

Addressing Past Injustices and Wealth Building for the Future: Housing Reparations 5.21.2024

Speaker Bios:



Eileen Briggs

Grantmaking Director, Bush Foundation

Eileen is a Grantmaking Director focusing on Native American communities across all programs. She provides strategic and day-to-day leadership for our grant programs and is active in community conversations to understand how we can spread great ideas and have the most impact possible. Eileen also leads the Foundation's Native Nation Building and Government Redesign initiative, which focuses on supporting Native self-determination and helping governments

solve problems by better understanding and designing for the people they serve. Eileen joined the Foundation in 2016.

Eileen is a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe with over 20 years' experience in tribal government, tribal colleges, and native non-profits. She currently serves on the board of directors for Native Americans in Philanthropy, Minneapolis American Indian Center board and North American Indian Women's Association.



Jennifer Tidwell

Principal Impact Strategist- Place, Health Forward Foundation

Jennifer joined Health Forward in 2023 as Principal Impact Strategist in our Place purpose area. She oversees the community investments and internal operations of our Place work – which focuses on improving two social influencers of health: housing and digital access. Prior to joining our team, Jennifer served as the Regional

Administrator for HUD (the federal department for housing and broadband) for Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska; the Deputy Director of Housing and Community Development at the City of KCMO; and held positions at the Missouri Housing and Development Corporation.



Michael Brown

Chief Architect of Civic Commons, an initiative of Seattle Foundation

Michael Brown is the Chief Architect of Civic Commons, a regional civic infrastructure aimed at uniting more community voices in decision-making to advance racial and economic equity. Michael also serves as an Executive in Residence for Community Partnership at Seattle Foundation.

Michael's passion is geared toward brokering partnerships that support communities' effort to build the better futures they desire.

Michael has created and led efforts to tackle the systemic and institutional barriers faced by low income and communities of color. He placed value in elevating community voice, fostering public-private-community partnerships and tackling complex challenges in the areas of affordable housing, economic and racial equity, and policy and system change.

In his role as Seattle Foundation's Vice President of Community Programs, he led the Foundation's grantmaking, community impact efforts and convening activities, designed new strategic grantmaking initiatives, and built the Foundation's impact investing program. He developed the Center for Community Partnerships, which focused on targeted efforts to incorporate community voices to design strategies to achieve racial and economic equity in Greater Seattle. Prior to joining Seattle Foundation, Michael served as a legislative aide and Chief of Staff to City of Seattle Councilmember Richard McIver and Deputy Director for the Washington Association for Community Economic Development. As a social entrepreneur, he created Civic Commons to help regions build the muscle needed to solve their complex community issues by providing the tools to lead the development and practice of civic engagement, share responsibility, and aligned efforts capable of making change and driving improved outcomes.



Joseph Antolin (Moderator)

Executive Director, Asset Funders Network

Joe Antolin serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Asset Funders Network (AFN). Joe is a dynamic and entrepreneurial leader with 30+ years of experience as an advocate, mentor, litigator, and executive creating lasting impact in local and regional communities.

In his role, he guides AFN's growth

and the team's focused efforts to engage philanthropy to advance equitable wealth building and economic mobility across the United States.

Previously, Joe led a consulting practice, served in several executive leadership positions in nonprofit and state government, and was an active legal services individual and class action litigator. He has empowered and led teams in several organizations, provided executive coaching to nonprofit executives of color in several states, and served as a coach mentor for the racial equity national cohort of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Community Leadership Fellowship. He also served as Heartland Alliance's Senior Vice President, Heartland Human Care Services Inc.'s Executive Director, as a director at Catholic Charities of Chicago, and as the Deputy Director of the Illinois human services department.

In these executive roles, he oversaw policy change, advocacy, community engagement, and program design-implementation across issue areas including EITC and CSA, asset building for low income households (in subsidized housing and shelters), consumer protection, income supports, implementing FSA in Chicago public housing, immigration, refugee resettlement, anti-trafficking, affordable and supportive housing, workforce training, publicly financed jobs,

transitional jobs program design, equity in state health improvement planning, and early childhood development programs. His experience started as an advocate and litigator with income supports and anti-poverty program benefits at the state and Federal levels. As an attorney, he litigated for civil rights, consumer law, disability benefits, and systemic reform with the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago.

Joe holds a J.D. from Columbus School of Law at Catholic University and received his Bachelor of Arts with Honors from Wesleyan University. He is licensed to practice law as a member of the Illinois Bar. He currently serves on the boards of the Illinois Public Health Institute, and Three Sisters Kitchen in Albuquerque. After decades in Chicago, he now resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico.