

**AITF ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 15 & 16, 2018
SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES**

Jamie Bennett

Executive Director
ArtPlace America



Jamie Bennett is the executive director of [ArtPlace America](#), a partnership among 16 foundations, 8 federal agencies, and 6 financial institutions working to position art and culture as a core sector of community planning and development by investing in, researching, and supporting those who lead and execute creative placemaking projects.

To date, ArtPlace has invested \$85 million in 233 projects in communities of all sizes across the United States in which artists and arts organizations are working with their neighbors to help shape communities' social, physical, and economic futures. Until December 2013, Jamie was Chief of Staff and Director of Public Affairs at the National Endowment for the Arts, where he oversaw the national rollouts of the "Our Town" grant program and partnerships with the US Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Health and Human Services, and Housing and Urban Development.

Previously, Jamie was Chief of Staff at the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, where he oversaw the agency's partnerships with the NYC Departments for the Aging, of Education, and of Youth and Community Development.

Jamie also provided strategic counsel at the Agnes Gund Foundation, served as chief of staff to the President of Columbia University, and worked in fundraising at The Museum of Modern Art, the New York Philharmonic, and Columbia College. Before entering the public sector, Jamie served on the board of the HERE Arts Center. Jamie received a B.A. in drama and theatre arts from Columbia University.

Rachel Bowser

Assistant Dean, School of Liberal Arts
Associate Professor of English
Faculty Senate President
Georgia Gwinnett College



Dr. Bowser is originally from Pittsburgh, Pa., but after eight years feels that she has developed southern roots. She earned her master's in English at West Virginia University and her Ph.D. at Emory University. Bowser taught composition and literature at both those universities as well as at the University of South Carolina Beaufort before joining the GGC faculty in 2010. Bowser's scholarly and teaching interests include Victorian literature and culture, 20th-century British literature and British Romanticism, as well as science fiction and gender studies. Bowser has recently published or presented articles on topics including *Lady Audley's Secret* (a Victorian murder mystery novel), steampunk fiction, mommyblogs and H.G. Wells. When not teaching, grading or reading, Bowser may be found cooking, yoga-ing and/or parenting in her Candler Park neighborhood.

Emily Campbell

Teaching Candidate – Senior
Penn State University – Abington

Nancy Cantor

Chancellor

Rutgers University – Newark



Nancy Cantor is Chancellor of Rutgers University–Newark, a diverse, urban, public research university. A distinguished leader in higher education, Cantor is recognized nationally and internationally as an advocate for leveraging diversity in all its dimensions, re-emphasizing the public mission of colleges and universities as engines of discovery, innovation, and social mobility, and achieving the fulsome potential of universities as anchor institutions that collaborate with partners from sectors to help their communities thrive.

At Rutgers University–Newark, she leads and promulgates efforts to leverage the university’s many strengths, particularly its exceptional diversity, tradition of high-impact research, and role as an anchor institution in Newark, New Jersey, through strategic investments in five broad areas in which the university’s strengths align with those of cross-sector partners: educational pathways from pre-K through college; equitable growth through urban entrepreneurship and economic development; cultivating creative expression through the arts and culture; strong, healthy and safe neighborhoods; and science in the urban environment.

Prior to her current position, Cantor was Chancellor and President of Syracuse University, where the breadth, depth, and success of her efforts to foster mutually beneficial collective impact initiatives between the university and community earned her one of higher education’s highest honors, the Carnegie Corporation Academic Leadership Award, in 2008.

Previously, Cantor had served as chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the University of Michigan, after having served as dean of Michigan’s Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies and vice provost for academic affairs; professor of psychology and senior research scientist at the Institute for Social Research at Michigan; and chair of the department of psychology at Princeton University.

While at Michigan, she was closely involved in the university's defense of affirmative action in the cases Grutter and Gratz, decided by the Supreme Court in 2003. A leading voice on inclusion, diversity, and full participation, she speaks and writes frequently on these issues. She is co-editor with Earl Lewis of the *Our Compelling Interests* book series published by the Princeton University Press. She has served as Principal Investigator on a National Science Foundation ADVANCE



Institutional Transformation grant, and on national bodies including the National Science Foundation Committee on Equal Opportunity in Science and Engineering, The Century Foundation Task Force on Preventing Community Colleges from Becoming Separate and Unequal, the National Research Council Advisory Committee for the Office of Scientific and Engineering Personnel and as co-chair of its Committee on Women in Science and Engineering, the Congressional Commission on Military Training and Gender Related Issues, the advisory group of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences Lincoln Project on Excellence and Access in Public Higher Education, the Aspen Institute Task Force on College Opportunity for High Achievers, and the Ford Foundation's Steering Committee of the project Building Knowledge for Social Justice.

In her role as a social psychologist, Chancellor Cantor is recognized for her scholarly contributions to the understanding of how individuals perceive and think about their social worlds, pursue personal goals, and how they regulate their behavior to adapt to life's most challenging social environments.

Chancellor Cantor lectures and writes extensively on the role of universities as anchor institutions in their communities, along with other crucial issues in higher education such as rewarding public scholarship, sustainability, liberal education and the creative campus, the status of women in the academy, and racial justice and diversity. Her thought is informed by broad leadership experience at all levels within public and private universities, as well as national and international organizations, positioning her as a sought after advisor and speaker on urban economic and community development.

An author of numerous books, chapters, and scientific journal articles, Chancellor Cantor holds an A.B. from Sarah Lawrence College and a Ph.D. in Psychology from Stanford University. Her academic and leadership work has been supported by the National Science Foundation, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Ewing Marion Kaufmann Foundation, and Carnegie Corporation of New York, among many others.

Cantor is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the National Academy of Medicine of the National Academies. Among the boards and committees of which Cantor currently is a member are the American Institutes for Research, the American Assembly, the Ford Foundation's International Fellows Program Advisory Council, Presidents Subgroup of the Anchor Institutions Task Force, the Newark Trust for Education, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, co-chair of the steering committee of the Presidents Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration, and chair of the Newark Anchor Collaborative. She has been honored with numerous awards, including the Robert Zemsky Medal for Innovation in Higher Education, the Distinguished Scientific Award for an Early Career Contribution to Psychology from the American Psychological Association, the Woman of Achievement Award from the Anti-Defamation League, the Making a Difference for Women Award from the National Council for Research on Women, the Reginald Wilson Diversity Leadership Award from the American Council on Education, and the Frank W. Hale, Jr. Diversity Leadership Award from the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education.

Megan Collado

Director

ACADEMYHEALTH



Megan Collado is a director at AcademyHealth, where she manages a number of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grantmaking programs and is the Project Director of an AHRQ-sponsored conference grant that convenes policy audiences to discuss the evidence and future research needs related to health care costs, financing, organization and markets.

Megan's primary responsibilities include project management, program design and implementation, research translation, and grantmaking and proposal evaluation. Megan also provides leadership as needed on AcademyHealth projects related to health reform, health care value, public/population health, and price transparency.

Prior to joining AcademyHealth in 2012, Megan provided research assistance at the Center for Managing Chronic Disease at the University of Michigan School of Public Health; at the Center for Healthcare Research and Transformation, in Ann Arbor, Michigan; and at the Child Policy Research Center at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Earlier in her career, Megan served as the interim Director of Development for a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Cincinnati, Ohio. She received a B.A. in Spanish with a minor in gender and health studies and an M.P.H. in health management and policy from the University of Michigan.

