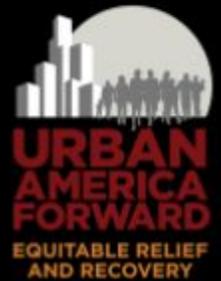


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Speaker Bios



WELCOMING REMARKS



Molly Martin

Director, New America Indianapolis

Molly G. Martin is the director of New America Indianapolis where she works with local communities on issues of racial and economic equity. Prior to joining New America, Martin spent ten years at Lumina Foundation—the nation's largest private foundation focused exclusively on postsecondary education — and focused on organizational learning, effective philanthropic practice, internal communications, and low-cost, public solutions for returning adult students. Before joining the philanthropic sector, Martin was an award-winning freelance writer and reporter; worked in student and academic affairs at Butler University and Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis; directed marketing for a healthcare start-up in her native West Virginia; and clerked at the

WV Consolidated Public Retirement Board.



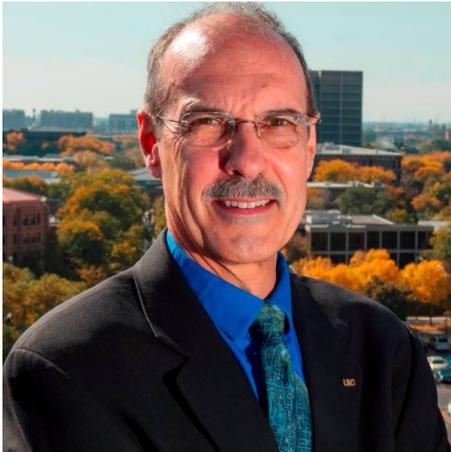
Alaina Beverly

Assistant Vice President for Urban Affairs, University of Chicago

Alaina Beverly is an expert in urban policy, politics, civil rights, and community mobilization with over 15 years of experience in strategic planning, government relations, civic engagement, and program management. In her role as Assistant Vice President for Urban Affairs at the University of Chicago Office of Federal Relations & Office of Civic Engagement, Alaina shares the University's research, scholarship, and models of urban investment with federal policymakers and national partners. She is the founding director of the Urban America Forward program, an annual interdisciplinary, knowledge-sharing convening of national thought-leaders committed to advancing equity through urban policy. Prior to joining the University of Chicago in September 2013, Alaina served as the Associate Director for the White House Office of Urban Affairs as a member of the Obama Administration. In that role, Alaina laid the foundation for President Obama's urban office by identifying scalable models of urban innovation to inform the

White House-interagency policy efforts. Alaina also served as Principal at The Raben Group, a prestigious public policy and advocacy firm in Washington DC. She carried out litigation and advocacy strategies as a voting rights attorney for Advancement Project and the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund. Alaina graduated from Stanford University and the University of Michigan Law School.

FRAMING REMARKS



Michael Pagano

Dean of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, University of Illinois at Chicago

Michael A. Pagano is Dean of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Director of UIC's Government Finance Research Center, professor of public administration, former co-editor of *Urban Affairs Review* (2001-14), and former Nonresident Senior Fellow of the Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program. He is Project Director of an annual conference, the UIC Urban Forum, designed to address contemporary urban problems. He has published twelve books, including *Metropolitan Resilience in a Time of Economic Turmoil*, *Terra Incognita*, *Cityscapes and Capital*, *The*

Dynamics of Federalism, and over 100 publications on urban finance, capital budgeting, federalism, infrastructure, urban development and fiscal policy. Since 1991, he has written the annual *City Fiscal Conditions* report for the National League of Cities.

PANELISTS



Ryan Albright

Senior Planner, Civix (New Orleans)

Ryan Albright has more than 17 years of experience in the public, private, non-profit, and philanthropic sectors ranging from his time as Program Officer for the Greater New Orleans Foundation to his current role as Senior Planner/Project Manager with Civix. Ryan has worked in Michigan, Maine, Ohio, Texas, Louisiana, and Puerto Rico to address a variety of community, economic, and environmental development challenges.

He is also an Urban Studies Doctoral Fellow, Ph.D. Candidate and Adjunct Lecturer at Tulane University. His research interests focus on achieving effective policy and programs through design, implementation, and evaluation for the public sector, non-profits, and communities through

applied research. He is passionate about working with elected officials, residents, and students, to bring the most recent and relevant science to bear on the challenges facing their communities, especially in the Response, Recovery, Mitigation, and Preparedness Phases of Disaster.

Ryan has studied British Polity at the University of London and the University of Edinburgh. He holds a BA in Public Administration & Public Policy and a Master of Urban & Regional Planning Degree with a concentration in Global Urban Policy, both from Michigan State University.



MarySue Barrett

President, Metropolitan Planning Council (Chicago)

MarySue Barrett is President of the Metropolitan Planning Council, an independent change-maker working to build a better, bolder, more equitable future for everyone. Ms. Barrett has led MPC since 1996, frequently advising governmental partners and civic collaboratives, and shaping the public conversation through the media. She served in former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley's Administration as his chief of policy and has guided transition committees for current Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Illinois Governor J.B Pritzker. She also serves on the Board for IFF and for Current, and is a Nonresident Senior Fellow with the Metropolitan Policy Program at the Brookings Institution. She is an active

member of The Chicago Network and the Economic Club of Chicago and a proud Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow.



Tawanna Black

Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Center for Economic Inclusion (Minneapolis)

Tawanna is a nationally recognized thought leader known for influencing, inspiring, and equipping cross-sector leaders to transform a personal conviction for equality into actions that produce equitable and thriving communities. For 20 years, Tawanna has led cross-sector collaboratives, triple bottom line diversity and inclusion strategy development, and economic revitalization efforts and organizations in Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, and Minnesota.

