

Speakers' and Moderators' Biographies

David T. Abbott is executive director of the George Gund Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio. The foundation awards grants in a number of areas, including human services and economic development and community revitalization. It has a long-standing interest in the city of Cleveland and other urban centers, especially in making them more globally competitive, livable, sustainable, and just. Before joining the foundation, Abbott served as president of University Circle Inc., executive director of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, and executive director of the Cleveland Bicentennial Commission.

Alicia J. Barnett is the resident engagement and leadership coach of Making Connections Indianapolis (MC Indy), an initiative of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. MC Indy is a place-based strategy, mobilizing the community resources (residents, public-private partnerships, and data) that help families change tough neighborhoods into places where children thrive. Barnett oversees the organizing, capacity building, and leadership strategies that increase and deepen the authentic demand for community mobilization. Barnett has been in neighborhood transformation work for over 10 years.

Richard D. Baron is co-founder, chairman, and CEO of McCormack Baron Salazar (MBS), which works to re-create neighborhoods in some of the most distressed inner-city areas across the country. In the past 25 years, MBS has closed 124 projects with development costs in excess of \$1.8 billion. Baron was the co-founder and co-chairman of the Vashon Education Compact, a partnership of the St. Louis Public Schools and major corporations, and he is the founder and developer of the Center of Creative Arts in University City, Missouri. In 2003, he founded the Center for Urban Redevelopment Excellence at the University of Pennsylvania.

Eugénie L. Birch holds the Lawrence C. Nussdorf Chair of Urban Research and Education at the University of Pennsylvania's Department of City and Regional Planning. She teaches courses in community and economic development as well as planning history. In 2003, she became a founding co-director of the Penn Institute for Urban Research. She has published widely in two fields: the history of planning, and contemporary planning and housing. She is currently engaged in research on urban revitalization with a special focus on downtown housing and anchor institutions, with preliminary results published in Gregory Ingram (ed.), *Issues in Urban Development* (Cambridge, 2007).

Karen L. Black is the principal of May 8 Consulting Inc., a firm that performs policy research, development, and analysis to form innovative and creative solutions to the seemingly intractable problems facing urban, suburban, and rural communities. Her current projects involve creating competitive city strategies, such as increasing the tools available to states and localities to combat residential abandonment, streamlining Philadelphia's development review process, and finding ways to leverage and renew transit as an asset in Philadelphia. She also teaches urban studies at the University of Pennsylvania and was the founding director of the Metropolitan Philadelphia Policy Center.

Charles Branas is an associate professor of epidemiology at the University of Pennsylvania and a senior scholar at Penn's Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics. He is recognized for research directed at reducing violence and enhancing emergency care. As co-director of the Penn Cartographic Modeling Laboratory, much of his work incorporates human geography and spatial interactions. Before coming to Penn, he trained and conducted research in the schools of public health at Johns Hopkins and the University of California-Berkeley.

Paul Brauer is the director of human resources, community affairs, and store operations for Brown's Super Stores Inc., a growing 10-store supermarket chain under the ShopRite banner. In the past three years, Brown's Super Stores Inc. has opened three new locations in Philadelphia, with another expected in the Parkside section of West Philadelphia in June 2008. Brown's is actively engaged in working with community groups that fight hunger, prevent violence, and help youth by preparing them for viable careers.

Sandra F. Braunstein is director of the Division of Consumer and Community Affairs of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. She is principally responsible for the development and administration of Federal Reserve policies related to consumer financial services and consumer protection. She administers programs that write, implement, and enforce regulations for federal laws designed to inform and protect consumers in the financial services area. In earlier positions, she served as executive director of the Northeast Community Development Corporation in Washington, D.C., coordinator for commercial revitalization in Alexandria, Virginia, and a management consultant.