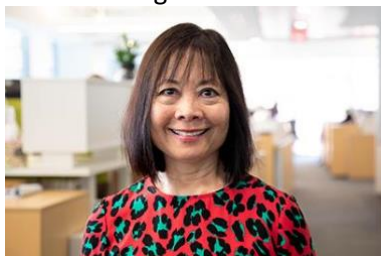
Monica Cowart

Vice Provost and Professor of Philosophy
Merrimack College



Kitty Hsu Dana

Senior Health Policy Advisory, Institute for Youth, Education, and Families
National League of Cities



Kitty Hsu Dana is the Senior Health Policy Advisor with the National League of Cities, assisting with implementation of the RWJF Culture of Health grant, among other efforts. Previously she served as Vice President of Community Impact, Health for United Way Worldwide. She supported its network of 1800 local organizations in 41 countries on evidence-based strategies and resources, connections with thought leaders and collaborations across sectors to change underlying conditions that affect health where people live, work, learn and play. Prior to UWW, she held senior positions in a diversity of settings, including the American Public Health Association, the Helix Health Systems, and Planned Parenthood of Maryland. Kitty has a BA magna cum laude from Princeton University and an MBA from the Kellogg School at Northwestern University.

Sheryl Davis

Executive Director

San Francisco Human Rights Commission



Sheryl Evans Davis is the Executive Director of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC). Director Davis previously served as Commissioner between 2011 and 2016, including a tenure as Vice Chair of the Commission.

Prior to joining the HRC, Director Davis was Executive Director of Collective Impact, a community-based organization in the Western Addition neighborhood of San Francisco. As Executive Director, she oversaw Mo'MAGIC, Magic Zone, and the Ella Hill Hutch Community Center. Mo'MAGIC, a collaborative of non-profit organizations, addresses challenges facing low-income children, youth and families in the areas of economic development, community health, and violence prevention. Magic Zone provides education and wraparound services to K-12 students and transitional aged youth. The Ella Hill Hutch Community Center provides community-building services and workforce development opportunities to neighborhood residents. During her tenure at Collective Impact, Director Davis forged private and public sector partnerships to provide critical health and social services to historically underserved communities across San Francisco.

Director Davis has also served on the SFPD Fair & Impartial Policing and Community Policing Advisory Committees, Fillmore Community Benefits District, and Redevelopment Agency's Western Addition Citizen Advisory Committee. She holds a BA degree from San Francisco State University and Master's in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco.

Michellene Davis

Executive Vice President & Chief Corporate Affairs Officer
RWJ Barnabas Health



As the Executive Vice President and Chief Corporate Affairs Officer for RWJBarnabas Health, Michellene Davis leads Social Impact and Community Investment across the System. She oversees the areas of Policy Development and Governmental and External Affairs, Healthy Living and Community and Employee Wellness and Engagement, and Global Health. She is the creator of the RWJBarnabas Health Women’s Leadership Alliance and Institute for Corporate Internship. Davis helps to direct the strategic policy decisions of the System and strengthens the System’s position with state and federal elected officials and agencies. She joined Barnabas Health in 2009, and soon after was named Executive Vice President of Corporate Affairs, the first woman and first person of color to serve as an Executive Vice President in the Barnabas Health system’s history.

In 2017, Davis was named to the top 10 on the NJBIZ Health Care Power 50, and to the 2017 Top 100 in Business, both lists on which she has been named previously. She has also been ranked by NJBIZ as the State of New Jersey’s top lobbyist in the healthcare industry and by PolitickerNJ as one of the most politically powerful people in the State of New Jersey. Prior to her current position, Davis served in several high-ranking statewide political appointment positions.

Before joining Barnabas Health, Davis served as Chief Policy Counsel to former New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine, the first African American to serve in the role, and Acting New Jersey State Treasurer. Prior to Treasury, Davis led the \$2.4 billion New Jersey Lottery as Executive Director and CEO and served as a senior policy advisor in the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. Davis has a proven record of supporting women throughout her career and, while Acting State Treasurer of New Jersey founded the New Jersey Department of the Treasury’s Office of Supplier Diversity and Division of Minority and Women Owned Businesses.

Davis is also active in her civic community. She serves as: a member of the Board of Governors of Rowan University – Rutgers Camden; a member of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center Women’s Board, Trustee of the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association; Secretary to the Board of the New Jersey Legislative Black Caucus Foundation; and President of the Executive Women of New Jersey. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Caucus Educational Trust, and is a member of the Seton Hall Law School Diversity Council, the Association of Black Women Lawyers, the New Jersey State Bar Association, the Garden State Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Women’s Political Caucus of New Jersey. Formerly, she served on the Corporate Advisory Board of the Boys and Girls Club of New Jersey, the Board of Trustees of Essex County College and Sacred Heart University in Connecticut.

Davis has received national and statewide recognition for her dedication and career accomplishments. Most recently, she received the 2016 Evangelina Menendez Trailblazer Award from U.S. Senator Robert Menendez and was also the recipient of the 2016 Corporate Sector Award from the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association. Previously, she was named the 2015 LUPE Amiga of the Year, 2014 Business Advocate of the Year by the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and selected as one of The Network Journal's 2014 Top 25 Most Influential Black Women in Business in the United States. She has been honored by numerous civic organizations.

She began her legal career as a trial litigator, is an Honors graduate of Seton Hall University and holds a Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall School of Law.

Dreama Gentry

Executive Director

Partners for Education at Berea College



Dreama Gentry provides leadership and vision as the executive director of Partners for Education at Berea College. Gentry is committed to shamelessly advocating for rural students living in poverty and tirelessly works to ensure that the national dialogue around educational success includes the voices of rural students. A first-generation college graduate from rural Appalachia, Gentry holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Berea College and a juris doctor from the University of Kentucky College of Law.

Ira Harkavy

Associate Vice President & Director
Netter Center at the University of Pennsylvania



Ira Harkavy is Associate Vice President and founding Director of the Barbara and Edward Netter Center for Community Partnerships, University of Pennsylvania. As Director of the Netter Center since 1992, Harkavy has helped to develop academically based community service courses and participatory action research projects that involve creating university-community partnerships and university-assisted community schools in Penn's local community of West Philadelphia. Harkavy teaches in history, urban studies, and Africana studies, as well as in the Graduate School of Education.

Dr. Harkavy has written and lectured widely on the history and current practice of urban university-community-school partnerships and strategies for integrating the university missions of research, teaching, learning, and service. He has co-edited and co-authored seven books: *Knowledge for Social Change: Bacon, Dewey and the Revolutionary Transformation of Research Universities in the Twenty-First Century* (2017, co-authored with Lee Benson, John Puckett, Matthew Hartley, Rita A. Hodges, Francis E. Johnston, and Joann Weeks); *Higher Education for Democratic Innovation*, (2016, co-edited with Sjur Bergan and Tony Gallagher); *Reimagining Democratic Societies: A New Era of Personal and Social Responsibility* (2013, co-edited with Sjur Bergan and Hilligje van't Land); *The Obesity Culture: Strategies for Change, Public Health and University-Community Partnerships* (2009, co-authored with Francis Johnston); *Dewey's Dream: Universities and Democracies in an Age of Education Reform* (2007, co-authored with Lee Benson and John Puckett); *Higher Education and Democratic Culture: Citizenship, Human Rights and Civic Responsibility* (2007, co-edited with Josef Huber); and *Connecting Past and Present: Models of Service Learning in History* (2000, co-edited with Bill Donovan). He is also Executive Editor of the Netter Center's journal, *Universities and Community Schools*.

