

## AOSW Nomination 2022



**First Name:** Lailea

**Last Name:** Noel

**AOSW Member?** Yes

**Position:** Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Director

**Are you willing to be appointed to a committee?** Yes

**Please indicate social work credentials (select all that apply):** PHD, MSW

**AOSW Leadership History:**

I have been a member of the DEI committee since 2019. I have been a part of creating goals and structure for this dynamic committee. I am currently chair of the Professional Empowerment Subcommittee.

**Other leadership information from local, state or national organizations:**

I am a Health Equity Scholar for the American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS); Member of the National Workgroup on Community Health Workers and Social Work Partnerships; Member of the Council for Social Work Education, Specialized Practice Curricular Guide for Health Social Work Workgroup; Co-Chair Health Equity in Research Working Group at Dell Medical School

**Position Statement:**

Lailea Noel, PhD is Assistant Professor at the Steve Hicks School of Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin (UT). At the UT Dell Medical School she holds a faculty appointment in the Department of Oncology and the Department of Health Social Work, she co-chairs the Health Equity in Research Workgroup and serves on the Livestrong Cancer Institutes' Clinical and Prevention Research Workgroup and the Breast Clinical Outcomes Workgroup. Dr. Noel has an extensive practice background with 20 years of health administration experience in the field of oncology and non-profit management. Her research interests seeks to connect communities most impacted by cancer disparities with cancer care services by exploring patient-provider communication effects on psychosocial barriers to care. She has a passion for conducting community-based participatory research and has a wealth of experience engaging communities, social scientists, and medical professionals in such research pursuits. She also has been successful at recruiting members of marginalized populations into community engaged research. Dr. Noel has been a member of the AOSW since 2012 and a member of the Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) committee since 2019. She has contributed to the creation of goals and structure for this dynamic committee. If elected to the AOSW Board of Directors as the DEI Director, Dr. Noel would be a wonderful fit. She brings a wealth of energy and empathy to the position and she has a vision to help empower the membership to continue to advance our DEI efforts. Through her leadership we would hope to continue to cultivate an inclusive, equitable and empowering environment for all existing, new and potential members.