

Kristin Garvey



Kristin Svyantek Garvey is currently the Continuum of Care Manager for the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) where she is responsible for approximately \$16 million in HUD funding to empower communities to end chronic homelessness. She works closely with the Indiana Balance of State Board to provide strategic leadership and governance expertise. Prior to IHCDA, Kristin was the Executive Director of the Indiana Commission for Women where she led efforts to increase awareness of the status of Indiana women and recognize their contributions to the state. In 2016, she was elected President of the National Association of Commissions for Women and will continue in that position until 2020.

Before she joined ICW, she held various roles at The International Center, including associate director/director of operations. While there, she worked with the US State Department to coordinate professional itineraries for emerging leaders from over seventy countries and served as protocol and language services coordinator for several international events. In 2018, she became an adjunct professor of community leadership at the University of Indianapolis. She also serves on the steering committee for the Race and Cultural Relations Leadership Network for Greater Indianapolis. In 2010, she was named a Hoosier (now Tobias) Fellow by the Tobias Leadership Center and has participated in several national, state, and local leadership programs. Kristin received her bachelor's degree in International Studies and French from Butler University and her master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Indiana Tech. Originally from Jonesboro, Indiana, she now lives in Indianapolis. She is married to a retired Army Sergeant (SFC) and has a son serving in the U.S. Army, a daughter in college, and a daughter in kindergarten.

Leonard McLaughlin



Leonard McLaughlin is the director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Office of Minority and Women Inclusion and serves as the vice president within People and Culture's Office of Diversity & Inclusion. He previously was the president of Aon Cornerstone Innovative Solutions. He has held various positions during the past 24 years within the Fortune 500 sector. With a background in finance, McLaughlin commenced his professional career with AT&T and subsequently joined Aon plc in 1999. He led initiatives to improve an organization's overall financial position while maintaining a client value strategy. Having previously served as chief financial officer of Aon's Global Offshoring & Project Management

Office, he drove significant efficiencies and cost reductions, while balancing impact to client service and revenue growth. In 2009, he decided to embark on a role that would create change in the professional services industry. McLaughlin was selected to lead Aon plc's pioneering initiative: the first Fortune 500 professional services firm to offer client access to a private network of Minority & Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs) to support clients' diverse spend needs. Through his leadership, Aon maintained a network of the nation's leading MWBEs that work side-by-side with Aon's industry experts to drive distinctive client value on the issues of risk and people. McLaughlin received a BBA in finance from the University of Iowa, serves on the Board of Directors for the Chicago Minority Supplier Diversity Council, and is a member of the Executive Leadership Council. He has been selected four consecutive years in Savoy's Top

100 feature (America's Most Influential Blacks in Corporate America); Uptown Professional 2014 feature: Top 100 Executives in America; and awarded Chicago United's honorary, biennial distinction as a 2015 Business Leader of Color.

Jill Ashton



Jill Ashton is a leader and activist in the women's advancement community. Since 2009 she has served as the executive director of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, an independent state agency that is legislatively charged with reporting on the status of women in the Commonwealth and providing recommendations regarding public policy that would improve women's and girls' access to opportunities and equalities. In the 2015-2016 Massachusetts legislative session, Ashton led the coalition of organizations that successfully stewarded the passage of the Equal Pay Act, a piece of groundbreaking economic justice legislation that, among other provisions, prevents hiring managers from inquiring about salary history. She continues to work with colleagues inside Massachusetts to ensure full and effective implementation of the law,

as well as partners across the nation to support the advancement of similar policies. Ashton is committed to developing talent among young women and men, having mentored more than 150 students through the commission's robust internship program and beyond. She currently serves as Vice President of the National Association of Commissions on Women, with which she has increased peer-to-peer learning opportunities to encourage the success of member commissions. A longtime board member of the Massachusetts chapter of the National Organization for Women, Ashton has served in various capacities with Mass NOW, including president and vice president of legislation. A graduate of the Program for Women in Politics and Public Policy at UMass-Boston, she now proudly serves as a member of the program's advisory board. She received her undergraduate degree from William Smith College and lives with her partner and two sons in Central Massachusetts.

