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# INTRODUCTION

As our 40th Anniversary approached, BPI's Board of Directors decided to focus our celebration on the amazing range and richness of public interest work in our region by shining a spotlight on people whose leadership, vision and courage have made a significant difference in the lives of others—people whose efforts derive from and contribute to the social justice values to which BPI has been dedicated for four decades.

BPI issued an open Call for Nominations and convened a Selection Committee of respected leaders from various fields. The Committee faced a difficult challenge in fulfilling its mandate of choosing “40 Who've Made a Difference” from scores of exceptional nominees. After hours of research, review and deliberation, the Committee selected the individuals whose stories are told on these pages. BPI is deeply grateful to the members of the Selection Committee for generously sharing their time and expertise.

It is BPI's privilege to introduce our 40 Who've Made a Difference—a stunning kaleidoscope of vision and accomplishment by a diverse group of individuals representing many different fields of endeavor—civil rights, education, law, housing, the arts, healthcare. We honor their individual commitment and achievement as we are inspired by their collective contribution to the people of the Chicago region.

How to estimate the impact of their efforts? As you read through these brief narratives, you might consider what life here would be like without their work. There would be significantly less equality of opportunity in housing, education and healthcare...less cultural vitality and opportunity to experience it...less access to justice... less justice itself.

Life for everyone in our region is better because of the 40 Who've Made a Difference—BPI salutes, honors and thanks them.

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# 40 WHO'VE MADE A DIFFERENCE AWARD HONOREES

Kimball R. Anderson  
Ben Applegate and  
Thomas Thorne-Thomsen  
Joy Aruguete  
Rev. Willie T. Barrow  
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Jesus "Chuy" Garcia  
Samir Goswami  
Ronald Grzywinski  
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# KIMBALL R. ANDERSON

Senior Partner, General Counsel  
Winston & Strawn LLP



**Lacking effective access to justice, low-income Chicagoans are subject to homelessness, wrongful convictions, sentences disproportionate to their offenses, and even death sentences. Kimball Anderson has represented many such individuals *pro bono* for decades, and he has inspired talented young lawyers to do public interest work.**

In 1984 Kimball Anderson created Winston & Strawn's first formal *pro bono* program, which has become widely recognized as a model for the large law firm community. He has received numerous honors for this work—including the ABA's national Pro Bono Publico Award

Inspired to public interest work by his parents (a social worker and nurse), Mr. Anderson was named *Chicago Lawyer* magazine's Person of the Year for a distinguished career that includes representation of death row inmates, exoneration of the wrongfully convicted, a U.S. Supreme Court challenge to federal habeas corpus procedures, and representation of the homeless. He and his wife Karen created the Anderson Public Interest Fellowship, which provides an annual grant of \$50,000 to young public interest attorneys with significant law school debt.

Chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Lincoln Circle of Justice, Kimball currently serves on the Advisory Boards of the Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic and Northwestern University's Center on Wrongful Convictions. He is the past President of the Public Interest Law Initiative, the Chicago Bar Foundation, and DePaul University's Center for Justice in Capital Cases. In the words of a fellow attorney, "Kimball Anderson exemplifies what it means to be a public interest lawyer, committing his time, talents, leadership and personal resources to the development of a justice system that is fair to rich and poor alike."

- Senior Partner, General Counsel, Winston & Strawn LLP
- Created the *pro bono* program at Winston & Strawn in 1984
- *Chicago Lawyer* "Person of the Year" in 1996
- ABA's Pro Bono Publico Award in 2003
- Laureate, Illinois Academy of Lawyers
- Recent awards: Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago Lifetime Achievement Award (2008); Chicago Legal Clinic Cardinal Bernardin Public Service Award (2008); AIDS Legal Council of Chicago Advocate of the Year (2006); U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and Federal Bar Association Public Interest Service Award (2003 and 2004)

# BEN APPLGATE AND THOMAS THORNE-THOMSEN

Applegate & Thorne-Thomsen, P.C.



**Experts in structuring housing and commercial development finance, Ben Applegate and Thomas Thorne-Thomsen launched an innovative law firm that has helped to produce thousands of affordable housing units and develop commercial and retail ventures responsible for new jobs and revitalized communities.**

In 1998, leaving the security of of large firm practice behind, Ben Applegate and Tom Thorne-Thomsen created an innovative law firm focused on real estate finance, affordable housing and community development. They help clients identify and access loan and grant programs that help finance the rehab or construction of multi-family housing, including housing for families, the elderly, the homeless and individuals with special needs. They have assisted clients in preserving HUD's older-assisted inventory and developing public housing mixed-finance projects.

Ben and Tom are very active in area nonprofits committed to affordable housing and neighborhood development. Both are frequent speakers and guest lecturers on affordable housing development.

One local affordable housing expert identified their special role: "Ben and Tom are visionary leaders who have created and nurtured one of the most innovative law firms in the nation. They provide a real example of what it means to be an active citizen in a democracy."

- Created an innovative law firm dedicated to the social mission of affordable housing and community development

- **Ben Applegate:** President of the Illinois Housing Council; governing board member, ABA Forum on Affordable Housing; Board member and volunteer, St. Leonard's House

- **Tom Thorne-Thomsen:** President's Council, Heartland Alliance; Boards of Howard Brown Health Center, Century Place Development Corp. and Point Foundation

# JOY ARUGUETE

Executive Director  
Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation



**As Executive Director of Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation, Joy Aruguete has built a nonprofit that exemplifies how mixed-income communities can be built to create employment and housing opportunities for residents of all incomes and circumstances, as well as the opportunity to participate in community decision making.**

Joy Aruguete has devoted over two decades of her life to community-led redevelopment, as an organizer in war-torn El Salvador, and for the past 15 years, as Executive Director of Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation. Under her leadership, Bickerdike has become one of the metro area's most highly respected CDCs. Significant projects underway today include construction of the 94 unit Rosa Parks Apartments in Humboldt Park and the 26th Ward New Homes Project which will produce 32 homes on formerly vacant lots.

Beyond affordable housing development, Bickerdike is leading the New Communities Program in its area, bringing together over 60 groups to create and implement a Quality of Life plan that addresses critical community issues such as safety, health and jobs. Under Ms. Aruguete's leadership, Bickerdike has received numerous awards, including the national Jim and Patty Rouse Award for excellence in community revitalization in 2006.

Joy recently summarized her work: "If we truly value diverse and mixed income communities, then policies must be targeted toward creating the conditions for this to occur. The development of quality affordable housing is a must, and more resources and better policies are needed to accomplish this goal."

- **Executive Director, Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation**
- **Former President, Chicago Rehab Network**
- **Taught at the University of Illinois at Chicago in the Urban Developers Program of the College of Urban Planning and Policy Administration**
- **Boards: Latino Policy Forum; Chicago Community Land Trust; Enterprise Community Partners Network Advisory Board**

# REV. WILLIE T. BARROW

Civil Rights Champion



**With the insight that “we are not so much divided as disconnected,” Rev. Willie T. Barrow, Chair Emerita of the RainbowPUSH Coalition, has for over 60 years brought people together across neighborhoods, professions, bargaining tables, and national boundaries to advance the cause of human rights.**

Fondly called “the little warrior,” Rev. Barrow has been on the front line of the civil rights movement worldwide for decades. As a student in the 1940s, she challenged her local school system’s policy not to provide bus service to African American students. In the 1950s as a field organizer for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and later as a member of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s advance team, Rev. Barrow set up chapters of the Poor People’s Campaign and participated in voter registration drives and economic boycotts.

In 1962, Rev. Barrow worked with Rev. Jesse Jackson to create Operation Breadbasket, focused on meeting the needs of underserved black communities, and in 1984 became executive director of its successor organization, Operation PUSH. As an advocate for universal human rights, she has led delegations to North Vietnam and South Africa and crusaded on issues such as AIDS in the black community.

Now in her ninth decade, Rev. Barrow, an ordained minister, recently reflected on the spirit that inspires her work: “A few years ago, God woke me up about 4:00 in the morning, and He said, ‘Willie, we are not so much divided as we are disconnected.’ So, everywhere I go, I share the message that we have to come together. ...The struggle to preserve and protect human rights, promote human welfare, and create a world where respect for the dignity and worth of all people reigns, we must face that struggle together.”

- **A co-founder of RainbowPUSH Coalition**
- **Led a three-person delegation to North Vietnam and participated in the Vietnam Peace Treaty negotiations of 1968**
- **Associate minister of the Vernon Park Church of God in Chicago**
- **A street on Chicago’s South Side is named in her honor**
- **Honorary Doctor of Divinity and Humane Letters degrees**

# SCOTT BERNSTEIN

President  
Center for Neighborhood Technology



**The idea that neighborhood revitalization can be cost-effective and protect the environment was in no one's field of vision in Chicago...until Scott Bernstein's Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) provided the research, program models, and policy blueprints to show us how entire communities are renewable resources.**

Co-founder of CNT over thirty years ago, Scott Bernstein has become a nationally recognized leader in promoting sustainable urban living, finding practical, affordable solutions to urban and regional development challenges that protect the environment.

Under his leadership, CNT has conducted high-quality research and led coalitions to win policies that prevent housing abandonment, promote green solutions to stormwater management, and reduce energy costs in the region; established the I-GOTM car sharing program; advanced new policy ideas in transportation, location efficiency and affordable housing; and championed planning to actively involve community residents. He served on President Clinton's Council for Sustainable Development, and his expertise spurred a recent partnership between HUD and DOT which endorses CNT's key ideas in community livability through transit-oriented development, including redefining affordability to include both housing and transportation expenditures.

Among recent projects, CNT provided the analytic and applied research for Chicago's Climate Action Plan, helped the Clinton Foundation build a web-based tool for the world's largest cities to track their carbon footprints, and is helping communities to implement sustainable infrastructure policies.

Scott was featured in the 1999 book, *Eco-Pioneers*, which says of his work, "You have to provide incentives for the right kind of behavior in cities. You can't just stand there and assert that the world should be different. You have to provide the resources for change...CNT has demonstrated resource-efficient cities can actually lower the cost of living and increase community wealth."

- **Co-founded CNT in 1978 and continues today as President**
- **Board member at the Brookings Institution Urban & Metropolitan Center; Co-founder and current Chair of the Surface Transportation Policy Partnership**
- **Co-founder and principal of the Center for Transit Oriented Development**

# BARBARA BOWMAN

Chief Officer, Office of Early Childhood Education,  
Chicago Public Schools  
Co-Founder and Former President, Erikson Institute



**Young children, especially at-risk young children of color, need and deserve highly qualified, committed and skilled early care and education teachers. Professor, Chicago Public Schools official, author, and Erikson Institute co-founder and president emerita, Barbara Bowman has devoted her career to demonstrating how to achieve this goal in both program and policy.**

Barbara Bowman is the Irving B. Harris Professor of Child Development at Erikson Institute, Chief Officer of Early Childhood Education for the Chicago Public Schools, and consultant to the U.S. Secretary of Education. She is a past president of Erikson Institute, the premier early childhood graduate school, which she co-founded in 1966.

Ms. Bowman has taught at the preschool and primary levels, and in colleges and universities throughout the world, directed projects for Head Start, worked on Native American reservations, and conducted pathbreaking research on teaching standards and racial/cultural equity issues in early care and education. Past president of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, she currently serves on the boards of the Great Books Foundation, BPI, and Roosevelt University.

In an interview with the *University of Chicago Magazine*, Ms. Bowman said, "The general public has to recognize that other people's children are their responsibility and that everybody can't afford the quality of care and education that children need...We can change our priorities about how we support people who take care of our children."

