

# ALUMNI TASK FORCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## \* Task Force Member

## ◇ Advisory Committee



**Enola G. Aird '79 JD** ◇

Enola is a lawyer, an activist mother, and the founder and president of Community Healing Network, Inc. CHN is the only organization focused exclusively on building the global grassroots movement for emotional emancipation--to help Black people heal from and overturn the lies of White superiority and Black inferiority, the root causes of the devaluing of Black lives and the under-development of Black communities.

Under Aird's leadership, CHN has forged a collaboration with its primary ally, the Association of Black Psychologists, and put into place key elements to build the movement for emotional emancipation, including: 1) Emotional Emancipation (EE) Circles, support groups designed to help Black people heal from the trauma caused by the lies; and 2) Valuing Black Lives: The Annual Global Emotional Emancipation Summit, which brings together leaders of African ancestry from around the world to develop plans to extinguish the lies once and for all.

A former corporate attorney, Aird served as legal counsel for predecessor entities of Time Warner and Viacom; has worked at the Children's Defense Fund, leading its violence prevention program and serving as acting director of its Black Community Crusade for Children; is a past chair of the Connecticut Commission on Children; and was a visiting scholar at the Judge Baker Children's Center in Boston.

Born in the Republic of Panama, Aird is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Barnard College and earned her law degree from Yale University.



**Richard Albert '00, '03 JD** ◇

Constitutional Law Professor

Richard is Professor of Law at Boston College Law School; starting January 1, 2018, he will be Professor of Law at the University of Texas at Austin. An expert on how constitutions change--by amendment, evolution, replacement, and revolution--he has published over 60 books and articles, and has organized over 30 scholarly conferences around the world, bringing together scholars from different legal and cultural traditions to explore big questions in law and society. He is a class agent for Yale College, an at-large delegate for the Association of Yale Alumni, a director of the Yale Alumni Fund, and served as a founding director of the Yale Black Alumni Association. In 2015-16, he was a Visiting Associate Professor of Law and the Canadian Bicentennial Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science at Yale University; in 2016-17, he was a Visiting Professor of Law at the Externado University of Colombia; and in 2017-18, he is Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Toronto. A former law clerk to the Chief Justice of Canada, he holds degrees from Yale, Harvard, and Oxford.



**Dr. Akosua Barthwell Evans '90 JD** \*

Strategic Management Consulting Executive (D&I and Innovation)

Dr. Evans is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Barthwell Group. Prior to launching The Barthwell Group, Dr. Evans was an accomplished banker, lawyer, and management consultant. In addition, throughout her career, Dr. Evans has provided leadership to a variety of not-for-profit organizations throughout the United States through her board service.

As a Managing Director at JPMorgan, Dr. Evans developed, launched, and managed two national businesses: Diversified Client Services (which successfully increased the number of diverse high net worth individuals and organizations in the

Private Bank) and the Endowments and Foundations Practice (which built an asset management business for not-for-profits with endowments exceeding \$400 million). In addition to her professional responsibilities while at JPMorgan, Dr. Evans developed a Financial Management Institute for the CEOs of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (“HBCUs”). Dr. Evans also attained five securities licenses while at JP Morgan. Previously, Dr. Evans was a securities and corporate attorney on Wall Street and in Atlanta, and a manager at Coopers and Lybrand’s Detroit Office.

Dr. Evans has served on more than 16 not-for-profit boards throughout the United States, including the Yale Alumni Association Board of Governors, the Yale Law School Fund Board, the Yale Law School Executive Committee, the Trustee Committee on Education, The Museum of Modern Art, the American Folk Art Museum, the Romare Bearden Foundation, the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, Bennett College for Women, Babcock School of Management of Wake Forest University, Detroit Science Center, Hutzel Hospital, and the Founders Junior Council (Detroit Institute of Arts). Dr. Evans is the Founder and served for many years as the chairperson of The Friends of Education at The Museum of Modern Art. In 2014, she was appointed by President Barack Obama to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African-Americans. Dr. Evans is also a Governance Fellow of the National Association of Corporate Directors.

Over the course of her career, Dr. Evans has organized three scholarship funds benefiting African-American students at higher education institutions throughout the United States and has won numerous awards. Dr. Evans is a graduate of Barnard College and Yale Law School, where she was a Co-Marshall of her class and won the Edward R. Robbins Memorial Prize for her writing. She holds a Ph.D. and M.Phil. from Columbia University.



**Marv Berenblum ’56 \***

Nonprofit Organization Chairman and President

Marv Berenblum joined the National Executive Service Corps in 2003 as President and CEO, and currently serves as Chairman and President. He came to NESC after 14 years with the search firm of Heidrick & Struggles, where he was Area Managing Partner with oversight for the New York, Wall Street, Philadelphia, and Greenwich offices. He was also Chairman of Heidrick’s Quality Council, which focused on the quality of the services that were offered to clients globally. Prior to joining Heidrick & Struggles in 1989, he served as Senior Vice President for Human Resources and as a member of the Operating Committee of the media company KnightRidder, Inc. In his earlier career, Marv was associated with Continental Grain Company as Senior Vice President for Human Resources and as a member of its Board of Directors. He previously was associated with Exxon and Cummins Engine Company in human resources-related assignments.

Marv graduated from Yale University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies, and received a Master’s degree in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University, where he was awarded a Teaching Fellowship with a concentration on the Bill of Rights. He also completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. His current associations include serving as Chairman of the Leadership Council of Highnote Foundry, an incubator business; Founder and Chairman of Yale Alumni College; President of the Advisory Council of the Association of Yale Alumni; National Commissioner of the Anti-Defamation League; member of the Advisory Board of At Home of Greenwich; Co-Chairman of Saving the Generation; a member of the Board of the Friends of European Humanities University; and a member of the Scholarship Committee of the Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich, having previously served as President of its Board.

Marv is a recipient of the Yale Medal (2014) and the Daniel R. Ginsburg Humanitarian Award from the Anti-Defamation League (2007).

**Rob Bildner ’72 ◇**


**Althea Marshall Brooks '01 MDiv ◇**

Mrs. Marshall Brooks currently serves as the Director of Coordinated School Health for the City of New Haven Public Schools. In this position, Mrs. Brooks is the administrator responsible for coordinating and oversight of district health and wellness initiatives for students, staff and the broader community. Prior to her appointment with New Haven Public Schools, Mrs. Brooks was the Community Services Administrator (CSA) for the Honorable John DeStefano, Jr. As CSA, she was responsible for several city departments and efforts including Health, Elderly Services, Youth Services, Homelessness Services, State-Administered General Assistance (SAGA), and Reentry.

Before serving as CSA, Mrs. Brooks served briefly as the City of New Haven's New Haven Reentry Initiative Coordinator where she was responsible for initiating, developing, and implementing practices, procedures, and policies to address the needs and challenges of the New Haven reentry population. Prior to her entry into city government, Mrs. Brooks served as the President/CEO of Empower New Haven, Inc., the City's implementing agency for the 10 year federal round II empowerment zone initiative, from 2003 until 2012. Mrs. Brooks directed the implementation of the strategic plan submitted for this designation and administered over \$30 million in public and private funding for the city's most under-resourced neighborhoods.