Chantel Bethea



Women In Action Inc. was founded by Chantel Bethea in 2010. She is a native of Atlanta, GA and a current resident of Worcester, MA. She is also a wife and a proud mother of four beautiful children. Empowering women has been a longtime passion of hers. Through several years of mentoring / empowering experiences and countless conversations with women, the concept for this organization was developed. Throughout the years she has seen the growing need for positive female role models. She is honored to serve the women in her community by helping our women. Lastly and most importantly, Chantel credits her mother for giving her the spirit to

give back. She feels as though she would not be who she is today without her mothers' love and support. She states, "My mother has built her life around helping others and has certainly been the inspiration for my program." Women In Action Inc. was developed to empower the lives of women, as her mother has continuously done in her life. Chantel received the Unsung Heroine from the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women in 2015. She also received an award from the Worcester Business Journal for the 40 Under 40 Awards in 2015. Chantel also was the

Hometown Hero for Worcester Magazine in 2015. Chantel also received the 2019 Black Excellence on the Hill Award.

Shelly Beiting



Shelly Beiting is the Executive Director of the Columbus Women's Commission, in the Office of Mayor Andrew J. Ginther. The Columbus Women's Commission recognizes that maximizing the collective power accelerates progress. We bring together policy experts, stakeholders, residents and neighbors, and business and non-profit communities to analyze issues impacting women and make policy recommendations. These recommendations help make bold change and impact in our community, whether it's through policies and programs run by the City of Columbus or through influencing and empowering other community partners to take action. Beiting comes to this work with over 15 years of experience in public health and non-profit leadership. She has worked to address issues of poverty, having a deep knowledge of food insecurity and approaching the work by both leading programs and advocating for public policy efforts to impact Ohio's most vulnerable populations. Beiting also had experience in clinical dietetics as well as public health and international efforts in the Dominican Republic and Guatemala. Beiting holds a B.A. from Goshen College and an M.P.H. in Public Health Nutrition from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. She brings to this work a passion for advocacy and removing barriers in the community through working collaboratively to strengthen the community and City of Columbus. She has a strong skill set in convening and facilitating conversations that will help the City explore and identify where the Administration can place their efforts to promote equity in our community.

Phyllis Gordan



Phyllis Gordon has served on the Contra Costa County Women's Commission since 1994. She came to the Commission because of her passion for Women's causes...in particular issues surrounding all forms of violence against women. Over the years that passion has become more encompassing to include issues around women's equality in all aspects of life including home, workplace, health, and Pay Equity and more recently issues affecting young girls re bullying and Human Trafficking.

- Served as Chair, Vice Chair of the Commission and is current Membership Chair. She has also chaired several other Commission

AD HOC Committees.

- Founding member of the Contra Costa County Women's Hall of Fame.
- Former Northern California Representative ACCW (Association of California Commissions for Women)
- Member, Board of Directors, NACW (National Association of Commissions for Women) and currently sits on their Fundraising, Awards and Conference Planning Committees.
- Co-Chaired the NACW National Conference 2013.
- Co-Chaired the ACCW statewide Conference 2016.

- Immediate Past President of the Friends of the Commission (a 501C3 Non-Profit) which is the fiscal agent for the Contra Costa County Women's Commission and now serves as the Treasurer.
- Phyllis is active in Soroptimist International and has served in several positions including Vice President, and head of Fundraising Committee and has Chaired several successful large fundraising events/ special events.
- Served for ten years as President of the Board of Directors of STS Academy a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to after school and Summer programs for underserved youth.
- Served 22 years as a Board member and two of those years as President of Community Violence Solutions the umbrella organization for Rape Crisis, Human Trafficking, and Prevention for Marin and Contra Costa County.
- For the last year and a half dedicated to helping assist other Counties start Women's Commissions. Loudoun County, Virginia, Solano County California (both are up and running) and Orange County California in preliminary stages. Have attempted to assist Sacramento County, California but not much progress moving forward for the last 9 months.
- I am applied for and currently hold the position of Vice President of the Association of California Commissions for Women to help support ACCW and make sure that it becomes fiscally healthy so we can sustain the organization financially AND to continue to have outreach to all Commissions in California so we can have a united voice for women and girls in this great State of California.

