

## **who we are: participants in the Saguaro Seminar**

**Xavier de Souza Briggs** is a Harvard Professor whose research focuses on urban policy, community building, and strategic management. He has done community planning in the South Bronx and acted as the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Rev. Bliss Browne** is founder and president of Imagine Chicago, an organization which catalyzes intergenerational urban connections and harnesses civic imagination as a resource for innovative community building. She is an ordained Episcopal priest, a director of seven not-for-profit boards, and a former Division Head of the First National Bank of Chicago.

**Pastor Kirbyjon Caldwell** is senior pastor at the Windsor Village-St. John's United Methodist Churches. His 120 ministries and 9 non-profit organizations provide a community center, food pantry, drug abuse treatment program, juvenile delinquency program and 24-hour crisis nursery center. He is the founder of Corinthian Point, a 34 acre master-planned community, and he has developed the Power Center which provides community housing, corporate offices, and job training services.

**John DiIulio Jr.** is Frederic Fox Leadership Professor of Politics, Religion and Civil Society at the University of Pennsylvania. There he directs the Center for Research on Religion and Urban Civil Society and the Robert A. Fox Leadership Program. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Manhattan Institute and the Brookings Institution, and Senior Counsel to Public/Private Ventures.

**E.J. Dionne** is a *Washington Post* columnist and a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, where he is investigating government's impact on social capital and the role of religious institutions in public life. He wrote *Why Americans Hate Politics* and *They Only Look Dead: Why Progressives Will Dominate The Next Political Era*.

**Carolyn Doggett** is executive director of the California Teachers Association. She spearheaded CTA's opposition to anti-affirmative-action proposals and the voucher initiative, and has organized representation elections, charter amendment campaigns, and school board and legislative campaigns.

**Lewis Feldstein** is co-chair of the Saguaro Seminar and president of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the principal source of venture capital for New Hampshire's nonprofit community. Feldstein worked with the civil rights movements in Mississippi, and served for seven years in senior staff positions in the administration of New York City Mayor John V. Lindsay.

**Christopher Gates** is co-chair of the Saguaro Seminar and president of the National Civic League, which is committed to consensus-based decision making, citizen participation, and diversity. He is also the director of the Alliance for National Renewal and founding chairman of the Colorado Institute for Leadership Training.

**Stephen Goldsmith** was the chief domestic policy advisor for George W. Bush's presidential campaign. He was mayor of Indianapolis and founder of the Front Porch Alliance, an initiative to strengthen the local social infrastructure (churches, neighborhoods, and families). He is the author of *The Twenty-First Century City: Resurrecting Urban America* and the chairman of Netgov.com

**Amy Gutmann** is Laurance S. Rockefeller University Professor of Politics at Princeton. She is the founding director of Princeton's Center for Human Values and the Program in Ethics and Public Affairs. She is an expert on deliberative democracy and on the education of youth to be vibrant democratic citizens. She wrote *Democratic Education, Freedom of Association*, and *Liberal Equality*, and co-authored *Democracy and Disagreement* and *Color Conscious: The Political Morality of Race*.

**Henry Izumizaki** is the founder of a new grassroots leadership network in California. He is the former chief strategist for the Urban Strategies Council and past director of *the San Francisco Bay Area Eureka Communities*, a nonprofit leadership development program. He currently serves as the CFO for the California Consumer Protection Foundation and is Chair of the board for MOCHA, the Museum for Children's Art.

**Vanessa Kirsch** is president and founder of New Profit Inc., an innovative venture capital fund for the non-profit sector focused on growing social entrepreneurial organizations to scale. Prior to launching NPI, Vanessa founded and led two non-profit organizations, Public Allies (a national service program), and the Women's Information Network.

**Carol Lamm** is a consultant in Community Organization Development in Kentucky and Central Appalachia. She is the former program development director for the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED), which assists communities through business financing, entrepreneurship training, and the facilitation of sustainable development. She is also the former director of the Brushy Fork Institute of Berea College; a leadership development program.

**Liz Lerman** founded the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange in 1976. LLDE travels to communities and spends months listening to residents' stories, turning their salient themes into dances that are performed for the community by both community and troupe members.