- Erikson Institute co-founder and past president, presently Irving B. Harris Professor
- Chief Officer for Early Childhood Education, Chicago Public Schools and consultant to the U.S. Secretary of Education
- Numerous honorary degrees, including Bank Street College and Roosevelt University
- Recipient of Harold W. McGraw Jr. Prize in Education, National Black Child Development Institute Leadership Award

# MARCA BRISTO

Co-Founder and President  
Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago



**Riding the bus, going to the library, finding work, getting household help. These basic activities of daily living that many of us take for granted are now possible for Chicagoans with disabilities, thanks in part to the service and advocacy of Access Living and its President & CEO, Marca Bristo.**

For nearly 30 years, Marca Bristo and Access Living, Chicago's center for independent living, have helped craft local, national and international reforms to protect the rights of people with disabilities and equip them with tools to lead independent, satisfying lifestyles. A pioneer of Chicago's disability rights movement and a former patient of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Ms. Bristo helped launch Access Living, one of the country's first ten centers for independent living. In 1987, it became an independent nonprofit with Marca Bristo at the helm. Since that time, Access Living has provided peer services and advocacy to over 40,000 people with disabilities, and it has won systemic improvements in housing, public schools, public transportation, public access and long-term care.

Beyond leading Access Living locally, Marca has become an important international advocate for the rights of disabled individuals. During the 1980s, she helped draft and ultimately win passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, signed in 1990. In 1994, President Clinton appointed her to head the National Council on Disability, and today she serves as Vice President of North America for Rehabilitation International and as President of the United States International Council on Disabilities, where she is leading a campaign to promote the signing and ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities in the United States.

- **Co-founder and President, Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago**
- **Helped draft the ADA as a member of United States Task Force on the Rights and Empowerment of Americans with Disabilities**
- **Chair, National Council on Disability (1994-2002)**
- **1993 Henry B. Betts Laureate**
- **Vice President of North America, Rehabilitation International**
- **President of the United States International Council on Disabilities**

# THOM CLARK

President  
Community Media Workshop



**Struggles for community development, housing and economic opportunity, and social justice are fought in City Hall, Springfield, streets, boardrooms, and, thanks to Thom Clark, in the media. The Community Media Workshop has taught thousands of change agents how to tell their stories and identify appropriate media outlets to help achieve their missions.**

As Co-Founder and President of the Community Media Workshop, Thom Clark has been instrumental in helping nonprofits and grassroots organizations learn how to use the media to tell their stories and draw journalists' attention to their work. Mr. Clark founded the Workshop in 1989 "to provide communications coaching to grassroots groups, arts organizations, and other nonprofits to diversify the voices in the news, on the Web, and other public forums, working toward a stronger democracy."

Under Thom's leadership, thousands of nonprofit volunteers and staff have participated in communications training. He helped create an annual directory of media contact information, now an essential tool for nonprofits. The Workshop has helped publish stories that might not otherwise have been told, and it has played an important behind-the-scenes role in building grassroots capacity to champion policy innovations such as community policing and community participation in local school improvement.

Thom edited *The Neighborhood Works*, the Center for Community Technology's nationally acclaimed "bottom up" policy journal. Earlier, he helped found the Chicago Rehab Network, ran Voice of the People in Uptown, and engaged in civil disobedience as part of Chicago's anti-war movement in the Vietnam era.

The late Studs Terkel said of Tom: "You are a jewel in whatever Chicago is all about. Your work with Community Media Workshop has established a wonderful new group of independent young journalists. There is nothing more important."

- **Founder (1989) and President, Community Media Workshop**
- **Editor, *The Neighborhood Works***
- **Helped found the Chicago Rehab Network**
- **Leader in Vietnam anti-war movement in Chicago**

# LEON M. DESPRES

Lawyer  
Civic and Government Leader



**Len Despres has fought for a more transparent, more inclusive and non-patronage-ridden Chicago city government longer and more vigorously than any other Chicagoan. He has also championed landmark building preservation legislation and increased housing opportunities for residents of all incomes and races.**

"In 1955, Despres was elected to the Chicago City Council to represent Hyde Park as 5th ward alderman, the same year that Paddy Bauler famously uttered that 'Chicago ain't ready for reform.' But that is exactly what Despres delivered..."

So writes Jackie Carnig in the *University of Chicago Chronicle* in reporting the University's 2005 award of its prestigious Benton Medal for Distinguished Service to Leon Despres.

Mr. Despres opened a law office in the historic Chicago Temple Building during the Great Depression, practicing law alongside such luminaries as Clarence Darrow. Quickly recognized for his civil rights work, he served as defense counsel in a murder case that shed light on the horrific conditions of Chicago's slums and was profiled in the August 1948 issue of *Harper's Magazine*.

Best known for his legendary service as an alderman from Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, Len authored landmark legislation to improve access to housing for the poor and minorities, ban discrimination from city government, and preserve Chicago's landmark buildings. During his two decades of often solitary City Council battles on behalf of civil rights, he became known as "the liberal conscience of Chicago." After retiring from the Council in 1975, Len served as Council Parliamentarian during the Byrne and Washington administrations.

- Began legal practice in the early 1940s at his own firm, now named Despres, Schwartz, and Geoghegan, winning important civil rights cases

- Alderman of the Fifth Ward of Chicago, 1955-75; Chicago City Council Parliamentarian, 1979-1987

- Called "the conscience of Chicago" for his independent voting record and courageous advocacy of civil rights and open housing

- Teacher and author, *Challenging the Daley Machine*

# SUNNY FISCHER

Executive Director  
The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation



**Chicago Foundation for Women, Sophia Fund, stronger nonprofits to fight domestic and sexual violence, Neighborhood Writing Alliance, and a new museum devoted to public housing. These are just a sample of the public interest contributions of Sunny Fischer.**

An anti-violence advocate and longtime leader in progressive philanthropy, Sunny Fischer is executive director of The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, which makes grants supporting the urban environment and performing and visual arts, investigative reporting, as well as provides opportunities for economically disadvantaged individuals.

She was founding executive director of one of the first private women's foundations in the country, The Sophia Fund, and co-founded the Chicago Foundation for Women. From 1997-1999, she directed the City of Chicago/Cook County Welfare Reform Task Force.

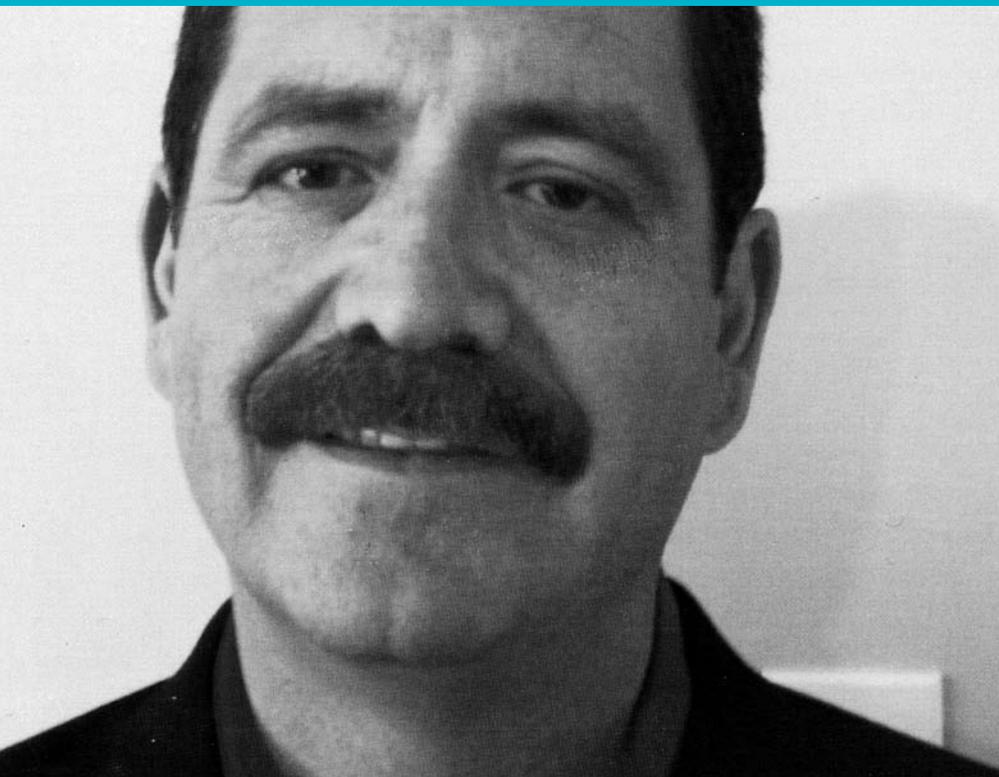
Ms. Fischer has also consulted for many foundations, including The Joyce Foundation (where she developed a funding program to raise immunization rates in Chicago's neighborhoods), the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and the Chicago Community Trust. She has assisted numerous nonprofits with fund-raising, board and program development.

Sunny co-founded the Neighborhood Writing Alliance and, more recently, is a leader in the effort to establish a public housing museum in Chicago. Past vice-chair of the Donors Forum and secretary of the Graham Foundation, she serves as a director of the national Family Violence Prevention Fund and is vice-chair of the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law Board of Directors. She is also on the Advisory Committees, among others, for Rape Victim Advocates, Mujeres Latinas en Accion, Partners for Sacred Places, and the Ellen Stone Belic Institute for the Study of Women and Gender in Arts and Media at Columbia College Chicago.

- Executive Director of The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation
- Consulted with numerous foundations and nonprofits
- Worked as a crisis counselor for rape victims and battered women
- Co-authored "*All They Can Do: Police Response to Battered Women's Complaints*"
- Co-founder Chicago Foundation for Women and Neighborhood Writing Alliance

# JESUS “CHUY” GARCIA

Chief Executive Officer  
Enlace Chicago



**As Chief Executive Officer of Enlace Chicago in Little Village, Jesus “Chuy” Garcia has helped build one of our city’s most vibrant local communities, winning a new high school, developing seven community schools, strengthening the local economy, fighting for immigrant rights, and increasing neighborhood safety.**

Jesus (“Chuy”) Garcia, a resident of Chicago’s Little Village community for 40 years, is a former alderman, state senator, and director of Little Village Neighborhood Housing Services. Mr. Garcia is currently the chief executive officer of Enlace Chicago. Founded in 1990, Enlace has one goal: community development responsiveness to the needs of residents and businesses. Through Enlace, local residents and business leaders work together to address community needs for a higher quality of life, commercial business development, schools and educational issues, parks and recreational issues, and employment opportunities.

As one of its first organizing campaigns, Chuy and Little Village CDC successfully led a seven-year fight to pressure Chicago Public Schools to build a long-promised high school in Little Village, the first new high school in 90 years for this rapidly growing community.

Today, Enlace focuses on four areas: school-community partnerships, violence prevention, economic development, and community enrichment. Among current projects, Enlace is leading and inspiring the vision for a 42-acre multi-use development site at 26th and Kostner and an 11-acre green campus at the former Washburne Trade School, and serving as lead agency for Illinois SafetyNet Works, CeaseFire and the New Communities Program.

- **Executive Director, Enlace Chicago (formerly the Little Village Community Development Corporation)**
- **Elected to Chicago’s City Council in 1986, one of the first Latino aldermen; first Mexican-American elected to the Illinois State Senate**
- **Former Director, Little Village Neighborhood Housing Services**
- **Founding President, Latino Policy Forum**
- **Vice Chair, Woods Fund of Chicago**
- **Board member, Development Training Institute**

# SAMIR GOSWAMI

Policy Director  
Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation



**Samir Goswami has devoted his career to stopping exploitation of some of Chicago's most vulnerable residents: those who prostitute or are at high risk of being lured into prostitution, and those who are homeless. As Policy Director for the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation, he brings his formidable policy change skills to the challenge of eliminating practices few want to acknowledge exist.**

While Associate Policy Director for the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, Samir Goswami became increasingly aware of the relationship among homelessness, domestic violence, prostitution and sex trafficking. In 2008, he co-founded the Justice Project Against Sexual Harm; and after a merger with the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation, today serves as its Policy Director.