Sarah Brown



Sarah R. Brown is an attorney, municipal judge, executive coach, and etiquette trainer. Sarah is the Policy Analyst for the Sac and Fox Nation. She is responsible for monitoring and directing federal legislation and congressional and administrative activities that affect the welfare of the Sac and Fox Nation and its members. In addition, she provides advice regarding developing strategies concerning programs, policies, budgets and any other areas of concern to the Sac and Fox Nation. Prior to her work in tribal government, Sarah was General Counsel for a private oil and gas company. Her legal practice has also included civil litigation, insurance defense, and business law. Sarah is the founder of the Upgrowth Group, LLC, a consulting firm that provides executive coaching services, organizational culture audits, and training and development programs. She coaches executives on interpersonal skills, communication, and etiquette. Sarah also creates corporate etiquette training programs. Sarah is the author of Savvy Files, a blog that discusses modern etiquette and answers readers' etiquette questions. Sarah has served as a municipal judge since 2013. In 2015, Sarah was appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate to serve as a commissioner on the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women, an advisory entity that monitors legislation and acts as a resource and a clearinghouse for research on issues related to women and gender bias. In addition, Sarah is a volunteer attorney for Tulsa Lawyers for Children (TLC), where she represents children in deprived cases (pro bono). She also serves on TLC's Curriculum Committee and is a member of TLC's training faculty and teaches Ethics courses for other attorneys. Sarah is a graduate of the University of Tulsa College of Law, where she received a

Juris Doctorate and a certificate in Health Law. She also received a B.A. in Sociology, with certificates in Women's Studies and Legal Thought, from the University of Tulsa. Sarah completed the London Public History Program at the University of Westminster in London, England. Sarah is a graduate of the National Education for Women's Leadership Program and leadership Native Oklahoma. She is an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation and a descendant of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. Sarah lives in the Tulsa, Oklahoma metro area with her husband, Kyle Brown.

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Mary Beth Ogulewicz



Mary Beth Ogulewicz, JD, LCSW, RYT-500 is a Mindfulness Educator at Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health whose life's work is empowering others to live in balance while making a difference. Her professional background includes work as an attorney and a clinical social worker. In her work, she compassionately helps clients make difficult choices around end of life care and other intersecting medical, mental health and legal issues in later adulthood. Mary Beth uses a strengths-based perspective and integrates mindfulness and mind-body connection to support positive change and growth in any situation. She serves as a commissioner on the Hampden County

Commission on the Status of Women in Massachusetts. She received her BA from Boston College, JD from Western New England University School of Law and her MSW from Westfield State University. She is a certified 500-hour Kripalu yoga teacher.

Kristen Corey



Since 2013, Kristen Corey has served as the Program Planner for the Iowa Department of Human Rights' Office on the Status of Women and as the team lead for the Division of Community Advocacy and Services' communications team. Kristen received her M.S. in Sociology and Sustainable Agriculture from Iowa State University in 2007. As an undergraduate student, she worked for the Women, Food and Agriculture Network, served as a peer mentor and teacher for the Life in Iowa internship program, and was a researcher for Iowa State University (ISU) Extension. Kristen also worked for ISU Extension in the Community and Economic Development department, conducting research and providing outreach to Iowa communities regarding water quality issues, local food networks, and issues affecting women landowners in Iowa. Most recently, she worked as a Program Planner in the Iowa Child Support Recovery Unit's (CSRUs) central office in the policy unit writing administrative rules, providing answers and policy-related help for CSRU field offices, conducting systems testing, and writing manuals and other technical documents for CSRU field offices and for the public. Kristen and her husband reside in Ankeny, Iowa and have two small children under the age of 6.

Sherill Whisenand



Sherill Whisenand is in her second term as a Commissioner with the Iowa Department of Human Rights' Office on the Status of Women. During her tenure, she has served as vice-chairman of the Commission on the Status of Women and twice served as the Chairman of the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame, honoring Iowa women for their extraordinary achievements. Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds appointed Sherill to the Iowa Talent Bank Steering Committee, fulfilling the commitment of the State of Iowa, requiring all boards and commissions to be gender-balanced and the mechanism in place to fulfill that legislation. Sherill has a Master of Business Leadership degree and a Bachelor of Arts

degree in Communications. She is an adjunct professor with the University of Phoenix, teaching in-classroom courses on social media and business communications. Sherill is active in national, state and local politics on a professional and volunteer basis. She was the Congressional District Director for U.S. Rep. David E. Young of Iowa and serves now as Project Director for Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate. Currently, she is completing her third term on the Iowa Department of Public Health Behavioral Sciences Board. Her long career includes years of service in Government Affairs at the Walt Disney Companies, Inc. (California) and at "Good Morning America" with American Broadcasting Company (ABC Television) (New York). Her volunteerism extends to her church council governing board, Commissioner with the Des Moines Sister Cities Commission, the Des Moines Arts Festival, the Des Moines Community Playhouse Theatre, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure charity activities, and the American Heart Association. Sherill resides in Des Moines, Iowa.