Mrs. Marshall Brooks has a Bachelor's of Science degree from the School of Family Studies from the University of Connecticut, a Master's of Science Degree from Southern Connecticut State University in Sociology, and a Master of Divinity degree from Yale University. Currently, she serves as on the President's Executive Council for Gateway Community College, member of the Gateway Community College Foundation Board, Adjunct Faculty at Gateway Community College, member of the Yale Divinity School Alumni Board, Board Chair of Emerge Connecticut, Inc., Co-Chair of the New Haven Public Schools District Wellness Committee, Vice Chair of Beulah Land Development Corporation, to name a few. In addition, Althea is an ordained Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. She is the wife of Darrell, mother and step mother, respectively, to son, Darrell Joshua (5) and two step daughters, Chelsea (17) and Paige (12).


**Rashayla Marie Brown '04 \***

Lauded as a 2017 Artadia Awardee, artist-scholar Rashayla Marie Brown (RMB) manages a living studio practice across an extensive list of cultural production modes, including photography, performance, writing, drawing, installation, and video art. Encompassing themes of autonomy and self-mastery at the intersections of art history, religion, and popular culture, RMB's work often investigates power dynamics through the emotion and personal vulnerability of lived experience. A lifelong nomad who has moved 24 times, her journey as a professional artist began as a radio DJ and poet performing research in London, England and as founder of the family-owned design company, Selah Vibe, Inc., in Atlanta, GA. RMB currently serves as the inaugural Director of Student Affairs for Diversity and Inclusion at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), fostering queer Afrofeminist narratives across institutions.

RMB holds degrees from Yale University and SAIC, advised by Paul Gilroy and Barbara DeGenevieve respectively. Her work has been commissioned by the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago; Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago; and Yale University, New Haven, CT. Her work has shown at the Gene Siskel Film Center, Chicago, IL; Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL; INVISIBLE-EXPORTS, New York, NY; University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA; Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA; Centro Cultural Costaricense Norteamericano, San Jose, Costa Rica; and other venues. She has received numerous awards, including the City of Chicago's Artist Residency, the Hyde Park Art Center Flex Residency, the Roger Brown Residency, and the Yale Mellon Research Grant. Her work and words have been featured and published in Art Forum, Blouin Modern Painters, Chicago Magazine, Hyperallergic, Nka: Journal of Contemporary African Art, the Radical Presence catalog, and the cover of the Chicago Reader. RMB's essay "Open Letter to My Fellow Young Artists and Scholars on the Margins: A Tribute to Terry Adkins" was shared over 9K times online as of 2017.



**Lise Chapman '81 MBA** ◇

Education and Career Strategy Consultant

Lise serves as Immediate Past Chair of the Association of Yale Alumni Board of Governors. Her volunteer service includes her role as co-founder and co-chair, 1stGenYale, an emerging AYA SIG that supports alumni who were first generation college/graduate school, are from low income/underrepresented backgrounds, share challenging experiences, and want to connect with each other and support current students (March 2016). Lise is a member of the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force Advisory Committee (2016); co-founded Careers, Life, and Yale, an AYA campus-wide initiative welcoming alumni back to share their careers & life skills with students (2015); and joined the Alumni to Alumni (A2A) initiative (2017). Lise was Chair (2012-2014) and Regional Director (NJ) of Yale Day of Service, and continues as site coordinator of “Career Explorations” in Newark public schools, now in its 5th year. She is a mentor to a graduate student through the AYA pilot mentoring program, and member of the Alumni Schools Committee (ASC) and Yale Club of Central New Jersey.

For Yale School of Management, Lise serves as 1981 Class Agent and chaired the 35th, 30th, and 25th reunions. Lise received the Yale School of Management Alumni Association Leadership Award for Volunteer Service in 2014. Recently, she was appointed to the Yale Alumni Fund Board of Directors.

Lise is an independent career & education strategies consultant and recently served as an AmeriCorps VISTA for NJ LEEP, an after-school college bound program for high-achieving, underrepresented high school students in Greater Newark. Previously, Lise spent 14 years in finance and served as an elected member of the Millburn Board of Education. She has a Masters in Counseling from Kean University (2015) and Stanford BA (1975). Lise and her husband live in New Jersey and are parents of three grown children.



**Anna Maria Chávez '90** ◇

Attorney and Nonprofit Leader

Anna Maria Chávez is Chief Strategy Officer and Senior Vice President of External Affairs for the National Council on Aging, whose mission is to improve the lives of millions of older adults, especially those who are struggling. Chávez developed the leadership skills that would propel her into a career of public service growing up in Eloy, Arizona. Her desire to transform the world through servant leadership led her to attend Yale University before pursuing a juris doctorate at the University of Arizona. She held numerous posts in President Bill Clinton’s administration and later returned to Arizona to serve then-governor Janet Napolitano.

Her success led to her appointment as CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA, where she served from 2011-2016 as the first woman of color to lead the 104-year group that has 2.7 million members in over 90 countries and 59 million alumnae in America. In 2016, Anna was named as one of the World’s 50 Greatest Leaders by Fortune magazine, cited for her vision and creativity in working to revitalize the Girl Scout brand for a new century. She was also named number 22 by Fast Company in its annual list of the most creative people in business. She brings a wealth of experience from previous legal, public policy, nonprofit management, and brand management positions in Arizona, Texas, Washington, DC, and New York City.

Anna is one of the world’s top experts on women’s leadership and youth development and draws from her 25 years of public service and nonprofit leadership to teach teamwork, inclusion and diversity, resiliency, leadership, and self-motivation. Her keen insights and dynamic presentations have inspired thousands of individuals around the globe to lead authentically and has helped organizations work together more collaboratively and create dynamic impact. Anna has appeared on CBS News, NBC’s The Today Show, FOX News Channel, CNBC’s Squawk Box, CNN, Bloomberg Radio, NPR, and she is a contributing writer on Huffington Post.


**Jenny Chavira '89 \***

Jenny Chavira became the AYA's Deputy Executive Director in 2011 and was Acting Executive Director for the 2015-16 academic year. After four years in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, she joined the Yale College Classes group at AYA in 1994. In nine years as the group's director, she oversaw all class-based programs, including Yale College Reunions. Following that, she helped to launch a new Major Cities initiative inspired by the AYA's first strategic plan in 2007 and Yale's first alumnae association (now known as YaleWomen) in 2010. In her deputy role, she is responsible for general administration and human resources, IT resource coordination, staff professional development, and support for the AYA Board of Governors. She works closely with the Graduate Schools alumni relations staff and is the liaison for both the Development Office and AYA's alumni relations colleagues in the professional schools. Jenny lives in Hamden with her husband, Ricardo, who is serving as a volunteer on the task force, and son, Alex.


**Ricardo Chavira '95 M.A.\***

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Ricardo Chavira is a Senior Solutions Consultant at Aprtis, where he works with organizations of all sizes to identify their business needs, understand industry best practices in service delivery, and develop solutions to meet them. As a Service Management consultant, his work is largely focused on process improvement, service delivery, governance, and implementing enterprise software solutions. He is also active with numerous industry organizations, including EDUCAUSE, the professional association for IT in higher ed, for which he served as co-chair of the 2015 IT Service Catalog Working Group. Comprised of IT practitioners from various universities, the Working Group identified best practices and produced guidelines for managing IT in higher education. A frequent speaker and writer, he has presented at IT conferences and contributed to professional publications.

Prior to his work at Aprtis, Ricardo spent 20 years at Yale University in a number of IT roles at central ITS and the AYA. During his time at Yale, he managed the Service Desk, supported various university departments, managed projects, and implemented and supported enterprise applications. While at Yale, Ricardo was a founding co-chair of the Yale Latino Networking Group, an affinity group of Yale staff. The YLNG worked to recruit and retain Latino staff, engaged in community service, and developed career development programming. Ricardo also served on the advisory committee for the Yale Office of Diversity & Inclusion. Prior to his work in IT, he pursued graduate work in philosophy at Yale University.


