DENVER – March 9, 2015—The University of Denver along with the Aspen Institute announced today that Dr. Sarah Enos Watamura has been selected to join the 2015 class of Aspen Institute Ascend Fellows. She is an associate professor of psychology at DU, and the director of the Child Health and Development Lab. Watamura is one of 21 leaders selected by the Institute.

The Ascend Fellowship invests in diverse leaders from a range of sectors who have breakthrough ideas to build economic security, educational success, and health and well-being for low-income families in the US. As an Ascend Fellow, Watamura will fuel her work with a two-generation approach that invests in children and their parents together.

“I am honored and energized to be joining the 2015 cohort of Aspen Ascend Fellows,” said Watamura. “I am enthusiastic about working on innovative solutions to help low-income families optimize their health, well-being, economic security and educational success along with this inspiring group of national leaders.”

The Ascend Fellowship is a values-based leadership program that builds on the best of the Aspen Institute leadership tradition. Ascend Fellows learn from outstanding faculty; participate in signature Institute assemblies and platforms; tap powerful networks of social justice and other leaders; and carry out action plans that advance their innovations and solutions on behalf of children and families.