Judith Vaughan-Prather



Judith Vaughan-Prather is the Executive Director of the Maryland Commission for Women, a 25-member advisory board to the Governor and the Maryland General Assembly. Under her direction, the Commission recently completed its Voices of Maryland Women Listening Tour, traveling more than 3000 miles across Maryland conducting a series of 19 public forums inviting women to "talk to us" about the challenges they face in their everyday lives. The report of that project was published in August 2018. The Commission also coordinates the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame and Maryland Women of Tomorrow Awards. Before taking this position in 2014, she was the Executive Director of the Montgomery

County Commission for Women for very nearly 35 years. Under her leadership, the CFW conducted successful projects including Single Mothers and Poverty, Educational Equity, Immigrant Women, Sexual Harassment, Pay Equity, Family Equity in the Courts, the Status of Women in Montgomery County, Work and Family Issues, Women and Girls in Technology, and Relationship Violence. She is a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Commissions for Women and has participated in several international women's exchanges, traveling to Russia, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey and Moldova. She has a master's degree in Social Work Administration and has taught Sociology at Montgomery College.

Tiffany Boiman



Tiffany Boiman has been a resident of Montgomery County for more than five years and was appointed to the Commission in 2017. In her professional capacity, Tiffany serves as the Director of Policy and Programs at the Women's Bureau, an agency within the U.S. Department of Labor responsible for advocating on behalf of women workers, using a combination of research and policy analysis, grant making and education and outreach. Before coming to the Department of Labor, Tiffany was employed by the Institute for Women's Policy Research, a DC-area think tank recognized as one of the leading research organizations in the area of domestic women's policy issues. She also worked as Director of Policy and Programs at Women Work!, a non-

profit member organization representing a national network of education and training programs for women. In addition, Tiffany is an active volunteer in her church and in the Montgomery County public school system. She holds a Master of Public Policy degree from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Khara Jabola Carolus



Khara Jabola-Carolus is the executive director of Ka Komikina Kūlana Olakino o Nā Wāhine (Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women). Since her appointment in 2018, the Commission has completed successful campaigns to create a state Title IX law, non-binary driver's license, and salary history ban. Khara also recently led Hawai'i to become the first and only state to allow any person with a prostitution record to vacate their conviction, except for sex buyers and pimps. Previously, she was the public affairs director at Strategies

360, the largest political strategist firm in the western United States. Khara also directed the Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights, where she passed landmark legislation that extended driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants. She earned her JD from the University of Hawaii with a specialization in Native Hawaiian law. Her family is from Laguna, Philippines.

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Joelle Logue



Joelle Logue is a retired weekly newspaper editor and freelance writer turned women's advocate. A longtime volunteer with the YWCA, she was president of her local YWCA, chair of the Northeast Region of YWCAs and currently serves as Secretary of the YWCA World Service Council. She is also a Board member of Planned Parenthood Empire State Acts and served on a task force that included restructuring the state entity and revising bylaws. Termed out as chair of the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women, she currently serves as secretary. Joelle resides in Buffalo, NY and earned a BA in English and Political Science from Penn State Univ., and an MA in Journalism from the Univ. of North Carolina at

Chapel Hill.

