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(Executive Philanthropy Advisors, LLC)

The Future of Philanthropy & Social Impact (2026 and Beyond)

Prilogi:

- povzetek predavanja
- biografija predavateljice

Vabljeni: raziskovalci in visokošolski učitelji ter sodelavci, študenti in diplomanti ter ostala zainteresirana znanstvena in strokovna javnost.

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Guest Lecture for Faculty: The Future of Philanthropy & Social Impact (2026 and Beyond)

Presented by Fulbright U.S. Scholar Shiloh Turner, MPA

Hosted by: University of Ljubljana

Audience: Faculty in Public Administration, Social Policy, Economics, and Nonprofit Studies

Format: 60–75 minute lecture + discussion

About the Speaker

Shiloh Turner is a Fulbright U.S. Scholar (Spring 2026) and founder of Executive Philanthropy Advisors. With 25+ years of leadership in U.S. philanthropy—including strategic grantmaking, systems-change initiatives, and collective impact backbone roles—she brings practice-based expertise grounded in research, evaluation, and cross-sector collaboration.

1. Community Foundations as Modern Civic Infrastructure

How U.S. community foundations have evolved from charitable intermediaries into local hubs for donor engagement, data interpretation, public–private partnerships, and equity-centered systems work.

2. Strategic Philanthropy → Systems Change → Collective Impact

A framework for understanding the shift from episodic giving to coordinated, evidence-informed, long-term systems-change strategies—including collective impact models, backbone roles, and policy alignment.

3. AI-Enabled Philanthropy & Data-Driven Funding Decisions

Emerging AI tools are reshaping grantmaking efficiency, predictive analysis, community needs assessment, and transparency—raising critical ethical and governance questions.

4. The Rise of Impact Investing & Blended Finance

Why impact investing is accelerating in 2026, how foundations are aligning endowments with mission, and what blended capital structures mean for cross-sector social innovation.

5. Collective Giving, New Donors, and the Equity Imperative

Younger donors, giving circles, and participatory models are democratizing philanthropy, emphasizing transparency, trust-building, and equity-focused approaches.

Professional Bio – Shiloh Turner, MPA, IPA

Shiloh Turner is an award-winning philanthropic leader, evaluator, and strategist with more than twenty-five years of experience advancing social change across the United States. She is Principal of **Executive Philanthropy Advisors, LLC**, where she has consulted with over fifty communities nationally and globally on strategic planning, collective impact, program evaluation, and large-scale systems transformation. Her work centers on equity-driven investment, power building, and the design of effective civic and policy solutions.

Turner previously served in several executive leadership roles, including **Executive Director of Cincinnati Preschool Promise**, where she oversaw a publicly funded USD \$15M initiative that expanded high-quality early childhood education for more than 1,200 children each year and supported over 100 community preschool providers. She also served as **Vice President for Community Investment at The Greater Cincinnati Foundation**, guiding over USD \$100M annually in grantmaking; leading donor-advised, impact investing, and collective impact portfolios; and co-founding major regional equity initiatives such as the All-In Cincinnati Equity Agenda. She was a frequent contributor to the *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, where her articles on backbone organizations, community change, and strategic philanthropy have become widely cited in the field.

Earlier in her career, Turner held senior positions at The Erie Community Foundation and Interact for Health, where she led regional health data improvement initiatives, developed early proactive grantmaking frameworks, and helped establish HealthLandscape, a groundbreaking social venture later acquired by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Her work has been recognized through numerous honors, including the **Innovation in Grantmaking Award** from Philanthropy Ohio, **Ohio Program Evaluator of the Year**, the **Top Ten Women in Nonprofits Award**, and inclusion on *Cincinnati Magazine's* "Power 100 – Ones to Watch." Turner has served on more than a dozen regional and national boards and advisory bodies, including the **Health Policy Institute of Ohio**, **Design Impact**, and the **National Advisory Committee for the Collective Impact Forum**.

She holds a Master of Public Administration from the **University of Cincinnati**, where she was a Seasongood Fellow and recipient of the Good Government Award, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Women's & Minorities' Studies from **Xavier University**.

Turner is currently a **Fulbright U.S. Scholar** teaching *Fundamentals of Philanthropy and its Importance to the Nonprofit Sector* at **Masaryk University in Brno**, bringing real-world insights from decades of philanthropic leadership to students across Central Europe.

Abbreviated Bio - Shiloh Turner, MPA, IPA

Shiloh Turner is a Fulbright U.S. Scholar and Principal of **Executive Philanthropy Advisors, LLC**, with more than twenty-five years of leadership in strategic philanthropy, evaluation, and systems change. She has guided over USD \$100M in annual grantmaking, led major public initiatives such as Cincinnati Preschool Promise, and consulted with more than fifty communities globally on collective impact and equity-driven investment. A former vice president at The Greater Cincinnati Foundation and frequent contributor to the *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, Turner's work has been recognized with national awards in innovation and evaluation. She holds an MPA from the **University of Cincinnati** and a BA from **Xavier University**, and is currently teaching at Masaryk University in Brno as part of her Fulbright appointment.

