



LATIFA LYLES

Director, Women's Bureau

Latifa Lyles is the Director of the Women's Bureau at the Department of Labor where she works to advance and improve standards, practices and opportunities for women in the labor force.

Ms. Lyles previously served as Vice President for Membership of the National Organization for Women (NOW), the nation's largest and oldest grassroots feminist advocacy group, where she served as a principal media spokesperson on a wide range of women's issues appearing on local and national radio and television, and she oversaw the organization's Direct Marketing program. Prior to her post at NOW, she managed the membership program at Public Justice, the nation's largest public interest law firm which specializes in a broad range of cases from employment discrimination to consumer protection. She has served as Co-chair of the Older Women's Economic Security Task force of the National Council of Women's Organizations, and on the Women's Coalition for Dignity and Diversity in Media.

Ms. Lyles has extensive community and political organizing experience and has been working in the social justice movement for over fifteen years, starting with her work in 1998 as Public Policy Associate for the Older Women's League (OWL), where she focused on economic security issues of mid-life and older women.

**BILL DE BLASIO**

Mayor of New York City

Mayor Bill de Blasio is the 109th Mayor of New York City. From his early days as a young City Hall staffer, to serving on his local school board, to his most recent position as Public Advocate for the City of New York, Bill de Blasio has spent his life fighting to ensure that every New Yorker - in every neighborhood throughout our five boroughs - gets a fair shot.

Together with his wife Chirlane, Bill is the proud parent of Chiara, a college sophomore, and Dante, a high school junior. Having raised their children in Brooklyn and sent them to New York City public schools, Bill and Chirlane understand firsthand the fundamental role parents and teachers share in educating the next generation - and of the importance of providing equal educational opportunities in all neighborhoods.

After graduating from NYU, Bill studied at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. He began his career in public service as a junior staffer for New York City's first African-American mayor, David N. Dinkins, and later became an assistant for community affairs at City Hall.

In 1997, Bill moved to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, working as Regional Director under then-Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo, as New York and New Jersey's highest-ranking official in the department. At HUD, he crisscrossed the Tri-State region, gaining a critical understanding of the diverse communities that make up the New York metropolitan area. As regional director, Bill fought for increased federal funding for affordable homes and expanded housing services for senior citizens.

In 1999, Bill joined District 15's School Board in Brooklyn, where he championed early childhood education and parental involvement and expanded pre-K programs, helping his district become the first to cap first grade class sizes.

In 2000, Hillary Clinton asked Bill to manage her historic campaign for the U.S. Senate. Working at the head of a vast grassroots operation, he helped re-introduce Mrs. Clinton to New Yorkers and deliver her message about prioritizing children and families, securing her a decisive victory in a highly competitive campaign.

Two years later, Bill started his service on the New York City Council, representing the diverse Brooklyn neighborhoods of Park Slope, Sunset Park, Boro Park, Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill, Windsor Terrace, Red Hook, and Kensington.

In his eight years on the City Council, Bill focused his efforts on improving public education, engaging parents, expanding affordable housing, and protecting New York's middle-class and working poor. He wrote landmark tenants' rights legislation to protect affordable housing and end landlord discrimination for everyday New Yorkers. Bill also was a vocal advocate for services designed to support fragile families and vulnerable children. After the tragic death of seven-year-old Nixzmary Brown in 2006, he investigated the case as Chair of the Council's General Welfare Committee, holding four hearings examining the City's role in fighting child abuse.

In 2010, Bill was sworn in as New York City Public Advocate, the second-highest citywide elected office. As Public Advocate, Bill launched the "NYC Worst Landlords Watchlist" to publicly identify landlords who took advantage of everyday New Yorkers, pressing them to improve building maintenance and upkeep. Bill made his voice heard across our city as a forceful advocate for stronger representation and services for the millions of workers who are the foundation of New York City's economy.

As mayor, Bill is committed to making sure every child gets a great education, protecting our streets and our communities, and building a city where New Yorkers from all five boroughs can start businesses, raise their families, and afford to live in their own neighborhoods.



CHARLES B. RANGEL

U.S. Representative
New York's 13th District

Charles B. Rangel, war hero, history-making congressman, master lawmaker. A founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, he made history as the first African American member of Congress to lead the powerful Ways and Means Committee. Now serving his 22nd term in the House of Representatives, he has been cited as the most effective lawmaker in the House, leading all of his colleagues in passing legislation. He was a prime contributor to President Obama's historic health care reform law.

Growing up on the other side of the tracks on Lenox Avenue in Harlem, he was transformed from high school dropout to war hero after volunteering for service in the Army during the Korean War. Wounded in an attack by waves of Communist Chinese troops, he was awarded a Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for Valor after leading his surviving comrades from behind enemy lines.

With the aid of the G.I. Bill, he earned degrees from New York University and St. John's University Law School. He began his public service as an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and was later elected to the New York State Assembly. He came to Washington in 1971 to serve in the House after defeating the legendary Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

In Congress, following Saint Matthew's teaching, he has been a stalwart champion for the "least among us," advocating powerfully and persistently to improve the lives of working people. He is a defender of veterans and has treated education as a national security issue.

