8:15 AM | Gathering Neighbors, Growing Trust**

**Terry Kylo | Executive Director, Paths to Understanding: Gathering Neighbors, Growing Trust**

Join Paths to Understanding to explore The Potluck Project, a toolkit designed to help us consider how we might gather around food and intentional conversations – not politics, not debate, but real human to human conversation. We will share our pedagogy and theory of change around connecting humans together, as well as look through practical resources that can support you as you consider who and when to gather others.



**key takeaways:**

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**9:20 AM | Lightning Round: Moscow Welcome Table**

**Katherine Strickler | Co-Founder & Co-Organizer, Moscow Welcome Table**

**9:30 AM | Break**



**9:45 AM | Heart & Soul Stories**

**Al Getler | Vice President of Market Development, Community Heart & Soul®**

Al will provide an inspiring look at the heart behind Community Heart & Soul. He will share the powerful origin story – the “why” behind the movement – along with the three guiding principles that continue to drive its impact today. Through compelling stories and real examples from participating communities, he'll highlight the progress made so far, the meaningful change taking root, and the exciting momentum ahead as communities turn shared values into lasting action.

**key takeaways:**

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**10:45 AM | LaunchNW: Future Me**

**Ben Small | Executive Director of LaunchNW**

**11:00 AM | Educated Out: Stories of College, Place, and New Possibility**  
**Mara Casey Tieken | Professor of Education, Bates College**

Dr. Mara Casey Tieken is a leading scholar focusing on educational equity for rural students and communities. Her work examines how place, race, and opportunity intersect — and what it takes for small towns and rural regions to thrive by investing in their young people. She is the author of *Educated Out: How Rural Students Navigate Elite Colleges – And What it Costs Them*, and *Why Rural Schools Matter*. Mara will explore what access to higher education truly looks like through the stories of young people — their hopes, their challenges, and their visions for the future. Her insights remind us why community, trust, and opportunity must work hand in hand.



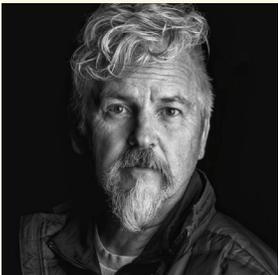
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**12:00 PM | Break**

**12:15 PM | Lunch Keynote: Lessons on the Road to Peace**  
**John Noltner | Founder and Executive Director, A Peace of My Mind**



John is an award-winning author and photographer who has worked on five continents, gathering stories of human courage, grace, and resilience. A gifted storyteller, his work is accessible and engaging, creating a space where others can be seen, heard, and valued. A Peace of My Mind reflects John's belief that storytelling and art can help individuals, organizations and communities articulate their deepest values and encourage action toward building community connections and positive change.

**key takeaways:**

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**1:15 PM | The Power of Community**  
**Stephy Nobles-Beans | Owner/CEO, Mama Beans on Holy Grounds & Innovia Board Member**

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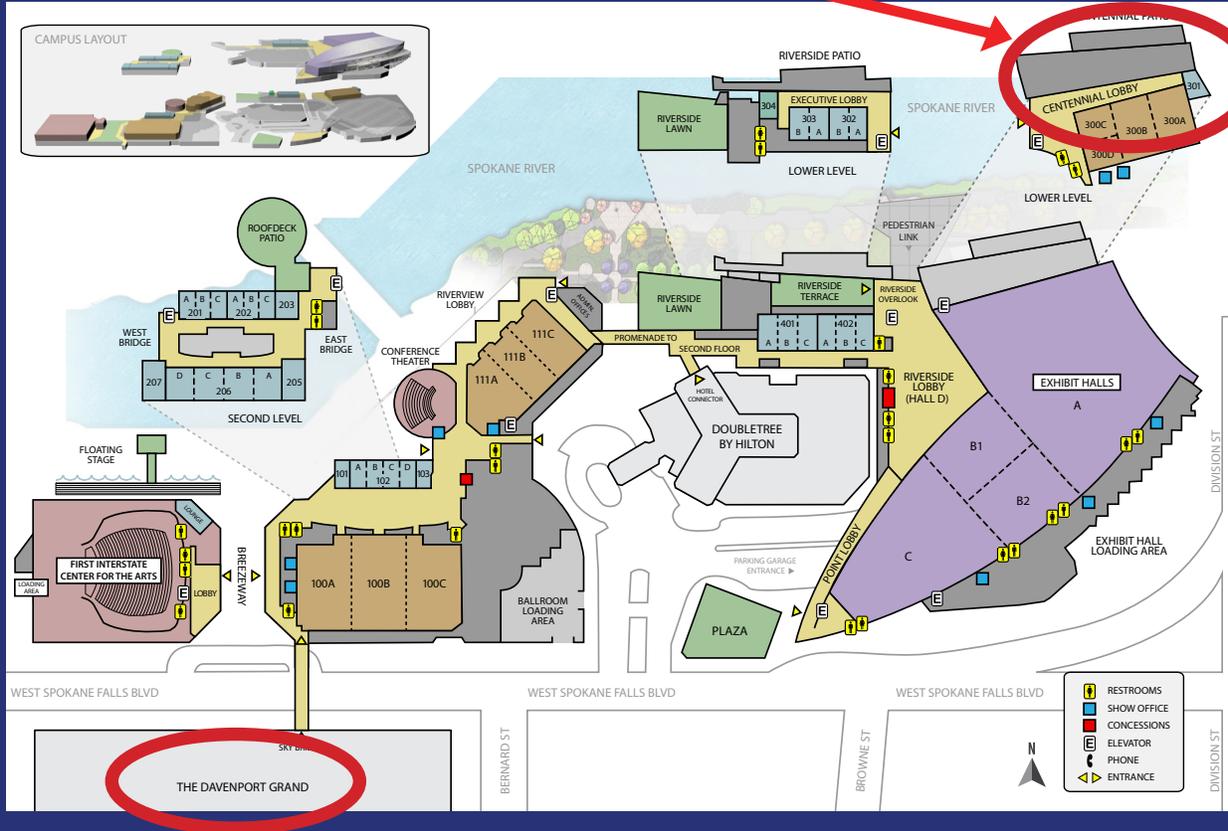
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