

Keyana Chamere Ellis Reynolds

Meet Dr. Key! Keyana Chamere Ellis Reynolds is the program coordinator for the USDA Forest Service Volunteers & Service program where she provides oversight and guidance for key programs designed to engage the public, partner organizations, and other stakeholders to support public lands. These programs provide both experience and work-based learning opportunities for diverse communities, especially youth and veterans, to care for the land and serve the people. A native of Dinwiddie, Virginia, Keyana began her career with USDA in 2000, as a USDA/1890 National Scholar and student at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore studying General Agriculture. Keyana earned a Masters ('10) and PhD ('13) in Agricultural and Extension Education from Virginia Tech. Her background includes developing innovative programs and instructional design; developing platforms for diverse student and volunteer engagement for success; increasing diversity and inclusion in agricultural and related fields; and, shaping unique pathways for leadership development across the lifespan. She is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences organization (MANRRS). A mentor and motivator at heart with an infectious laugh, Keyana celebrated her 2nd wedding anniversary with her partner, Derek, in July 2018. She lives and works in Washington, DC.