Marydith Tuitt



Mary-dith E. Tuitt, "Ms. Mary" was born on the Island of Montserrat in the British West Indies to Henrietta and Michael Tuitt. In the mid 1970's Mary and her three brothers came to America to join their parents; Mary is the only girl with five brothers. Alumni of the Boston Public school System she graduated from Boston Technical High School in 1985 and entered the United States Navy. Mary is a proud mother of two children; a daughter Mya and a son Maliek, who are also proud alumni of the Boston Public Schools system with both graduating from Boston Community Leadership Academy. Mya is presently attending Urban College in Boston and works as an Early Education teacher. Maliek is also attending college and plans to major in computer engineering and to minor in a foreign language. Mary is also a foster mother to Muffin, a high school classmate of her daughter. Her foster daughter was pregnant during this hard time in her young life and she needed a home for herself and her child. Mary opened her home to Muffin until she was ready to be on her own with her newborn son. Mary served fourteen (14) years as a Navy Aviation Machinists Mate, first on active duty and then in the active & inactive Reserves. Her military career took her from Orlando, Florida, to San Diego, California, to South Weymouth, MA, to Rota, Spain and other Reserves stations. In 1991 she returned to Boston and became a student of East Coast Aero Technical School (Nationally Approved Training College). Mary served as Chief of Staff for State Representative Gloria L. Fox; she has worked as Constituent Services Coordinator for a Boston City Councillor, providing support to the underserved communities of Boston, and has worked on various political campaigns. Over the years Mary has always been involved and vested in her community. Served as a volunteer with Boston Public schools, with various community youth groups, and with her church St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Columbia Road in Dorchester. Mary started her own business doing Special Events in 1987 her company designs and débuts weddings and events which involved degrees of planning, floral designing, church & hall decorating, procurement and assisting her clients in making their dreams a reality. A life-long believer of "*giving back to the community*", a brief sampling of Mary's community activism includes her involvement with:

- A Justice of the Peace for Suffolk county
- Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Commissioner for MA Commission on the Status of Women
- Associate member of VFW post 1018
- Member of American Legion Post 16
- Board of Trustees for We Are Educators with A Touch of Class (WEATOC)

- Governing Board for Boston Community Leadership Academy - a pilot high school (BCLA)
- Family Advisory Council (FAC) for Boston Community Leadership Academy
- Development Officer for Fair Foods Incorporated (a dollar bag program for the needy) FFI
- Public Relations Officer for the Montserrat Progressive Society of Boston (MPS)
- Member of the Codman Hill Neighborhood Civic Association
- Host and Producer of an IRadio, VIBE 105.3FM talk show: "Positive Impact"

And there is more to come with your help and support. Mary uses her many skills to enrich, enhance and empower her Community.

Beth Coonan



Elizabeth A. Coonan is the Chair of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women. She has served on the ICSW since 2011, having been named Chair in 2018. She also serves on the Iowa Department of Human Rights Board, is a member of the Board of Directors for the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center, is a member of the Board of Directors of House of Mercy and previously served on the Board of Directors for the Junior League of Des Moines. She also previously served on the Broadlawns Advocacy Circle, working on its mental health awareness campaign, served as the President of the Board of

Directors of the Young Women's Resource Center, is a graduate of and a past member of the Board of Governors of the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute. Elizabeth received her B.A. in Political Science and International Studies from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and her J.D., with honors, from Drake University. She was admitted to the Iowa bar in 2002 and subsequently admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa and the United States Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. She is a member of the BrownWinick law firm and serves as co-chair of BrownWinick's Employment Law practice group. She represents clients in the areas of employment, workers' compensation and business immigration law. She is also a certified mediator. Elizabeth has been named to Super Lawyers for her work in the area of Employment and Labor Law and is included in The Best Lawyers in America® for her work in the area of workers' compensation law.

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Janice Blalock



Janice (Jan) Blalock is past Chair of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women and current Northern California Representative for the Association of California Commissions for Women. During Jan's tenure the Commission has become much more visible and active within the community with projects such as "Women can Vote, Women can Run, Women can WIN" encouraging women to vote and also to run for office and leading to the current Empowerment project, One Billion Rising events, Affordable Childcare ad hoc, a very active Legislative Committee, a large and impactful Junior Commission and now the Voices of Sonoma County Women project. In addition, Jan is a member of the Education and Outreach Committee for the Sonoma County Human Trafficking Task Force, is a Junior Commission mentor and involved with the NWha CA-2020 Women's Suffrage Project. Jan has two grown, amazing daughters, a wonderful stepdaughter and lives in beautiful Santa Rosa California with her awesome husband and cat.