Among his significant achievements at the Coalition for the Homeless, Mr. Goswami was the lead advocate for the Predator Accountability Act, passed in 2006, which enables victims of the sex trade in Illinois to seek compensation from their abusers through civil action.

As founder of the Prostitution Alternatives Round Table, he organized survivors of prostitution and also led efforts that resulted in the passage of several important laws providing assistance and alternatives to persons involved in the criminal justice system.

In reflecting on Samir's public interest contributions, a colleague noted: "I have been working in activism for many years, but I have never had a mentor as influential as Samir. His commitment to work for what is right is infectious... He is a force at ending harm and demanding change."

- Policy Director at the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE)
- Policy staff at Chicago Coalition for the Homeless for eight and a half years
- Active in legislative initiatives to assist victims of the sex trade, prevent and reduce homelessness, and advance workforce development and criminal justice reform

# RONALD GRZYWINSKI

Chairman  
ShoreBank Corporation



**Co-founder and Chair of ShoreBank Corporation, the nation's pioneering and most widely renowned community development bank, and adviser to the world's most famously successful micro-lending program, the Grameen Bank, Ron Grzywinski has shown the business community how it is possible to "do well while doing good."**

In 1973, Ron Grzywinski and three colleagues—Milton Davis, James Fletcher, and Mary Houghton—purchased the South Shore National Bank in Chicago's South Shore neighborhood to fight redlining. The nation's first community development bank, ShoreBank has grown into what is arguably the most successful such institution in the country.

With total assets of \$2.5 billion, ShoreBank provides financing to small businesses and residents in disinvested urban and rural communities. Since 1973, ShoreBank has expanded from one location on Chicago's south side to include operations in other economically challenged communities, including Detroit, Cleveland, and the Pacific Northwest. Since its inception, ShoreBank has financed more than 50,000 units of affordable housing and has trained over 4,000 small business bankers in Eastern Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Among other notable accomplishments, Mr. Grzywinski was the only banker in 1973 to testify in support of the Community Reinvestment Act, worked in Bangladesh to help the Grameen Bank, and helped launch ShoreBank Pacific, the nation's first commercial bank formed to support environmentally sustainable development.

Describing the impact of Ron's work to establish a community development bank in Arkansas, and, later, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, President Bill Clinton told *U.S. News & World Report*, "All these investments were inspired by the ShoreBank model and the leadership of Ron Grzywinski and Mary Houghton."

- **Chair and co-founder, ShoreBank Corporation**

- **Helped design and capitalize the Grameen Bank, a world model for micro-lending**

- **Helped to launch ShoreBank Pacific, the nation's first commercial bank formed to support environmentally sustainable development**

- **Charter member of the FDIC Advisory Committee on Economic Inclusion**

- **Named one of America's Best Leaders by *U.S. News and World Report* in 2007**

# JOAN W. HARRIS

Civic Leader



**Chicago's arts life is vibrant, diverse and thriving, and Joan Harris is a big reason this is so. Whether in the role of founder, grant maker, philanthropist, chair or trustee, she has made countless contributions to the Chicago region's cultural vitality.**

Joan Harris is a philanthropist, arts activist, and former Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs for the City of Chicago. She now chairs the Irving Harris Foundation, a private family foundation that funds programs, policies, research and organizations supporting early childhood initiatives, the arts and humanities, and Jewish philanthropy.

She co-founded, with her late husband Irving, the Cultural Policy Center at the University of Chicago, an interdisciplinary research center that, she reports, "has achieved enormous success in addressing many of the important aspects of the role of culture in our time, in building bridges and in preparing many of its students to take leadership roles."

Ms. Harris has been a leader in the arts throughout her life—from president of the Chicago Opera Theater and the Illinois Arts Alliance to serving on the President's Commission for the National Endowment for the Arts. Joan championed the creation of a new downtown performing arts center that bears her family's name. Her many contributions were summarized in the announcement of her 2008 National Arts Award: "For more than 25 years, Joan W. Harris has been on a mission: to prove the value of the arts in society and to fight for funding and respect for the arts in the state of Illinois. Her devotion to numerous civic and cultural groups and advocacy for their projects has had a lasting effect."

- **Chair, The Irving Harris Foundation; Harris Theater for Music and Dance**
- **President, Chicago Opera Theater; Illinois Arts Alliance**
- **Founded the Cultural Policy Center at the University of Chicago**
- **Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs for the City of Chicago (1987–1989)**
- **Served on the President's Commission for the National Endowment for the Arts (1981–1985)**

# JOSHUA HOYT

Executive Director  
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights



**Chicago is the birthplace of modern community organizing, and Josh Hoyt is an organizer's organizer—widely respected and highly effective. For the past 32 years he has organized community leaders of different races, neighborhoods, income levels and circumstances into action, challenging decision makers to address such issues as health care for low wage workers, human rights for immigrants and balanced neighborhood development.**

Since shortly after the attacks of September 11, 2001 Josh Hoyt has served as Executive Director of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. His leadership has enabled 37,000 immigrants to become new citizens; registered 80,000 immigrants to vote; and resulted in such victories as health care for undocumented children and Illinois being called "the most immigrant friendly state in the nation." Mr. Hoyt believes if we are to be a real democracy we must legalize the 12 million undocumented workers who contribute with their sweat while marginalized and living in fear .

Before joining the Coalition, Josh was the lead organizer for United Power for Action and Justice of the Industrial Areas Foundation, which provided the grassroots muscle that led to passage of Illinois' pathbreaking FamilyCare program, extending health insurance to 170,000 low-income adult Illinoisans. Previously, he applied his organizing talent to building the Organization of the NorthEast (ONE) into one of the city's strongest community organizations. While there, Josh worked to preserve affordable housing in the rapidly gentrifying Uptown neighborhood, winning \$80 million from HUD to rehab and preserve 2,600 apartments housing 11,000 residents.

A colleague has said that he has a "commitment to giving people a voice and building coalitions across race and ethnicity... 'Yes, we can' is the theme of his life and organizing career."

- Executive Director of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- Former lead organizer United Power for Action and Justice
- Former Executive Director, Organization of the NorthEast (ONE)
- Former President, Citizens Utility Board, as CUB won hundreds of millions in refunds for consumers

# RICHARD P. KIPHART

Head of Corporate Finance  
William Blair & Company



**From chairing the Erikson Institute and Lyric Opera boards, to digging wells in Ghana, to raising funds for music scholarships—a love of music and children and a passion for creating opportunity for low-income people drive Dick Kiphart’s public interest work in Chicago and around the globe.**

Civic leader, philanthropist, businessman and hands-on volunteer, Dick Kiphart, head of Corporate Finance at William Blair & Co., puts his own spin on the admonition to think globally and act locally—he thinks and acts globally and locally on three abiding philanthropic interests: reducing inequality, increasing learning opportunities for low-income children, and supporting music performance and education. His concern about the growing class divide is rooted, he recently told *Crain’s Chicago Business*, in respect for the work his father, a maintenance man, did.

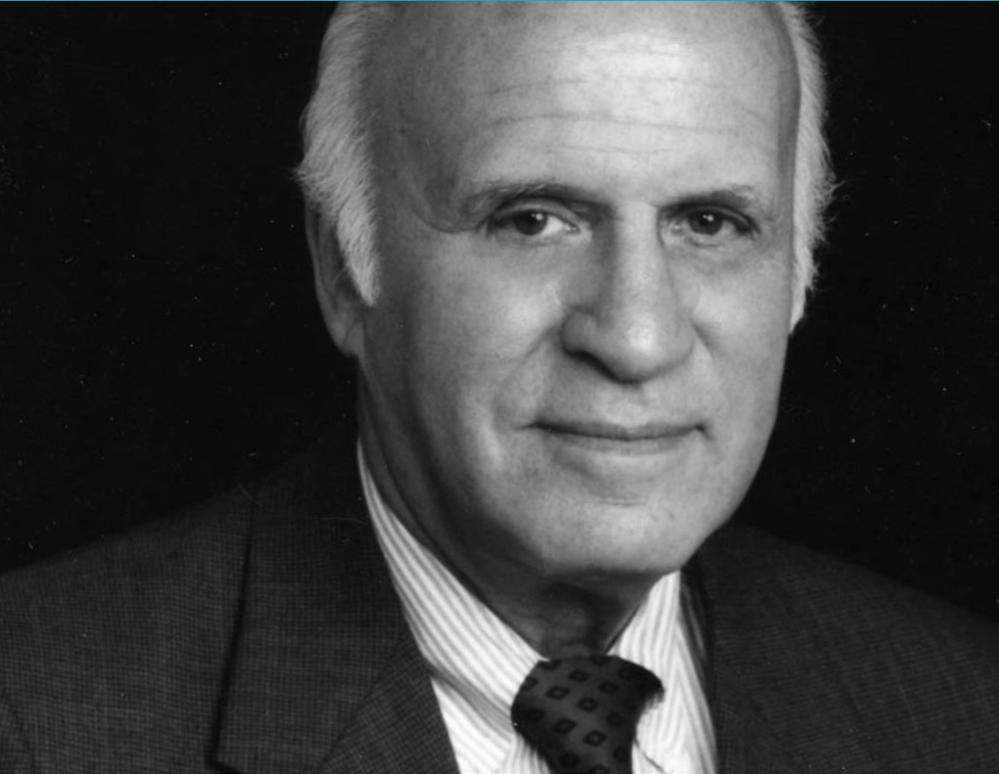
Today, Mr. Kiphart addresses his concern across multiple platforms. His global work includes serving as a donor, volunteer, and Board member with DATA (Debt AIDS Trade Africa), an organization formed in 2002 by music icon and social activist Bono, which seeks to reduce poverty in Africa. Through DATA, Dick and his wife Susie have helped bring clean water, build schools and open health clinics in rural Ghanaian villages.

Locally, Dick chairs the Erikson Institute and Lyric Opera boards and serves as a board member of Children’s Memorial Hospital. His well-honed investing acumen and savvy fundraising strategies have built a working capital reserve fund for the Lyric, and have helped raise \$19 million for the Merit School of Music, which provides free music lessons to low-income children.

- **Head of Corporate Finance, William Blair & Company**
- **Board Chair, Lyric Opera**
- **Board Chair, Erikson Institute**
- **Board member and volunteer, Debt AIDS Trade Africa (DATA)**
- **Vietnam veteran, served a year on a Navy minesweeper in the South China Sea**

# ELLIOT LEHMAN

Civic Leader



**Demonstrating that a business can be both successful and provide generous benefits for employees and their families, Elliot Lehman is recognized as a national leader in the development of progressive corporate programs and policies that make America more productive and give children a sound start in life.**

Civic activist, philanthropist and business leader, Elliot Lehman was long-time Co-Chairman of Fel-Pro, Inc., a Chicago-based international auto parts manufacturing business, widely recognized for family-friendly benefits, harmonious labor-management programs and outstanding profitability. Under Elliot's leadership, the firm initiated groundbreaking policies such as family leave, flexible hours, job-sharing, and on-site quality child care and summer camp for employees' children. Winning Workplaces, a nonprofit founded by the Lehman family, carries on this work. Among Elliot's many industry activities was his role as founding President of Project TEAM, an innovative program that trained socially disadvantaged individuals to become auto mechanics.

