# Panel: Anti-Poverty: Food Security, Housing Access



**Lori Outzs Borgen '91 -** Associate Clinical Professor & Director, Center for Social Justice; Director of Externships & Pro Bono Service Program, Seton Hall Law School

Lori Outzs Borgen is the Director of the Center for Social Justice. She coordinates the Center's clinics and its Pro Bono Service Program, as well as the Law School's externship programs. She currently teaches Social Justice

Lawyering, Deposition Skills, and the Government and Non-Profit Externship course. From 2008-2020, she served as Associate Director of the Center for Social Justice as well as the Program Director of the NITA New Jersey Deposition Skills course. She has served on the NJSBA Pro Bono Committee for several years and in January 2020, she was appointed to serve as the Co-Chair of the committee. In June 2020, NJSBA President Kim Yonta appointed her to serve on the Access to Justice Committee of the NJSBA Coronavirus Task Force. She litigated landlord-tenant and other housing issues with Brooklyn Legal Services, Corp. B. She then served as a Gibbons Fellow in Public Interest and Constitutional Law at Gibbons P.C. in Newark, New Jersey, where she engaged in impact litigation on welfare reform, racial profiling by New Jersey police, domestic violence, and government-subsidized housing. After her Gibbons Fellowship concluded, she worked as the senior staff attorney with the Voting Rights Project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington, D.C. She represented the NAACP and individual clients in litigation following the 2000 general election regarding problems that resulted in the denial of the right to vote in Florida for the presidential election. She also represented a class of ex-felons in Florida seeking to have their voting rights restored. In addition, she helped to establish the Election Protection coalition and participated in community education on voting rights and redistricting.



Rini Fonseca-Sabune '04 - Consultant, facilitator, and coach supporting leaders and organizations working towards racial equity and social justice

Rini Fonesca-Sabune is a consultant, facilitator and coach supporting leaders and organizations working towards racial equity and social justice internally and externally. Her work is grounded in the values of anti-racism and anti-oppression. She was previously the chief democracy officer of New York City. Before that, she worked as a Skadden Fellow and Staff Attorney at the Community Development Project (CDP), where she represented low-income

tenants in affirmative litigation against their landlords for harassment. Rini was a Karpatkin Fellow at the ACLU Racial Justice Program, and a law clerk to the Honorable Harold Baer, Jr., in the Southern District of New York, and the Honorable Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr. on the Third Circuit.

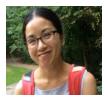


Sabrina Forte '08 - Staff Attorney, Youth Law Center

Sabrina Forte is a staff attorney at the Youth Law Center. Her work focuses on preventing homelessness and ensuring lasting housing stability for young people who have been impacted by foster care and incarceration. Prior to joining the Youth Law Center, Sabrina was a staff attorney and project coordinator for the Youth Justice Project at Bay Area Legal Aid, where she

worked with young people in San Francisco and the East Bay to access critical entitlements in the education, mental health, social services, juvenile probation, and child welfare systems. Prior to that, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Richard A. Paez on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and taught elementary school in Boston, MA.

### **Panel: Education**



Scill Chan '01 - Principal, Brooklyn Collaborative Studies

Scill Chan is Prinipal of Brooklyn Collaborative Studies, a diverse and respectful Expeditionary Learning Education School, in partnership with NYC Outward Bound Schools, committed to developing students and staff who are kind, open-minded, persistent, responsible, and courageous.



Christopher Lewis '01 - President/CEO, Public Knowledge

Prior to being elevated to President and CEO, Chris Lewis served for as PK's Vice President from 2012 to 2019 where he led the organization's day-to-day advocacy and political strategy on Capitol Hill and at government agencies. During that time, he also served as a local elected official, serving two terms on the Alexandria City Public School Board. Chris serves on the Board of

Directors for the Institute for Local Self Reliance and represents Public Knowledge on the Board of the Broadband Internet Technical Advisory Group (BITAG).



**Karla Reyes '11 -** Bilingual Special Education Teacher, NYC Department of Education; Managing Editor of Breaking the Chains: A Socialist Perspective on Women's Liberation

Karla Reyes is a public school teacher in New York City and has been a union and social justice activist for many years.