Harkavy is the Chair of the National Science Foundation's Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (CEOSE); US Chair of the International Consortium on Higher Education, Civic Responsibility, and Democracy; Chair of the Anchor Institutions Task Force; and a member of the Harvard College National Advisory Board for Public Service.

Among other honors, Harkavy is the recipient of the University of Pennsylvania's Alumni Award of Merit, Campus Compact's Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service Learning, New American

Colleges and Universities' Ernest L. Boyer Award, a Fulbright Senior Specialist Grant, and two honorary degrees. Under his directorship, the Netter Center for Community Partnerships received the inaugural William T. Grant Foundation Youth Development Prize awarded by The National Academies and a Best Practices/Outstanding Achievement Award from HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research. In addition, with Harkavy's and the Netter Center's significant involvement, Penn has twice received the Presidential Award in Higher Education Community Service (2008 and 2012), and tied for the number one ranking as "Best Neighbor" University (2009) by the national Survey of Best College and University Civic Partnerships.

Harkavy received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in History from the University of Pennsylvania.

Kecia Hayes

Executive Director, Double Discovery Center
Columbia University



Ryan Haygood

President & CEO

New Jersey Institute for Social Justice



Ryan Haygood is a nationally-respected civil rights lawyer. He became the third president and CEO of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice in 2015.

In this role, Ryan leverages his national legal expertise to advance the Institute's work in empowering New Jersey's urban communities where residents are connected to full-time, meaningful jobs, have access to affordable housing, credit, and the democratic process, and are treated fairly by the criminal justice system.

Prior to leading the Institute, Ryan served as the deputy director of litigation at the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund Inc. (LDF), where he worked for more than a decade. At LDF, Haygood litigated some of the most important civil rights cases of our time. In two of those cases, he defended a core provision of the Voting Rights Act, widely regarded as one of the nation's greatest pieces of civil rights legislation, before the United States Supreme Court.

A passionate advocate, Ryan speaks and writes regularly on issues concerning race, law, social justice, and democracy. He is frequently interviewed by media outlets, including: the Star Ledger, WBGO, MSNBC, CNN, National Public Radio, and the New York Times. Prior to joining LDF, Ryan was a litigation associate in the New York office of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, LLP, and was a recipient of the prestigious LDF/Fried Frank Fellowship. At Fried, Frank, Ryan represented clients in a variety of complex commercial and civil rights matters before federal courts.

Ryan received his J.D. from the University of Colorado School of Law and B.A. in American History and Political Science cum laude from Colorado College, where he was nominated for the Rhodes scholarship and earned academic and athletic All-American and hall of fame honors as a football player. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from Colorado College in 2011.

Malik Henfield

Associate Dean and Professor
University of San Francisco



Dr. Malik S. Henfield is the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Research, and Faculty Advancement in the School of Education at the [University of San Francisco](#), where he is also a Full Professor in the School Counseling Program. He received a B.A. in Biology from Francis Marion University, a M.Ed. and Ed.S. in K-12 School Counseling from The University of South Carolina, and a Ph.D. in Counselor Education from The Ohio State University.

During his undergraduate studies, Dr. Henfield was named to the Francis Marion University President's List (Fall 1993). He was also awarded the Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Omega Man of the Year Award for his continued service to the university and community in 1997 and again during his tenure as Basileus in 1998.

Shortly after graduation from the University of South Carolina's school counseling program, Dr. Henfield took a professional school counseling position at Blackville-Hilda Junior High School, located in Blackville, South Carolina. In addition to this position, Dr. Henfield gained professional experience counseling multicultural gifted students as an academic counselor for the Center for Talented Youth (CTY)—a world renowned gifted education program—at their flagship site, Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, Maryland.

While enrolled as a Ph.D. student in the Counselor Education program at The Ohio State University, Dr. Henfield was awarded the F.P. and G.K. Gross Academic Scholarship. He also had the distinction of being named a National Holmes Scholar as well as the Counselor Education program's Outstanding Doctoral Student for the 2005-2006 school year.

Dr. Henfield has also published multiple scholarly manuscripts and books, and delivered numerous national, regional, state, and local keynote addresses & professional presentations. His scholarship situates Black students' lived experiences in a broader ecological milieu to critically explore how their personal, social, academic and career success is impeded and enhanced by school, family and community contexts. His work to date has focused heavily on the experiences of Black students formally identified as gifted/high-achieving while his latest projects focus more exclusively on developing, implementing, and evaluating in- and out-of-school interventions associated with developing Black students ready to succeed in college and careers. As a counselor educator, Professor Henfield also has a fundamental belief in mental health as a key component in meeting students' needs and is, therefore, committed to diversifying the counseling profession as a means to help the profession better reflect current demographics. To that end, he also researches underrepresented students' (Black and international students) experiences in counselor training programs as a means to uncover the connection between programmatic factors and positive student outcomes and experiences, which has direct implications for increased diversity in the counseling profession. He has consulted on these topics at Atlanta Public School District, Baltimore City Public School District, Oakland Unified School District, and San Francisco Unified School District, and many

other school districts and community stakeholders across the country on topics related to his scholarly interests.

Over the years, Dr. Henfield has been widely recognized for his scholarship and service including winning the American Education Research Association (AERA) Division E Research Paper of the Year Award, the Chi Sigma Iota International Honor Society's Outstanding Article Award, and the Outstanding Research Award from the North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (NCACES). In terms of leadership recognition, he was named an Emerging Leader by the Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) International Education Association, a Young Academic Fellow by the Institute for Higher Education and the Lumina Foundation, and was elected Chair of one of AERA's largest Special Interest Groups (SIG), the Critical Examination of Race, Ethnicity, Class, and Gender in Education SIG.

J. Aaron Hipp

Associate Professor of Community Health and Sustainability
North Carolina State University



Jeff Hornstein

Executive Director
Economy League of Greater Philadelphia



Prior to his appointment as Executive Director of the Economy League, Jeff served as Director of Financial and Policy Analysis for the Philadelphia City Controller where he advised the Controller and worked on critical issues relating to Philadelphia's fiscal health. Under Jeff's leadership, the Policy Unit produced numerous data-driven policy analyses on topics including the City's property tax system, tax delinquency and receivables issues, tax incentive programs, charter school finances, the

efficacy of the City's tourism and convention promotion entities, and the state of retirement security in Philadelphia. In collaboration with the City's Commerce Department, he began coordination of a citywide initiative to increase local spending by Philadelphia's major eds-and-meds anchor institutions, and will continue to coordinate Philadelphia Anchors for Growth and Equity as Executive Director of the Economy League.