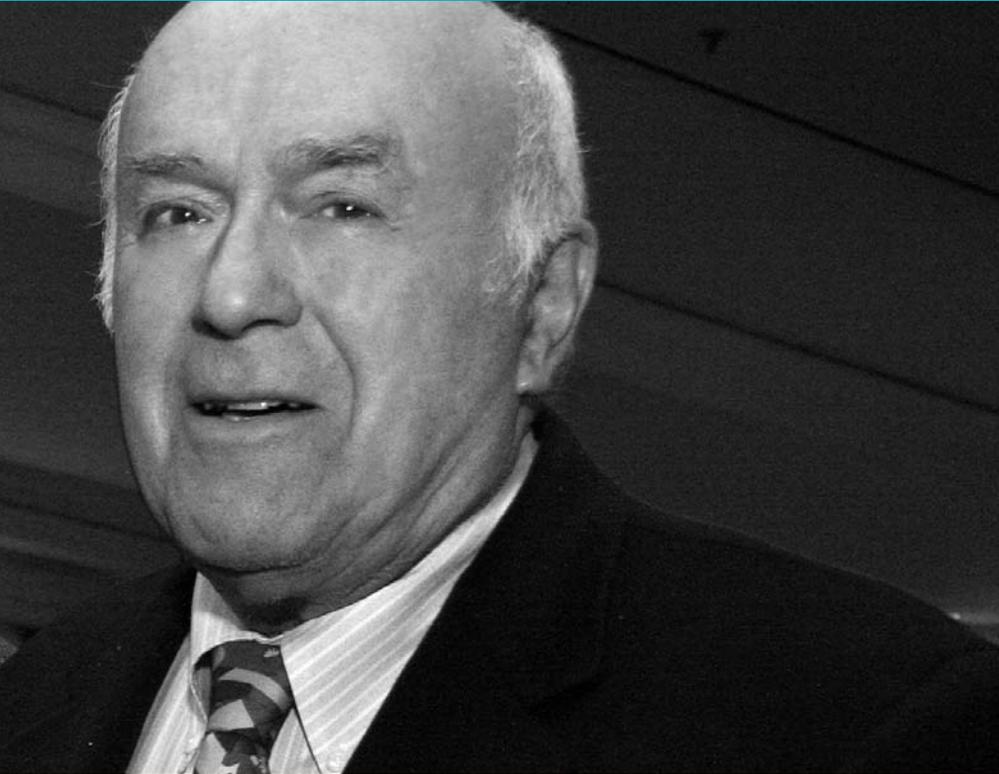
Much of Elliot's effort has focused on the welfare of children. A current board member of Working in the Schools (WITS), he is past chair of the Jewish Children's Bureau, past co-chair of the Illinois Governor's Task Force on Day Care, and a founding Board member of Voices for Illinois Children.

As an active leader of BPI since its beginning, BPI's second president, and a board member for 30 years, Elliot says that he was "inspired by like-minded business people who also understood that business needs to be a force for good—Irving Harris, Bud Lifton, Gordon Sherman, Alan Saks, Ken and Paul Lehman come to mind." His lifelong commitment to the public interest inspired this observation: "Elliot Lehman's civic contributions have touched thousands of Chicagoans—his leadership in creating family-friendly workplaces is nationally significant."

- **As Co-Chairman of Fel-Pro, created human resources management practices that produced high employee productivity and provided a national model for "family friendliness"**
- **Past Co-Chair, Illinois Governor's Task Force on Day Care**
- **Past Chair, Jewish Children's Bureau**
- **BPI President 1972–1977 and a director for 30 years**
- **Numerous awards including Chicago Magazine's Unsung Hero Award; the Illinois Alliance on Aging's Illinois Treasures Award; Jane Addams Hull House Association's Legacy Award; and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award**

# ROBERT “BUD” LIFTON

Civic Leader



**Bud Lifton is a shining example of a successful corporate executive who has made a second career of public interest work, using his considerable expertise and experience to strengthen nonprofits that seek to redress injustice, improve the lives of disadvantaged children, and revitalize distressed communities—not to mention a virtual third career as an educator tutoring Chicago public schoolchildren.**

Bud Lifton is a lifelong civic activist, leading and supporting many nonprofits working to improve human rights, education, and social and economic opportunity in and beyond the Chicago region. The retired Chairman and CEO of American Printers and Lithographers, Mr. Lifton today is actively affiliated with numerous social justice causes and organizations, including BPI, Shore Bank Corporation, Chicago Public Radio WBEZ, Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, the University of Chicago’s Irving B. Harris School of Public Policy Studies Visiting Committee, Chapin Hall Center for Children, and the New Israel Fund. He is also President of the Albert Pick Jr. Fund.

A past president of BPI, Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, and KAM Isaiah Israel Congregation, Bud is also Chairman Emeritus and a current board member of WITS, Working in the Schools, a group through which 1,000-plus volunteers tutor 2,800 CPS students from 26 elementary schools in low-income communities. In addition to his many board memberships, Bud continues to serve as a mentor at the Harris Graduate School for Public Policy Studies and tutor in an inner city grade school twice weekly.

- **Retired Chairman and CEO of American Printers and Lithographers, Inc.**
- **Past president and director of BPI since 1972; also Shore Bank Corporation, Chicago Public Radio WBEZ, Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, the University of Chicago’s Irving B. Harris School of Public Policy Studies Visiting Committee, Chapin Hall Center for Children, New Israel Fund**
- **Board Chair or President Emeritus: Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, Working in the Schools (WITS)**

# HARRIET MEYER

President  
Ounce of Prevention Fund



**Largely as a result of Harriet Meyer's vision and leadership of the Ounce of Prevention Fund, Illinois now has a law enabling every 3- and 4-year old to participate in quality pre-school programs, and the nation has a new model for early care and education programs.**

Since 1991, Harriet Meyer has served as President of the Ounce of Prevention Fund, a public-private partnership founded in 1982 to provide model programs, research, and advocacy to improve the lives of at-risk young children.

Under Ms. Meyer's leadership, "The Ounce" helped create the Illinois Early Childhood Block Grant in 1996, significant because it institutionalizes in policy what the research shows: that learning begins at birth. More recently, as Co-Chair of the Governor's Early Learning Council, Harriet helped champion the state's pathbreaking program, Pre-School for All, which provides quality pre-school programs to all three- and four-year olds in Illinois. In partnership with several major philanthropies, the Ounce helped create Educare, a state-of-the-art early care and education program with partnerships in ten states to improve early care and education programs and policies.

During Harriet's tenure, Ounce of Prevention's advocacy efforts have grown tenfold. To be effective, she says, advocacy organizations need "more boots on the ground" and, crucially, the right ones for each situation because "who carries the message is as important as the message itself." The key to effective change, she believes, is tenacity: "We have to consistently educate decision makers and focus on what families really need."

- **President, Ounce of Prevention Fund since 1991**
- **Co-chairs the Illinois Early Learning Council, the first coordinating council for young children to be housed in an Illinois Governor's office**
- **Served on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee that created the national Early Head Start program**

# ZOE MIKVA AND HON. ABNER MIKVA

The Mikva Challenge



**Chicago's Mikva Challenge is building Chicago's next generation of civic leaders by teaching thousands of young people the importance of civic activism and its responsibilities. Zoe and Abner Mikva, whose extraordinary public interest careers include teaching, community volunteerism and exemplary government service, have inspired countless others to service and activism.**

Since its founding in 1997, Mikva Challenge programs have helped over 10,000 students become involved in local and national elections, civic activism and policymaking. The Mikva Challenge is playing a critical role in developing educated and involved young citizens and building the next generation of Chicago's civic leaders.

Zoe Mikva's wide-ranging public service career includes teaching, advocacy for nonprofit organizations, and leading fundraising efforts for the Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C. For 10 years she worked *pro bono* in BPI's education program, where she helped create and grow the Chicago School Policy Luncheon Series. In addition, Ms. Mikva has served on numerous nonprofit boards as well as the Canter School Local School Council, to which she was elected in 2005.

Judge Mikva was elected in 1956 to the first of five consecutive terms in the Illinois General Assembly where he sponsored fair employment, open housing and criminal code reform legislation. Beginning in 1968, he served five terms in the U.S. Congress. Appointed by President Carter to the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., he served 15 years, the last four as Chief Judge. In 1994 he became White House Counsel to President Clinton. A tireless public servant, Judge Mikva has led public commissions, represented community organizations, and argued cases before the Supreme Court. He is also former senior director and visiting professor at the Edwin F. Mandel legal Aid Clinic at the University of Chicago Law School.

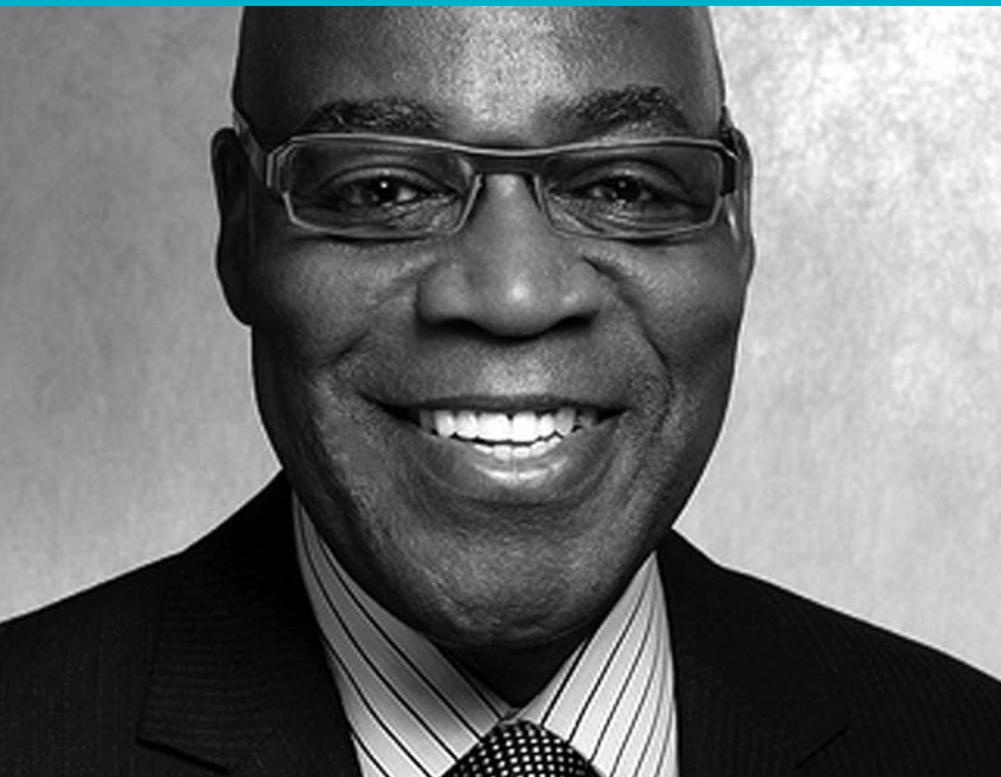
- Lifelong commitment to public service and activism inspired The Mikva Challenge

- Abner Mikva served in the Illinois General Assembly, U.S. Congress, U.S. Court of Appeals, and as White House Counsel 1994–95

- Zoe Mikva has been an educator and education activist and has served in various roles to give ordinary citizens a voice in public policy

# REV. CALVIN S. MORRIS, PH.D

Executive Director  
Community Renewal Society



**Rev. Calvin Morris has fought the struggle for civil rights over four decades, from serving with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, to helping build Operation BreadBasket, to engaging young pastors in community action, to heading the Community Renewal Society today. The emphasis may change—today it is improving public schools, reforming the justice system, and increasing grassroots capacity—but the goal remains the same: equal opportunity for all.**

Human rights advocate Reverend Dr. Calvin Morris has served as the Community Renewal Society's Executive Director since 1998. Rev. Morris built this faith-based organization into a respected and effective nonprofit that provides advocacy, investigative journalism and organizing to eliminate race and class barriers. Some of Community Renewal's recent accomplishments: producing a comprehensive report card on Chicago school reform; prompting an investigation of racial bias in the automatic transfer of juvenile offenders to adult court; working to pass the nation's first sealing of criminal records law; and strengthening police protection of public housing neighborhoods.

Rev. Morris previously taught and directed programs at Howard University School of Divinity and the Interdenominational Theological Center. He served the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) as associate director of Operation BreadBasket and field coordinator. He also directed Atlanta's Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change for three years, serving under Coretta Scott King.

Beyond CRS, Rev. Morris's affiliations are wide-ranging—chairing CeaseFire's Board and the National Board of Jobs with Justice while serving on and/or advising numerous other boards, both national and Chicago-based.