### Panel: Environmental Justice



**James S. Hoyte '65 -** Treasurer, Union of Concerned Scientists; Former Secretary of Environmental Affairs for Massachusetts and Chairman of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

James Hoyte formerly held several senior positions at Harvard University including fellow at the DuBois Institute for African and African American Research, associate vice president for equal opportunity programs, lecturer in

environmental sciences and public policy, and member of the University Committee on the Environment.



Mina Makarious '06 - Partner, Anderson Kreiger

Mina Makarious represents clients on municipal, airport, environmental, and construction matters. Mina's airport work includes representing airports around the country on the negotiation of complex lease transactions with airlines, including airline use and lease agreements and agreements with airline fuel consortia. Mina's work for public sector clients also includes serving as Town

Counsel to the towns of Concord and Lexington, Massachusetts, and regularly advising these and other towns on governance, procurement, land use, environmental and other matters. In addition, Mina serves as counsel to several clients on matters involving CERCLA and the Massachusetts Hazardous Material Release Prevention Act. Mina advises clients on environmental due diligence and federal and state regulatory compliance, litigation, and insurance coverage, and works with A&K's real estate practice in crafting solutions to environmental issues for real estate transactions.

# **Panel: Gender Equity**



Lindsay Hyde '04 - Partner, Wildflower Schools

Lindsay Hyde is a Partner at Wildflower Schools, where she oversees the growth of innovative early childhood centers across Massachusetts. She also acts as an Entrepreneur in Residence at Moderne Ventures, advising high growth real estate technology companies for the fund.

Before joining Wildflower, Lindsay was the co-founder and CEO of Baroo, a venture capital backed multifamily services company that provide services as amenities to leading class A multifamily owners and operators. Earlier in her career, Lindsay founded and served as the Executive Director of the international not-for-profit organization, Strong Women, Strong Girls and worked to drive innovation at both BlackRock and the Downtown Project.



Roona Ray '02 - Family Physician, NYC

Roona Ray received her M.D. degree from UMass Worcester and her MPH from Johns Hopkins. She completed her undergraduate studies at Harvard. Roona's MPH project was a critique of the mathematical model of anti-retroviral rationing in South Africa. She was selected to peer review conference submissions for the HIV/AIDs section of the American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference.

She led the UMass chapter of Physicians for Human Rights and co-authored a grant to support its activities. Roona also organized AIDS Week and co-led community support for a Public Health Commission initiative to provide safe needle exchange. She volunteered at St. Anne's free clinic serving uninsured patients and she volunteered for the UMass Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Organization. Roona served on the Board of Directors of a US and Liberian non-profit that provides primary care to rural people in Zwedru. As an intern at Human Rights Watch, Roona researched and wrote memos on HIV and TB in prisons in various countries. She worked as a volunteer and then clinical rotator with the Sonagachi Sex Workers Project in India.

### **Panel: Immigration**



Diana Acosta '15 - Program Associate, Beeck Center, Georgetown University

Originally from Washington, DC and Hyattsville, MD, Diana Acosta's interests include community organizing and development, social movement narratives, and positive youth development. As a daughter of an immigrant family and community, her work is deeply rooted and motivated in systemic change and social justice with community voices at the forefront. She held a service

fellowship to launch a family engagement and post-secondary education access program for DC public school families with the Latin American Youth Center in collaboration with the Flamboyan Foundation. Diana has worked with the Teen Program at Mary's Center facilitating youth programming focused on community-building, postsecondary access, and healthy choices and worked with court-involved young people managing the ASK Program through the Center for Social Justice at Georgetown University.



**Ginger Devaney '09 -** Asylum Officer at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Ginger Devaney is an Asylum Officer at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, which administers the nation's lawful immigration system,

safeguarding its integrity and promise by efficiently and fairly adjudicating requests for immigration benefits while protecting Americans, securing the homeland, and honoring our values.



Matias Ramos - PBHA Director of Programs (DOP)

Matias Ramos is a director of Programs at PBHA, supporting programs serving the city of Cambridge and those focused on advocacy and community organizing. Prior to joining PBHA, Matias worked as a communications coordinator at Tufts University, and held fellowships at the Institute for Policy Studies, National Immigration Law Center, and UCLA Labor Center.

