#### Lavea Brachman

Visiting Fellow | Brookings Metro | Columbus, Ohio



Lavea Brachman, a visiting fellow at Brookings Metro, spent five years as vice president of programs at the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, a spend-down foundation that is based in Detroit and operates in the metropolitan regions of Detroit, Michigan and Buffalo and Rochester, New York At the foundation, she directed two portfolios—Young Adults and Working Families, and Entrepreneurship and Economic Development—developing investment strategies advancing upward mobility to middle-skill, middle-wage jobs and promoting inclusive economic growth. Recently, Lavea has focused on developing systems-based workforce training strategies, building inclusive entrepreneurship ecosystems for minority and women small businesses, and developing and overseeing place-based inclusive economic growth initiatives.

Prior to joining the foundation, Lavea co-founded and spent a decade as executive director of the Greater Ohio Policy Center, leading the organization's growth as an influential, nonpartisan "think and do" tank championing urban revitalization and sustainable and equitable growth.

Lavea graduated with honors from Harvard College, holds a law degree from the University of Chicago Law School, and earned a master's degree in city planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

### **Robert Cherry**

Chief Executive Officer | Partner4Work | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Robert Cherry is chief executive officer of Partner4Work, the leader of the public workforce system for Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. In his role, he drives Partner4Work's workforce development activities, a vital component of the region's overall economic vitality. Robert builds successful partnerships, offers new and innovative ideas, and pilots strategic solutions to grow and connect the workforce with the jobs of today and in the future.

Prior to his position with Partner4Work, Robert managed six internal bureaus as the appointed deputy secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and served in several roles with Employ Milwaukee, the workforce development board serving Milwaukee County.

Robert holds a BS in criminal justice from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. He is an elected board trustee of the Village of Brown Deer.

### Kim Frazier

Director of Growth Initiatives | Entrepreneurs' Center | Dayton, Ohio



Kim Frazier is the director of growth initiatives at the Entrepreneurs' Center (EC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting regional entrepreneurs. In this role, she identifies gaps in the entrepreneurial ecosystem and develops initiatives to address them. Her current focus is strengthening capital access, which includes building an angel investor network and developing new investment tools. She is also working to enhance diversity and inclusion across the entrepreneurial community.

Kim has spent her professional career focused on economic development, from international organizations based in Washington DC to her hometown in Springfield, Ohio, where she opened a restaurant.

She holds a BA from the University of Cincinnati and a MA from Boston University.

### **Chris Groner**

Vice President of Capital Finance and Lending | Erie County Redevelopment Authority | Erie, Pennsylvania



Chris Groner is the vice president of capital finance and lending of the Erie County Redevelopment Authority (ECRDA), a one-stop shop for public finance that includes a county revolving loan fund and enterprise zone fund, township business and industrial development funds, USDA financing, a CDFI that serves multiple counties in the region, and the City of Erie's enterprise zone. In his role, Chris manages the authority's economic development financing programs. In addition to assisting businesses with their financing needs, he is responsible for identifying gaps in the system and finding solutions to meet the needs of the business community.

Prior to his current position, Chris served as director of the Department of Economic and Community Development for the City of Erie. His duties included managing city economic and infrastructure development funds, administering the city's LERTA tax abatement program, and overseeing the city's annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation.

Chris holds a BS in finance from Penn State Behrend.

## **Joyce Pan Huang**

Director of City Planning | City of Cleveland | Cleveland, Ohio



Joyce Pan Huang is the director of city planning for the city of Cleveland, Ohio. In her role, she facilitates the development of the city's long-range comprehensive plan, community-based neighborhood planning efforts, urban design and architectural review, and regulatory practices such as zoning.

Prior to her current position, she served as the vice president of community development at MidTown Cleveland, Inc., an economic and community development organization for the MidTown and AsiaTown neighborhoods.

Joyce holds a BS in sociology from the University of Michigan and a master of urban planning, design, and development from Cleveland State University.

Jim King
President | Fahe | Berea, Kentucky



Jim King serves as president of Fahe, a nationally recognized membership of 50+ community-based organizations serving Appalachia. Under King's leadership, Fahe pioneered a collaborative model, bringing scale and performance to nonprofits servicing rural and remote communities. Brining over \$4.5 billion in impact that has benefitted nearly 1 million people in one of the economically challenged regions of our country.

For more than three decades, Jim has worked to advance opportunity for people and communities

primarily in Appalachia. He has experience across all aspects of community development and finance. A national leader in the field, Jim is a regular speaker at national and regional conferences and he has served alongside executive leadership at Truist Bank, First Citizens Bank, and Fannie Mae as part of advisory boards. In addition, Jim has served as board chair to Opportunity Finance Network and has been a contributor to many books and publications including "Forces for Good," "Wealth Creation," and "Appalachia Revisited."

Jim is a recipient of a fellowship from the Ford Foundation and has received the Nation NeighborWorks Association Lifetime Achievement Award and the National Housing Conference Visionary Award. He is an alumnus of Harvard Business School's Owner/President Management Program and holds an MBA from Eastern University and a BA from Bluffton University.

# Lark T. Mallory, Esq.

President and Chief Executive Officer | Affordable Housing Trust for Columbus and Franklin County | Columbus, Ohio



Lark Mallory is the president and chief executive officer of the Affordable Housing Trust for Columbus and Franklin County, an organization that provides low-interest-rate loans to developers of affordable housing. In her role, Lark is responsible for all aspects of the organization's mission, including its private investment fund and its real estate loan portfolio.

Prior to joining Affordable Housing Trust, Lark was a law partner who served the needs of businesses, individuals, and business owners, with regard to transactions involving corporate and business law, taxation, financing, and commercial real estate.

Lark is a CPA (inactive) and holds a BSBA in accounting and a JD from the Ohio State University and an LLM in taxation from the University of Florida. She serves on the board of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, cochairing its Community Engagement Committee.

### **Natoya Walker Minor**

Deputy General Manager | Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority | Cleveland, Ohio



Natoya Walker Minor is the deputy general manager of administration and external affairs for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. In her role, she is responsible for government relations; implementing diversity, equity, and inclusion; driving the organization's brand; and leveraging relationships to connect the community.

Natoya is an executive leader with a history of leading community-wide collaborations. She is accomplished at leading public-private philanthropic partnerships for social impact.

Natoya holds a BA in political science and government from the University of Toledo, a Master of Public Administration from Barusch College, and a Doctor of Executive Leadership from the University of Charleston.

#### **Sabrina Saunders Mosby**

President and CEO | Vibrant Pittsburgh | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Sabrina Saunders Mosby serves as president and chief executive officer at Vibrant Pittsburgh, a premier economic development membership organization. Sabrina serves as the region's central resource on workforce diversity and inclusion, bringing together communities and businesses. She is a proud native of Pittsburgh—known as the "City of Bridges"—and she has dedicated her career to helping others bridge gaps.

A visionary thought leader in the realm of workplace inclusion, Sabrina has held senior roles in various nonprofit organizations and has served nearly a decade in the government sector. She has a proven

track record of partnering with business and community leaders to drive strategic change and develop impactful local programs and is a sought-after speaker and facilitator. In addition, Sabrina has received many awards and honors, including as an Athena Young Professional Finalist, inclusion in *Ebony Magazine's* Top 30 on the Rise, the *Pittsburgh Courier* Fab 40, *Pittsburgh Magazine's* 40 under 40, *Whirl Magazine's* 50 Finest, and the *Pittsburgh Business Times'* Power 100 List and C-Suite Leader Award.

Sabrina serves on the boards of Allegheny Health Network, the Pittsburgh Women's Alliance, Pennsylvania American Water, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, Level Communities, NACD – Three Rivers Chapter, and Mount Ararat Community Activity Center. She is an alumnus of Leadership Pittsburgh's LDI XVII Program and holds an MS from Carlow University and a BA from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

#### **Kenneth Oehlers**

Executive Director | Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio | Athens, Ohio



Kenneth Oehlers is the executive director at Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio, where he has spent the last 12 years helping families in Appalachia Ohio build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. In his role, Ken has grown the organization's programs to include homeownership, critical home repair, and microloan programs. During his tenure, the organization also created a construction social enterprise and job training program that provides construction services to low- and moderate-income families and local housing nonprofits.

Active in the Southeast Ohio region, Ken serves on many local boards and advisory committees that focus on housing, nonprofit management, fundraising, substance use disorders, and economic development. He is vice chair of the board of directors at Habitat for Humanity Ohio, an organization that provides training, support, and advocacy for all Habitat for Humanity affiliates throughout the state of Ohio.

Ken holds a BA in business administration from Ohio University. He is a graduate of Leadership Athens County and the New Strategies program at Georgetown University.