- Executive Director, Community Renewal Society, since 1998
- Previously, Vice President and Academic Dean at Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta; professor and administrator at Howard University School of Divinity
- Boards: Chair, CeaseFire and Jobs with Justice
- John Courtney Murray Award, DePaul University (2007)
- Distinguished Alumni Award, Boston University School of Theology (2007)

# THOMAS H. MORSCH

Clinical Professor of Law  
Northwestern University School of Law  
Emeritus Director, Small Business Opportunity Center



**In representing lower-income residents *pro bono*, assisting entrepreneurs who cannot afford lawyers in setting up their businesses, and encouraging other attorneys to do public interest work, Tom Morsch's entire career embodies his deep commitment to the principles of equal protection, opportunity, and justice for everyone.**

Until taking emeritus status in 2008, Thomas Morsch taught entrepreneurship and nonprofit organization law at Northwestern University and was the director of Northwestern Law's Small Business Opportunity Center. At the Center, which he founded in 1998, Mr. Morsch has drawn hundreds of law students to public service while assisting hundreds of lower income residents to create viable, family-supporting businesses.

Prior to joining the Law School faculty, Tom was a senior partner and member of the Executive Committee of Sidley Austin, where he supervised the firm's Committee on Pro Bono and Public Interest Law for 20 years, making the firm a leader in *pro bono* legal practice.

Reflecting his commitment to public interest law, Tom has endowed an award at the Chicago Bar Foundation to recognize and reward lawyers who choose public service as a career. Among the many awards he has received for his work are the Justice John Paul Stevens Award of the Chicago Bar Association and the Lifetime Service Award of the Legal Assistance Foundation.

A fellow attorney who has been inspired by his public interest leadership notes: "Tom has not only personally provided free legal services to countless low-income clients over the years but has encouraged and inspired countless numbers of lawyers to make a difference in the lives of so many through *pro bono* work."

- **Clinical Professor, Northwestern University School of Law and founder of its Small Business Opportunity Center**
- **Chaired Sidley Austin's Committee on Pro Bono and Public Interest Law**
- **Endowed the \$10,000 annual Thomas H. Morsch Public Service Award**
- **Lifetime achievement awards: Justice John Paul Stevens Award, Chicago Bar Association and Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago**
- **Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Civil Rights Award, Anti-Defamation League**

# DAWN CLARK NETSCH

Civic and Government Leader  
Northwestern University School of Law



**For decades, inside and outside public office, Dawn Clark Netsch has fought relentlessly for stronger, better-funded Illinois public schools, higher standards of ethics in government, state finance reform and for the human rights of all Illinois residents.**

Attorney, educator, author, state legislator, advocate for civil rights and clean government, state comptroller and 1994 Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Dawn Clark Netsch has devoted her entire career to public service for the people of Chicago and Illinois. With a group of Gov. Adlai Stevenson "acolytes" called the Committee on Illinois Government in the 1950s and as legislative aid to Gov. Kerner in the early 1960s, she promoted equal employment and housing opportunity policies as well as public welfare and mental health systems and women's equality. Her decades-long quest for strong ethics in government began as a delegate to the 1970 Illinois Constitutional Convention, continued throughout her 18 years as a state senator, deepened as a founding member of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform in the 1990s, and continues unabated in the current movement to restore ethics to government.

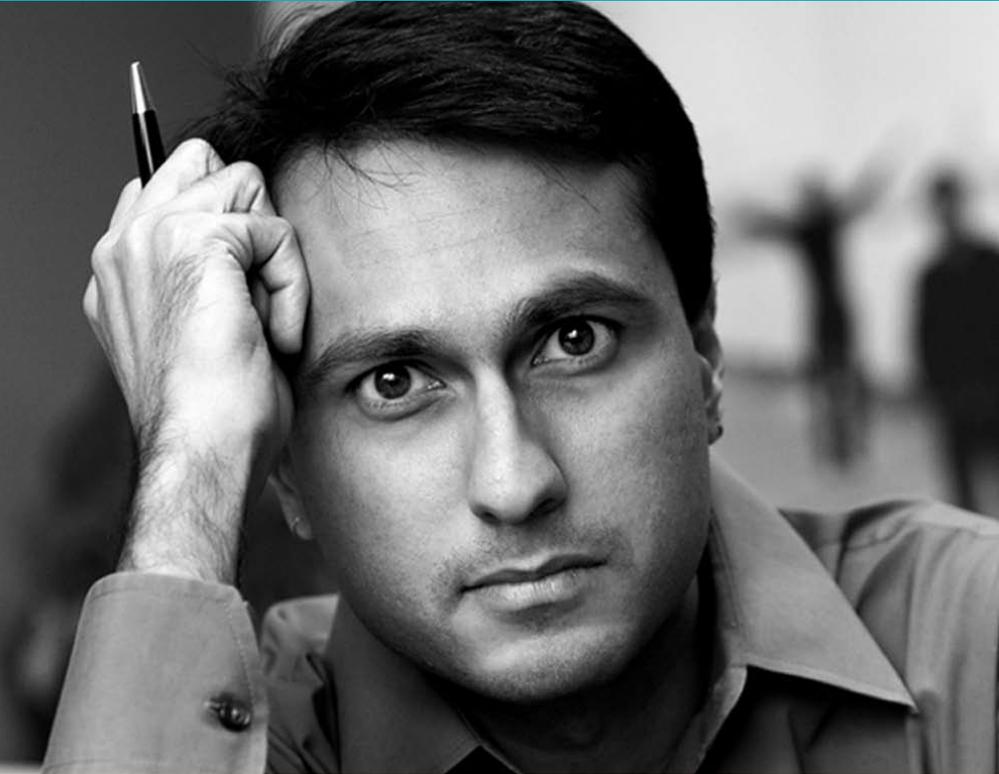
Since her "retirement" from electoral politics, Dawn Clark Netsch has resumed teaching at Northwestern Law School and continues to be a powerful voice for reforming public education funding and redrawing a fairer state tax structure, for governmental ethics and campaign reform, as well as for LGBTQ rights.

Asked recently by *Chicago Life* magazine what her motto for her public interest career would be, Dawn said: "I suppose the tagline in the famous television ad in my gubernatorial campaign—a straight shooter."

- Professor Emerita, Northwestern University Law School
- Gubernatorial candidate, 1994
- Comptroller, 1991–1995
- State senator for 18 years; delegate to the Illinois Constitutional Convention, 1970
- Legislative aide to Governor Otto Kerner, 1961–1965

# EBOO PATEL

Founder and Executive Director  
Interfaith Youth Core



**Through his writings and the organization he founded—Interfaith Youth Core—Ebrahim “Eboo” Patel is teaching youth in Chicago and across the globe to overcome xenophobia and work across faiths to build a better world.**

Dr. Ebrahim Patel is leading a movement to engage young people of various religious identities in interfaith community service, both in the United States and around the world. In 1998, he founded the Interfaith Youth Core, an organization that strives to empower religiously diverse young people to work together to serve others. The Core teaches the importance of religious understanding and interfaith youth work, sponsors programs that bring speakers and trainers to schools and communities worldwide, and offers leadership training to young people active in the interfaith work movement. Today, The Interfaith Youth Core has tens of thousands of volunteers all over the world.

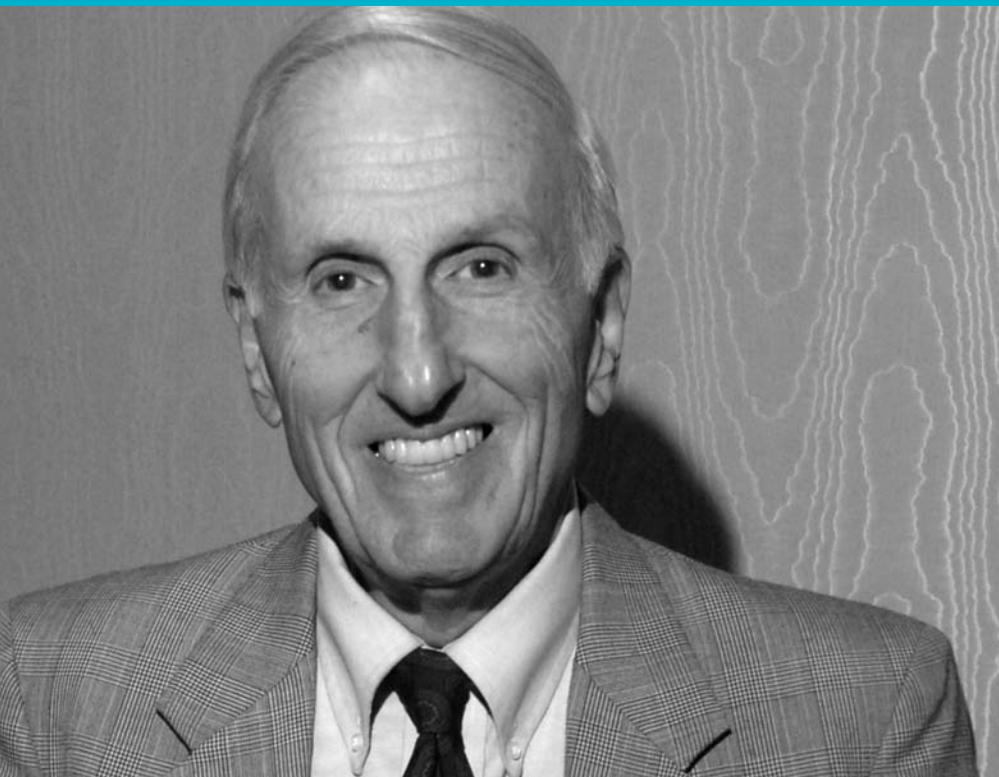
Dr. Patel has effectively promoted interfaith youth work in his widely acclaimed book, *Acts of Faith: The Story of a American Muslim, The Struggle for the Soul of a Generation*, as well as his “Faith Divide” blog for the *Washington Post*. He was a participant in the Clinton Global Initiative and most recently was named by President Obama to be an advisor to the White House Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Eboo’s work aligns the deeply held principles and shared values of public service, religious freedom and pluralism to enrich society and reduce the ignorance that has made religiously motivated attacks the second most common form of hate crime today.

- **Founded Interfaith Youth Core in 1998**
- **Named by President Obama to new 25-member White House Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships**
- **Authored *Acts of Faith: The Story of a American Muslim, The Struggle for the Soul of a Generation***
- **Writes “The Faith Divide,” a blog for the *Washington Post***
- **Rhodes Scholar**

# ALEXANDER POLIKOFF

Lead Counsel, Gautreaux Case  
BPI Executive Director 1970-1999



**Few individuals have pursued the public interest with the single-minded tenacity, efficacy and grace of Alex Polikoff. Lead counsel for over forty years in the pathbreaking *Gautreaux v. CHA and HUD* litigation, Alex's efforts have dramatically improved the life opportunities of thousands of public housing residents in Chicago and across the country.**

It was 1966 when Alex Polikoff, a volunteer ACLU attorney and Schiff Hardin partner, initiated the *Gautreaux* case. In 1976 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that HUD could be ordered to remedy past discrimination by giving public housing residents opportunities to move to unsegregated neighborhoods throughout the Chicago area. That *Gautreaux* decision led to "mobility programs" across the country that have enabled thousands of public housing residents to enter race and class diverse communities.