A leading advocate for equal rights and equal opportunity, Congressman Rangel has boosted the incomes of millions of working families with the Earned Income Tax Credit, and pumped billions of dollars into revitalization of communities across the nation, including Harlem. Demonstrating his commitment to education, he has created financial mechanisms to construct and rehabilitate public schools across the country.

Congressman Rangel's unparalleled foreign policy record has focused on Africa and the Caribbean. In 1986, he sounded the death knell for apartheid in South Africa with the "Rangel Amendment," which forced the largest U.S. investors to abandon the country. He has created trading and investment opportunities for struggling nations in the Caribbean and Africa. In 2010, he successfully promoted vital investment incentives for earthquake ravaged Haiti.

Among his proudest achievements is founding the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program in the State Department, in cooperation with Howard University. As of 2013, there are 160 Rangel Fellows serving as U.S. State Department Foreign Service Officers in U.S. Embassies around the world. Congressman Rangel still resides with his wife Alma in Harlem where he was born. They have two adult children and three grandchildren.

**JERROLD NADLER**

U.S. Representative
NY's 10th District

Congressman Jerrold “Jerry” Nadler represents the Tenth Congressional District of New York, which includes much of the West Side of Manhattan, the Financial District and a number of diverse neighborhoods in southwestern Brooklyn. He began his political career in 1976 in the New York State Assembly, where he served for 16 years. In 1992, following the death of Congressman Ted Weiss, Nadler was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in a special election and has served in Congress ever since. He was re-elected to his eleventh full term in 2012, receiving over 80 percent of the vote.

Since 2001, Rep. Nadler has served as either the Ranking Member or Chair of what is now the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. With Congressman Mel Watt’s 2014 departure from Congress to lead the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Rep. Nadler changed leadership roles to become the Ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet. He is also the highest-ranking Northeastern member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and an Assistant Democrat Whip.

Throughout his career, Rep. Nadler has been a champion of civil liberties, civil rights (including women’s and LGBT rights), safe and efficient transportation, and a host of progressive issues such as access to health care, support for the arts and protection of the Social Security system. He is considered an unapologetic defender of those who might otherwise be forgotten by the legal system or the economy and is especially respected for his creative and pragmatic legislative approaches to problems. He also has particular expertise and policymaking prominence on issues facing Israel and the Middle East.

Rep. Nadler is a major advocate for increased funding of New York’s mass transit system, better subway service and a more intelligent regional goods movement policy. For many years, he stood virtually alone in decrying downstate New York’s isolation from the national rail freight system and its almost total reliance on truck-borne freight, a view now held by governmental leaders and advocates across the spectrum. He has long advocated the Cross Harbor Rail Freight Tunnel to address that problem.

Rep. Nadler’s district also includes Ground Zero, the site where the Twin Towers once stood. After the 9/11 attacks, he was instrumental in securing \$20 billion in federal funds to rebuild Lower Manhattan. He has been a House leader working tirelessly to address the health and environmental impacts of the collapse of the World Trade Center on first responders and area residents, workers and students. He has led the battle to win health care and compensation for 9/11 victims and continues to demand that the Environmental Protection Agency conduct proper testing and clean up of the affected areas.

Locally, the Congressman’s office has received numerous awards for its excellent constituent service work, particularly in the area of immigration. And his robust community relations program has long played a key role in preserving affordable housing, stopping senseless overdevelopment, reducing crime and enhancing our children’s educational opportunities. Additionally, the Congressman has brought billions of dollars to the district for its infrastructure, social welfare and cultural needs.

Rep. Nadler is a graduate of Crown Heights Yeshiva, Stuyvesant High School, Columbia University and Fordham Law School. He lives on the West Side of Manhattan with his wife, Joyce Miller. They have one son, Michael.



NITA LOWEY

U.S. Representative
New York's 17th District

Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey is currently serving her thirteenth term in Congress, representing parts of Westchester and Rockland Counties. She was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1988.

Lowey has been described as “courageous” by The New York Times, “terrific” by Newsday, and one of “New York’s key Members of Congress” by the New York Daily News. The Journal News called Congresswoman Lowey “one of the most influential Members of Congress.” And Congressional Quarterly cited her as one of the 50 most effective Members of Congress, saying she “maneuvers skillfully through the appropriations process.”

At the beginning of the 113th Congress, Congresswoman Lowey was selected by her colleagues to be the Ranking Democrat on the powerful House Appropriations Committee. She is the first woman to lead either party on the House Appropriations Committee.

Few members of Congress have taken key leadership roles on so many vital public policy issues. Lowey has led the effort to make our nation more secure by improving first responders’ preparedness and equipment and preparing for a possible avian flu pandemic. She has worked to increase health care access and biomedical research and spearheaded the effort to more than double funding for breast cancer research. A strong proponent of education, she has successfully fought efforts to cut funding for public broadcasting and has supported fully funding the federal government’s commitment to education at all levels. Because she understands that instability abroad undermines security at home, she is a fierce advocate for increasing developmental assistance abroad on the State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee.