Elizabeth Bennis



Elizabeth Bennis has been Executive Assistant to Phyllis J. Randall, Chairwoman of the Loudoun County Virginia Board of Supervisors, the highest elected office in the County since 2016. Prior to her current position, Elizabeth has worked for other Departments within the Loudoun County Government since 2011, such as Fire Rescue and County Administration. In April 2017, Chair Randall founded the Loudoun Commission on Women and Girls consisting of several standing committees, each of which is focused on a critical area of need among women and girls in the community and is chaired by an expert in that area. Elizabeth serves as the County Relations Officer within the Commission, as well as, part of the Leadership Team consisting of the Commission Chair, Past Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer. Originally born in Philadelphia (GO EAGLES), Elizabeth has lived in Virginia for over 20 years. In her spare time, Elizabeth enjoys watching cooking shows, reality TV train wreck shows, visiting her local wineries and breweries, as well as, making the trip back home to Philly.

Dorri McWhorter



Dorri McWhorter became the CEO of the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago in March 2013. She has embarked upon a journey to transform the 140-year-old social service agency to a 21st century social enterprise. Dorri is moving the agency into the digital age by re-launching the TechGYRLS program, which focuses on developing STEM awareness for girls ages 9 through 14 and introducing 3D: Developing Digital Diversity, which provides web and mobile application development training to adult women. Dorri has also led the YWCA's expansion of digital services with the launch of YShop.org (e-commerce platform), womenshealthexchange.org (health insurance and information) and the MPWR mobile app (community engagement). Dorri led the process for the YWCA to develop an exchange traded fund (ETF) for women's empowerment (NYSE: WOMN) in partnership with Impact Shares, which is the first non-profit investment advisor to develop an ETF product. Dorri was included in the inaugural list of "The Blue Network", comprised of the top 100 innovators in Chicago, by Chicago Tribune's Blue Sky Innovation and recognized by Good City Chicago

receiving its Innovative Leader Award. Dorri is a 2019 Inductee in the Chicago Innovation Hall of Fame. A proven leader in the corporate and social change sectors, Dorri prides herself on being a socially-conscious business leader throughout her career. McWhorter is an active member of Chicago's business community. Most recently, she was a partner at Crowe Horwath LLP, one of the largest accounting firms in the U.S. She has also held senior positions with Snap-on Incorporated and Booz Allen Hamilton. McWhorter serves on the Board of Directors for William Blair Funds and Skyway Concession Company (Chicago Skyway). Dorri is also active in the accounting profession having served as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Board of Directors for the Illinois CPA Society. McWhorter is dedicated to empowering women as a member of the Women in Entrepreneurship Institute at DePaul University and Women's Philanthropy Institute at Indiana University. McWhorter's civic and philanthropic leadership includes the board of directors for the Chicago Center for Arts and Technology, Chicago Child Care Society, Civic Consulting Alliance, the Civic Federation, and the State of Illinois Charitable Trust. McWhorter received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a Master of Business Administration degree from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Lake Forest College.

Wendy Doyle



Wendy advances all women's economic and civic leadership using evidenced-based research and policy solutions to make meaningful change in the Midwest. Wendy's nonprofit career began as a national major gifts officer with the National Kidney Foundation, Inc. She worked as a nonprofit consultant who focused on board development and strategic planning. She later served as the Executive Vice President of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. Wendy earned a B.A. from Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri, and she serves on the Missouri Women's Health Council, the Greater Kansas

City Chamber of Commerce Executive Women's Leadership Council, and the University of Missouri - Kansas City Starr Education Committee.

Sasha Heggie-Jackson



Sasha Heggie-Jackson, who identifies as a Queer, Afro-Latinx, has been dedicated to raising awareness of the issues impacting the LGBTQ+ community through her involvement as a Board Member of the Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ+ Youth 2017-2018, Greater Boston PFLAG, SpeakOUT, and BrAGLY (Brockton Alliance on LGBTQ+ Youth) an organization of the AGLY Network. She is a co-founder of Jackson's CLASS Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides services including homelessness prevention education, LGBTQ+ resources, and trainings in Southeastern, Massachusetts. She currently serves as the Program Director at the Massachusetts

Commission on the Status of Women. Heggie-Jackson graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Bridgewater State University and Master's in Social Work from Wheelock College. She is Boston native currently living in Rhode Island.

Samantha Burke/Pass the Torch