Throughout his adult life, he has helped develop immigrant youth advocacy organizations.

# Panel: LGBTQ+ Equity



**Erin Drake '14 -** Judicial Law Clerk at United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Erin Drake recently graduated from Yale Law School where she was involved in the Black Law Students Association and the Worker and Immigrant Rights Clinic. While at PBHA, Erin was involved with SUP, Alternative Spring Break, and served as Student Development Chair.

#### Panel: Prison & Criminal Justice Reform



Kaitlin Koga '11 - Chief of Staff, The Bail Project (TBP)
Kaitlin Koga is the Chief of Staff of the Bail Project where she coordinates the strategic, human capital and scaling priorities of the organization. Kaitlin brings a decade of experience working on social justice issues, including over seven years of direct service work with low-income youth and incarcerated individuals, as well as managing over a dozen impact-focused consulting projects with nonprofits and government organizations in the US and abroad.

Prior to TBP, Kaitlin led strategy at a prison education non-profit, served as a college counselor in Boston Public Schools, developed criminal justice reform policy at the White House and worked as an associate consultant at a non-profit human capital management firm. She is currently a Board Member of United We Dream, the largest immigrant youth-led network in the country.



**Toussaint Losier '04 -** Assistant Professor in the W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies at University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Toussaint Losier holds a Ph.D. in History from the University of Chicago, with his research focusing on grassroots responses to the postwar emergence of mass incarceration in Chicago. At UMass Amherst, he teaches courses on African American History, Black Politics, Criminal Justice policy, and

transnational social movements. His writing has been published in Souls, Radical History Review, The Journal of Urban History, Against the Current, and Left Turn Magazine. He is co-author of Rethinking the American Prison Movement with Dan Berger and preparing a book manuscript titled, War for the City: Black Chicago and the Rise of the Carceral State.



Maria Salas Mendoza '90 - Judge of the Texas 120th District Court

The Honorable Maria A. Salas-Mendoza currently serves as the District Court Judge for the 120th Judicial District Court, in El Paso, Texas. In addition to her service on the bench, Judge Salas-Mendoza is an active member of the legal community on the state and local level. She is a former officer of the El Paso Bar Association, and currently serves as a Board Member for the

Judicial Section Council for the State Bar of Texas, and the Texas Women Lawyers. She has also been a featured speaker at a number of CLE events, including the Women on the Bench CLE, Texas Women Lawyers Annual Conference, the State Bar College, and the Advanced Evidence and Discovery CLE. Judge Salas-Mendoza is also devoted to projects that serve the community, her projects include working with fifth graders and youth who are aging out of the foster care system, assisting female probationers with obtaining professional clothing, and supporting local food pantries.

### **Panel: Public Health**



**Avik Chatterjee '02 -** Assistant Professor of Medicine, BU School of Medicine; Member, Evans Center for Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research, Boston University; Faculty, Clinical Addiction Research and Education Unit, Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine

Avik Chatterjee is a med-peds trained primary care and addiction medicine physician at several shelter-based clinics through Boston Health Care for the

Homeless Program. His areas of clinical and research interest include innovative treatment models for opioid use disorder in marginalized populations, and interventions on social determinants of health, such as food insecurity. He has an additional interest in racism and health care, particularly its manifestations in medical education and training.



Chinwe Kpaduwa '05 - Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon, Kern Medical

Chinwe Kpaduwa is a plastic surgeon in Bakersfield, California. She has been in practice for nearly a decade. As an undergraduate, Chinwe was actively involved in the Roxbury Programs including SUP and served as PBHA's Vice President. Post graduation, she deepened her commitment to equity in public health, working at the Boston Medical Center public hospital where she was a

respondent during the Boston Marathon Bombing. Chinwe also served on PBHA's Board of Trustees.



**Angel Razon '08 -** General Internist & Pediatrician; COVID Containment Division, Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Angel Razon received his undergraduate degree from Harvard College with a major in biochemical sciences and a minor in health policy. After college, he served as the Nonprofit Management Fellow at PBHA. He attended the David

Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California through PRIME, a dual degree program focused on leadership in underserved and vulnerable communities. He pursued a Masters of Public Health in Healthcare Policy and Management at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health where he also received the Zuckerman Fellowship for interdisciplinary work in public service.