Lowey served in the House Democratic Leadership in 2001 and 2002 as the first woman and first New Yorker to chair the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. Lowey was born in the Bronx; graduated from the Bronx High School of Science; and received a Bachelor’s Degree from Mount Holyoke College. She served as Assistant Secretary of State for the State of New York before being elected to Congress. Nita and Stephen Lowey have been married for 50 years and have three grown children and eight grandchildren.



THOMAS E. PEREZ
U.S. Secretary of Labor

Thomas E. Perez was nominated by President Obama to serve as the nation's 26th Secretary of Labor, and was sworn in on July 23, 2013.

Previously Perez served as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Justice. The Civil Rights Division enforces federal laws that prohibit discrimination and uphold the civil and constitutional rights of all who live in America. During his tenure of nearly four years, Perez oversaw the effort to restore and expand the division's achievements. Under his leadership as Assistant Attorney General, the division successfully implemented the Shepard-Byrd Hate Crimes Prevention Act; expanded equal housing opportunity by bringing and settling the largest fair-lending cases in history; protected schoolchildren from discrimination, bullying and harassment; dramatically expanded access to employment, housing and educational opportunities for people with disabilities; protected the right to vote for all eligible voters free from discrimination; took record-setting efforts to ensure that communities have effective and democratically accountable policing; and safeguarded the employment, housing, fair lending and voting rights of service members. He also expanded the division's partnerships across federal agencies to address cross-cutting challenges in human trafficking, employment discrimination and fair lending, among others.

He previously served as the Secretary of Maryland's Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Maryland's DLLR protects consumers through the enforcement of a wide range of consumer rights laws, including the mortgage setting; enforces workplace safety laws that provide critical safeguards to workers and communities; enforces wage and hour and other worker protection laws that ensure wage security; and collaborates with businesses and workers to address critical workforce development needs and build a world-class workforce. Perez was a principal architect of a sweeping package of state lending and foreclosure reforms to address the foreclosure crisis in Maryland. He worked closely with business leaders, community colleges and nonprofits on a dramatic overhaul of Maryland's workforce development system to ensure that workers have the skills to succeed, and employers have the workforce to thrive in the 21st century economy. Perez co-chaired the Governor's Council for New Americans, which designed a comprehensive blueprint for ensuring that immigrants living and working in Maryland are a vital component of the state's economic engine.

Perez has spent his entire career in public service. From 2002 until 2006, he was a member of the Montgomery County Council. He was the first Latino ever elected to the Council, and served as Council president in 2005. Earlier in his career, he spent 12 years in federal public service, most as a career attorney with the Civil Rights Division. As a federal prosecutor for the division, he prosecuted and supervised the prosecution of some of the Justice Department's most high profile civil rights cases, including a hate crimes case in Texas involving a group of white supremacists who went on a deadly, racially-motivated crime spree.

He later served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights under Attorney General Janet Reno. Among other responsibilities, he chaired the interagency Worker Exploitation Task Force, which oversaw a variety of initiatives designed to protect vulnerable workers. He also served as special counsel to the late Senator Edward Kennedy, and was Senator Kennedy's principal adviser on civil rights, criminal justice and constitutional issues. For the final two years of the Clinton administration, he served as the Director of the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Perez was a law professor for six years at the University of Maryland School of Law and was a part-time professor at the George Washington School of Public Health. He received a bachelor's degree from Brown University in 1983. In 1987 he received both a master's of public policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and a juris doctorate from Harvard Law School. He lives in Maryland with his wife, Ann Marie Staudenmaier, an attorney with the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, and their three children.



CAROL JOYNER

Director for the Labor Project
for Working Families

Carol Joyner is the Director for the Labor Project for Working Families (LPWF), in partnership with Family Values@Work. The LPWF works to address the policy and programmatic solutions for improving workplace standards. In her work with labor organizations, advocates and other stakeholders, Carol aims to improve policy options for working families.

Prior to the LPWF work, Carol provided consultation on work and family and Trust Fund administration issues. Carol is also the founding Director of the 1199SEIU/Employer Child Care Fund and past President of the Child Care Corporation, a labor/management benefit fund negotiated by the 1199 Health and Human Service Employees Union and 400 Health Care Employers in New York State.

Ms. Joyner is the recipient of work and family achievement awards including the Alliance of Work Life Professionals' Innovative Program Award; the LPWF Annual Award and; the NBCDI, NY Bridge Builders' Award. She is past National Advisory Board member of the Labor Project for Working Families, and the Family Values@Work – Multi-State Consortium and founding partner of the Work and Family Strategy Council. Carol lives in Washington, DC, with her family.



**WILLIAM M.
RODGERS III, PHD**

Professor Public Policy,
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Chief Economist at
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William M. Rodgers III is Professor of Public Policy and chief economist at the Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University. He is a member of the graduate faculty of Rutgers' School of Management and Labor Relations, and a senior research affiliate of the National Poverty Center, University of Michigan. In 2006, he was elected to the membership of the National Academy of Social Insurance. He is Co-Chair of the Academy's 2010 Conference, "Lessons from a Bad Economy for Jobs, Retirement, and Health Security." From November 2009 to January 2010, Rodgers served on President Obama's Department of Labor Transition Team.

