

**Dena L. Jackson (Moderator)**

Dena L. Jackson serves as the Strategic Project Director at Asset Funders Network (AFN) with a primary focus on the intersection of asset building challenges and best practices for women.

Before AFN, Dena was the Interim CEO of Texas Women's Foundation after 12 years in various leadership roles in grantmaking, operations and strategy. She was vice president of education at Dallas Regional Chamber and served as assistant vice president for development and research development at the University of Texas at

Dallas. Dena's career has been focused on the lives of women in healthcare, cancer prevention, mental health and economic capability – specifically housing stability, reproductive justice and childcare access.

Dena earned her Ph.D. in Health Studies at Texas Woman's University along with a master's in education and bachelor's in psychology from the University of North Texas. She received a graduate management certification from Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University and is a graduate of Leadership Women and Leadership North Texas. Dena currently serves on the boards of Inclusive Communities Project in Dallas and Dallas Afterschool. She resides in Dallas, Texas.

**Naomi M. Stanhaus**

Naomi M. Stanhaus is a program consultant to RRF Foundation for Aging, one of the few private foundations in the U.S. devoted exclusively to aging issues. She is responsible for RRF's work in the area of Economic Security in Later Life. She has handled several special initiatives for the Foundation and created its Organizational Capacity Building Program that provides grants to enable nonprofits to improve their management and governance. Ms. Stanhaus serves as a mentor to program officers at a number of foundations.

Ms. Stanhaus earned her B.A. degree, magna cum laude, from Case Western Reserve University, her M.A. from Harvard University, and her M.S.W. from Boston University School of Social Work.

**Rebecca D. Vallas**

Vallas joined the National Academy of Social Insurance as its Chief Executive Officer after spending nearly 8 years as a member of its Board of Directors, including four as Secretary. Most recently, she spent 2021-2023 as a senior fellow at The Century Foundation, where she founded the organization's disability economic justice work and organized a bipartisan, cross-sector coalition in support of reforming Supplemental Security Income's antiquated asset limits. She is also the founder of the Disability Economic Justice

Collaborative. Prior to TCF, she spent 2014-2018 helping to build and lead CAP's anti-poverty work in a range of roles including as the program's first policy director and later as its vice president. Over the years, Vallas has authored a wide range of policy reports and proposals on social insurance and public assistance, disability policy, and criminal justice/reentry policy—and strengthening Social Security, and especially its disability programs, have been long-time priorities especially close to her heart. Her work has appeared in the New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today, Wall Street Journal, on MSNBC, CNN, CNBC, C-SPAN, Fox News, PBS, NPR, as well as an array of other national and local media, and she has testified before Congress on numerous occasions.

Vallas was the inaugural recipient of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association's New Leaders in Advocacy Award in 2012, was twice named to Forbes Magazine's "30 Under 30" for Law and Policy, and to Emory University's "40 Under 40." She received her law degree in 2009 from the University of Virginia, where she was elected to the Order of the Coif and received the Margaret G. Hyde Award and the Mortimer Caplin Public Service Award. She graduated summa cum laude in 2002 from Emory University, where she received a bachelor's degree in psychology and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society. In her spare time, she works as a practicing astrologer. She lives in Charlottesville, Virginia with her husband and four rescue kitties.