**Dr. Victor E. Cheers '74 ◇**

Management Consultant and Coach

Dr. Cheers has a successful management consulting practice where he has built a reputation as a skilled manager, trusted advisor, confidant, collaborator, mentor, coach, and strategist. His professional foci include improving organizational performance; leadership development; addressing issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion; strategic planning; social entrepreneurship; and executive transition.

He has a long history of volunteerism with a variety of organizations and causes. Some of his notable Yale-related activities include: Founding Chair of the National Advisory Council (NAC) of the Yale Black Alumni Association (YBAA), Chair of the Advisory Board for the Afro-American Cultural Center, President of the Yale Club of Chicago, Board Officer of the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA), and Member of Yale's Honorary Degrees Committee. At Fielding Graduate University, the graduate school alma mater where he earned a doctorate in Education, he was Co-Chair of the University-Wide Strategic Planning Task Force and Co-Chair of the Alumni Council.

His service to Yale has been recognized by his receipt of the Yale Medal conferred by the AYA, the William McCormick Blair Distinguished Service Award from the Yale Club of Chicago, a Distinguished Service and Achievement Recognition from YBAA, and a Trailblazer Award presented at the Black Student Alliance at Yale's 50th Anniversary Celebration.



**Rockwell ("Rocky") Chin '71 M.C.P. \***  
Civil Rights Attorney and Civic Leader

As a graduate student in City Planning at Yale, Rocky became involved with the Yale Asian American Students Association and was one of the contributors to the first issue of Amerasia Journal, which was published by the late Don Nakanishi, a Yale medalist and renowned Asian American Studies Scholar. Rocky later had the opportunity to develop and teach some of the first Asian American studies courses in the country. Rocky was a civil rights attorney in New York for 25 years. At the New York City Commission on Human Rights, he helped organize Mayor David Dinkin's Town Hall on Asian Pacific Americans. At the New York State Division of Human Rights, he was Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity. He has been the civil rights chair of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) and served on many nonprofit boards including Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), the Asian American Arts Alliance, and MFY Legal Services. He was appointed to be a member of AARP's Executive Council in New York State and also serves on the Board of the Asian American Law Fund of New York. Rocky is the co-founder of the Asian American Bar Association of New York ([www.aabany.org](http://www.aabany.org)), the largest minority bar association in New York. Along with Yale alumnus Kunduck Moon, Rocky helped found the Association of Asian American Yale Alumni ([www.aaaya.org](http://www.aaaya.org)), served as the first President of the New York Chapter and continues to serve on the AAAYA New York Board.

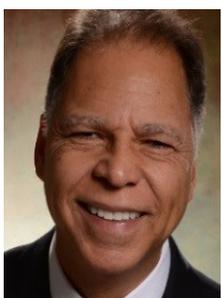


**Matthew Countryman '85 ◇**

Matthew J. Countryman is Associate Professor of History and American Culture at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he teaches courses in U.S. political history and the history of African-American social movements. Countryman is the author of *Up South: Civil Rights and Black Power in Philadelphia* (University of Pennsylvania Press), which won the 2006 Liberty Legacy Foundation Award for the best book in civil rights history from the Organization of American Historians. He received a B.A. from Yale University and an M.A. and PhD. from Duke University.

Countryman is currently working on a political history of African-American mayors in the late 20th century. In 2016, he received a Michigan Humanities Award from the University of Michigan's College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and in 2008-09 was a Charles Warren Center Fellow at Harvard University. Countryman is also a recipient of the 2016 John H. D'Arms Faculty Award for Distinguished Graduate Mentoring in the Humanities and the 2008 Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award, both from the University of Michigan.

Since 2007, Countryman has served as the Faculty Director of the Rackham Program in Public Scholarship (formerly known as the Arts of Citizenship Program), a University of Michigan program that provides graduate students with co-curricular training opportunities in public scholarship and community engagement. He has also served as the Consulting Historian for the Temple University Library's online exhibit, "Civil Rights in a Northern City: Philadelphia."



**Darryl Eugene Crompton '76 MPH \***  
Higher Education Administration and Public Health

Darryl Crompton is passionate about fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion in education and healthcare. He was most recently vice president and general counsel of Tuskegee University. Before joining Tuskegee, he served in senior positions at non-profit and for-profit institutions including the United Negro College Fund Special Programs Corporation, the Catholic Health Association, and Masimax Resources, Inc. Earlier, Crompton was a tenured Associate Professor at the University of

Alabama, Birmingham. He has served as adjunct professor at Howard University School of Medicine, at Morehouse Medical School, and at Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health. Crompton has served on several boards, including the Washington DC Shakespeare Theatre; the March of Dimes, National Capital Area Chapter, Arlington, VA; the Sickle Cell Foundation of Birmingham; and The American University of Paris Alumni Chapter of Greater Washington, DC. Currently, Crompton serves on the board of The Training Source, Inc. He is also a member of Greater Leadership Washington, Class of 1997. He is a member of the Yale Alumni Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and an at-large delegate to the Yale University Alumni Assembly. Crompton grew up in Los Angeles and holds a M.P.H. degree in public health policy from Yale University, a J.D. degree from the University of California at Davis, and a B.A. degree in political science from the University of California at Los Angeles.



**Marco A. Davis '92 \***  
Nonprofit Sector Leader

Marco A. Davis is a Partner at New Profit, a pioneering nonprofit national venture philanthropy fund. In his role, Marco serves as Organizational Lead on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and manages the Proximity accelerator. He was recently named a Pahara-Aspen Fellow.

Prior to joining New Profit, Mr. Davis served under President Barack Obama as Deputy Director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, which included leading engagement with the Hispanic community on the President's My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Initiative, and as the Director of Public Engagement for the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Previously, he was Director of Global Fellowship and also Regional Manager for Latin America at Ashoka's Youth Venture, and held the position of Director of Leadership Development at UnidosUS (formerly the National Council of La Raza). His career began with roles at Prep for Prep, Inc. in New York City, and the Center for Third World Organizing in Oakland, CA.

Davis received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Latin American Studies from Yale University. During his studies, he was active in student organizations, becoming a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. serving as a Co-Moderator of BSAY, and Moderator of MEChA. Inc. He was also selected as a student representative on the Minority Advisory Council to the President. After Yale, Marco served on the board of Dwight Hall at Yale, and as an at-large delegate to the AYA. He is now an active member of the Yale Black Alumni Association and the Yale Latino Alumni Association.



**Felicia Escobar Carrillo '00 \***  
Expert in Policy, Advocacy, and Coalition-Building

Felicia is a seasoned policymaker and coalition-builder with experience working in the government and nonprofit sectors. Most recently, Felicia has served as the Principal Consultant for the L.A. Justice Fund, a public-private partnership that seeks to increase access to legal services for immigrants in removal proceedings.

From 2009 – 2017, Felicia served White House Domestic Policy Council. As Special Assistant to the President for Immigration, she managed President Obama's immigration policy agenda, working to advance his legislative and administrative agenda. During the 2013 Senate immigration reform debate, Felicia managed the Administration's efforts. This work included crafting the President's immigration reform principles, preparing legislative proposals, and providing technical assistance to Congressional offices.

Felicia played a key role in the development and implementation of immigration executive actions pursued by the Obama Administration, including the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy and the President's 2014

Immigration Executive Actions. She also led the White House Task Force on New Americans, including its Building Welcoming Communities Campaign, to encourage local communities to engage in welcoming and integration efforts.