Locally, Professor Rodgers is Vice Chair of Montgomery Township's Planning Board and Board Chair of Somerset County's United Way. At the state level, he served on Acting Governor Codey's pensions benefits review task force and currently is a member of Governor Corzine's commission on government efficiency and reform. At the regional level, Rodgers is a member of the United Way of America's Regional Operating Council.

Prior to coming to Rutgers, Rodgers served as chief economist at the U.S. Department of Labor from 2000-2001, appointed to that position by Alexis Herman, U.S. Secretary of Labor. At the time of his appointment, he was the Frances L. and Edwin L. Professor Cummings of Economics at the College of William and Mary.

Professor Rodgers' research examines issues in labor economics and the economics of social problems. Building on his edited volume, *Prosperity for All* (Russell Sage Foundation) and studies published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Center for American Progress, and the Upjohn Institute, he is comparing the benefits of the most recent economic expansion to previous expansions, with a particular focus on the income of minority and disadvantaged workers. Professor Rodgers' most recent book, *The Handbook on the Economics of Discrimination*, published by Edgar Elgar was selected by Choice, the review journal of the American Library Association, as an "Outstanding Academic Book for 2006". His current research on racial inequality includes a study on the economic status of the New Jersey's minorities, and pieces in the National Urban League's *State of Black America* and *American Prospect's* Special Issue, *The Color of Opportunity*.

Rodgers' expertise is frequently called upon by journalists for articles in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *The Financial Times*, *U.S.A. Today*, *Business Week*, and other publications. He has been a guest on NBC's *Meet the Press*, CNN's *Your Money*, CNBC's *Squawk Box*, and CNNfn and many radio talk shows. His policy work includes testifying before the New Jersey Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee, New Jersey State Labor Committee, Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress, the Joint Sub-Committee Studying the Status and Needs of African American Males in Virginia, and serving as a consultant for the state of Virginia, the Joint Center for Economic and Political Studies, and the AFL-CIO.

Rodgers serves on numerous boards. He is a Past President of the National Economic Association and is currently a member of the American Economic Association's Committee on the Status of Minorities in the Economics Profession, and runs the Association's mentoring program that seeks to increase the numbers of minorities that obtain economic doctorates. Rodgers is a member of Marc Morial's National Urban League Council of Economic Advisors and a member of the Center for American Progress' Academic Advisory Board.

He is married to economics Professor Yana V. Rodgers of Rutgers' Women and Gender Studies Department. They have three children: Eliana, William IV, and Charles. They reside in Montgomery Township, NJ.



ANALILIA MEJIA
Director of the New Jersey
Working Families Alliance

Analilia Mejia is a progressive union and community activist with Jersey roots and nationwide experience fighting for policies that lift up working families. In January Analilia took the helm of the NJ Working Families Alliance as its Executive Director, successfully leading a campaign to bring Earned Sick Day ordinances to Jersey City and Newark.

Under her leadership NJWFA is ramping up efforts to engage and mobilize New Jersey voters on issues that deeply impact our communities. Most recently the organization collected over 10,000 postcards from Newark voters in support of the Earned Sick Days ordinance, highlighted misdeeds at NYNJ Port Authority, working tirelessly until Chairman Samson resigned and continues to call the question on violations of the public trust.

Prior to leading NJWFA, Analilia was the NJ political director for SEIU 32BJ where she expanded their political program and engaged local and state-wide elected officials to adopt pro-worker policies. Prior to that she has helped lead political, policy and union building programs for SEIU International, UNITE HERE AND UFCW. A daughter of immigrants and a working mom of a 2yr old son, she understands firsthand the importance of equity issues for all working families.



DONNA DOLAN

Executive Director,
NY Paid Leave Coalition

Donna Dolan is Executive Director of the New York Paid Leave Coalition, an organization which advocates for Paid Family Leave Insurance in NYS and helped pass a paid sick days bill in the New York City Council in 2013. Donna has over 25 years experience in making workplaces more family-friendly. Prior to 2010 she served as the Communications Workers of America District 1 Director of Work/Family Issues, leading the jointly administered work/family project with Verizon, negotiated through collective bargaining in 1989, which received national recognition. Donna was one of the labor movement's experts on work/family issue bargaining and program implementation. Over the years, she has spoken at national work/life, union, and business conferences; was a panelist on cable TV; interviewed by NPR; and quoted on various work/family issues in the print media. Donna co-authored two of the labor movement's publications on Work/Family as well as a chapter in Work-Life Effectiveness: Bottom-Line Strategies for Today's Workplace. She has served as the Chair of the NYS AFL-CIO Task Force on Paid Family Leave, on the Boards of Child Care Inc. (now the Center for Children's Initiatives) and the Labor Project for Working Families. She was a founder and board member of the Alliance for Work/Life Progress. Donna is a graduate of Boston College and holds a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology from Bowling Green State University.