In his civic life, Jeff serves on the boards of Queen Village Neighbors Association, a civic association in Philadelphia, as well as the Philadelphia Crosstown Coalition, a citywide organization representing 25 civic associations. He helped convene the Friends Of Neighborhood Education, a citywide initiative to build community support for neighborhood public schools. He has also participated in several of our Leadership Exchanges and ran for City Council in 2011.

After leaving academia in 2001 with a PhD in business history and publication of a well-regarded book on the real estate industry "A Nation of Realtors," Jeff spent a decade in the labor movement. He helped low-wage workers in the service and education sectors build workplace and political power. Born in Brooklyn, a product of public schools in Matawan, NJ, with degrees from MIT, Penn, and the University of Maryland, he has called Philadelphia home since 2001.

Harvey Kesselman

President
Stockton University



Leading under the guiding principle of "students first," Dr. Harvey Kesselman presides over Stockton University as its fifth President. With beginnings as unique as the university itself, Dr. Kesselman is the only sitting university president to have been in the inaugural class of the very institution he serves.

Throughout Kesselman's nearly four decades long tenure, he has successfully held leadership positions within virtually every major division of the university, to include Provost and Executive Vice

President, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Dean of the School of Education, making him the best versed ambassador of Stockton University. Devoted to the success of the university, Kesselman oversees a \$228 million budget which serves 1,200 faculty and staff and supports more than 9,200 students enrolled in more than 50 undergraduate and graduate programs.

At the onset of his presidency, Dr. Kesselman took immediate strides to strengthen the value of a Stockton degree. Under his leadership, the University achieved record-breaking growth in enrollment. Kesselman spearheaded the revamp of student enrollment and recruitment efforts; and as a result, in the fall 2017, Stockton enrolled 1,569 new matriculated freshmen (*an increase of 32% above our previous record high*) and 988 transfers, making this the largest number of new students in the University's history.

Committed to advancing the University's mission, Dr. Kesselman has also successfully advocated for increased state appropriations, improved campus capacity, advanced University recognition and reputation, increased institutional giving, rededicated institutional commitment to shared governance and transparency, and developed stronger community and regional relationships.

To improve campus capacity, Kesselman has enhanced and expanded facilities in Manahawkin, and has completed construction for the new academic quad expansion on the Galloway campus, which includes a \$33.2 million Unified Science Center 2 and a \$15.2 million Health Sciences Center.

In keeping with Stockton's firm commitment to Atlantic City and the surrounding community, President Kesselman has secured a firm footing in the area, negotiating a monumental public-private partnership to build a multi-million dollar state-of-the-art residential campus and parking garage in Atlantic City. In what may prove to be one of the most distinctive accomplishments in the history of the university, Kesselman's visionary prowess and collaborative nature has positioned Stockton University's Atlantic City Campus to be, not only a solid anchor institution, but a major economic driver for the region, and the educational capital of southern New Jersey. The campus is scheduled to open in Fall 2018.

As one of New Jersey's most prominent and highly regarded educational leaders, Dr. Kesselman's sphere of influence reaches well beyond the local community. Currently, he serves as chair of the Presidents of the NJ Association of State Colleges and Universities (NJASCU); and was recently elected by 57 counterparts from New Jersey public and private colleges/universities to serve as vice-chair of the New Jersey Presidents' Council (NJPC). Known as a leading authority in public policy on higher education, President Kesselman was appointed by the American Council on Education (ACE) to serve as a member of the Commission on Internationalization and Global Engagement (CIGE). In addition, Dr. Kesselman is frequently called upon by state and local officials to provide specialized expertise, which proved to be invaluable as a distinguished member of the transitional teams for newly elected NJ Governor Phillip Murphy and Atlantic City's Mayor Frank Gilliam.

Dr. Kesselman's efforts in diversity and inclusion has earned Stockton national recognition, receiving the *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine's 2016 and 2017 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award, and the 2018 Inclusive Excellence Awards from the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education (NADOHE). Stockton has also received national recognition as a front-runner in civic learning and community engagement, receiving the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), Excellence in Innovation Award for Civic Learning and Community Engagement Inaugural Award, in 2017. With a host of awards and many special recognitions, Kesselman's efforts have advanced the reputation of Stockton University and catapulted the institution's brand into the national arena.

A former member of the Executive Committee of the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA), Dr. Kesselman helped oversee New Jersey's \$1 billion student financial aid program. He also provided his expertise on the Governor's Task Force to improve the NJ STARS program, and helped develop the NJ Student Unit Record Enrollment (SURE) statewide data and monitoring system.

He has advised the New Jersey College and University Presidents' Council regarding accountability and assessment, and represented the senior public colleges and universities in the NJ Committee of Experts on Campus Sexual Assault Issues. In addition, he founded and chaired the SRI & ETTC Consortium, which includes more than 90 school districts throughout New Jersey.

President Kesselman received his doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Widener University, his master's degree in Student Personnel Services/Counseling from Rowan University, his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Stockton, and is a tenured Professor in Stockton's School of Education, making him the most recognizable alumnus in Stockton's history.

Mariya Khandros

Director of Shared Solutions
Economy League of Greater Philadelphia



Mariya Khandros is the Director of Shared Solutions at the Economy League. Her primary responsibility is to oversee the development and implementation of Philadelphia Anchors for Growth and Equity, a project focused on increasing local purchasing by Philadelphia's hospitals, universities and other major employers with the goal of creating jobs and reducing poverty.

Prior to joining the Economy League, Mariya was an Economic Policy Analyst at the Office of the Philadelphia City Controller, where she supervised the analysis of the Five Year Plan, as well as other research projects focused on Philadelphia's tax and economic policy. Additionally, she held positions with the Urban Affairs Committee at the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, NorthEast Treatment Centers, the Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust (PREIT), and A.T. Kearney (a management consulting firm).

Mariya holds a Master of Public Administration from the Fels Institute of Government, a B.S. in Economics from the Wharton School of Businesses, and a B.A. in International Studies from the University of Pennsylvania's College of Arts and Sciences. Mariya lives with her husband in West Philadelphia.

Amir Kirkwood

First Vice President, Commercial Banking
Amalgamated Bank



Amir leads Amalgamated Bank's efforts to bolster local communities by elevating institutions that prioritize positive community impact. He applies that expertise to advise the foundation's impact investing activity. Previously, Amir was a director at Citi Community Capital in its Municipal Securities division. He serves on the board of IFF, Inc., a leading Community Development Financial Institution.

Pamela A. Koprowski

Principal, Cardinale Associates
Public Affairs Consultant, Stamford Hospital



Pamela A. Koprowski is an accomplished public affairs executive with more than three decades of public relations, government affairs and community relations experience, including strategic communications, program development, planning management and execution. As public affairs consultant to Stamford Health, Ms. Koprowski has provided strategic guidance for successful outreach to government, corporate and nonprofit stakeholders to support the Hospital's Facility Master Plan. Currently, Ms. Koprowski supports Stamford Health's Community Health Improvement Plan and Vita Health & Wellness Community Collaborative.

As director of public affairs at Stamford Hospital for a decade, her accomplishments include the opening of new facilities, development of programs and guiding the regulatory process for approval of the new Stamford Hospital campus, state approval Emergency Angioplasty and Open Heart surgery. Ms. Koprowski directed local, state and federal government relations, public relations,

community relations and internal and external communications and program development including *Paint the Town Pink*, a breast cancer community awareness campaign and *Kids' Fans*, a program to raise awareness, prevent and treat childhood obesity.