Prior to this, Felicia worked in the U.S. Senate for U.S. Senator Ken Salazar during the comprehensive immigration reform debates of 2006 and 2007 and for Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle. She started her career at the National Council of La Raza advocating for Latinos in the Texas State Legislature.

A native of San Antonio, Texas, Felicia received a Bachelor of Arts from Yale University and was in Saybrook College. Felicia has been active in organizing the Yale Latino alumni community, serving as a founding Co-Chair of the Yale Latino Alumni Association. She also holds a Masters in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and a Juris Doctorate from UCLA School of Law. Felicia is a member of the American Bar Association's Commission on Immigration.



**Pamela Y. George \***

Pamela Y. George is a trained clinical therapist with over 25 years in higher education. She is currently an adjunct professor of Psychology at the University of Bridgeport and the lead education specialist/coordinator for peer-assisted support services at Norwalk Community College.

Previously, Pamela spent over 17 years as an Assistant Dean of Yale College. Beginning in 1999-2010 she served as Director of the Afro-American Cultural, Coordinator for the Ethnic Counselor Program and Director of the Beckman Science Scholars and Science, Technology and Research

Scholars program, (STARS.)

From 2010-2017, Pamela was the Secretary for the Executive Committee (student conduct and disciplinary board), Chair of Reinstatement and Director of the Transfer Student Program.



**Melanie Ginter '78, '81 MS ◇**

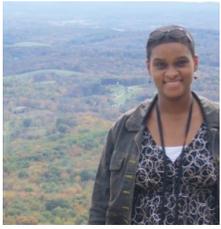
Consultant and Nonprofit Advisor

Melanie is a psychologist and management consultant who has been active in the New Haven and Yale communities since she graduated from Yale. Following graduation, Melanie worked for the New Haven Public Schools to evaluate the effectiveness of intervention programs throughout the district. Her publications include research on school interventions, school success, and alternative high schools. She maintained an active clinical practice, focused on adolescents and families, followed by a consulting practice for family owned businesses.

Melanie currently serves on the Yale Cancer Center Director's Advisory Board, the Board of the Yale Swimming and Diving Association, and the Investment Committee of the Yale Club of New Haven. She also serves as Vice President of Mory's Preservation, Inc., where she was Chairperson of the Building Renovation Committee and moved the women's room to the first floor. She was a keynote speaker at Yale's Twenty-five Years of Coeducation: Women and Athletics and represented Yale at the Silver Anniversary of Ivy League Women's Championships Celebration in Brooklyn, NY.

She served as a Board member of such diverse committees as the University Tercentennial Steering Committee, the University History and Archives Committee, the AYA, and the NCAA Re-Certification of Athletics at Yale. Her community board service is primarily focused on developing successful educational institutions and on creating and supporting significant links between Yale and New Haven.

Melanie was twice honored with the Distinguished Service Award from her Class and the Club Recognition Award from the Yale Club of New Haven, when she was President in two different decades. As President, she was an advocate for graduate and professional students and for the inclusion of community members on the board and in all of the Club's activities. For her service to Yale, Melanie received the Yale Medal in 2015.



**Olivia C. Glenn '03 MEM ◇**

Olivia is the South Jersey Metro Regional Manager of New Jersey Conservation Foundation. She is responsible for land preservation, trail building, and park planning in the region, with a special emphasis on Camden City. She has a strong background in the non-profit and government sectors, where she has served as Briefings Manager for a former NJ Governor and at the NJ Department of Environmental Protection in the Office of the Commissioner during the tenure of four Commissioners. Olivia served two terms on the F&ES Alumni Association Board, is a member of Yale Blue Green Alumni Shared Interest Group, and is a member of the Multi-Ethnic Student-Alumni Interest Group at F&ES. Olivia is a member of her township's Environmental Commission and County's Open Space Advisory Committee. She was also honored as a County Sustainability Champion. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College, where she was President of the Afro-American Society, a member of Palaeopitus, and an Alumni Councilor of the Dartmouth Alumni Council. She earned her Master's from Yale F&ES. She is married with two children.



**C'Ardiss Gardner Gleser '08 ◇**

C'Ardiss currently works at the Satterberg Foundation as a Program Officer. The Satterberg Foundation is a family foundation that focuses on building a Just Society and a Sustainable Environment. She previously worked in Alumni Affairs at Rainier Scholars, a Seattle-based nonprofit that supports and cultivates the academic potential of scholars of color from 6th grade through college graduation. She spent many years working in software as an engineer prior to returning to school (to earn a Bachelor's degree) and transitioning to a career in nonprofit education. She is passionate about improving educational opportunities and outcomes for communities of color, and is involved with organizations focused on education, access, and mentorship.

C'Ardiss is heavily involved in her local community; she currently serves on the boards of the Charlotte Martin Foundation, Philanthropy Northwest, and The Bush School. She also serves as a Partner with collective action investment group, Social Venture Partners, where she has served on the Education and Environmental Grants Committee, as well as chairing the Social Venture Kids initiative. In addition to her local volunteer service, she is a member of the Association of the AYA's Board of Governors and was the National President of the Yale Black Alumni Association. C'Ardiss received her BA in African American Studies from Yale College and an M.Ed. in Education Administration from Seattle University. C'Ardiss currently lives in Seattle with her husband and three children.



**Lauren Graham '13 MEM ★**

Lauren has served as the chair of Yale Blue Green, the environment and sustainability alumni shared interest group, since 2014. She is also a former AYA At-Large Delegate representing F&ES.

Lauren is an environmental entrepreneur with an eclectic background in green building and sustainable design, film, non-profit management, project management, mediation, disaster management, gaming, and impact strategy. She is the founder of a social change strategy and communications startup called Velvet Frame, where she works with mission-driven organizations on their leadership development and organization design and strategy challenges.

Lauren holds a masters in environmental management from Yale F&ES, a bachelors degree in international relations and a masters in sociology from Stanford University, and a certificate in social impact strategy from the University of Pennsylvania.



**Arthur Greenwald '75** ◇

Media and Marketing Consultant, Television Producer

Arthur is a veteran television writer and director who has produced programs in a wide range of genres, including children's TV, documentaries, and magazine shows, as well as promotion and public service campaigns. Arthur's television career began while still at Yale when he was hired by Fred Rogers to develop and produce videos and other media to prepare children for hospitalization, surgery, and other stressful life experiences, using characters from Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.

This also served as the basis for Arthur's year-long Scholar of the House project at Yale College and the Yale Child Study Center, where he worked on staff as a part time preschool teacher and as a video producer.

For ten years Arthur worked for Group W (Westinghouse Broadcasting, which subsequently bought and merged with CBS). He served as a field producer and later an executive producer for PM (Evening) Magazine. During those years Arthur wrote and produced children's series and specials, topical documentaries, telethons, and national marketing campaigns – the latter while serving as Creative Director of the Westinghouse station group. In 1990, Greenwald left Westinghouse to start Greenwald Media, a television production company and media consultancy. His clients and collaborators include CBS, NBC, PBS the USA Networks, the Ad Council, the Television Academy, NATPE, and the Consumer Electronics Association and its International CES show. Many of the programs and public service campaigns Arthur has written and produced address topics of diversity and discrimination. Today, he frequently advises Southern California nonprofits on marketing and media strategy.

Arthur has served two terms as Secretary of the Yale Class of 1975 and co-chaired three of their class reunions. He also serves on the Board of the Colony Foundation. Arthur lives in Glendale, CA with his soon-to-be wife and their four dogs.