Xavier de Souza Briggs is an associate professor of sociology and urban planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His current research focuses on the effects of housing mobility and neighborhood context on low-income families and children in the U.S.; local civic processes (“democracy as problem-solving”) in Brazil, India, South Africa, and the U.S.; exposure to poor neighborhoods in the 1990s; models and mixed-method approaches to analyzing neighborhood effects; historical and contemporary approaches to making ethnic diversity work in changing societies; and interracial networks (bridging social capital) in America.

Cornell William Brooks is executive director of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice (NJISJ), a Newark-based urban research and advocacy organization that focuses on economic opportunity, regional equity, and equal justice. NJISJ has convened statewide roundtables on the re-entry of prisoners into the community, sponsors a Second Chance Campaign to mobilize public support for re-entry issues, and helps ex-offenders obtain employment. Brooks previously served as senior counsel and special counsel with the Federal Communications Commission. As a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Brooks secured a large settlement for victims of housing discrimination based on discrimination testing and filed the government’s first lawsuit against a nursing home alleging housing discrimination based on race. Brooks is an ordained minister.

David Buches is vice president and community investment consultant for the Community Investment Department at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh (FHLB-P), a government-sponsored wholesale bank that provides banking services to over 350 member financial institutions in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. He promotes the FHLB-P’s community investment programs and provides technical assistance to FHLB-P members and housing development organizations in Delaware and eastern Pennsylvania. He previously served as executive director of the Dover Housing Development Corporation and in other positions with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Dover Housing Authority.

Kim Burnett is a program officer with the Surdna Foundation and co-manages the foundation’s community revitalization program, where her focus is on restoring prosperity to America’s older industrial cities, promoting revitalization strategies that mitigate the effects of global warming, and ensuring that cities remain places where low- and moderate-income residents can connect to wealth-building opportunities. Prior to joining Surdna, she was the founding executive director for the Community Development Partnerships’ Network, a national peer-learning network for funder collaboratives investing in community revitalization efforts.

Valentino Castellani served as professor of electrical communications at the Turin Polytechnic in Italy for 20 years. He was elected mayor of Turin in 1993 for a four-year term in the first direct election of mayors by citizens in Italy and confirmed for a second term in 1997. During those two mayoral terms, he confronted a structural decline of the manufacturing sector as Fiat, the dominant employer in the city, sharply reduced employment. As a principal architect of a new vision for the city, he built relationships and learned from officials in European cities such as Barcelona, Lyon, Glasgow, and Stuttgart and set priorities to renovate infrastructure and develop innovative technologies, particularly concerning information and communications, as well as the environment. He led a bottom-up planning process that involved residents and the public and private sectors, resulting in the first strategic plan for a large Italian city. He was president of the organizing committee for the 2006 Olympic Winter Games, which helped reposition Turin as the “city of the Alps.”

Virginia W. Chang is an assistant professor of medicine and sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. Her research examines relationships between health and various aspects of socio-cultural life. Much of her research has focused on obesity, including topics such as historical shifts in the medical conceptualization of obesity, the role of health in class stratification, and the relationship between weight status and key features of the residential environment. Her current work examines the relationship between weight status and socioeconomic status over the life cycle, how obesity and poverty cycle across generations, and the influence of weight status on the quality of medical care.

Camille Zubrinsky Charles is an associate professor of sociology and the faculty associate director of the Center for Africana Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Her research has centered on the racial, ethnic, and class compositions of urban neighborhoods and the similar divides that carry over into attendance and outcomes in higher education. She is currently studying the characteristics and experiences of black and other minority college students, particularly high-achieving minority students at selective colleges and universities.

Xiangming Chen is the inaugural dean and director of Trinity College's new Center for Urban and Global Studies (CUGS) and the Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Sociology and International Studies at Trinity. He leads CUGS in developing links between teaching, research, and service in urban and global studies, broadly defined, and specifically between Trinity's academic programs and its various forms of experiential learning on campus, in Hartford, and globally. His research focuses on the comparative and trans-national facets of global-urban relations in the local and regional contexts of China and Asia, with a recent focus on Shanghai and the surrounding region.