Previously, Ms. Koprowski served as Director of Public Affairs for Champion International Corporation. In Stamford, she directed the public affairs strategy to successfully fund, construct and open a new downtown campus of the University of Connecticut, and managed the communication strategy that successfully generated private and public support for the project. As the founding president of Stamford Neighborhood Housing Services, led the campaign to fund Connecticut's first Mutual Housing development and raised private contributions to support housing rehabilitation and nonprofit affordable housing programs. Ms. Koprowski served on the Advisory Board of Reading Is Fundamental, was a Director of the Connecticut Association for Human Services and the United Way of Stamford, among other organizations, and was awarded the Dr. Joyce Yerwood Community Service Award by the NAACP-Stamford Branch. She lives in Stamford, Connecticut.

Terri Lipman

Assistant Dean of Community Engagement and Professor of Nursing of Children
University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing



Dr. Terri Lipman is the Assistant Dean for Community Engagement, the Miriam Stirl Endowed Term Professor of Nutrition and Professor of Nursing of Children at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Senior Fellow in the Center for Public Health Initiatives and a Distinguished Fellow of the Netter Center for Community Partnerships. Dr. Lipman developed and maintains the Philadelphia Pediatric Diabetes Registry, the only such ongoing registry in the country. Her research is currently focused on disparities in the care and outcomes of children with diabetes and gender disparities in the evaluation of linear growth. She is funded by the NIH to study an Academic/ Community Partnership to Increase Activity in Youth and their Families, and by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to integrate community health workers into care of underserved children with chronic disorders. Dr. Lipman has collaborated with the Netter Center since 2005. She directs or co-directs three Academically Based Community Service courses and developed the Dance for Health Program- an intergenerational program to increase activity in the community. The program is presently in five sites in West Philadelphia and has resulted in multiple awards and national scientific presentations by Penn pediatric nurse practitioner students and Philadelphia high school students.

Suzy Loftus

Former President
SF Police Commission



Suzy Loftus has served San Francisco law enforcement for over a decade as a prosecutor, police commissioner, and award-winning community and youth advocate. Loftus currently serves as Legal Counsel for San Francisco Sheriff Vicki Hennessy.

Suzy worked in Bayview Hunters Point to help build the Center for Youth Wellness, an innovative non-profit working to heal children suffering from the impacts of violence and chronic adversity. Her work earned her the James Irvine Leadership Award for California in 2014.

As the President of the San Francisco Police Commission, Suzy prioritized improving the Police Department's response to violence against women and children, expanding the use technology to solve crime, and worked to make our streets safe for all – pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. Under her leadership, the Police Commission reformed the city's use of force policy and instituted body-worn cameras to increase transparency and improve police-community relations.

Suzy previously served as General Counsel at the California Department of Justice, where she oversaw important cases that were a top priority to state Attorney General Kamala D. Harris. Suzy also served as the Assistant Director of the Division of Law Enforcement in the state Department of Justice, overseeing the state's forensic and digital evidence services. Suzy proudly served as a San Francisco prosecutor, where she prosecuted misdemeanor and felony cases, including domestic violence, elder abuse, and firearms cases.

Suzy is a graduate of Emerge California, a program that trains Democratic women to run for elected office. She is a native San Franciscan and along with her husband, Tom Loftus, and her mother Maureen Roche, are raising three daughters in San Francisco's Outer Sunset neighborhood.

Stephanie Martin-Kull

Teaching Candidate - Senior
Penn State University – Abington

Ann Martinelli

Associate Teaching Professor
Program Chair of Education
Penn State University - Abington



Alison Marx

Operating Officer, Department of Pediatrics
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia



David Maurrasse

President, Marga Incorporated
Director, AITF



Dr. David Maurrasse is the Founder and President of Marga Incorporated, a consulting firm founded in 2000 providing strategic advice and research to philanthropic initiatives and community partnerships. Marga coordinates the work of the Anchor Institutions Task Force. Dr. Maurrasse serves as the Director of this growing network of over 800 members, which is an action-oriented learning community promoting the engagement of enduring institutions (e.g. universities and medical centers) in community and economic development.

Marga also coordinates the Race and Equity in Philanthropy Group (REPG), which engages a cluster of member foundations in strengthening policies and practices on racial equity, diversity, and inclusion. The California Endowment, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the San Francisco Foundation, the California Wellness Foundation, and the Ford Foundation are among the many foundations which have participated in REPG.

Numerous foundations and universities have received assistance from Marga over the years. Maurrasse is a Senior Fellow at the New World Foundation. Marga is a member of the National Network of Consultants to Grantmakers. Marga's work has taken Dr. Maurrasse across the United States, as well as to Asia, Africa, Europe, the United Kingdom, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Middle East.

Since 2000, Dr. Maurrasse has been affiliated with Columbia University, where he currently serves as Adjunct Associate Professor and Adjunct Research Scholar. His periodic course, *Strategy, Community Partnerships and Philanthropy* exposes Columbia graduate students in the School of International and Public Affairs to emerging trends in creative philanthropic and community development strategies to address critical social issues. From 1995 to 2000 Dr. Maurrasse was an Assistant Professor of Sociology and African American Studies at Yale University, and a Senior Program Advisor at the Rockefeller Foundation from 1998 to 2000.

Dr. Maurrasse has published numerous books, including *Strategic Public Private Partnerships: Innovation and Development* (2013), *Listening to Harlem* (2006), *A Future for Everyone: Innovative Social Responsibility and Community Partnerships* (2004), *Beyond the Campus: How Colleges and Universities Form Partnerships with Their Communities* (2001). His most recent book project, *Philanthropy and Society* (2019) will explore how strategic philanthropy can better include the perspectives and participation of grantee communities. Maurrasse has served on numerous

boards, two of which he has chaired. He is currently a Trustee at Bucknell University. He is a member of the Global Urban Competitiveness Project, which periodically convenes in various parts of the world. Maurrasse has keynoted several conferences, focusing on how to leverage institutional resources to meet pressing social and economic needs. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and he holds a Ph.D. from Northwestern University.

Courtney McBeth

Special Assistant to the President for Higher Education Innovation and Project Director, American Dream Ideas Challenge
University of Utah



Michelle McDonald

Chief Officer for Academic Programming, Atlantic City, and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Stockton University



Michelle Craig McDonald is the Chief Officer for Academic Programming, Atlantic City and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs at Stockton University. In this capacity, she coordinates Stockton's off-campus instructional sites, including the university's new Atlantic City Academic

Center, to ensure their smooth integration with main campus. In addition, she oversees the Offices of Research and Sponsored Programs, Office of Continuing Studies, Center for Community Engagement, and Office of Global Engagement, and is the University's Accreditation Liaison Officer to Middle States Commission on Higher Education and other national, regional, state and local agencies in higher education.

Dr. McDonald is also Associate Professor of History in the School of Arts and Humanities, and her research and scholarship has been supported by grants from the Fulbright Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, and the U.S. Department of Education. Since joining Stockton in 2006, Dr. McDonald has served in a number of administrative capacities, as History Program Coordinator (2012-14), Vice President of the Faculty Senate (2013-15), Co-Chair of the Faculty Senate Task Force on University Status (2012-14), co-chair of the Pan-College Task Force on University Status (2014), Faculty Administrative Fellow in the Office of the Provost (2013), and Assistant Provost (2015-17).