**Dr. Cheryl Tawede Grills '80** ★

Psychology/Implicit Bias



**Ken Inadomi '76** ★

Nonprofit Management

Ken Inadomi is the co-chair of the Yale Alumni Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, as well as the founding chair of YANA, the Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance. He also serves as the Executive Director of NYPACE – New York Professional Advisors for Community Entrepreneurs – a nonprofit that provides pro bono consulting to entrepreneurs in under-resourced communities of New York City.

He entered the nonprofit world in 2008 after three decades in the private sector. From 2008 to 2015 Mr. Inadomi served as Executive Director of the New York Mortgage Coalition, a nonprofit housing intermediary that generates first-time homeownership opportunities for working class families in New York, providing over \$100M in affordable mortgages each year, 80% of which help families of color. He is also the majority owner of CIS, Consolidated Information Services, one of the nation's largest independent credit reporting agencies.

Mr. Inadomi's volunteer service for Yale includes: Class Gift Committee for 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, and 40th Reunions; Organizing Committee and panel moderator for the Yale Asian American Alumni Reunion, 2014; and Association of

Yale Alumni (AYA) Board of Governors, 2012-2015. In 2011 he organized the founding of YANA, the alumni service organization that unifies and leverages Yale's social impact community for the greater common good. YANA is a 5-time winner of the AYA Excellence Award and was named Yale's Outstanding Shared Interest Group of 2013. Mr. Inadomi also led the project team that successfully developed and launched the Yale Alumni College in 2012.

Mr. Inadomi is the Immediate Past Co-Chair of Project Redwood, the social philanthropy program financed and managed by alumni from the Stanford Business School that supports social entrepreneurs addressing extreme global poverty. Since its inception in 2005, Project Redwood has allocated more than \$2M in unrestricted grants to over 70 social purpose projects, primarily across the Global South, that implement innovative approaches to help the impoverished. Mr. Inadomi received his BA from Yale, MBA from Stanford, and an executive degree in Community Development & Nonprofit Management from the Harvard Kennedy School.



**Ken Jennings '76** ◇

Dr. Ken Jennings is a geologist and environmental scientist with over 30 years of experience in government (US EPA Headquarters), industry (Amoco, Shell and Microsoft Corporations), and consulting. His areas of expertise include sustainability, energy, and climate change in Africa and the Caribbean. He is an Adjunct Professor of Environmental Management for the University of Maryland University Center and consults major industries, governments and the UN Environment Programme.

As Managing Director of K2J, Ken has traveled extensively in Africa, speaking frequently about the most advantageous ways to promote the use of renewable energy and sustainable mining techniques. He has also written policy papers for the Global Environment Facility/UN Environment Programme on sustainable cities and consulted the Governments of Guyana, Trinidad and Barbados in the latest environmental management approaches.

Ken served as the manager of environmental compliance for Microsoft for 5 years, establishing a worldwide environmental management system and team that addressed hazardous substances in electronics, e-waste, greenhouse gases, ozone depleting materials, batteries, packaging and other issues attendant to the high tech industry. In addition, he was part of a team of specialists that investigated and remediated contamination from oil refineries, pipelines, bulk storage terminals and service stations for Amoco Corporation from Wyoming to Florida.

Dr. Jennings earned a BS in geology and geophysics from Yale, a Masters in geology from the University of California Santa Barbara, and a Doctorate in environmental science and engineering from UCLA. He speaks several languages conversationally – French, Yoruba, Japanese and Portuguese. Ken is married and has one daughter, who is a senior at Barnard College. In his leisure time Dr. Jennings enjoys playing golf, traveling and writing.



**Alanna Kaplan Munoz '91** ◇

Consultant Specializing in Strategic Planning and Alignment Processes

As Principal at Metaplan, Alanna Kaplan Muñoz has worked with a broad range of clients in the healthcare and consumer packaged goods industries. The Metaplan methodology uses facilitation and moderation processes to create collective insight and aligned strategies in organizations. The Metaplan process works well for complex issues requiring cross-functional alignment and consensus. Alanna uses this “consulting from within” approach to create new insights and strategies based on the client group's collective knowledge.

Alanna's areas of expertise include strategic planning and marketing topics such as competitive war games, positioning, and new product launches. She supports senior leadership and cross-functional teams with a focus on consensus-based decision-making and shared commitment to action plans. Her clients value her ability to lead teams to strategic directions and decisions by synthesizing competing or complex data in real-time meetings. Alanna also has extensive experience in market research and consumer/customer insights, as well as market segmentation. Her expertise in

business partnerships, ranging from mergers and acquisitions to co-marketing and licensing, complements the Metaplan mission to generate shared understanding.

Prior to joining Metaplan, Alanna worked in marketing with consumer packaged goods companies including Nabisco and Gerber, with a focus on new products. Alanna also worked in the technology arena, as an investment banker with Broadview Associates and as a member of the management team at IPHighway. Alanna has an MBA from Harvard Business School and a Bachelor of Arts from Yale University. She volunteers for various groups through HBS Community Partners, Yale, Temple Sharey Tefilo Israel, and Girl Scouts of the USA.



**Susan Lennon '85 MPPM \***

Chair, YaleWomen, Inc.

Susan is chair of YaleWomen. True to the founding mission of the School of Management, Susan's career has traversed the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, most recently in higher education administration working with women's colleges. She "retired" in late 2013, and YaleWomen has settled into many nooks and crannies. Susan describes her Yale volunteer experience as an extraordinary opportunity and attributes it to helping her to be what she considers her best self:

SOMAA Board; delegate from SOMAA to AYA's Assembly; AYA Board of Governors; chair, Assembly LXVIII, From Print to Pixel: Carrying Forward the Legacy of Publishing at Yale; Regional Coordinator (Connecticut) for AYA's Day of Service; chair, SOM Alumni Fund; Yale Club of Hartford Board; and co-chair, AYA's March 2010 conference, Celebrating Yale Women: 40 Years in Yale College/140 Years at Yale, which helped launch what has become YaleWomen, the vision of which is Connecting women, Igniting ideas, Transforming the world. Susan lives in Hartford, CT.



**Wayne Lew '72 ◇**

Lawyer

A member of the board at the Yale Club of San Francisco for many years (currently a vice president), Wayne was also Regional Coordinator for Yale Day of Service in Northern California (2013-2014), AYA Delegate At-large (2010-2013) and on the AYA Board of Governors (2013-2016), including chairing its Volunteer Leadership Committee. He served on the initial board of the Northern

California Chapter of the Association of Asian American Yale Alumni (AAAYA) and for many years organized Yale's Day of Service in San Francisco's Chinatown.

As part of Inslee Clark's second class of students admitted under admissions policies that redirected Yale beyond the traditional prep school ambit, Wayne recalls Yale had few Asian students during his freshman year. After graduating in 1972 with a degree in Economics, he became the executive director of a nonprofit organization serving underprivileged Asian American youth in Los Angeles. He subsequently entered University of Southern California law school, but kept involvement with community groups during his studies.

Professionally, he moved to San Francisco to join San Francisco District Attorney's consumer protection unit as an Assistant District Attorney for criminal and civil matters. Thereafter and for much of his law career, he specialized in computer and information technology transactions, initially in-house with a major semiconductor company and later with law firms representing some of Silicon Valley's best known companies. He and his wife remain active in the community affairs of San Francisco, particularly its Chinatown.

He considers himself retired from the law practice, but when not supporting local Yale alumni and other volunteer activities, he travels to meet up with his three children, who are currently far-flung in Asia and in the Northwest. As a first-generation student at Yale decades ago when his parents scrimped and saved to get him into college, he appreciates

first-hand overcoming the cultural and social barriers to reap the potential of Yale. Although his children did not follow his footsteps to Yale (two of them attended that college in Morningside Heights), Wayne remains grateful for that invaluable educational gift from Yale and would like to see Yale reach new heights of excellence.