RUTH MILKMAN

Professor of Sociology,
CUNY Graduate School

Ruth Milkman is a sociologist of labor and labor movements who has written on a variety of topics involving work and organized labor in the United States, past and present. Her early research focused on the impact of economic crisis and war on women workers in the 1930s and 1940s. She then went on to study the restructuring of the U.S. automobile industry and its impact on workers and their union in the 1980s and 1990s; in that period she also conducted research on the labor practices of Japanese-owned factories in California. More recently she has written extensively about low-wage immigrant workers in the U.S., analyzing their employment conditions as well as the dynamics of immigrant labor organizing. She helped lead a multi-city team that produced a widely publicized 2009 study documenting the prevalence of wage theft and violations of other workplace laws in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York. She also recently co-authored a study of California's paid family leave program, focusing on its impact on employers and workers. After 21 years as a sociology professor at UCLA, where she directed the Institute for Research on Labor and Employment from 2001 to 2008, she returned to New York City in 2010. She is currently a Professor of Sociology at the CUNY Graduate Center and at the Joseph F. Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies, where she also serves as Academic Director.



**MELISSA
MARK-VIVERITO**
Speaker of the
New York City Council

Melissa Mark-Viverito currently serves as the Speaker of the New York City Council, the first Puerto Rican and Latina to hold a citywide elected position. She represents the 8th District, which includes El Barrio/East Harlem and the South Bronx.

Speaker Mark-Viverito was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She worked for over a decade in local activism, nonprofit organizations and labor before being elected to the City Council in 2005, as the first Puerto Rican woman and Latina to represent her district in the Council.

In 2009, she was elected to her second term in the City Council, during which she served as Chair of the Committee on Parks and Recreation, the founding Co-Chair of the Progressive Caucus and as a member of the Black, Latino and Asian Caucus. In 2011, she was one of four Council Members to pioneer the first-ever Participatory Budgeting process in New York City.

She is a graduate of Columbia College at Columbia University and Baruch College, City University of New York, where she studied Public Administration through the National Urban Fellows Program.



CARMEL MARTIN

Executive Vice President
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American Progress

Carmel Martin is the Executive Vice President for Policy at American Progress. She manages policy across issue areas and is a key member of CAP's executive team.

Before joining American Progress, Martin was the assistant secretary for planning, evaluation, and policy development at the Department of Education. In this position, she led the Department's policy and budget development activities and served as a senior advisor to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

Prior to coming to the Department of Education, Martin served as general counsel and deputy staff director for the late Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) as chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. She also previously worked at American Progress as the Associate Director for Domestic Policy, and in the Senate as chief counsel and senior policy adviser to former Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) and special counsel to former Sen. Tom Daschle (D-SD). Through her years in Congress, she worked on legislation related to education, welfare, health care, and other issues of national importance.

Early in Martin's career, she worked as a trial attorney for the Civil Rights Division of the Educational Opportunities Section at the Department of Justice, as well as in the private sector as a member of Hogan & Hartson's education practice. There she counseled and represented school districts and institutions of higher education across the country. She graduated with a J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law and a master's degree in public affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. After graduate school, Martin was a law clerk to the Hon. Thomas M. Reavley, judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.



KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND

U.S. Senator, NY

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand has made her presence felt, helping lead the fight to repeal “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell,” and providing health care and compensation to the 9/11 first responders and community survivors that are sick with diseases caused by the toxins at Ground Zero. Senator Gillibrand worked to bring Democrats and Republicans together to win both legislative victories, leading Newsweek/The Daily Beast to name Senator Gillibrand one of “150 Women Who Shake the World.”

As the mother of two young children, Senator Gillibrand knows that working families are struggling in this difficult economy. By making quality child care and higher education more affordable, providing property tax relief and keeping our neighborhoods safe, Senator Gillibrand’s legislative agenda puts middle class and working families first. She has written legislation to address the country’s nursing shortage, make quality autism treatment more affordable, improve asthma treatment for children, and ensure that drinking water and baby products are safe for consumers.

Senator Gillibrand’s number one priority is to rebuild the American economy, by creating good-paying jobs, helping small businesses get loans, and partnering with the private sector to foster innovation and entrepreneurship. She wrote new legislation to strengthen and retool New York’s manufacturers, and stamp more products with the words “Made in America,” and create new manufacturing jobs in New York.

As the first New York Senator to sit on the Agriculture Committee in nearly 40 years, Senator Gillibrand is giving New York families the seat at the table they deserve as Congress debates food policy. She worked hard to strengthen the 2012 Farm Bill for New York by strengthening specialty crops, expanding rural broadband, improving recovery efforts from natural disasters, and protect access to nutrition assistance for struggling children and families.

After serving on the Armed Services Committee in the House, Senator Gillibrand is again serving on the Senate Armed Services, using her position to strengthen America’s armed services, national security and military readiness, and to continue fighting for America’s troops and military families by creating better economic opportunities for veterans returning home to their families today. Among her top priorities for the 113th Congress, is ending the scourge of sexual violence in the military, and strengthening the rights and protections of victims of sexual assault.