**Glenn Loury** is a professor and director of the Institute on Race and Social Division at Boston University. His research interests include welfare economics, game theory, industrial organization, natural resource economics, and income distribution. He authored *One by One, From the Inside Out: Essays and Reviews on Race and Responsibility in America*.

**John P. Mascotte** is president and CEO of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas City. He is a former chairman and CEO of the Continental Insurance Company and a former chairman of the board of Local Initiatives Support Corporation, a major national funding agency for community development.

**Martha Minow** is a professor at Harvard Law School where she teaches courses on school reform, family law, and law and social change. Her books include *Making All the Difference: Inclusion, Exclusion, and American Law*; *Not Only For Myself: Identity, Politics, and Law*; and *Between Vengeance and Forgiveness: Facing History After Genocide and Mass Violence*.

**Mark Moore** is the Guggenheim Professor of Criminal Justice at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. He is director of the Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations. His research focuses on public sector leadership, particularly in criminal justice, in governmental organizations, and in the community, non-profit, and voluntary sectors.

**Barack Obama** is an Illinois State Senator and a civil rights attorney at Miner, Barnhill and Galland, specializing in employment discrimination, fair housing and voting rights litigation. He is a senior lecturer at the University of Chicago, serves on the boards of numerous community organizations, and was a director of Project Vote! which registered more than 100,000 new voters.

**Peter Pierce III** is president of the First Bethany Bancorp, a small, family-owned, community-focused bank, and co-founder of Oklahoma MetaFund Community Development Corporation. He has held municipal elective office, organized transitional housing for homeless families, and been involved in numerous non-profit and faith-based organizations.

**Robert D. Putnam** directs the Saguaro Seminar and is a political science professor at Harvard University and a former dean of the John F. Kennedy School of Government. He *authored* *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community* and *Making Democracy Work: Civic Traditions in Modern Italy*.

**Paul Resnick** is an associate professor at the University of Michigan School of Information, where he directs the Community Information Corps. He was a pioneer in the field of recommender systems (sometimes called collaborative filtering or social filtering), which guide people to interesting materials based on recommendations from other people.

**Juan Sepulveda** directs The Common Enterprise in San Antonio, TX, which develops programs to foster community networks. He is a board member of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the National Civic League, and the Center for Policy Alternatives.

**Robert F. Sexton** is the executive director of Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence in Kentucky, one of the nation's largest grass-roots campaigns to involve citizens and parents in education reform. He is the founder and president of the Kentucky Center for Public Issues, and in 1994 won the Charles A. Dana Award for Pioneering Achievement in Education.

**George Stephanopoulos** is a visiting professor at Columbia University and a political commentator for ABC News. He was the communications director and a senior advisor to the Clinton Administration, has led efforts to encourage dialogue among voters, and is interested in television's role in facilitating civic engagement.

**Dorothy Stoneman** founded YouthBuild USA, a national youth program that fosters community leadership through education and low-income housing development. She has served as a community organizer developing schools, youth programs, housing programs, and community coalitions in Harlem.

**Lisa Sullivan** is founder and president of LISTEN, Inc., which strengthens the social capital and leadership of urban youth for civic engagement and community problem solving. She was a fellowship development consultant for the Next Generation Leadership Program of the Rockefeller Foundation. She is former director of the field division at the Children's Defense Fund, where she co-founded and directed the Black Student Leadership Network.

**James Wallis** convenes Call to Renewal, a federation of faith-based organizations working to overcome poverty. He is a board member of the Sojourners Neighborhood Center, which provides supportive programs for youth and parents, and Editor-in-Chief of *Sojourners* magazine, which reports on faith, politics, and culture. He authored *Faith Works: Lessons from the Life of an Activist Preacher* and teaches a course on faith and politics at Harvard.

**Vin Weber** is a managing partner with the law firm of Clark & Weinstock. He co-directs Empower America, an organization advocating policies that emphasize individual responsibility and accountability in approaching social problems. He co-directs the Domestic Policy Project of the Aspen Institute and served in the House of Representatives.

**William Julius Wilson** is a professor of social policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, an expert on urban poverty, and a former president of the American Sociological Association. He authored *When Work Disappears* which addresses the impact of declining social capital on the problems of the American urban underclass.