**Nicholas Roman Lewis '93 ★**

Alumni Affairs and Nonprofit Strategist

As Senior Director for Shared Interest Groups at the Association of Yale Alumni, Nicholas Roman Lewis engages alumni groups globally with strategic planning, mission discernment, governance, operational sustainability, and high level event planning. He has worked with various alumni groups, including the Yale Club of Ghana, Yale in Hollywood, Yale Black Alumni Association, Yale GALA (Gay and Lesbian Alumni), Yale International Alliance, Yale Arab Alumni Association, and the Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance. In particular, he has helped several groups launch mission-driven initiatives that address societal needs. In addition to his work with Yale alumni, Nicholas is an entertainment attorney and literary agent in the fields of theater, television, music, film and publishing. He has represented clients on Broadway, negotiating contracts for directors, music directors, composers, writers, arrangers, and programmers for both on and off-Broadway productions including *Motown*, *Memphis*, *The Adams Family*, *Women on the Verge*, *Wicked*, *Bombay Dreams*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *The Wiz*, *Spamalot*, *Sweet Charity* and Disney's *Tarzan*; films, including PBS documentary *Summer Sun Winter Moon*; and several books, including the award winning *GhettoNation*, *A Love Noire*, *Darker Still*, Leanna Renee Hieber's highly-anticipated new series *The Eterna Files*, and Cora Daniels and John Jackson's *Impolite Conversations*.



**Eric Liu '90 ◇**

Eric Liu is the founder and CEO of Citizen University and executive director of the Aspen Institute Citizenship and American Identity Program. He is the author of several books, including "You're More Powerful Than You Think: A Citizen's Guide to Making Change Happen," "A Chinaman's Chance," "The Gardens of Democracy," and "The Accidental Asian." Eric served as a White House speechwriter and policy adviser for President Bill Clinton. He is a regular columnist for CNN.com and a correspondent for TheAtlantic.com.



**Maria Victoria Lopez Bresnahan '78 ◇**

Maria Lopez-Bresnahan is a physician and biopharmaceutical executive. She is currently VP of Neurology Clinical Development at Vertex Pharmaceuticals, where she leads the clinical development of new medicines for neurologic diseases. After graduating from Yale she received her MD from New York University School of Medicine. She then trained in neurology at the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Harvard Medical School where she served as Assistant Clinical Professor of Neurology and where she maintains an affiliation as Neuroscientist.

Lopez-Bresnahan served as an AYA delegate from 2009 to 2012 and has been a Yale alumni leader in Boston for many years. She served on the board of the Yale Club of Boston (YaleBoston), ultimately as board president. In that position she focused on the key objective of broadening the reach of YaleBoston to all Boston-area alumni. Following her term as president of YaleBoston, Lopez-Bresnahan was elected to the AYA Board of Governors in 2013. On the Board she has participated in numerous committees and initiatives, and chaired the Shared Interest Groups committee during the 2015-2016 year. She currently serves as a member of the board's Executive Committee.



**Mayra Macias '10 ★**

Mayra is committed to education, and the idea that it is the key lever to access opportunity for all. Mayra's belief in this idea is rooted in her upbringing and the example her parents set. Growing up on the South Side of Chicago in a working class home of immigrant parents, Mayra viewed her education as a privilege. With the help of countless mentors and teachers, Mayra left her beloved hometown to attend Yale University, where she double-majored in American Studies and Ethnicity,

Race & Migration. At Yale, Mayra was an activist and leader in the Latino community, founding the first-ever Latino dance group on campus. After graduating, she moved to Miami, FL to work with Teach for America as a middle school Language Arts teacher in Liberty City at Charles R. Drew Middle School.

Mayra's experience as an educator solidified her resolve – that civic engagement beyond the four walls of the classroom is crucial to affect substantive change. As a result, she worked as a Field Organizer for President Obama's 2012 re-election campaign in Miami. After the election, Mayra continued to organize in Miami, working with The Action, an organization designed to educate and mobilize communities affected by cuts to the national budget. For three years, Mayra served as the Deputy Political Director for the Florida Democratic Party where she worked on over 15 campaigns and fulfilled her passion of recruiting and electing candidates at the local level. Currently, Mayra is part of the Capitol Hill Fellows where she transitioned from politics to policy and works for the Connecticut Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro. Mayra also currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Yale Latino Alumni Association.



**Sheryl Carter Negash '82 \***

Management Consultant, Retired Public Servant

Sheryl Carter Negash is the Managing Partner of Negash and Associates, a management consulting firm based in Los Angeles. Sheryl has over 30 years of experience in employment and training, project management, and executive management. She has worked with public sector, government, educational, private non-profit, and faith-based entities, as well as with private foundations. Sheryl holds a bachelor degree from Yale University and a professional mediation certificate from the Straus School of Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law.

Sheryl serves as the Co-Chair of the Alumni Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Her other volunteer service with Yale includes the following: Current Member of the AYA Board of Governors; Current Alumni Schools Committee Regional Director; Founding Board Member, former National President/Chair, and former Chapter Leader (Los Angeles) of the Yale Black Alumni Association; Founding Council Member of YaleWomen; Former Co-Chair, Regional Director and Site Coordinator for the Yale Day of Service; and former AYA Delegate-at-Large.

In 2011, Sheryl was awarded the AYA "Ambassador for Yale" Leadership Award for Volunteer Innovation and Service. Under Sheryl's leadership, the Yale Black Alumni Association received the AYA Outstanding SIG Award and the Outstanding Service Award for Day of Service Engagement.

Sheryl considers herself an agent of change and is committed to making the world a better place for the children and youth of the world.



**Rahul Prasad '84 MS, '85 MPhil, '87 PhD ◇**

Rahul Prasad is a senior physicist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he leads a research group at the National Ignition Facility. In the years after he received his PhD in engineering and applied science at Yale, he served on the research faculty at Yale, worked as a research scientist at Physics International and later Science Research Lab, and in 1994 co-founded a small business, Alameda Applied Sciences Corporation.

In his volunteer capacity at Yale, Prasad served as a member, secretary, treasurer, vice-chair (2002-10) and chair (2010-12) of the Graduate School Alumni Association, where he helped create the "Where Do I Go from Yale?" annual GSAS Career event. While a member of the AYA Board of Governors, he created two career workshops – Green Careers for Yale Blues and Healthy Career Choices – to bring alumni back to campus to provide students career and life-skills advice. He co-founded the AYA's Careers Life and Yale (CLY) program in 2015 while an executive officer of the AYA Board of Governors.

A long-standing member of the Yale Club of San Francisco board of directors, Prasad currently serves as its president. In July 2016, he was named chair of the Association of Yale Alumni Board of Governors – the first alum of the Yale Graduate School to hold that post.



**Wayne Riley '81 \***



**Erin Roberts '02**

Communications Consultant

Erin Roberts is a communications consultant with over ten years of experience helping people, organizations, and businesses tell their stories. After graduating from Yale in 2002 and receiving a Master's degree from the Newhouse School (Syracuse University) in 2003, Erin honed her skills working in the media industry for Court TV, the Paley Center for Media, and WNET, and in the nonprofit sector for Public Health Solutions and the Emma Bowen Foundation. She is also a former chair of the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network's New York chapter. As a consultant, her clients have included The North Star Fund, Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy, Women's Refugee Commission, and the Yale Alumni Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Erin is also a fiction, essay, and game writer - her writing has earned her the 2017 Speculative Literature Foundation's Diverse Worlds and Diverse Writers Awards and she will earn her MFA in Popular Fiction from the Stonecoast Program (University of Southern Maine) in January 2018.