From her seat on the Aging Committee, Senator Gillibrand is committed to fighting on behalf of seniors, working to lower the cost of prescription drugs, make long-term care more affordable so seniors can remain independent for as long as they are able, and protecting seniors from financial fraud. Senator Gillibrand is also working to lower property taxes, co-sponsoring legislation that would give New York residents a full federal tax deduction for their property taxes.

After attending Albany’s Academy of Holy Names, Senator Gillibrand graduated in 1984 from Emma Willard School in Troy, New York, the first all women’s high school in the United States. A magna cum laude graduate of Dartmouth College in 1988, Gillibrand went on to receive her law degree from the UCLA School of Law in 1991 and served as a law clerk on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

After working as an attorney in New York City for more than a decade, Senator Gillibrand served as Special Counsel to United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Andrew Cuomo during the Clinton Administration. She then worked as an attorney in Upstate New York before becoming a member of Congress.

Born and raised in upstate New York, Senator Gillibrand now lives in Brunswick, New York, with her husband, Jonathan Gillibrand, and their two young sons, nine-year-old Theodore and four-year-old Henry.



CYNTHIA LEIVE

Editor-in-Chief, *Glamour*

Cindi Leive is the editor-in-chief of *Glamour* magazine and *glamour.com*, which together reach more than 17 million readers each month, with *Glamour* outselling more than 97 percent of magazines on the newsstand today. Since Leive became editor-in-chief, *Glamour's* circulation has reached its highest point in history with a rate base of 2.25 million, *glamour.com* has more than 7.5 million unique visitors each month, and the brand's social media footprint is nearly 7 million strong across a variety of platforms. Under her stewardship, the magazine has launched a monthly digital edition, with *Glamour* being the first women's magazine on the iPad; popular special editions, apps, and books—including two New York Times best-sellers; a beauty magazine for Latina women, *Glam Belleza Latina*; and a digital video network featuring original programming inspired by *Glamour* in partnership with Condé Nast Entertainment.

Glamour is the most celebrated women's magazine in America today, having won more than 170 journalism awards. Under Leive, *Glamour* has received a record number of National Magazine Awards, including the top honor, Magazine of the Year, honoring print and digital excellence. A major force in the industry, Leive has been a women's lifestyle contributor for NBC's *Today* show, frequently discussing women's issues ranging from fashion to politics. She serves on the board of directors for The International Women's Media Foundation and is a former president of the American Society of Magazine Editors.

Leive's work has also been recognized outside the media industry. In 2012 the Entertainment Industry Foundation's Women's Cancer Research Fund honored her with the Nat King Cole Award for her philanthropic work. The Avon Foundation for Women gave her their Voice for Change Champion Award for the magazine's Tell Somebody campaign in 2011, which encouraged women to talk about relationship violence. Leive received the Life Free of Violence Media Partner award from the U.N. Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women in 2010 for routinely helping to raise awareness in the magazine about violence against women. In 2008 she was acknowledged with a White House Project EPIC Award for publishing *In Search of Hope: The Global Diaries of Mariane Pearl*. In 2006, along with Hillary Rodham Clinton and Gloria Steinem, Leive was honored with a Lead Her Award from Girls Learn International for her activism in bringing Pakistani heroine Mukhtar Mai to the United States for the first time.

Prior to joining *Glamour* in May 2001, Leive served as editor-in-chief of *Self* magazine. Under her editorship, *Self's* circulation increased by 11 percent. Before *Self*, Leive was deputy editor of *Glamour*, where she worked for 11 years; there, she devised many of the magazine's highest-rated features, edited and wrote prize-winning stories, and produced the magazine's annual Women of the Year Awards.

A graduate of Swarthmore College, Leive began her career in publishing at *The Paris Review* and *The Saturday Review*. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband, film producer Howard Bernstein, and their children, Lucy and Isaac.



SCOTT BEHSON

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Scott Behson, PhD, is a Professor of Management at the Silberman College of Business at Fairleigh Dickinson University, where he teaches, conducts research, and provides consulting services in Work-Family Balance and Workplace Flexibility. Behson earned a Ph.D. from the University at Albany, SUNY and a B.S. from Cornell University. He was named the Silberman College of Business Teacher of the Year for 2010-2011. Behson has won six research awards, is a two-time nominee for the prestigious Rosabeth Moss Kanter Award for Work-Family Research, and was recently named as a Who's Who in Work-Family Research by the Sloan Work-Family Research Network.

Behson founded and runs the popular blog, *Fathers, Work, and Family*, dedicated to helping fathers better balance work and family, and encouraging more supportive workplaces. He writes on work and family issues for *Harvard Business Review (HBR) Online* as well as a monthly feature on work and family for *The Good Men Project*, an online men's magazine. Most recently, Scott has written on fathers and family dynamics for *Time* and paternity leave for the *Wall Street Journal*. Behson has appeared on CBS This Morning, NPR Morning Edition, HuffPost Live and LeftJab radio, and his work has been featured in such outlets as the Atlantic, HLN's Raising America, MSN Money, Salary.com, Parentful.com, Care.com and The Greater Good.



