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Juanita Gray is Director of Community Relations of the University of the District of Columbia. In her role, Ms. Gray regularly meets with community organizations and residents across Washington DC to assess research, capacity building, and educational needs from workforce skills, to recreational interests, and formal undergraduate, graduate and professional education.

In addition, Ms. Gray is enrolled in the PhD program in Urban Leadership and Entrepreneurship at the University. Her interests as a scholar-practitioner are informed by her work in community capacity building and education and her current research focuses economic development policies that improve the social and environmental sustainable of urban populations, especially in lower income communities. Utilizing the “5 Pillars of Economic Development” model created by Dr. Sabine O’Hara, Juanita is working with communities in Washington DC to identify and cultivate community assets and supporting policies that can transform low income communities into self-sufficient, thriving, urban metropolises.

Ms. Gray has undergraduate degrees in Psychology and English and a master’s degree in Educational Psychology.