Dr. McDonald received her Ph.D. in History from the University of Michigan, an M.A. in Museum and American Studies from George Washington University, an M.A. in Liberal Arts from St. John's College, and a B.A. in History from the University of California (Los Angeles). She was also the Harvard-Newcomen Post-Doctoral Fellow in Business History at the Harvard Business School in 2005, the year before she came to Stockton University.

Megan McHugh

Associate Professor
Northwestern University



Dr. McHugh is a health services researcher with an interest in quality improvement, patient flow and emergency department crowding, the safety net, and health policy/health reform. She has conducted a number of multi-method, multi-site evaluations and directed statistical analyses using data from large national data sets. Currently Dr. McHugh is leading an evaluation of Urgent Matters, a program to improve patient flow and reduce crowding in emergency departments.

Lily McNair

President

Tuskegee University



Dr. Lily D. McNair has been selected as Tuskegee University's eighth president by unanimous vote of the university's Board of Trustees. Her appointment as Tuskegee's first female president comes after nearly seven years of service as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Wagner College — a private college of 2,200 students located on New York's Staten Island.

She previously served as associate provost of research and divisional coordinator for science and mathematics at Spelman College, where she was responsible for cultivating the institution's research capabilities. This included strengthening its infrastructure of policies and procedures related to faculty involvement in research, and developing a coordinated system to improve the efficient use of its research resources.

Dr. McNair served as associate professor of psychology and associate director of the Clinical Psychology Doctoral Training Program at The University of Georgia, where in 1999 she was the first African-American woman to obtain tenure and promotion in the Department of Psychology. She also has served as professor of psychology on the faculty of The State University of New York at New Paltz, and as a clinical psychologist at Vassar College.

A clinical psychologist by training, Dr. McNair's research has focused on the development and evaluation of community-based interventions targeting substance use and early sexual behavior in African-American youth. Her work has been funded by the National Institutes of Mental Health, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Preliminary findings of these longitudinal studies are demonstrating the significant impact of positive parenting practices on children's outcomes across a variety of domains. Dr. McNair is also the co-editor of *Women: Images and Realities* (4th ed.), an introductory multicultural women's studies textbook.

Dr. McNair's continuing research interests include examining the role of stress in the alcohol consumption of female college students. This interest, dating back to her dissertation research, marked the beginning of her longstanding interest in gender-related issues in social behavior. She continued this line of research while at The University of Georgia by investigating cognitive factors related to alcohol use and risky sexual behaviors, with particular attention to gender-related influences on decision-making and risk taking. Her work examines two specific areas of sexual risk:

sexual behaviors related to the transmission of HIV/AIDS (unsafe sexual practices) and sexual aggression (i.e., acquaintance rape). Dr. McNair also is interested in the dyadic nature of alcohol use and sexual risk-taking, and has begun to investigate the changes in alcohol consumption and sexual risk-taking that occur in dating couples over the course of their relationships.

Dr. McNair has served as major professor for more than 10 doctoral students in clinical psychology at The University of Georgia, where she was actively involved in both undergraduate and graduate training. She considers her contributions to the education of junior scholars to be among the most rewarding aspect of her career at UGA, where she was actively involved in increasing the numbers of African-American graduate students in the Department of Psychology.

A native of New Jersey, Dr. McNair holds an undergraduate degree in psychology from Princeton University, and master's and doctoral degrees in psychology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. She is married to Dr. George W. Roberts, a retired senior administrator at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Together they have two adult children: Randall Roberts and Marguerite Roberts.

Eileen McNeely

Co-Director, Sustainability and Health Initiative for NetPositive Enterprise
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health



Dr. McNeely conducts research and teaches in the Environmental Occupational Medicine and Epidemiology Program. She has worked as a consultant, researcher, clinician, and educator in the field for over twenty years. She is Co-Director of [SHINE at the Center for Health and the Global Environment](#); she co-leads the initiative for the sustainability of health and human capital in the workplace.

Sarah Munro

Campus-Community Partnerships and Director, University Neighborhood Partners,
University of Utah



Sarah Munro became Director of UNP in 2015. She works with community and higher education partners to guide UNP in its long-term strategy of building reciprocally beneficial partnerships that reduce barriers to educational opportunity for residents of west Salt Lake neighborhoods. Dr. Munro received a Ph.D. in Anthropology in 2002 from the University of Michigan. Her research focused on community organizing, leadership, and gender relations. She spent time in Italy, India and Nepal working on issues of social activism and community development, preceded by work as a journalist in Italy. Her passion for bringing multiple forms of knowledge to bear on complex social issues led her to UNP in 2002, just after it was founded. Dr. Munro has helped to develop a range of University-community partnerships focused on community development, grassroots community leadership, and capacity building to address systemic barriers to educational and economic opportunity in low income neighborhoods of Salt Lake City. She is committed to fostering community leadership in multi-cultural settings, and is particularly interested in how academic research can be enriched through collaborations between faculty/students and community stakeholders. Dr. Munro is also Assistant Research Professor in the Department of City and Metropolitan Planning, and supports collaborative partnerships that link the department with community stakeholders to work on neighborhood planning issues. She speaks Spanish and Italian fluently, and spends much of her time meeting with partners to share ideas and find links between University and community resources.

Claudia Nelson

Associate Professor of Political Science
President of the Faculty Senate
Coppin State University

Eduardo Padrón

President

Miami Dade College



An American by choice, Eduardo Padrón arrived in the United States as a teenage refugee in 1961. Since 1995, he has served as President of Miami Dade College (MDC), the largest institution of higher education in America with more than 165,000 students. He is credited with elevating MDC into a position of national prominence among the best and most recognized U.S. colleges and universities. An economist by training, Dr. Padrón earned his Ph.D. from the University of Florida. In 2016, President Barack Obama awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the U.S., for being a prominent national voice for access and inclusion in higher education. In 2009, *TIME* magazine included him on the list of “The 10 Best College Presidents.”

In 2010, *Florida Trend* magazine placed him on the cover of its inaugural “Floridian of the Year” issue. In 2011, *The Washington Post* named him one of the eight most influential college presidents in the U.S. Also in 2011, he was awarded the prestigious 2011 Carnegie Corporation Centennial Academic Leadership Award. In 2012, he received the Citizen Service Award from Voices for National Service, the coveted TIAA-CREF Hesburgh Award for Leadership Excellence, and the Aspen Institute Ascend Fellowship. In 2015, he was inducted into the *U.S. News & World Report* STEM Hall of Fame. Dr. Padrón’s energetic leadership extends to many of the nation’s leading organizations. He is the past chair of the board of directors of the American Council on Education (ACE) and is a past chair of the board of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) and former chair of the Business Higher Education Forum (BHEF). During his career, he has been selected to serve on posts of national prominence by five American presidents.