#### Kurt L. Reiber

President and CEO | Freestore Foodbank, Inc. | Cincinnati, Ohio



Kurt Reiber has served as president and CEO of the Freestore Foodbank since 2012. Feeding American has recognized Kurt and his team for their work in capacity development for their community partners and for their innovative work in workforce training, and inducted Freestore into Feeding America's 2021 Advocacy Hall of Fame.

Prior to his current role, Kurt served on Freestore's Board of Directors from 1996 to 2010, including four years as chairman of the board. Before devoting his work fulltime to Freestore, Kurt served as senior vice president of the Real Estate Capital Group of KeyBank for 29 years. Kurt is an accomplished executive with more 40 years of experience in the non-profit and for-profit sectors.

Kurt graduated from Baldwin-Wallace University with a BA in economics and finance and holds a JD and MBA from the University of Toledo. He is a member of Leadership Cincinnati's Class #36 and Leadership Northern Kentucky 2017, and was named 2020 Nonprofit CEO of the Year by the *Cincinnati Business Courier* and received the Southwest Ohio 2022 People of Vision Award from the Ohio affiliate of Prevent Blindness.

### **Jamie Remp**

Executive Director | King's Daughters Child Care Center | Wheeling, West Virgina



Jamie Remp cares for children in nurturing, safe environment encouraging positive educational experiences which promotes social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development. Jamie oversees the accreditation through National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) to ensure high quality learning by connecting practice, policy, and research. She leads all fund development projects through grant writing, fundraising and annual appeal to support an operating budget of \$750,000. Previously, Jamie served as the Trust Officer for WesBanco Trust & Investment Services and Banking Center Manager for JPMorgan Chase. Jamie is involved with several community organizations including St. Clairsville Rotary Member, Women's Giving Circle – Member, WV PreK Steering Committee for Ohio County Schools and WVNCC Advisory Committee: Early Childhood Care & Education. She is also a member of Leadership West Virgina Class of 2021 and holds a Bachelor of Science in Business

Management from Fairmont State University and master's in education from Capella University.

## **Amy Riegel**

Executive Director | Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio | Dayton, Ohio



Amy Riegel has served as executive director of the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio since June 2022. Prior to her current role, she was the senior director of housing for managed care organization CareSource, for which she initiated and led the deployment of \$50 million in strategic investments in affordable housing across multiple states and helped to launch and replicate Healthy Beginnings at Home, a nationally recognized research study on the relationship between housing stability and healthy birth outcomes.

Amy is an accomplished housing advocate with more than 15 years of experience working with nonprofits and government entities, including the City of Dayton, for which she provided policy leadership and designed programs in the areas of housing development, asset-based community development, community engagement, education, and homelessness.

### **David Rothstein**

Senior Principal | Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund | Cleveland, Ohio



David Rothstein is senior principal at Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund which leverages municipal engagement to improve the financial stability of low- and moderate-income households by embedding financial empowerment strategies into local government infrastructure. David leads the effort to expand access to safe and affordable banking through the national Bank On movement. This includes partnering with and supporting more than 100 Bank On coalitions and over 400 banks and credit unions of all sizes to grow the availability of accounts meeting the Bank on National Account Standards. David also leads external Bank On partnerships, working with regulators, funders, and national stakeholders.

Previously, David served as deputy director of Resource Development and Public Affairs for Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland, providing fund development and policy leadership. He also served as a senior research fellow for the New America Foundation in asset building and the Program Director for the Ohio CASH Coalition with Policy Matters Ohio where he published dozens of policy briefs and academic articles.

David has a BA in political science from John Carroll University and an MA from Kent State University.

#### Robie Suggs

President and CEO | Warsaw Federal Savings & Loan | Cincinnati, Ohio



As president and CEO of Cincinnati-based Warsaw Federal Savings & Loan, a depositor-owned community bank, Robie oversees banking operations, planning, and policies. She also sits on Warsaw's board of directors.

Prior to her assuming her current position, Robie was the chief lending officer at the Cincinnati Development Fund, a nonprofit lender that provides funding for real estate development in underserved markets in the Greater Cincinnati area. In her role, Robie was responsible for all lending-related activity, including loan processing, underwriting, construction management, and credit risk and asset management.

Earlier, Robie served as vice president of strategic partnerships, economic development, and community outreach at First Financial Bank. Before joining First Financial, she was vice president of community development, Southwest Ohio/Northern Kentucky, at PNC Bank.

Robie holds a business coaching and mentorship certificate from the University of Cincinnati and was trained in Enneagram at the Conscious Living Center. She is a member of several boards, including LISC of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, United Way of Greater Cincinnati, and Homebase Cincinnati.