Susan Clampet-Lundquist is an assistant professor of sociology at Saint Joseph's University. Her research focuses on urban neighborhoods, families, adolescent risk behavior, and social policy. Much of her social policy work has focused on the effects of housing mobility initiatives. She has interviewed families who were relocated from public housing in Philadelphia and Baltimore, through HOPE VI and the Moving to Opportunity program, respectively. She has published articles that address issues of change in the areas of economic self-sufficiency, social networks, and the ability of teens to access better neighborhood resources.

John Colm is the founder, president, and executive director of WIRE-Net, a Cleveland, Ohio, nonprofit economic development organization. He has worked to create an effective model for industrial retention and expansion. In 1995, he led a coalition effort to expand it citywide in Cleveland. The effort continues today under WIRE-Net's leadership as the Cleveland Industrial Retention Initiative. Over each of the past four years, WIRE-Net worked with 300 unique manufacturing firms and played a critical role in seven projects that retained or attracted more than 560 jobs to Cleveland, with an annual payroll impact of over \$22 million.

Patricia A. Coulter was appointed president and CEO of the Urban League of Philadelphia in 2002. The Urban League is the nation's oldest and largest community-based movement dedicated to empowering African Americans and others in the achievement of social and economic equality. Her career history includes leadership positions in general management, business development, executive coaching, management development, and college administration. Before joining the Urban League, she held positions with Salveson Stetson Group Inc., an executive search firm, and Lee Hecht Harrison, LLC, a global career management firm.

Janet Currie is a professor of economics and chair of the Department of Economics at Columbia University. She is a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research and an affiliate of the University of Michigan's Poverty Center, and she has served on several National Academy panels. She has held positions at MIT and Princeton. Her work evaluates the extent to which federal programs for poor children and families can be viewed as successful social investments. Currently, she is interested in the social determinants of child health and in the relationship between socioeconomic status and health.

Robert H. DeFina is a professor of economics in the Sociology Department at Villanova University. His main teaching and research interests include poverty, inequality, the social safety net, and housing segregation. Before coming to Villanova, he spent almost a decade as a research economist in the Federal Reserve System, including time as head of the macroeconomics section at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. His research has been published in major economic journals.

Denise DiPasquale is president and founder of City Research, a research firm focused on urban economics and policy issues. DiPasquale was on the faculty at the University of Chicago from 1995 through 1998. From 1988 to 1995, she served on the faculties of the Department of Economics and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Her current research, funded by the MacArthur Foundation, explores the evolution of the rental housing market over the past five decades. Her previous research includes a study of the housing and location choices of low- and moderate-income households in Philadelphia, funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Catherine E. Dolan has been at Wachovia Bank in Charlotte, North Carolina, since 1993. She served as managing director of the Financial Services Investment Banking Practice until October 2000, when she became director of Community Development Finance. This group provides financial solutions, including loans, investments, and treasury and risk management services to community development corporations, community development financial institutions, real estate developers, and government authorities that are helping low- to moderate-income communities. She previously worked for Chase Manhattan Bank for 11 years.

Mark Edwards is the executive director of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation's Philadelphia office, which provides financial and technical support to community development corporations. He has over 15 years in the broader industry of community development, including human and social services. He previously served as senior vice president and chief operating officer of Germantown Settlement, senior vice president of the Urban League of Philadelphia, and deputy executive director of the Office of the Mayor in Philadelphia.

Ingrid G. Ellen is an associate professor of public policy and urban planning at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. She teaches microeconomics, urban economics, and housing and community development policy. She has written on racial integration, housing policy, and (with co-authors) assessing the spillover of government investment in housing, among other subjects. She has been a Robert Wood Johnson Scholar at Yale University, a Lurcy Research Fellow at the Brookings Institution, and a research consultant at the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on Improving U.S. Cities through Metropolitan Area Governance.