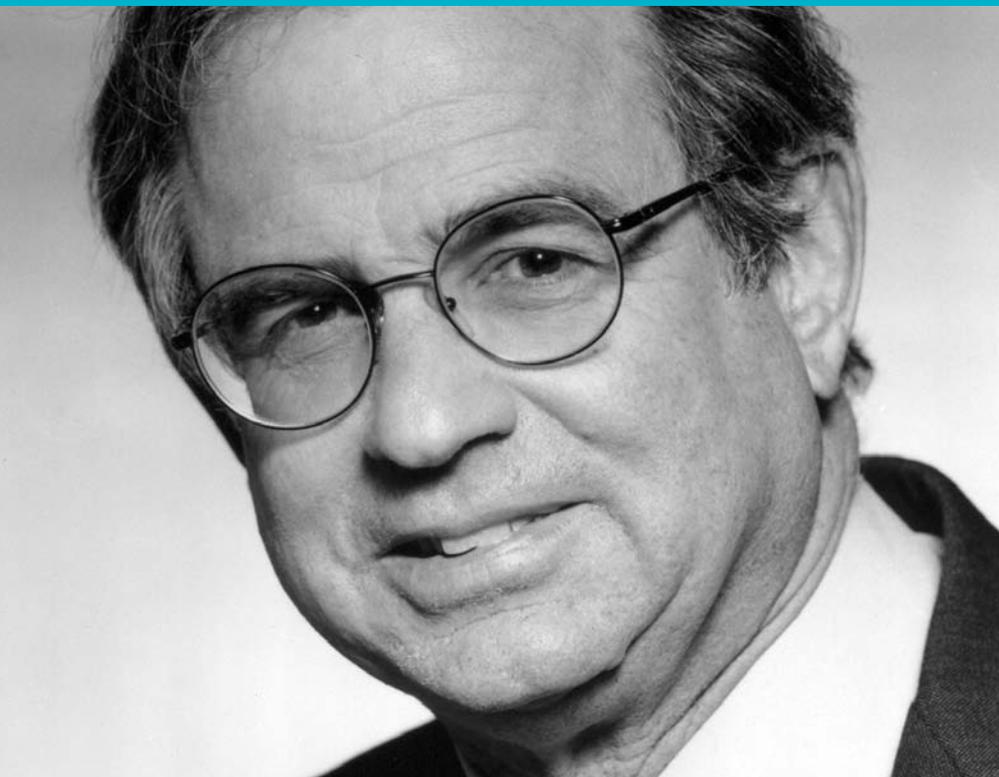
In 1970, Mr. Polikoff left private practice to become Executive Director of the fledgling BPI. Under his leadership, among other things, BPI halted construction of a nuclear power plant adjacent to the Indiana Dunes, won Illinois consumers a huge rebate for Edison's mismanagement of its nuclear construction program, and from Chicago Public Schools gained a formal commitment to create "small schools."

Since 1999 Alex has been BPI senior staff counsel and remains lead lawyer in the ongoing *Gautreaux* case, playing an important role in Chicago's "transformation" of public housing. Chronicling the story, his book, *Waiting for Gautreaux*, recommends a national mobility program as a means of addressing the persisting challenge of the nation's black ghettos. *The Path Still Open*, Alex's latest book, deals with nothing less than the prospects for *Homo sapiens* on his planetary journey.

- Lead counsel in *Gautreaux* since 1966
- BPI Executive Director 1970-1999; currently Senior Staff Counsel and member, BPI Board
- Author of *Housing the Poor: The Case for Heroism; Waiting for Gautreaux: A Story of Segregation, Housing, and the Black Ghetto (2006)*; and *The Path Still Open: A Greater Chance for Peace Than Ever Before (2009)*
- Awards include the Justice John Paul Stevens Award, Public Interest Law Initiative's Distinguished Public Service Award, and *American Lawyer Magazine's Lifetime Achievement Award*

# GEORGE RANNEY

President and CEO  
Chicago Metropolis 2020



**Public service has been a driving force throughout George Ranney's career. His lifelong commitment to the public interest—evident in his efforts to create the RTA and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, develop Prairie Crossing, strengthen the State's finances—is embodied today in his highly effective leadership of Chicago Metropolis 2020.**

George Ranney is President and CEO of Chicago Metropolis 2020, a business-backed civic organization committed to promoting sound regional growth and equity of opportunity.

Under his leadership Chicago Metropolis 2020 advocated for improvements in transportation to reduce traffic congestion and strengthen the local economy, produced an analysis of the economic benefit of increased public investment in early childhood programs, championed criminal and juvenile justice reform and helped to increase the regional affordable housing supply.

Mr. Ranney also serves as chair and chief executive of Prairie Holdings Corporation, which developed Prairie Crossing, a nationally recognized conservation community in Grayslake. He served in various capacities over many years for Inland Steel Industries, including general counsel. As Illinois' deputy budget director, he chaired the task force that recommended the creation of the Regional Transportation Authority and led the successful referendum campaign to create it.

Recently he was a leading advocate in the formation of a new regional planning entity, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. George continues to serve as senior counsel at Mayer Brown LLP and as a trustee of many civic and nonprofit organizations including the University of Chicago and WTTW.

- **President and CEO of Chicago Metropolis 2020**
- **Chair and chief executive of Prairie Holdings Corporation, the firm developing Prairie Crossing**
- **Deputy Budget Director for the State of Illinois under Governor Richard Ogilvie**
- **Current or former board member: University of Chicago, WTTW, Metropolitan Planning Council, Voices for Illinois Children, Field Foundation of Illinois, and MacArthur Foundation**
- **2004 Recipient, Order of Lincoln, awarded by the State of Illinois as its highest honor**

# RAUL RAYMUNDO

CEO  
The Resurrection Project



**As Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Resurrection Project (TRP), Raul Raymundo has created a powerful and effective nonprofit that seamlessly blends community development, community organizing, the arts, and health and human service delivery and advocacy to build vibrant, healthier and involved communities.**

In 1990 six parishes in Pilsen invested \$30,000 in seed capital to start a community organization to help residents address blight, crime and other problems. Since its inception TRP has been building relationships and challenging people to act on their faith and values to create healthy communities through organizing, education and community development. Today, TRP works in various parishes and serves several southwest Latino city and suburban communities.

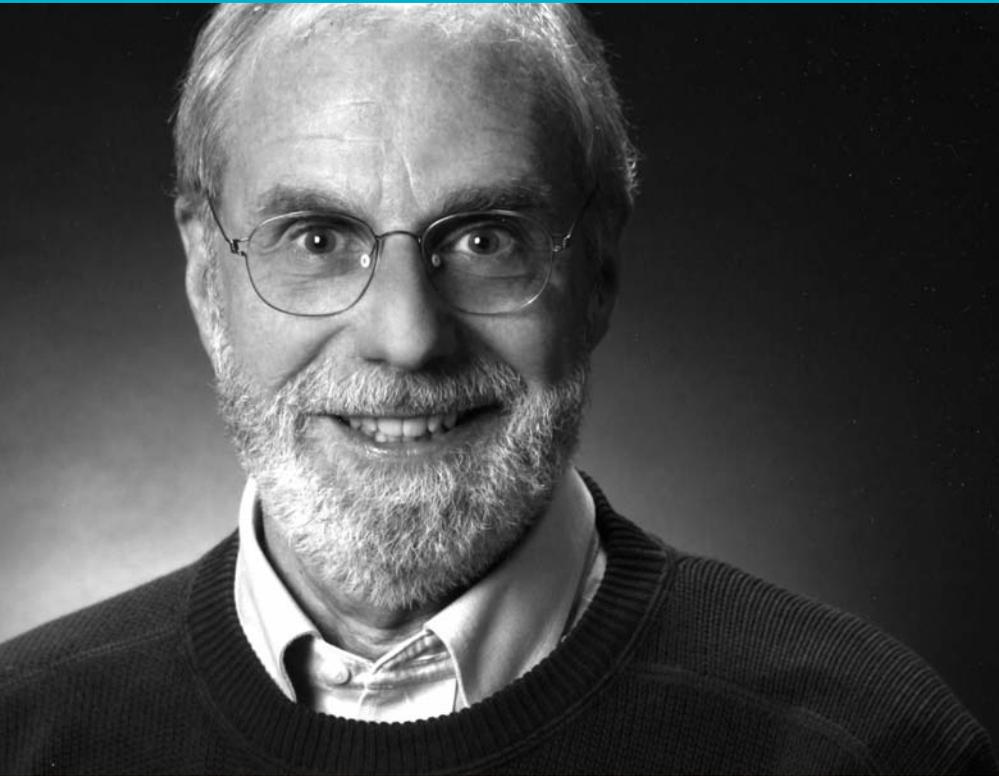
Under Mr. Raymundo's leadership, TRP has developed over 300 units of affordable housing and several community facilities serving hundreds of children and their families. TRP currently offers financial and home ownership counseling, assists and advocates for immigrants, delivers workshops to improve the health of residents, registers residents to vote, trains and supports residents as community leaders and serves as the lead agency in the New Communities Program.

Raul is a Carleton College alum and a 1996 Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow. In 2000 he was recognized by *Chicago Magazine* as a Chicagoan of the Year for his outstanding leadership and civic engagement. In 2007 Mayor Richard M. Daley appointed him to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and in 2009, Cardinal Francis George appointed him to the Archdiocese of Chicago's Catholic School Board.

- **CEO and Co-Founder, The Resurrection Project (TRP)**
- **Illinois Mortgage Bankers Association "Affordable Housing Leadership Award" (2007); Community Service Award, Emergency Fund for Needy People (2002); a Chicagoan of the Year, *Chicago Magazine* (2000)**
- **Executive Council Member, Chicago Metropolis 2020**
- **Current Boards: WBEZ-Chicago Public Radio, Ounce of Prevention Fund, IFF, St. Anthony Hospital, Illinois Immigrant and Refugees Rights Coalition (ICIRR), and National Association of Latino Asset Builders (NALCAB)**

# LEONARD S. RUBINOWITZ

Professor of Law  
Northwestern University School of Law



**Len Rubinowitz is a champion of public interest law. For decades he has applied his legal acumen to the quest for fair public housing policy. Throughout his career, he has actively encouraged his Northwestern Law School students to engage in public interest work, creating courses and programs that are helping to launch the next generation of public interest lawyers.**

“Every student who attends Northwestern with the objective of pursuing a public interest career seeks Len’s advice...The impact of Len’s role as the leader of our Law School’s human rights community cannot be overestimated.”

Professor, scholar and lawyer, Len Rubinowitz has fought for human rights his entire career. Much of his legal activism and research have focused on housing justice. He helped select the Gautreaux receiver and served as mediator for the Cabrini-Green redevelopment. His books include *Low-Income Housing: Suburban Strategies* and with co-author Jim Rosenbaum, *Crossing the Class and Color Lines: From Public Housing to White Suburbia*, which documented and evaluated the impact of the Gautreaux program. Before joining the faculty at Northwestern, Mr. Rubinowitz served as legal advisor and special assistant at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Beyond housing, he has published widely on issues of equity with respect to race and class.

As a professor, Len has been committed to supporting students interested in public interest law by creating and supporting specialized programs and courses at Northwestern. Beyond the influence of his own work, he impacts countless people throughout Chicago through each of his current and former students.

- Professor of Law, Northwestern University
- Legal activism and scholarship on public housing issues, including co-authoring *Crossing the Class and Color Lines: from Public Housing to White Suburbia* with James Rosenbaum
- Began legal career at HUD
- Honored with virtually every teaching award at Northwestern Law School, some numerous times
- Northwestern’s Student Funded Public Interest Fellowship Program (SFPIF) renamed its grant program “Len Rubinowitz Public Service Fellowships” in his honor

# JANE M. SAKS

Executive Director  
The Ellen Stone Belic Institute for the Study of Women and Gender  
in the Arts and Media, Columbia College Chicago



**The arts are important for their own sake in enriching the quality of urban life, but they also can be agents of social change. Poet and activist Jane Saks seeks, through her position as Executive Director of the Ellen Stone Belic Institute, to advance human rights through arts exhibits, presentations and workshops.**

Cultural leader, feminist activist, educator, poet and arts administrator, Jane Saks is the first Executive Director of the Ellen Stone Belic Institute for the Study of Women and Gender in the Arts and Media. The Institute seeks to deepen understanding and appreciation for issues related to women, gender, creativity and community and how they impact and shape social policy, culture and history through the arts and media.