**Nate Segal '08 \***

Investor

Nathan Segal served through January 2017 at the White House as a Presidential Appointee, working across the National Economic Council and the Office of Science and Technology Policy as Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama. In this role, he provided advice on issues of domestic and international economics, technology, investing, and finance as they pertain to the global markets and to national security. He also served as Assistant Administrator at the U.S. Small Business Administration, working as the point of contact between the White House and the head of the agency.

Before his time in D.C., Nathan worked in financial services in New York City, spending time at a number of large investment firms and banks. He held roles which included direct private and public investing, M&A advisory, and sales & trading. Nathan holds a B.A. from Yale University, where he graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa as a Rhodes Scholarship Finalist, Truman Scholar, and Udall Scholar. He was also named to USA Today's All-USA Academic First Team during his senior year.

Nathan is active in the Truman Scholars Alumni Association, Toigo Foundation, and Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO) communities. He has also served on the boards of ONABEN – Our Native American Business Network, the DC Chapter of Management Leadership for Tomorrow (MLT), and the Riordan Programs Alumni Association.

Nathan joined the AYA Board of Governors in 2017 after volunteering for three years as an At-Large Delegate. He currently serves on the Appointed Board Nominating; Careers, Life, and Yale; and Graduate & Professional Schools

committees. His service to the Yale alumni community includes being a founding member of Native American Yale Alumni (NAYA) and Chief Financial Officer of the Yale Latino Alumni Association (YLAA). He serves on the Yale Alumni Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and is a regular participant and organizer of the Yale Day of Service and Alumni Schools Committee (ASC). He enjoys mentoring numerous current Yale students and recent alumni.



**Ed Sevilla '82** ◇

Strategic Communications Consultant for Nonprofits

Edward D. Sevilla is Senior Vice President and co-leader of the Strategic Communications practice at Grenzebach Glier and Associates (GG+A), the leading consultancy for nonprofit fundraising and engagement.

He joined GG+A in 2012 and brings over 25 years of marketing experience in both the private and public sectors to this role. His work and areas of expertise include marketing, branding, and strategic communications. His clients include Dartmouth College, Vanderbilt University, Kenyon College, Drexel University, Georgia State University, University of Rochester, Sidwell Friends School, Cancer Research United Kingdom, University of Cardiff, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Lyric Opera of Chicago, the Jackson Laboratory and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Previously, Ed served as Executive Director of Strategic Communications, Alumni Affairs & Development with Harvard University. There he was responsible for strategy and execution of integrated alumni affairs and development messaging between Harvard and its alumni worldwide. He led the development communications messaging for the University and for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) – work that was recognized with the 2010 CASE Circle of Excellence Gold Award in the “Annual Giving” category.

His past volunteer leadership activities include election to the Board of Governors of the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA); in that role he was a key contributor to the AYA Strategic Plan. Ed has served on the board of the Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange (YaleGALE), and has served on alumni delegation visits to leading universities in Japan, China and the United Kingdom. Ed holds a master’s of business administration from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor’s degree in history from Yale University.



**Rahiel Tesfamariam '09 MDiv** ★

Social Activist and Public Theologian

Rahiel Tesfamariam is a social activist, public theologian, writer, and international speaker. She is Founder / Publisher of Urban Cusp and a former columnist for The Washington Post. Rahiel holds degrees from Stanford University and Yale Divinity School, where she was the inaugural William Sloane Coffin, Jr. Scholar for Peace and Justice. Prior to attending Yale, she served as the youngest editor-in-chief in the history of The Washington Informer, at age 23. She went on to work as a community organizer for anti-violence youth initiatives before launching Urban Cusp in 2011.

Rahiel has traveled the world on various delegations and humanitarian projects and has spoken at prestigious universities and historic churches throughout the nation. As a leading generational voice, she has been featured in countless media outlets and is the recipient of several distinguished national awards. Rahiel is also a contributing author to the NIV Bible for Women by Zondervan and Talking Taboo: American Christian Women Get Frank About Faith.

Responding to the 2014 Ferguson non-indictment decision, Rahiel led a national Black Friday economic boycott supported by dozens of celebrities called #NotOneDime. She has been listed in The Root 100, featured in Ebony and

Revolt TV amongst “Leaders of the New School,” and was one of six women Essence Magazine named “The New Civil Rights Leaders.” Black Girls Rock honored Rahiel in 2013, saluting “her tireless dedication to global issues, community activism and youth advocacy.”



**Raina Thiele '05 \***  
Policy Expert and Consultant

Raina Thiele is Associate Director of White House Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement and works as the liaison for tribes and the American Indian and Alaska Native community. She also advises on Arctic and Alaska-centric issues. Prior to her current position, she most recently served as a Program Examiner at the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) working on a wide variety of domestic and international issues. She previously worked as a Legislative Analyst at OMB and worked on tribal outreach for President Obama’s 2012 reelection campaign. Raina earned her B.A. from Yale College and her Master in Public Policy degree from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Born and raised in Alaska, her family hails from the rural communities of Pedro Bay Native Village on Lake Iliamna and Alexander Creek near Mount Susitna. She is Dena’ina Athabascan and Yup’ik.



**Rosita M. Thomas '87 PhD \***  
Public Opinion Research

Dr. Thomas is President of Thomas Opinion Research and has more than 20 years of experience in strategic opinion research. Thomas Opinion Research is certified as a “Small, Women and Minority Owned” business in the state of Virginia. Since starting her own business in 2000, Rosita has completed almost 500 qualitative and quantitative client projects. She is extremely interested in understanding the socioeconomic, structural and societal barriers’ impact consumer health and possible solutions to help mitigate these barriers.

Rosita has a unique talent when it comes to conducting research and interviews with diverse consumer populations about sensitive topics such as mental illness, stigma/discrimination, opioid use disorders, HIV, HBV, cancer, and rare diseases. She has also interviewed policy influencers about access and usage of digital financial inclusion to address poverty for the Gates Foundation, disadvantaged new mothers about their experiences with an app designed to help them enrich their babies’ cognitive and socio-economic development for the Clinton Foundation, and junior faculty of color about workforce satisfaction with researchers at a Harvard-based consortium (COACHE). The results of her research have been used to inform educational message campaigns for the CDC, CMS, and the United States Marine Corp. Prior to opening her own business, Rosita worked at AARP, the Gallup Organization and the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress.

Rosita received her Ph.D. in political science, with an emphasis on American government and public policy, from Yale University. She also did post-graduate work at Harvard’s JFK School of Government and received a B.A. from Duke University. She served as an adjunct faculty member at George Washington University’s Graduate School of Political Management and is currently on the Yale Graduate School Alumni Association board.



**Maxim Thorne '86, '92 JD \***  
Lawyer, Advocate, Consultant, Fundraising Specialist, and Philanthropist

Maxim Thorne is a much sought-after lawyer, advocate, consultant, fundraising specialist, and philanthropist. He was recently appointed the managing director of The Andrew Goodman Foundation, whose mission as a public foundation is to make young voices and votes a powerful force in our democracy. Additionally, he serves as Founder and CEO of JusticeInvestor which he

created while teaching a seminar on Philanthropy at Yale University. JusticeInvestor crowd funds social justice and environmental legal cases.

A graduate of Yale University (BA, cum laude, Economics and Political Science) and the Yale Law School, Maxim's career focuses on social justice, philanthropy and law. He was appointed nationally as the Senior VP and Chief Development and Communications Officer of the NAACP, the Chief Operating Officer and VP of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the EVP of the Paley Center for Media, and Executive Director of New Jersey Head Start.