Fernando Ferreira is an assistant professor in the Real Estate Department of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. His current research interests include the participation of Spanish-speaking residents in the housing market, the effect of local politics on housing markets, the distribution of air pollution in the U.S. from 1965 to 2000, and racial discrimination in the housing market. He was recently a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Janice Fine is an assistant professor of labor studies and employment relations at the School of Management and Labor Relations, Rutgers University. She is also senior fellow for organizing and policy at the Center for Community Change. For many years, Fine has written about unions, alternative forms of organization among workers, and community organizing. Her book *Worker Centers: Organizing Communities at the Edge of the Dream* was released in January 2006. In September 2007, Governor Jon Corzine appointed Fine to New Jersey's Blue Ribbon Panel on Immigration.

Renata Cobbs Fletcher is vice president for public policy and community partnerships at Public/Private Ventures, a national nonprofit organization that has a mission of improving social policies and programs, especially as they affect youths and young adults. In this capacity, she is responsible for developing initiatives that assist disenfranchised communities, including prisoner re-entry, employment, education, and violence reduction initiatives. She works closely with local, state, and federal policymakers to develop these projects and to see that their lessons are reflected in future policies and programs.

Kathryn A. Foster is director of the Regional Institute, a research and public policy unit of the University at Buffalo, where she is also a faculty member and former chair in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. An expert on regions, governance, and metropolitan decision-making and a member of the New York State Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness, she works on issues of regional organization, economic strategy, and service delivery.

Caren Franzini has been the CEO of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) since 1994. The NJEDA is an independent, self-sustaining state financing and development agency that works to promote economic growth, job creation, and the revitalization of New Jersey's communities with financing assistance, technical support and entrepreneurial training, and real estate development. In 2007, the NJEDA finalized nearly \$680 million in financing assistance, business incentives, and tax credits that supported total new public-private investment of more than \$1.6 billion in New Jersey's economy and the creation of more than 11,100 new full-time jobs.

George Galster is the Hilberry Professor of Urban Affairs in the Department of Geography and Urban Planning at Wayne State University. He has written extensively on the topics of metropolitan housing markets, racial discrimination and segregation, the causes and effects of neighborhood dynamics, residential reinvestment, community lending and insurance patterns, and urban poverty. Before coming to Wayne State University in 1996, he served as director of housing research at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C.

Lisa Gennetian is senior research director of the Policy Evaluation Project in the Economic Studies program at the Brookings Institution. The project coordinates the selection, design, implementation, and analysis of randomized experiments conducted in partnership with private firms and government agencies that test policy innovations. She is currently co-managing the long-term evaluation of a housing mobility experiment, the Moving to Opportunity program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Her research focuses on poverty, income security policies, and child care and their influences on children's development.

Ira J. Goldstein is the director of policy and information services at The Reinvestment Fund (TRF) in Philadelphia. TRF is a regional community development financial institution that uses capital and technical expertise to build wealth and create economic opportunity for low-wealth communities and low- and moderate-income individuals. He was previously director of HUD's Mid-Atlantic Office of Fair Housing, and, before that, he served as equal opportunity chief of the Systemic Investigations Branch in HUD's Philadelphia Regional Office. He has written most recently about predatory lending and mortgage foreclosures.

Amy Gutmann became president of the University of Pennsylvania in 2004. She is a professor of political science in the School of Arts and Sciences at Penn and continues to teach, lecture, and write extensively on ethics, justice theory, deliberative democracy, and democratic education. Previous to her appointment as president of Penn, she served as provost at Princeton University, where she was also the Laurance S. Rockefeller University Professor of Politics. She was the founding director of the University Center for Human Values, a multidisciplinary center that sponsors teaching, scholarship, and public discussion of ethics and human values.

Kausar Hamdani is vice president and manager of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Previously, she worked at the Buffalo branch of the New York Fed. Before that, she was a vice president in the Bank Supervision Group, where she specialized in insurance risk. After the passage of the Graham Leach Bliley Act, she was asked to form and head the Insurance Risk Department and worked extensively with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to produce tools that map insurance risks into banking risks. Between 1977 and 1987, she taught economics at Columbia University and New York University.