ERIN MORAN

Chief Culture Officer,
Union Square Hospitality
Group (Shake Shack)

As USHG's first-ever Chief Culture Officer, Erin Moran is responsible for strengthening and growing USHG's culture of Enlightened Hospitality, and overseeing all aspects of the employee experience at USHG.

Prior to joining USHG in October 2013, Erin spent nearly a decade at Great Place to Work (United States), a firm that studies and identifies great workplaces and offers human resources consulting services globally. While at GPTW, Erin fulfilled many roles, beginning as a Consultant in 2004 and ultimately serving as Executive Vice President of US Business, in which capacity Erin studied the workplace culture of organizations included on the 100 Best Companies to Work For list, as published in FORTUNE magazine, and worked directly with clients to create and sustain their own great workplaces by increasing organizational trust. Erin also led GPTW's US Executive Team and was responsible for the firm's own organizational health and financial results.

USHG was introduced to Erin while engaging GPTW in a year-long collaboration, during which Erin led USHG through a thorough, survey-based assessment of organizational health, workplace culture, and employee experience. Driven by her admiration of USHG's leaders and her passion for Enlightened Hospitality, Erin decided to deepen her commitment to USHG's cultural growth and evolution by becoming a member of the USHG leadership team.

A Baltimore native, Erin holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from St. Joseph's University and an M.B.A. from the Thunderbird School of International Management.



**ANTHONY
SANDKAMP**

Owner, Sandkamp
Woodworks, LLC

Tony is the owner of Sandkamp Woodworks LLC, a small independent business focusing on custom architectural woodworking. Sandkamp Woodworks LLC, based in Jersey City, New Jersey for the past sixteen years and in New York City for the prior five years, has done hundreds of residential and commercial projects throughout the New York Tri-State area and even in our nation's capital. Tony has over twenty years of experience in the field and has been instrumental in mentoring many young adults in the field of woodworking. Tony and his employees never turn down a challenge. His shop has created custom wine cellars, unique kitchens, historically accurate front doors, inlaid dining tables, walnut barrister cases, bullet proof bank teller stations and even a custom cat house for one of his family's pets.

Sandkamp Woodworks LLC has been published in the New York Times, The New York Post, New York Magazine, Interior Design Magazine and Architectural Record. You many have caught one of his projects on HGTV's "Dream Builders" and he was even a co-host & carpenter on the Style Network's "Guess Who's Coming To Decorate".

Civic minded as well, Tony has been actively involved in the Jersey City community where he and his wife have lived for over twelve years. In 2013 he became active in the NJ Main Street Alliance and successful efforts to implement a paid sick day ordinance in Jersey City. He served as the president of his local neighborhood association from 2007 thru 2010 and has been a commissioner on the Jersey City Historic Preservation Commission for nine years. Additionally he has served for the past three years on the board of the non-profit Barrow Mansion Development Corporation. In his "free time", he has been a co-director of a free summer film series, Films in Van Vorst since 2005.

Tony is one of eight children born in St. Paul, Minnesota. He received a BA in Biology from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul.



LEAH ABRAHAM

Owner, Settepani

The privilege of a strong family dynamic has nurtured the evolution of the indomitable mind, woman and entrepreneur that Leah Abraham has become. Her migration from Ethiopia to America has been a test that reinforced the need to love and be courageous, especially during the dark moments. With a pathos rooted in balance and moderation, Leah's success is a combination of how she continues to provide impact and solutions for community initiatives and families alike, while managing her respective roles within her own business and family structure. She admits that remaining positive in all circumstances, has been the secret to her success.

Having grown up in several continents and speaking different languages including Amharic, English, Tigrigna, French and Italian, an immersive experience in the different cultures throughout her journey has permeated the value of Leah's Ethiopian heritage. She is appreciative of the many doors that the opportunity of being in America has opened. In fact, while juggling being a wife, mother and business woman over the past 16 years, she is humbled to have children who are at the heart of everything she does, a husband who is the kindest and wisest person she knows and a business that allows her to entertain and provide positive solutions all day.

In preparation for the thirteen year anniversary of the Settepani in Harlem celebration, the Ethiopian/American entrepreneur is even more committed to the importance of community, comfort and quality that has sustained her concept over the years. She is a proud member of the pioneering few that has formed the evolution the food renaissance in a multi-cultural neo-Harlem. She is also a founding member of Harlem Park to Park.



ANGELA GUY

Senior Vice President for
Diversity and Inclusion
L'Oréal USA

Angela Guy is the Senior Vice President, Diversity and Inclusion for *L'Oréal USA*, the largest subsidiary of the *L'Oréal Group*, the world's leading beauty company. Ms. Guy is responsible for shaping the diversity efforts for *L'Oréal USA* as a business imperative that highlights the value of all forms of beauty while respecting and reflecting the differences of our rapidly changing marketplace. She is a member of the *L'Oréal USA* Executive Committee and collaborates to align *L'Oréal's* global diversity efforts. Ms. Guy reports directly to Frédéric Rozé, President and CEO, *L'Oréal USA*.