Thorne led the NAACP's national fundraising and communications efforts during its Centennial Year and negotiated with Blackstone to move its National Corporate Headquarters to Bryant Park in New York City. Maxim was instrumental in establishing the first LGBT Task Force at the NAACP's Centennial Convention in 2009 under Chairman Julian Bond, and later was the first to announce by tweet on May 19, 2012 that "The NAACP Board of Directors has just endorsed marriage equality unequivocally. Only two opposed! An historic moment." The NAACP endorsement came just days after President Obama also endorsed same sex marriage.

He served as a bundler for Barack Obama's presidential campaign, on the AYA Board of Governors, the Executive Committee of the Yale Law School, as a fellow of Branford College (Yale), the National Board of GLAAD, the Yale Black Alumni Association, the Amistad Research Center, and the North Star Fund. He is also the Founder of Weekend Renewing America's Promise (WRAP), which brings together exceptionally talented leaders from across the globe each year. In 2016 he lead the first WRAP delegation to Cuba.

Maxim was born in Georgetown, Guyana, of a multiracial family where his mother, who is of mixed Indian and Chinese descent, met his father, who is Black, Scottish, East Indian, American Indian and Chinese. He enjoys travel, languages, salsa dancing, and exotic cuisines. He can be found on social media at @maximthorne, @justiceinvestor, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/maxim-thorne/>, <https://www.linkedin.com/in/maximthorne>, <https://www.facebook.com/MaximThorne>.



**Sarah Tomita '06**

Business Operations and Strategy Consultant

Sarah is a graduate of Yale College (Branford 2006) and has been involved in alumni activities in New York and San Francisco, including serving on the Board of Directors of the Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance (YANA), as Co-Chair of the Alumni Social Media Task Force, as Chair of Marketing & Communications for the Yale Asian Alumni Reunion, and as an AYA Assembly Delegate. Sarah also volunteers her time as a class agent for the Yale Alumni Fund as well as an interviewer for the Yale Alumni Schools Committee. Sarah was a political science major at Yale and currently works in finance as a business operations and strategy consultant in San Francisco.



**Dr. Scyatta A. Wallace '96** ★

Professor and Psychologist/Teen Expert

Dr. Scyatta A. Wallace is an award-winning Psychologist/Teen expert, writer, and academic. Her mission is to use research, writing, and social commentary targeting teens and parents to communicate the importance of health and overall wellness. Dr. Wallace is currently an Associate Professor of Psychology with tenure at St. John's University. She received her PhD from Fordham University and completed a post-doctoral research fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Dr. Wallace's research has received over a million dollars in federal and foundation funding for her work focused on how gender, race and culture impact health outcomes among urban Black youth. She is widely published and has held

several leadership positions including serving as Associate Editor of Behavioral Medicine journal (current), Chair of the American Psychological Association (APA) Committee on Psychology and AIDS (2011) and as a member of the National Institute on Drug Abuse African American Scholars Working Group (2012-2015). Dr. Wallace received the Carolyn Payton Early Career Award from the APA Division of Psychology and Women for her research focused on Black girls.

Dr. Wallace combines her love for arts and empowering youth as CEO/Founder of Janisaw Company, a curriculum design firm specializing in creating leadership development and life skills programs/workshops for teen girls and young women. She is a sought-after speaker and media expert who has appeared on BET 106 & Park, Hot 97, the Michael Baisden Show, NY1 and has been featured in Time, U.S. News and World Reports, thegrio.com, Essence Magazine, Sunday Times South Africa and ABCnews.com among others.

Dr. Wallace graduated from Yale College in 1996. From 2006-2012, she served on the AYA Board of Governors (BOG), was elected as an AYA BOG Executive Officer (2012-2013) and is currently an AYA BOG advisory board member. Her website is [www.drscopyatta.com](http://www.drscopyatta.com) and she can be found on Twitter at @sassysagesays.



**Magda Vergara '82** ◇

Dr. Vergara currently serves as the Associate Director of Communities at Dartmouth College where she manages Dartmouth clubs throughout the United States, works with Women of Dartmouth communities and the Dartmouth Association of Latino Alumni, and is responsible for the Dartmouth Alumni Day of Service.

Dr. Vergara received her bachelors from Yale University in business and Spanish literature, a master's from New York University, and a PhD from the University of Virginia. As a Latin American specialist, Dr. Vergara has held numerous positions in corporate communications and public relations for companies working in Latin America. She also worked as a communications officer at the Consulate of Mexico in New York City. Dr. Vergara has a long history of teaching which includes teaching at Johnson and Wales University, Hunter College, and the University of Virginia.

Dr. Vergara has served as a Board Member of the Association of Yale Alumni and was the first Latina to serve as an Executive Officer of the Board of Governors, having been elected twice to the position. She was a founding member of YaleWomen and served as Chair of the Global Yale Day of Service having recruited Justice Sonia Sotomayor to serve as the honorary Chair in 2014. In 2011, Dr. Vergara was a recipient of the AYA Ambassador Leadership Award and in 2012 received the Award for Distinguished Service to Yale College. Most recently, Dr. Vergara co-founded First Gen Yale, an alumni Shared Interest group at Yale that aims to support and foster community among first-generation alumni and current undergraduates at Yale University.

Dr. Vergara lives in Lebanon with her daughter, Gabriela, and their two dogs, Max and Milo.



**Alice Young '71** ◇

International Business Strategy Advisor; Independent Director and Lawyer

As Founder of Alice Young Advisory, she advises multinationals and entrepreneurs on their Asia business strategies and helps clients identify potential Asian business partners and resources. Alice retired from law after 40 years of practice, the last 20 years as Partner and Chair of the Asia Pacific Practice at Kaye Scholer LLP. She worked in Hong Kong in the pioneering early 1970s, did her first China deal in 1979, and in 1981 was the first woman, first minority, and the youngest partner to

head a New York branch law office.

Ms. Young is also an Independent Director and member of the Audit, Corporate Governance and Risk Management Committees of AXIS Capital Holdings, Ltd., a NYSE-listed reinsurance and insurance company headquartered in Bermuda, and is an Independent Director and member of the Executive and Examining Committees of Mizuho Trust & Banking Co. (USA), the U.S. custodial bank subsidiary of the Mizuho Financial Group of Japan. She is Trustee Emeritus of The Asia Foundation and is a Lifetime Trustee of the Aspen Institute. Alice is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Committee of 100, Women Corporate Directors and New York Women's Forum. For several years she served as Chair of the Deloitte Diversity External Advisory Board.

Ms. Young has received numerous awards for her corporate, mentoring and civic achievements, including Chambers Outstanding Achievement Award; the New York Women's Agenda Star Award; Boy Scouts of America (NY Councils) Distinguished Woman of the Year Award; the Asian American Legal Defense and Educational Fund "Justice in Action" Award; the ASCEND "Inspirational Leadership Award"; and the Yale Asian American Alumni Leadership Award.

Ms. Young was in the first class of women graduates of Yale College and was one of the first Asian American women to graduate from Harvard Law School. At Yale she was a co-founder of the Asian American Students Association and one of the first minority student recruiters for the Yale Admissions Office and Yale Third World Floating Counsellors. She has been an Associate Fellow of Yale's Davenport College since 2007, a member of the Association of Yale Asian American Alumni, and a speaker at the first Yale Asian American Alumni Reunion in 2014 and on numerous programs at Yale on Asia, law, business, mentoring and leadership.