Peter Harnik is director of the Center for City Park Excellence, the urban research program of the Trust for Public Land. The program's projects have included the creation of a database on the park systems of the 50 largest U.S. cities, as well as overseeing the research and writing of the booklet *The Excellent City Park System: What Makes It Great and How to Get There*. He is currently leading a multi-year project to determine how much economic value a park system brings to a city. He has spoken and written extensively on the subject of urban parks and has been a consultant on park issues for a number of cities.

Colleen Hernandez is the president of the Homeownership Preservation Foundation, a national nonprofit focused on foreclosure prevention. The foundation was formed by GMAC-RFC, a leader in the mortgage banking industry, in 2004. Prior to this position, her career focused on community development and affordable housing. For 18 years, she was the executive director of the Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance (KCNA). Among other accomplishments, KCNA trained some 15,000 families for homeownership and developed 250 units of rental housing affordable to working poor families.

Donald R. Hinkle-Brown is president of lending and community investments at The Reinvestment Fund (TRF), a CDFI that serves Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. He manages TRF's portfolio of housing, community facilities, commercial real estate, and business loans and investments. He leads TRF's new markets tax credit program and a new program to finance supermarkets in underserved communities across Pennsylvania. Before joining TRF in 1991, he worked in the local banking industry in real estate finance.

Feather O. Houstoun is president of the William Penn Foundation, which invests \$60 million a year in the Greater Philadelphia region in support of children and youth, arts and culture, and environment and communities. While New Jersey treasurer under Governor Thomas Kean, she was responsible for launching the New Jersey State Planning Commission and the State Development and Redevelopment Plan. She has written and published extensively on growth management, gubernatorial leadership, housing, smart growth, and community development.

Jane Humphreys is a regional affairs analyst in the Buffalo branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. She focuses on analysis related to community and economic development issues that affect the region. She previously worked at the State University of New York at Buffalo in both the Center for Urban Studies and the Regional Institute. She has written about housing for an aging population, micro-enterprise development, and historical preservation.

Paul A. Jargowsky is a professor of public policy at the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD). His principal research interests are inequality, the geographic concentration of poverty, and residential segregation by race and class. Since 2003, he has directed the Texas Schools Project at UTD, an ongoing multi-year panel study of elementary, secondary, and higher education in Texas. He also directs the Burton School for Development Studies at UTD. The center promotes the use of interdisciplinary approaches to the study of urban and regional development, with a special emphasis on spatial analysis.

Rucker C. Johnson teaches at the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California-Berkeley, specializing in labor economics, urban economics, health economics, and applied econometrics. His research considers the role of poverty and inequality in affecting life chances, focusing on such topics as low-wage labor markets, spatial mismatch, the societal consequences of incarceration, the socioeconomic determinants of health disparities over the life course, the effects of growing up poor and poor infant health on childhood cognition, child health, educational attainment, and later-life health and socioeconomic success.

Sadhu Aufochs Johnston is the chief environmental officer in the Chicago mayor's office and is responsible for oversight of all of the city's environmental initiatives. He was previously commissioner of Chicago's Department of Environment (DOE), appointed in July 2005 after serving as assistant to the mayor for green initiatives. DOE administers programs to protect and restore Chicago's natural resources, reduce waste, clean up brownfields, promote energy efficiency and reliability, educate the public about environmental issues, and enforce the city's environmental protection laws.

Ernest E. Jones is president and CEO of the Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation, an agency that funds, coordinates, and implements employment and training activities in Philadelphia. Previously, Jones was president of the Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition, an organization that brings business and community leaders together to solve urban problems. Prior to that, he was executive director of Community Legal Services Inc., the principal provider of legal services to the poor in Philadelphia.

Mark Joseph is on the faculties of the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences and the Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development at Case Western Reserve University. He has recently been a visiting scholar at the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration. He was previously a researcher at the Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago. He has studied and written on, among other subjects, the effectiveness of mixed-income developments as an antidote to poverty, the economic costs of incarceration, and large-scale community revitalization initiatives.