Under Ms. Saks' leadership, the Institute has organized, created and co-sponsored more than 60 acclaimed public programs; supported scholars and artists through the Fellowship Program; and cultivated partnerships with other civic, cultural and academic institutions. The Center brought the Congo Women exhibit to Chicago, curated "Citizen Movement," a film series on art and activism, and developed, with the Mayor's Office, "Queer in Color," a series of culture events reflecting queer communities of color.

A published poet who has lectured widely on the arts and social change, Jane advises and/or serves on the boards of many arts, LBGTQ, and progressive nonprofits including the Chicago Foundation for Women, Radio Diaries of National Public Radio, OUT at Chicago History Museum, Chicago Committee of the African Women's Development Fund, Friends of South Africa's Constitutional Court Architecture and Artworks and is Chair of the Lesbian Leadership Council. She says: "When we are talking about social change, the creative process and gender issues, educational cultural institutions are at the edge. They are not behind the curve, they are the curve."

- **Executive Director, The Ellen Stone Belic Institute of Columbia College Chicago**
- **Previously, Director of Advancement for UIC's College of Architecture and the Arts**
- **Published poetry and essays in literary and art periodicals**
- **Visiting lecturer on social injustice/ arts issues**
- **Served as liaison between President Barack Obama's campaign and LGBTQ communities**

# BETTYLU SALTZMAN

Civic Leader



**Bettylu Saltzman's public interest work combines a belief in the essential importance of grassroots political activism with commitments to improve health care, public education, and the lives of disadvantaged women in and beyond Chicago. Among the beneficiaries of her leadership: Chicago's Sinai Health System, the national Alzheimer's Association, Young Women's Leadership Charter School and BPI.**

Bettylu Saltzman's long career as a community leader and political activist has spanned many fields—from government to health care to education. The common denominator for Bettylu is social and economic justice. Her political activism extends from Bill Singer's campaign for Alderman in 1969 to President Barack Obama's 2008 campaign. She served as Adlai Stevenson's Finance Director in 1982 and as director of Senator Paul Simon's office for Chicago and Northern Illinois from 1984-1988.

Ms. Saltzman is also active in improving health care. She is vice-chair of the Sinai Health System and chairs its Government Affairs and Public Policy Committee. Sinai provides a continuum of care to meet the needs of the community it serves where three quarters of its patients are on Medicaid or are not insured. She is past president of Sinai's hospitals and a director of the national Alzheimer's Association where she chairs the Public Policy Committee.

Inspired by leaders, organizations and political candidates who support policies that work for people, Bettylu has been drawn to organizations that work to promote democratic ideals and social justice throughout her life—she became involved with BPI almost 30 years ago and was its first woman president. She was a founding member of the Young Women's Leadership Charter School of Chicago, helping to develop the next generation of Chicago women activists and leaders.

- **Political activism: President Obama's senatorial and presidential campaigns**
- **Adlai Stevenson's Finance Director (1982) and director of Senator Paul Simon's office for Chicago and Northern Illinois (1984-1988)**
- **Vice-Chair of the Board of Sinai Health Systems**
- **National Board of the Alzheimer's Association and Co-Chair of its Public Policy Committee**
- **Past President, BPI and Director since 1980**

# DR. GARY SLUTKIN

Executive Director  
Chicago Project for Violence Prevention/CeaseFire



**Dr. Gary Slutkin has suggested Chicago and other cities fully reframe their thinking about violence: to approach it as a treatable public health epidemic rather than an intractable criminal justice issue or moral failure.**

"Violence is an infectious disease," epidemiologist Dr. Gary Slutkin recently told *US News & World Report*. Dr. Slutkin returned to Chicago following 15 years of work fighting TB in San Francisco, and then TB, cholera and AIDS around the world with the World Health Organization. Looking at data on leading causes of death among young people in Chicago, Dr. Slutkin concluded that our leading killer—violence—could be tackled more effectively if we treat it as an epidemiological public health issue rather than a moral or criminal justice problem. That is the operating premise of the organization he founded in 1994, at the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Chicago Project for Violence Prevention, and its action arm, CeaseFire.

CeaseFire's epidemiologic approach interrupts the "transmission" of violence by employing and training highly credible messengers to anticipate and prevent shooting events. CeaseFire's method also employs trained and professional outreach workers to work with the highest risk individuals to fundamentally change their thinking and with the whole community—residents, law enforcement, clergy and community leaders—to affect group norms and change behavior.

A recent independent evaluation of CeaseFire's impact found its communities had 16-28% fewer shootings and attempted shootings than comparable communities without the program.

Additionally, CeaseFire received the highest award of the U.S Department of Justice and has been frequently featured in national media. Several other U. S. cities are now replicating its proven methods.

- Founding director, Chicago Project for Violence Prevention and CeaseFire
- Professor of Epidemiology and International Health, University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health
- Senior Advisor, World Health Organization
- Spent 15 years working on infectious diseases and epidemics overseas and with WHO

# ROBIN M. STEANS

Executive Director  
Advance Illinois



**Robin Steans is a passionate and effective leader dedicated to improving education for all Illinois students. Her experiences as a Chicago high school teacher, leader of small and charter school advocacy groups and as a founding board member of North Lawndale College Prep, converge in her new role as leader of Advance Illinois, our state's promising new school reform organization.**

Robin Steans has dedicated much of her adult life to improving the quality of public education and life opportunities for students in Chicago and throughout Illinois. She is currently executive director of Advance Illinois, an independent statewide policy and advocacy organization dedicated to ensuring that Illinois provides a world-class education to every student, helping to "prepare all students to be ready for work, college, and democratic leadership."

Ms. Steans is more than ready for this challenge. Robin taught in public high schools in Boston, San Francisco and Chicago before earning her law degree; served as issues director for the Chicago Small Schools Coalition and as associate director of Leadership for Quality Education. An active presence in the Steans Family Foundation's work for school and community renewal in North Lawndale, she helps guide its education and community development grant-making. A founding board member of North Lawndale College Prep, she serves on the board of the Illinois Network of Charter Schools, the Local School Council of her daughters' school, and on the Advisory Board of DePaul University's Service Learning Center.

In commenting on the impact of Robin's efforts, one colleague said: "Robin is one of those people who would never seek to bring attention to herself for the work she has done. But, there are so many educators, parents and students who simply would not be where they are without her devotion and determination."

- **Executive Director, Advance Illinois**
- **Associate Director, Leadership for Quality Education**
- **Public high school teacher in Boston, San Francisco and Chicago**
- **Founding board member, North Lawndale College Prep High School**

# RANDOLPH N. STONE

Clinical Professor of Law  
University of Chicago



**In and beyond Chicago, Randolph Stone has devoted his entire legal career to ensuring justice, particularly quality legal representation of disadvantaged Americans. Former Cook County Public Defender and now Clinical Professor of Law at the University of Chicago, Professor Stone is working to develop the next generation of lawyers and social workers committed to this goal.**

In 1991, the University of Chicago Law School recruited Randolph Stone, the Cook County Public Defender, to teach and direct its Mandel Legal Aid Clinic. Hardly a move from the fray of action to the ivory tower, Professor Stone saw the appointment as a logical next step in his career of ensuring justice for the less advantaged. As public defender, he was responsible for the management of a 750-person law office. He also served as deputy director and staff attorney for the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, staff attorney for the Criminal Defense Consortium of Cook County, and as a Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellow for the Neighborhood Legal Services Program in Washington, D.C.

While directing the Mandel Clinic for ten years, Randolph Stone created and continues to direct the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Project designed to provide law and social work students the supervised opportunity to participate in justice policy initiatives and to represent children and young adults charged with criminal behavior. He also writes and teaches about race and criminal justice, trial advocacy and juvenile justice.

A past chair of the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section, Randolph serves on many boards and committees including The Sentencing Project, Inc., Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities. (TASC), and the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice.

- **Clinical Professor of Law, University of Chicago Law School and former Director of the Mandel Clinic from 1991 to 2001**
- **Was appointed first African American Cook County Public Defender after national search in 1988**
- **BPI Champion of the Public Interest Award (2008); Excellence in Pro Bono and Public Interest, awarded by US District Court and Federal Bar Association (2001); William R. Ming Award, Cook County Bar Association, in recognition of dedication to civil rights and individual liberties in defense of the Pontiac inmates (1981)**
- **Boards: The Sentencing Project, Inc., Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities, and the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice**

# JACKIE TAYLOR

Founding Executive Director  
Black Ensemble Theater



**Award winning actress, playwright, producer, and Black Ensemble Theatre founder, Jackie Taylor has created an exciting theater company that, at once, celebrates African American culture, reaches diverse audiences to promote inter-group respect and understanding, and teaches young people positive life lessons.**

Jackie Taylor founded the Black Ensemble Theater (BE) in 1976 with a \$1,200 loan as a means “to eradicate racism and its damaging effects on our society.” Over its 33-year history, BE has grown from a small community arts organization to a nationally and internationally renowned cultural institution. Along the way, Ms. Taylor has written, produced, and/or directed over 100 shows that have been performed in Chicago and across the country by over 5,000 artists.

The Black Ensemble Theater today produces five plays a season that reach 60,000 people of diverse races and cultures annually – half African American and half other groups. BE sponsors an extensive educational outreach program in schools and neighborhoods, including “Plays with a Purpose,” a series of original youth-oriented musicals designed to teach students positive life lessons, as well as several community-based programs that use theater arts to enrich the lives of students and families. Its Black Playwrights Initiative has, to date, nurtured 21 emerging playwrights and producers.

Raised in Cabrini Green, Jackie embodies Chicago’s entrepreneurial as well as its public service spirit. Of her work, it’s been said: “Her productions are not only highly educational but uplifting and spiritual. She uses her plays to cross cultural barriers bringing people of all kinds and colors into the theater to celebrate the greatness of the human spirit.”

- **Founder, Black Ensemble Theater (1976)**
- **Author, 100+ plays; producer and director, 55+ plays**
- **President of the African American Arts Alliance of Chicago**
- **Past Vice President of the Chicago League of Theaters**

# CARLOS TORTOLERO

President and Founder  
National Museum of Mexican Art



**Former Chicago public school teacher Carlos Tortolero founded and continues to head the National Museum of Mexican Art, a major arts attraction for Chicagoans and visitors alike, as well as a model for museums of all kinds in reaching out to youth and celebrating cultural diversity.**

A former public school teacher amazed by the dearth of instructional materials that spoke directly to the culture of his students, Carlos Tortolero founded the National Museum of Mexican Art in 1982 and continues to lead it today. The largest Latino arts institution in the nation and the only Latino museum accredited by the American Association of Museums, the Museum has become a national model for its exhibits, performances, arts education programs, advocacy of cultural equity issues, and as an example of how museums need to adapt to changing times.

Twenty exhibitions organized by the Museum have traveled across the U.S., six of which have also toured Mexico. The Museum has two nationally recognized youth initiatives located in the community, including Radio Arte WRTE-FM 90.5 FM, a youth-operated station and the only Latino-owned urban public radio station in the country, and Yollocalli Youth Arts Reach, a program that provides arts training.

In announcing its recent award to Carlos, the Illinois Humanities Council describes his impact: "He has created an institution that uses the arts and humanities to enrich our city and our nation's understanding of and appreciation for Mexican culture...His vision makes the Museum an institution that offers visitors of all ages the best kind of challenge—to look, appreciate, think, discuss, argue, and learn more."