Internationally, President Padrón’s accomplishments have been recognized by numerous nations and organizations including the Republic of France, which named him *Commandeur* in the *Ordre des Palmes Académiques*; the Republic of Argentina, which awarded him the *Order of San Martin*; Spain’s King Juan Carlos II, who bestowed upon him the *Order of Queen Isabella*; Spain’s Prince and Princess of Asturias, Felipe and Letizia, who presented him with the *Juan Ponce de Leon 500th Anniversary* award; Morocco’s King Mohammed VI, who appointed him Honorary Consul in Florida of the Kingdom of Morocco in 2016, and the *Amicus Poloniae* from the Republic of Poland.

Dr. Padrón's pace-setting work at Miami Dade College has been hailed as a model of innovation in higher education. He is credited with engineering a culture of success that has produced impressive results in student access, retention, graduation, and overall achievement. MDC enrolls and graduates more minorities than any other institution in the United States, including the largest numbers of Hispanics and African-Americans. Under Dr. Padrón's leadership, Miami Dade College has received national recognition for its longstanding involvement with its urban community, its catalytic effect for social and economic change, and the marked difference the College has made in student access and success through pace-setting initiatives.

He currently serves on the boards of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Urban Institute; RC 2020; the International Association of University Presidents; and Achieving the Dream. In past years he has held leadership positions on the boards of the Federal Reserve Board of Atlanta, Miami Branch (past Chair); the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching; Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (Chair); the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; the White House Commission on Educational Excellence; Campus Compact; Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute; The College Board; and the White House/Congressional Commission of the National Museum of the American Latino.

He is the recipient of numerous honorary doctorates and prestigious awards.

Félix Matos Rodríguez

President
Queens College



On August 28, 2014, Félix V. Matos Rodríguez took office as the tenth president of Queens College of the City University of New York. His distinguished career spans both academia and the public sector: he is a scholar, teacher, administrator, and former cabinet secretary of the Department of Family Services for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Having served as president of Eugenio María de Hostos Community College/CUNY prior to coming to Queens College, Matos Rodríguez is one of the few educators in the United States who has served as president of both baccalaureate and community college institutions. During his five-year tenure at



Hostos, he and his leadership team were responsible for dramatically improving the college's retention and graduation rates and doubling its fundraising. These accomplishments made Hostos one of the finalists for the Aspen Best Community College prize in 2014.

From 2006 to 2008, Matos Rodríguez served as Puerto Rico's cabinet secretary of the Department of Family Services. In this position, he formulated public policy and administered service delivery in such programs as Child Support Enforcement, Adoption and Foster Care, and Child and Elderly Protection overseeing a \$2.3 billion dollar budget and over 11,000 employees. Earlier, he had been Senior Social Welfare and Health Advisor to the Governor of Puerto Rico.

A cum laude graduate in Latin American Studies from Yale University, Matos Rodríguez received his PhD in history from Columbia University, and has taught at Yale, Northeastern University, Boston College, the Universidad Interamericana–Recinto Metro, City College, and Hunter College. At Hunter, he also directed the Center for Puerto Rican Studies, one of the largest and most important Latino research centers in the United States. He also worked as a Program Officer at the Social Science Research Council.

A member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Matos Rodríguez is also an Aspen Institute Ascend Fellow. He is the current Board Chair of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), and serves in the boards of Phipps Houses, the United Way of New York City, the TIAA Hispanic Advisory Council, and the Research Alliance for New York City Schools.

Matos Rodríguez has an extensive publication record in the fields of Women's, Puerto Rican, Caribbean, and Latino Studies and Migration. He is the author of *Women and Urban Life in Nineteenth-Century San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1820-1862* (University Presses of Florida, 1999; Marcus Weiner, 2001); co-author of *"Pioneros": Puerto Ricans in New York City, 1896-1948* (Arcadia, 2001); editor of *A Nation of Women: An Early Feminist Speaks Out / Mi opinión sobre las libertades, derechos y deberes de la mujer* by Luisa Capetillo (Arte Público Press, 2005); co-editor of *Puerto Rican Women's History: New Perspectives* (M.E. Sharpe, 1998); co-editor of *Blackwell Reader on the Americas* (Blackwell, 2003); and co-editor of *Boricuas in Gotham: Puerto Ricans in the Making of Modern New York City* (Marcus Weiner, 2004).

The recipient of the Albert J. Beveridge Award of the American Historical Association, Matos Rodríguez has had his work appear in such peer-reviewed journals as the *Journal of Urban History*, the *Public Historian*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Centro Journal*, *Revista de Ciencias Sociales*, in addition to having chapters in several anthologies. He was the founding editor of the series *New Directions in Puerto Rican Studies* for the University Press of Florida.

Joseph Romero

Professor of Classics
University of Mary Washington

Dr. Joseph Romero is professor of Classics at University of Mary Washington (Fredericksburg, VA). At UMW, he served in numerous leadership roles in faculty governance and as chair of Music before spending the 2017-28 academic year as an American Council on Education fellow with placements at San Francisco State University and Rutgers University-Newark. He now advises the

offices of the Provost, Enrollment Management, and Equity and Access at UMW as well as the newly inaugurated Community Engagement Center on how to best support students of underserved communities, how to help students support their communities, and how the university can be an anchor for the communities of Fredericksburg and the five surrounding counties. He serves on the board of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Fredericksburg. As a scholar, he writes and speaks on Greek and Latin languages and literatures of the Hellenistic era, semiotics, and critical issues in higher education.

Samuel L. Ross

Chief Executive Officer
Bon Secours Mercy Health

Samuel Ross, M.D., M.S., is the Chief Executive Officer of Bon Secours Baltimore Health System and Executive Vice President at Bon Secours Health System, Inc., which owns the Baltimore Health System along with health care facilities in Kentucky, New York, South Carolina, Virginia and Florida. Along with managing an acute care hospital in the heart of West Baltimore, Dr. Ross is also responsible for a vast network of community outreach divisions that focus on housing, education, job skills, behavioral health, substance abuse and rehabilitation. He is a tireless and passionate advocate for improving health disparities and access to care in his community. Coupled with his responsibilities at the Baltimore Health System, Dr. Ross is also the “Market Leader” for Bon Secours Kentucky.

He is also the Supply Chain Leader for Bon Secours Health System, Inc., and Executive Sponsor of the enterprise Project Management office (PMO). He is a member of the Maryland Hospital Association Executive Committee, where he serves as Vice-Chair, and currently chairs the Women/Minority Business Initiative for the Maryland Hospital Association (MHA).

Ross is one of Baltimore’s most dynamic health care executives. He served as Board Chair of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Baltimore branch, and is the Board Chair for 340B Health. Dr. Ross is a Board Member for Americas Essential Hospitals. In the March 2018 issue of Becker’s Hospital Review, Dr. Ross was named one of 50 great African American leaders in healthcare to know. He was recognized by The Daily Record in 2013 as one of the Top 20 Most Admired CEOs in Maryland. Dr. Ross has received recognitions by: the National Association of Health Services Executive – Washington Metropolitan Area Chapter Healthcare Leader honoree; Greater Baltimore Committee Leadership Program, a Finalist for the 2013 Sondheim Exemplary Leadership Award; Smart CEO, 2013 Circle of Excellence Awards finalist (Healthcare), and he was named in the May 2012 issue of Modern Healthcare Magazine as one of the nation’s Top 25 Minority Executives in Healthcare.