Bruce Katz is a vice president at the Brookings Institution and founding director of Brookings' Metropolitan Policy Program. The program seeks to redefine the challenges facing cities and metropolitan areas by publishing research on major demographic, market, development, and governance trends. Katz regularly advises national, state, regional, and municipal leaders on policy reforms, particularly those that promote the revitalization of central cities and older suburbs and enhance the ability of these places to attract, retain, and increase the middle class. He is a frequent writer and commentator on urban and metropolitan issues.

Gil Kelley is planning director for the city of Portland, Oregon. He oversees the Bureau of Planning and is responsible for coordinating the planning and development functions among all city agencies. Kelley also directs several key community development initiatives on behalf of the mayor and city council, including Portland's River Renaissance, Centers and Neighborhoods – a Community Investment Strategy, the Next Economy Initiative, and the mayor's Urban Design Excellence initiative.

Jill Khadduri has been a principal associate for the last eight years at Abt Associates Inc., a policy research firm based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Bethesda, Maryland. She joined Abt after many years in leadership roles in HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research. Her recent work has focused on the preservation of affordable housing, the relationship between neighborhood revitalization and school improvement, the housing voucher program, and the low income housing tax credit. Currently, she directs a study that is developing methods for measuring the costs and benefits of programs that serve homeless families and individuals.

Brad Lander is the director of the Pratt Center for Community Development, which works for a more just, equitable, and sustainable city for all New Yorkers by helping communities plan and realize their futures. During Lander's tenure, the center has helped dozens of neighborhoods to shape future development to meet community goals, to create new citywide zoning and tax policies, and create and preserve affordable housing. Lander also teaches city and community planning, affordable housing policy, and housing and real estate development at the Pratt Institute.

Thomas M. Leighton was elected mayor of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, in 2004 and is currently serving his second four-year term. Since taking office, his administration has focused on participating in economic development initiatives, increasing public safety, and enhancing the quality of life in the city's neighborhoods. Prior to becoming mayor, he served three four-year terms as a city councilman. In 1996, he became president and owner of C. A. Leighton Company Inc., a real estate, insurance, and appraisal business located in downtown Wilkes-Barre since 1921.

Jack T. Linn is an assistant commissioner and senior counselor for the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. During his 25 years at the department, he has been in charge of a wide variety of functions, including community relations, government relations, public art, the automotive fleet, communications, environmental education, events, forestry, community gardens, historic house museums, law enforcement, natural resources, skilled trades, stadiums, and water safety. Lately, he has devoted most of his time to long-term planning, including preparing the active recreation portion of New York's recently published plan for 2030 to accommodate a million more people and yet enhance the urban environment.

Jens Ludwig is a professor of social service administration, law, and public policy at the University of Chicago. He is also a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, a faculty research fellow of the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), and co-director of NBER's working group on the economics of crime. His research in the area of social policy focuses on urban poverty, education, crime, and housing.

Alan Mallach is a senior fellow at the National Housing Institute in Montclair, New Jersey, conducting research and advising institute staff and consultants. He previously served as the institute's research director. Specific areas of investigation included abandoned property issues, shared-equity homeownership, strengthening the private affordable rental housing market, building community development corporation capacity to address broader urban revitalization issues, and rebuilding housing markets in weak market cities. He previously served as director of the Department of Housing and Development for the city of Trenton.

Dannel P. Malloy is mayor of Stamford, Connecticut. As mayor, he has worked to modernize the city's infrastructure and his pragmatic financial management approach enabled Stamford to make these investments while preserving its AAA bond rating. The city is a national leader in engaging private developers to build housing for a broad range of income groups through zoning incentives. Other accomplishments include the complete upgrade of the Water Pollution Control Authority Facility, the substantial progress made with the federally funded Urban Transitway, and the complete rebuilding, renovating, and modernizing of Stamford's school buildings.