Prior to this appointment, Ms. Guy was Senior Vice President, General Manager of SoftSheen-Carson, the #1 ethnic haircare brand in the world, and a Consumer Division of *L'Oréal USA*. In this role, Ms. Guy oversaw all aspects of the SoftSheen-Carson brand in the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean.

Ms. Guy also worked 19 years at Johnson & Johnson in Sales leadership positions throughout the USA and Canada; 3 years in Sales with Levi Strauss & Company, Accessories Division and 3 years in Retail Management with Hills Department Stores.

She is a Board Member for Harvest of Hope Family Services Network, Inc. and the American Conference on Diversity; Advisory Board and member of the Coalition of 100 Black Women, NYC; and member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Executive Leadership Council; and the Asia Society Business Council.

Ms. Guy has been recognized as: Savoy Magazine's "100 Most Influential Blacks in Corporate America" and "Top Influential Women in Corporate America"; a Black Enterprise "Power Player," and "75 Most Powerful Women in Business"; one of "The 25 Influential Black Women in Business" by The Network Journal; 2010 Beacon Award Recipient by the Coalition of 100 Black Women; and Community Service Award Recipient of the Central Jersey Community Development Corporation.

Ms. Guy has been acknowledged as a recipient of the Pearl Award by the Women's Academy of Excellence, Trailblazer Awards by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, NYC, and Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement (HCCI), Legacy Award by Penn State Black Alumni Association and Community Service Award by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., NYC.

Ms. Guy has a B.A. in Psychology from Pennsylvania State University. She has attended Executive Leadership Programs at the University of California Los Angeles, Northwestern University and The Center for Creative Leadership.



VALERIE JARRETT
Senior Advisor to President
Barack Obama,
Chair of the White House
Council on Women and Girls

Valerie B. Jarrett is a Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama. She oversees the Offices of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs and chairs the White House Council on Women and Girls.

Prior to joining the Obama Administration, she was the Chief Executive Officer of The Habitat Company. She also served as Co-Chair of the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team, and Senior Advisor to Obama's presidential campaign.

Ms. Jarrett has held positions in both the public and private sector, including the Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, the Commissioner of Planning and Development for the City of Chicago, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor Richard M. Daley. She also practiced law with two private law firms.

Jarrett also served as a director of corporate and not for profit boards, including Chairman of the Board of the Chicago Stock Exchange, Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, and Chairman of the University of Chicago Medical Center Board of Trustees.

Jarrett received her B.A. from Stanford University in 1978 and her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1981.



GALE A. BREWER
Manhattan Borough President

Gale A. Brewer is the 27th Manhattan Borough President, responsible for advising the Mayor and City Council on borough concerns, commenting on all land-use matters in the borough, advocating for the borough in the municipal budget process, and appointing members of Manhattan's 12 Community Boards. The Borough President also chairs the Borough Board, made up of City Council Members and Chairs from the Community Boards, and the Borough Services Cabinet, composed of senior officials from City agencies delivering services in the borough.

Ms. Brewer previously served on the City Council for 12 years, from 2002 through 2013, representing the 6th Council District which includes most of the Upper West Side and northern Clinton. As Councilmember, she successfully passed legislation guaranteeing paid sick leave for most hourly employees, compelling landlords to fix repeat violations, requiring all City data be published online, and the nation's first law protecting domestic workers. She was the founding chair of the Council's Technology Committee in 2002.

Immediately prior to her election to the City Council, Brewer served as Project Manager for the NYC Nonprofits Project at CUNY's Graduate Center, and before that worked for the Telesis Corporation, a private firm that builds affordable housing in New York City.

Prior to that non-profit and private-sector experience, Brewer served in City government in various roles, including: New York City Deputy Public Advocate for Intergovernmental Affairs under Mark Green (1994-1998); Director of New York Mayor David Dinkins' Federal Office in New York City, managing the administration's legislative agenda in Washington and a technical assistance program to help community-based organizations obtain federal funds (1990 to 1994); Executive Director of the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women (concurrent with the Federal Office, from 1993 to 1994); Chief of Staff to West Side Council Member Ruth W. Messinger-- before Messinger was, herself, elected Manhattan Borough President (1979-1989); Brewer also served on the staff of Lt. Governor Mary Anne Krupsak, the first woman elected statewide in New York in 1974 (under Gov. Hugh Carey) and first served in government in the City Parks Department during the Lindsay administration.

Brewer has an MPA from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and she did her undergraduate work at Columbia University and Bennington College. She co-teaches a class in urban policy each spring with former Borough President Messinger as part of Hunter College's Public Service Scholar program, and has taught urban affairs at other area colleges, including Barnard, Baruch, Brooklyn and Queens Colleges.

Brewer is married to Cal Snyder; they live on the Upper West Side. Together they have raised many foster children.