In 2018 he was appointed to the Governor’s Commission on Service and Volunteerism. He serves on the Baltimore City Police Commissioner’s African –American Advisory Council, the board of Behavioral Health System Baltimore, and in 2015 he co-chaired the Mayor’s Heroin Treatment and Prevention Task Force.

In 2014, Bon Secours and sixteen (16) other west Baltimore partners (West Baltimore Primary Care Access Collaborative) were awarded one of five Health Enterprise Zone designations by state of

Maryland. Their focus is on reduction of health disparities in low income populations and population health management through impacts on the social determinants of health.

Prior to his arrival to Baltimore and Bon Secours, Dr. Ross was a member of the staff of Parkland Health & Hospital System in Dallas, Texas where he served in varied positions for over 14 years including: Executive Vice President & Chief Medical Officer of the Medical Staff/House Staff Division.

Teri Wiedeman Rouse

Teaching Candidate - Senior
Penn State University – Abington



Mona Shah

Program Officer

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation



Mona Shah joined the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 2014 as a program officer in the Research-Evaluation-Learning unit. Drawing on her deep commitment to research and its potential to impact health and health care, she praises the Foundation's work in making its extensive research accessible to the public and policymakers alike. As both a researcher and expert in health policy, Shah is involved in the process of understanding and measuring key health and health care issues essential to the Foundation's overarching strategy to move our nation toward a Culture of Health.

Most recently, Shah served as associate director of federal relations at the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) in Washington. In this role she led and executed the organization's strategy related to prevention, access to care, safety net programs and health disparities. Previously, as ACS CAN's senior policy analyst, she managed a cancer prevention portfolio and led evaluation of health care reform efforts focused on prevention, early detection, and disparities.

Her prior experience included leading epidemiologic research at the United States Military Cancer Institute, the New York City Department of Health, and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Public Health. Her published research covers cancer incidence and mortality, tobacco use, obesity, asthma, and utilization and access to clinical prevention services.

Shah earned her PhD in epidemiology from George Washington University, her MPH in epidemiology from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and her BA in Biology and Society from Cornell University.

A New Jersey native, Shah resides in Princeton, N.J., with her husband, Chad Stockham, and their young son. She enjoys travel, listening to live music, and watching political dramas on TV.

Michelle Curtain Stewart

Vice President of Academic Affairs
Lane College



Dr. Michelle Curtain Stewart is the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Stewart received her bachelor's degree in political science from Alcorn State University, her master's in sociology and doctorate in educational leadership from Indiana University-Bloomington. She came to Lane College in 2007 as an assistant professor of sociology and was promoted to associate professor of sociology with tenure in 2014. Prior to joining Lane College, she served as executive director of the International Association for the Study of the Commons at Indiana University. In that position, she worked with a multi-disciplinary team of researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and donors to support the organization's global mission. Dr. Stewart has also served in several research roles; she was a research associate on a joint project between Indiana University, the National Institute of Mental Health and the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Choice Neighborhoods Project through the Department of Housing and Urban Development. In addition to serving as the vice president of academic affairs, Dr. Stewart is also an associate professor of sociology.

She is married to Mr. Jeffery J. Stewart.

Teri Thompson

Vice President of Strategic Initiatives
Berea College

Vincent J. Tufo

CEO, Charter Oak Communities
Executive Director, Dovetail SIP, Inc.



Vincent Tufo serves as chief executive officer of Charter Oak Communities (COC), formerly the Stamford Housing Authority, a progressive community development organization serving Stamford, Connecticut. Mr. Tufo is also founder and president of Rippowam Corporation, COC's real estate development subsidiary. COC replaces or recapitalizes publicly-assisted housing properties to create mixed-use and community facilities in Stamford's underserved neighborhoods. These communities are then strengthened through strategic partnerships that help implement diverse initiatives that serve the needs of the neighborhood.

Under Mr. Tufo's leadership, COC has created a dedicated entity – Dovetail: Social Innovation Platform (SIP) – to support multi-sector solutions to complex socio-economic challenges. The SIP team currently serves as an incubator for several pilot initiatives including the Vita Health and Wellness District and the Stamford Cradle to Career program. SIP is co-sponsoring national and regional initiatives with affiliate organizations to build capacity and leverage social enterprise. In one such effort, SIP is working in partnership with the New York metro area Regional Plan Association by incorporate emerging Anchor Institution Strategies to drive comprehensive neighborhood revitalization.

Mr. Tufo has a BA degree from Binghamton University (SUNY) and a MA degree from the University of Michigan. He is a long-time member and past chair of the Connecticut Housing Coalition, a statewide advocacy and capacity building membership organization. He is an active national advisory board member of the Association for Community Health Improvement.

Orlando White

Community Affairs Manager

LinkedIn



Orlando White has devoted his life to helping transform the lives of young people, families and communities through the education, and the development of our most underserved and under-supported youth. Having served as a bridge between policy and programs, Orlando has seen firsthand the impact policy has on people’s lives – specifically in communities of color. Orlando currently works as a Business Leadership Program Associate at LinkedIn, where he is gaining the skills necessary to strategically and boldly advocate and push forth policies that will help “create economic opportunity for the entire global workforce.” In his role at LinkedIn, he project managed the first Diversity Recruiting Campus Strategy, a brand new, ill-defined program that required tight execution and strong collaboration with numerous stakeholders. The work Orlando lead resulted in LinkedIn touching over 100 diverse students across five university campuses. As a student at Howard University, Orlando interned with the Brookings Institution, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Department of Justice, two Congressional Offices, the Center for American Progress and the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development. While working in the Office of the Deputy Mayor, Orlando spearheaded the marketing strategy for the New Communities Initiative, a District government program designed to revitalize severely distressed subsidized housing and redevelop communities plagued with concentrated poverty, high crime, and economic segregation. He also assisted staff with press releases and talking points for community meetings and presentations to the City Council and other stakeholders. Orlando believes policy and legislation are only as good as the leaders who shape and enforce them. His goal is to be an informed, skilled strategic creator of policy and grassroots programs. Additionally, he aims to acquire the skills necessary to organize and empower others to advocate and advance policy. The New Leaders Council Institute provides a critical space of preparation to make effective changes a reality.

Sheena Wright

Chief Executive Officer
United Way of New York City



Sheena Wright is the first woman to lead United Way of New York City (UWNYC) in its nearly 80-year history. Part of the United Way worldwide network, UWNYC is a trusted partner to more than 300 community-based organizations, foundations, corporations, and city and state government agencies and aligns and activates them around a shared agenda to tackle the complex challenges of low-income New Yorkers.

Sheena took the reins at UWNYC the day that Hurricane Sandy hit in 2012. She met that challenge, raising \$11 million in disaster relief. In her tenure as President and CEO, Sheena has led a transformation of the organization—actualizing a Collective Impact strategy, and refocusing UWNYC’s support of low-income New Yorkers towards self-sufficiency. In 2013, Wright spearheaded ReadNYC, the flagship initiative of UWNYC to strengthen families and improve grade-level reading by third grade in our City’s most-challenged communities.

Prior to joining UWNYC, she served as President and CEO of the Abyssinian Development Corporation. Sheena is a graduate of Columbia University, received her law degree from Columbia Law School. She was born and raised in the South Bronx and now lives in Harlem, New York with her 3 sons and daughter.