Marvin Markus joined Goldman Sachs in 1998 as a vice president and was named managing director in 2005. He has worked for 20 years as an investment banker specializing in municipal and sovereign-related financings. Prior to joining Goldman Sachs, he worked for the city of New York's Department of Housing Preservation and Development as deputy commissioner in charge of policy and intergovernmental functions. Between 1979 and 1984, he served as chairman of the New York City Rent Guidelines Board; in 2002, he was reappointed to that position. He is currently president of the Citizens Housing and Planning Council, a city-wide public policy research and advocacy group, and a member of the board of several housing and civic organizations.

Dwayne Samuel Marsh is associate director of PolicyLink in Oakland, California. He staffs programs on the fair distribution of affordable housing, coalition building for regional equity, and leadership development for policy change. He provides technical assistance and capacity-building expertise to equitable development initiatives in several regions of the nation that address continuing disparities in affordable housing, transportation investment, and environmental justice. Marsh worked for eight years at the San Francisco Foundation, where he initiated conversations with Bay Area leadership of houses of worship that resulted in a comprehensive community building and advocacy effort known as the FAITHS initiative.

Alexandre Mas is an assistant professor at the Haas School of Business and the Department of Economics at the University of California-Berkeley. His research interests include social interactions in the market, how the management of employees affects organizational performance and, more generally, labor and personnel economics. He is a faculty research fellow with the National Bureau of Economic Research.

George McCarthy is a senior program officer in development finance and economic security at the Ford Foundation. He administers a program that focuses on using homeownership to build assets for low-income families and their communities. This work centers on improving housing and housing finance markets to increase the chances that existing low-income homeowners succeed in building wealth. Before joining Ford, he worked as a senior research associate at the Center for Urban and Regional Studies at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Martha McCoy is executive director of Everyday Democracy, an organization that specializes in helping communities find ways for all kinds of people to think, talk, and work together to solve problems. Created by the Paul J. Aicher Foundation, Everyday Democracy has a 13-member staff that, with associates, assists hundreds of communities across the country. Particular emphasis is placed on keeping race and inclusion at the forefront of practices to strengthen democracy. McCoy joined the organization (then known as the Study Circles Resource Center) in 1991.

Julio Medina established Exodus Transitional Community Inc. in 1999 to assist formerly incarcerated men and women as they integrate back into the community. Located in East Harlem, the organization offers social, economic, educational, and spiritual support to individuals in transition from incarceration, drug addiction, and homelessness. Exodus uses an assessment tool and action plan in which participants evaluate their status in areas of family, physical well being, education and vocational interests, technology knowledge, and community involvement.

Afaf I. Meleis is the Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Nursing, professor of nursing and sociology, and director of the school's World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Nursing and Midwifery Leadership. Before coming to Penn, she was a professor at the University of California-Los Angeles and the University of California-San Francisco for 34 years. Her scholarship is focused on global health, immigrant and international health, women's health, and the theoretical development of the nursing discipline.

Dede Myers is vice president and community affairs officer for the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. She manages the Bank's Community Affairs Department, which assists financial institutions in Delaware, southern New Jersey, and eastern and central Pennsylvania to understand community development issues and strategies throughout the Third Federal Reserve District. Prior to joining the Fed, she originated small multi-family loans for Quaker Capital. From 1989 to 1997, she managed the community development lending effort in New Jersey for Midlantic Bank and its successor, PNC Bank, N.A. Before joining Midlantic, Dede worked for Neighborhood Housing Services of America and was the first executive director of its Trenton, New Jersey, office.