- **Founder and President of the National Museum of Mexican Art**
- **Teacher, counselor and administrator in the Chicago Public Schools (1975–87)**
- **Co-authored *Mexican Chicago*, a photo history book of the Mexican community of Chicago**
- **Public Humanities Award from the Illinois Humanities Council (2008)**
- **Selected as one of the top 101 Latino leaders in the U.S. by *Latino Leaders Magazine* (2008)**
- **Chosen as one of the 100 most influential native-born Mexicans in the U.S. by *Poder Magazine***
- **Will receive UIC's Alumni Achievement Award (October 2009)**

# LOIS WEISBERG

Commissioner of Cultural Affairs  
City of Chicago



**Millennium Park, the Chicago Cultural Center, Gallery 37, Cows on Parade, the Blues Festival, the Jazz Festival: these are among the gifts to our city Lois Weisberg has inspired. In so doing, she has made Chicago a model for a municipality's commitment to culture.**

As Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs since 1989, Lois Weisberg serves as a member of the Mayor's cabinet and supervises a municipal department charged with making the arts accessible to all and promoting the City of Chicago through its distinguished and diverse art and cultural attractions.

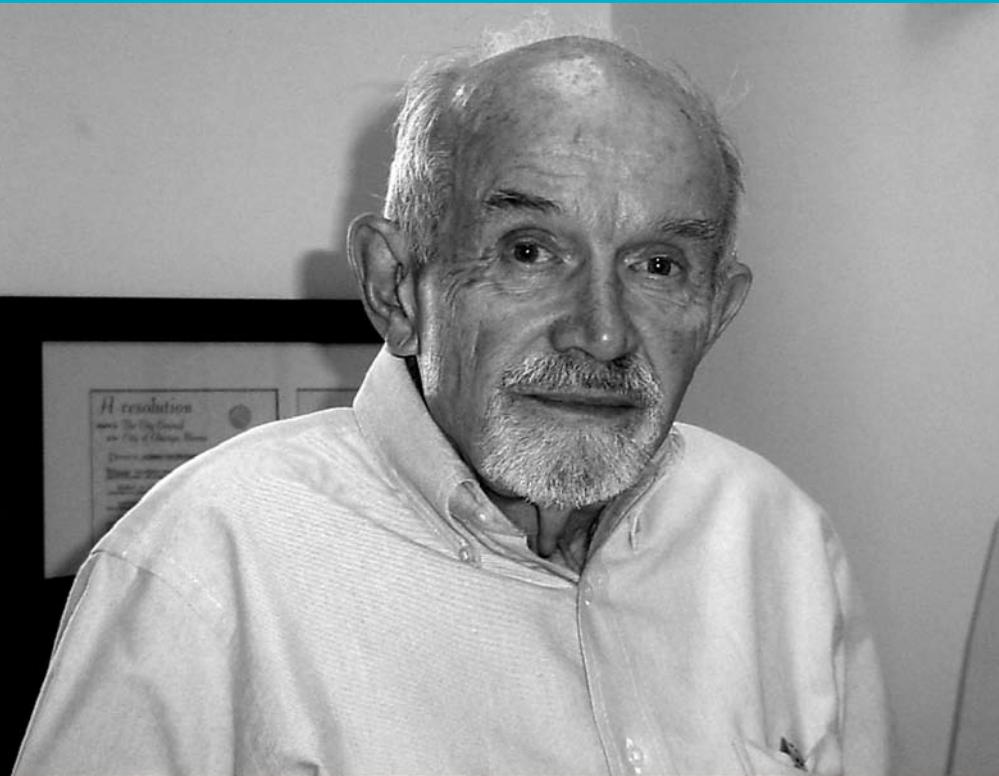
Ms. Weisberg's many accomplishments include establishing the Chicago Cultural Center, making Chicago a national model in cultural tourism through cultural exchanges, initiating public art exhibitions such as Cows on Parade, developing Chicago Neighborhood Tours, managing Millennium Park events, and creating Gallery 37, the Chicago Sister Cities International Program and many other nationally known initiatives. In so doing, she has made the Department a national model for effective municipal support of art and culture.

Previously, Lois served as Director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events where her initiatives included Taste of Chicago, the Chicago Blues Festival, the Chicago Gospel Festival, citywide neighborhood festivals, and the Chicago Holiday Sharing It Program.

- **Commissioner of Cultural Affairs, City of Chicago since 1989**
- **Director of Mayor's Office of Special Events**
- **Director of Public Affairs for the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago; Director of Development for BPI; Executive Director of the Chicago Council of Lawyers**
- **Recognitions: League of Women Voters Civic Contribution Award, the Chicago Tribune "Chicagoan of the Year" award, Crain's Chicago Business "Chicago's 100 Most Influential Women"**

# KALE WILLIAMS

Human Rights Advocate and Former Executive Director,  
Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities



**An activist in the Chicago Freedom Movement, long-time leader of the Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities and a dedicated mentor to the next generation of fair housing activists, Kale Williams has been a giant in helping to create housing opportunity for those denied this basic civil right.**

A tenacious advocate for human rights and nonviolent social change, Kale Williams, after serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, joined the Chicago office of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), challenging racial segregation and developing pacifist responses to war and racial inequality. During his tenure at the AFSC, he worked in African American communities in Chicago, with Native Americans in the southwest, with relief organizations in the Nigeria-Biafra civil war, and with groups opposing the Vietnam war.

The Chicago AFSC staff was deeply engaged in the Chicago Freedom Movement, and Mr. Williams, a member of the Agenda Committee headed by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Al Raby, organized demonstrations and other efforts to reduce poverty and end racial discrimination in the city. In 1972 he became executive director of the Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities, the fair housing organization created in 1966 directly as an outgrowth of Dr. King's call to make Chicago an "open city." Kale led the organization's direct service and fair housing advocacy programs, including administration of the Gautreaux relocation program.

After 20 years at the Leadership Council, Kale became Visiting Professor in Ethics at Loyola University Chicago, and later was appointed Senior Scholar in Loyola's Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL). In addition to teaching and writing, he coordinated the multi-event 40-year anniversary of the Chicago Freedom Movement that examined its legacy and unfulfilled dream of a fully just and inclusive city.

- **Executive Director, Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities, 1972–1992**
- **Professor of Applied Ethics and Senior Scholar in Residence at Loyola University's Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL), 1994-2006**
- **Executive Director, American Friends Service Committee, Midwest Region and a local leader of the Chicago Freedom Movement**

# JUDY WISE

Senior Director  
Facing History and Ourselves



**From Chicago to South Africa, nearly two million young people each year participate in a program that examines racism, genocide and other inhumanities and effectively reduces racist attitudes and bullying while increasing conflict resolution skills. Judy Wise has brought the gift of Facing History and Ourselves to Chicago and is now building the program worldwide.**

Over the past 20 years, Judy Wise has played a leadership role in building Facing History and Ourselves, a nonprofit professional development organization for educators, whose mission is to engage students of diverse backgrounds in an examination of racism, prejudice, and antisemitism in order to promote the development of a more humane and informed citizenry. In 1990, Ms. Wise co-founded Facing History's first regional office in Chicago and served as pro bono Executive Director for 12 years. Chicago's program has grown to reach more than 240,000 students per year in schools across the metro area.

Today, as Senior Director for the Facing History organization, Ms. Wise is an active fundraiser, directs the London office, and helps to manage international growth. Facing History now reaches more than 1.8 million students per year through a global network of educators in eight states and many countries including South Africa, Rwanda, England, Northern Ireland and Israel. Explaining Facing History's mission, Judy says: "We want young people to explore the consequences of racism, antisemitism and indifference in history and in the present to become the kinds of informed, compassionate, active global citizens so critical to a robust democracy. Ultimately we want to educate for a safer, saner world."

Before Facing History, Judy worked for Robert F. Kennedy and managed communications for several local and national campaigns, in addition to roles in broadcast journalism and government. She serves on the Chicago Committee of Human Rights Watch and BPI Board.

- **Co-founded Facing History's first regional office in Chicago and now serves as Senior Director of the organization**
- **Executive Director of the Committee on Illinois Government**
- **Assistant editorial director with CBS-TV and NBC-TV**
- **Social worker and adoption counselor**

# BERNIE WONG

President  
Chinese American Service League



**Bernie Wong has built the Midwest's largest and most comprehensive social service agency serving the Chinese American community. She has assisted thousands of recently arrived residents and helped make Chinatown a vibrant community that visibly supports children and families and celebrates its cultural heritage.**

In 1978, Bernie Wong and nine friends came together to discuss what they might do to address needs in Chicago's Chinese American community—learning English, getting jobs, applying for public benefits, resettling refugees, caring for frail elders, and so on. The challenge: providing services in a culture in which these needs were “supposed” to be met privately within families. The friends forged ahead, and, under Ms. Wong's leadership, built the Chinese American Service League, now the largest social service agency in the Midwest serving Chinese Americans, reaching 17,000 annually with 280 employees.

CASL has helped thousands of newly immigrated Chinese to become independent, productive members of society through comprehensive programming provided by four departments: Family and Community Services, Child Education and Development Services, Elderly Services and Employment and Training.

Among Bernie's recent achievements: she spearheaded the initiative to build a \$6.7 million Senior Housing facility, which houses over 130 elderly residents. In 2004, she led efforts to consolidate CASL's services into a single new \$7 million, award-winning facility, the Kam L. Liu Building.

In honoring her recently, the American Immigration Law Foundation said, “The most amazing quality of Bernie is her ability to reach out and help others.... The Chinese community and City of Chicago are all so much the better because Bernie Wong decided to risk leaving China to call the United States her home.”

- **Co-founder (1978) and current President, Chinese American Service League (CASL)**
- **Driving force in developing the Kam L. Liu headquarters building, winner of the Driehaus Architectural Award in 2004**
- **Co-founder (1979), Chinese Immigrant Service Agencies Network International (CISANI)**
- **Commissioner, Chicago Commission on Human Relations (CCHR)**
- **Executives' Club of Chicago, Illinois Council for the Illinois Department on Aging, Chicago 2016 Olympics Committee, The Chicago Network, Sister Cities of Chicago's China Committee, Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community**

# DR. QUENTIN YOUNG

Founder and Chairman  
Health and Medicine Policy Research Group



**Health care is a human right, not a commodity to be purchased in the marketplace by only those who can pay for it. Dr. Quentin Young has championed this tenet his entire life, improving the quality of care at Cook County Hospital and, through the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group, advancing public policies that expand access to health care.**

Quentin Young, Clinical Professor of Preventive Medicine and Community Health at University of Illinois at Chicago, is well known for his activism in public health policy. While maintaining a demanding clinical practice, in 1981 he founded the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group, a nonprofit organization that advocates for the health care needs of the poor and underserved in Chicago. Victories include legislation supporting birthing centers and a new \$61 million state commitment to long term care.

Dr. Young is also the national coordinator of Physicians for a National Health Program, a Chicago-based national organization of over 17,000 physicians supporting single payer national health insurance. He has served as Chairman of the American College of Physicians' Subcommittee on Human Rights and Medical Practice and a member of its Health and Public Policy Committee. In 1998, he served as President of the American Public Health Association. Before turning to public health policy advocacy, Dr. Young chaired the Department of Medicine at Cook County Hospital. He is the medical contributor to WBEZ-FM.

In a recent interview Quentin said, "Cardinal Bernardin said it best... 'Health care is so important to human life and dignity that it is the responsibility of society to offer access to decent health care to every person.' So the answer is that it should be considered a right guaranteed by society, which means it must be a responsibility of the government."

- **Clinical Professor of Preventive Medicine and Community Health, UIC**
- **Founder, Health & Medicine Policy Research Group**
- **Past President, American Public Health Association**
- **National Coordinator, Physicians for a National Health Program**
- **Past Chair, Cook County Hospital Department of Medicine**

Since its founding in 1969, BPI has sought out and addressed some of the Chicago region’s most significant social justice challenges. Currently BPI works to increase and preserve affordable housing, transform public housing and improve Chicago’s public schools.

Considered one of Chicago’s most tenacious and versatile advocates for the public interest, BPI’s staff of lawyers and policy specialists uses legal and policy research, advocacy, organizing, litigation and collaboration with nonprofit, business, community and governmental organizations to accomplish its mission.

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