In 2018, Tawanna launched the Center for Economic Inclusion, the nation's first organization dedicated exclusively to creating inclusive regional economies. As Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Tawanna leads a team of people who equip leaders and institutions throughout the Minneapolis-Saint Paul region with the knowledge, tools, and resources needed to dismantle institutional racism and bias, foster shared accountability, and catalyze an inclusive, equitable, and growing economy.

Prior to founding the Center, Tawanna was Executive Director of the Northside Funders Group. The place-based funders collaborative comprised of 20 corporate, community, and private foundations and public-sector investors committed to aligning investments and strategies and changing philanthropic practices to catalyze racial and economic equity in North Minneapolis.

Tawanna has lent her leadership to over 35 nonprofit and philanthropic boards over the past decade. Today, she serves on the boards of Forward Cities; Northside Achievement Zone; Minnesota Tech Association; Community Advisory Board of the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank's Opportunity & Inclusive Growth Institute;

as Co-Chair of the Itasca Project North Minneapolis Partnership; and is the Past President of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.



Anika Goss-Foster

Executive Director, Detroit Future City

Anika Goss is the Executive Director of Detroit Future City (DFC), a think-and-do tank focused on land use and economic development in Detroit. Goss leads a team of experts to coordinate data-driven strategies, actions and resources to catalyze Detroit's long-term revitalization and adds research and implementation capacity to the work of contributing partners and stakeholders.

Goss has led the development of several significant research studies, including the 2019 release of "Growing Detroit's African-American Middle Class." This comprehensive data report boldly suggests benchmarking and measuring the African American Middle Class to track equitable economic growth in Detroit.

Goss also has helped bolster Detroit's land use and sustainability through awarding over \$330,000 in grants aimed at accelerating vacant Detroit land revitalization and developing a dynamic community educational network to establish standardized green stormwater infrastructure practices. Most recently, Goss spearheaded the beginning of the Center for Equity, Engagement, and Research, which builds upon DFC's significant portfolio of research and continues to track local and regional economic equity.



Doug Hooker

Executive Director, Atlanta Regional Commission

Doug Hooker leads the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), which helps local government leaders, their community partners, and residents improve the region's quality of life and address challenges of a dynamic, turbulent future. The agency's work focuses on the challenges of aging and independence services, arts and culture, community development, community research and analytics, economic competitiveness, homeland security, transportation and mobility, water and natural resources, and workforce solutions.

Doug has worked in the public and private sectors, including stints with: Atkins Global, Bio-Lab Inc., the City of Atlanta, Georgia Power, and the State Road & Tollway Authority. Throughout his career he has worked on local and regional issues involving education, energy, parks & greenspace, public works, sustainability, transit, transportation, and water.

Doug holds a Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Georgia Tech, and an MBA from Emory University's Goizueta Business School. He is married to Patrise Perkins-Hooker. In his spare time, Doug studies and composes music, sings in a community choir, record books for page impaired people, loves to travel with his wife, spend time with his grandchildren, and read.



Michael B. Kelly

Executive Director, Baltimore Metropolitan Council

Mike Kelly is the executive director of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, the council of governments serving greater Baltimore. Prior to his appointment as executive director in 2014, Mike served as general counsel and director of government relations for the organization. From 2011 – 2015, Mike served as the director of the Opportunity Collaborative, a \$3.5M planning effort that developed Baltimore’s Regional Plan for Sustainable Development. During Mike’s tenure as executive director, BMC has worked with regional partners to implement innovative programs in housing, workforce development and disaster readiness. In 2017 Mike established Chesapeake Connect, an immersive leadership program that

brings BMC’s board of directors and other regional policy shapers to a peer metro for an immersive three-day experience. Mike holds his bachelor’s degree from Loyola University and Juris Doctor with a concentration in Public & Governmental Service from the University of Baltimore School of Law. Mike is a member of The Leadership’s class of 2020.

RESPONDENTS



Maria R. Jackson

Senior Advisor to the Kresge Foundation and Professor at Arizona State University

Dr. Jackson’s expertise is in comprehensive community revitalization, systems change, dynamics of race and ethnicity and roles of and arts and culture in communities. She is Institute Professor at Arizona State University with appointments in the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions. At ASU she is also director of the Studio for Creativity, Place and Equitable Communities. She also has worked with national and regional foundations and government agencies on strategic planning, research and evaluation. Dr. Jackson has worked as Senior Advisor to the Kresge Foundation since

2012. In 2013, President Obama appointed Dr. Jackson to the National Council on the Arts. She advises national and regional initiatives on cultural equity and changing demographics, and works at the intersection of arts and other areas of policy and practice such as community planning, development and health. She is on the advisory boards of the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage and L.A. Commons and on the boards of directors of The Music Center of Los Angeles County and the Association of Arts Administration Educators. Dr. Jackson also co-chairs the Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative for Los Angeles County. She has also served on other numerous arts, education and social justice related boards. Prior to working directly with foundations and in higher education, for almost 20 years, she was based at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. where she led pioneering applied work on comprehensive community development, arts and culture in low-income and historically marginalized communities, support systems for artists and culture bearers, and indicators of cultural vitality. At Urban Institute, Dr. Jackson also contributed to initiatives on public housing desegregation, urban parks, handgun violence prevention and teacher training in urban communities. Dr. Jackson earned a Ph.D. in

Urban Planning from the University of California, Los Angeles and a Master of Public Administration degree with a concentration in community development from the University of Southern California.