Jeremy Nowak is president and CEO of The Reinvestment Fund (TRF), which he co-founded in 1985. He previously served in a variety of community development and organizing positions. He played a key role in the successful passage of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, the first federal funding for organizations such as TRF. Outside the Philadelphia area, he has provided assistance to a dozen development finance institutions in the United States, China, Latin America, and Africa. He has written numerous reports and articles on community development and related issues. He was recently elected to the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Michael A. Nutter became mayor of Philadelphia in January 2008. He ran on a platform that highlighted the issues of ethics, crime, education, and urban revitalization, and he has long been an advocate of tax reform, economic development, and the environment. Prior to running for mayor, he served on Philadelphia's City Council for nearly 15 years. In 2001, he was appointed to the Board of City Trusts, which manages all money or other property given to the city of Philadelphia. He also served as chairman of the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority Board. Before pursuing a career in public service, he worked as an investment manager at Pryor, Counts and Co. Inc., specializing in municipal finance.

Raymond Ocasio has been the executive director of La Casa de Don Pedro Inc., a community-based social service and community development organization in Newark, New Jersey, since 1998. During this period the agency has seen great growth in its pre-K program and youth and family services as well as in its home energy assistance program. The nonprofit is also involved in adult education, welfare to work activities, and immigration services. La Casa has an extensive planning and development agenda and is involved with community organizing and advocacy.

Janet Rothenberg Pack is a professor of business and public policy at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and a nonresident fellow at the Brookings Institution. She is co-coordinator of the Brookings-Wharton Conference on Urban Affairs, which will hold its 10th annual meeting in October 2008. Her current research is concerned with the increasing role of the private sector in providing services traditionally provided by local governments and changes in urban development with differences among regions and across decades.

Charles P. Pizzi is the president and CEO of Tasty Baking Company, the Philadelphia-based manufacturer of the Tastykake brand. Previously, he was president and CEO of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. Earlier, he served as commerce director for the city of Philadelphia and implemented the city's economic development strategies. Pizzi led the reorganization, construction, and expansion effort of Philadelphia International Airport; the development of the Pennsylvania Convention Center; and the transfer of the Philadelphia Port Corporation to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Michael L. Powell is the director of planning and policy at the New Jersey Community Development Corporation (NJCDC) located in Paterson, New Jersey. NJCDC is a full-service agency attempting citywide revitalization through the creation of supportive and affordable housing, quality education, job training, resident empowerment, and the restoration of the Great Falls Historic District. Powell directs NJCDC's neighborhood-based planning and revitalization efforts. His core area of expertise is using alternative forms of community and economic development to benefit distressed urban communities.

Joan M. Reilly is the senior director of the Philadelphia Green program of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. The program includes parks revitalization, public landscapes, community gardens, urban tree canopy restoration, vacant land management, storm water management projects, and open space planning. Reilly leads these urban greening strategies and uses open space revitalization and greening as a community-building tool in partnership with community-based organizations, local residents, civic organizations, the city of Philadelphia, and state and federal agencies.

Stephen L. Ross is a professor of economics at the University of Connecticut. Ross is best known for his academic and applied public policy research in the areas of mortgage lending and housing discrimination. He has also conducted research on a variety of topics within urban economics, including racial differences in homeownership, racial segregation, minority education gaps, and urban labor markets. His research has been published in major economic journals as well as in a recent book on mortgage lending discrimination published by MIT Press.

Jerry Rubin is president and CEO of Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) in Boston. Prior to joining JVS, Rubin was the vice president of building economic opportunity at Jobs for the Future and director of the National Program Office of Jobs to Careers for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Rubin founded and was executive director of the Greater Boston Manufacturing Partnership (GBMP) from 1994 to 2001, providing consulting and training services to manufacturing companies in New England. Prior to founding the GBMP, from 1984 to 1994 Rubin worked in several positions for Mayor Raymond L. Flynn of Boston.

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Jay Williams was elected mayor of Youngstown, Ohio, in November 2005. Williams is the city's first African American mayor and, elected at 34, also its youngest. In addition, he is the first independent candidate to win the mayoral seat in more than 80 years. Williams is a strong proponent of the city's award-winning Youngstown 2010 citywide planning initiative. His top priorities include neighborhood revitalization and crime reduction. The city has also increased investment in its economic development programs, specifically enhancing the programs that assist female, minority, and disadvantaged businesses.

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