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Annual Meeting Program
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Special thanks to the Ford Foundation, our host for the Philanthropy New York 35th Annual Meeting.
Welcome to Philanthropy New York’s 35th Annual Meeting! We are delighted to be able to join with members to reflect on the activities and achievements of Philanthropy New York’s last year and then to delve deeply into policy issues around Women and Girls.

This year’s Annual Meeting begins with the business of our organization, and we take great pleasure in presenting both a substantial update on our progress and the opportunity to elect new board members. This year’s business meeting will include a preview of our exciting new website that will significantly improve our ability to serve members in a variety of ways.

The real star of today’s program is, however, the policy-focused conversations. The array of issues revolving around women and girls – human rights, economic progress, gender identity, full participation in all societies, health and access to care, human trafficking, power and politics – are so important and complex, we know that we can only start the conversation today. But we hope this will be an important moment for Philanthropy New York’s members.

Two years ago, when our Annual Meeting brought together for the first time on one stage U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, New York State Commissioner John B. King and New York City Chancellor Dennis Walcott, it was a turning point in our own organizing around education reform work. It jumpstarted a conversation among Philanthropy New York members that lead to the creation of the Education Funders Research Initiative, a widely discussed set of research papers and “Six Priorities” for the new Mayor and Chancellor that have served to substantially animate productive discussions with the new leadership of the Department of Education.

We don’t yet know where today’s conversations will lead us. For the past several years, the Funders of Women and Girls group that Philanthropy New York convenes has been developing more and deeper programs. We invite you to join Funders of Women and Girls, but also to think about how today’s conversations might lead us to future actions that we can take together. Thank you for joining us today. And, a special thanks to our very generous host, the Ford Foundation.
Board Members Serving During 2013 and 2014


Not pictured: Rohit Burman, MAC AIDS Fund; Peter Madonia, Rockefeller Foundation; Dr. James R. Knickman, New York State Health Foundation; Yvonne Moore, Daphne Foundation; Jane O’Connell, Altman Foundation; Elizabeth Sak, The Cricket Island Foundation; Geraldine F. Watson, Rockefeller Brothers Fund

* Departing the Board of Directors in May 2014
** Former Board Chair; departed the Board in June 2013

Current Candidates for Board Membership

The Philanthropy New York Board of Directors is pleased to offer for nomination the following candidates to the Board:

Kyung Yoon
Executive Director
The Korean American Community Foundation
(First Term)

Mike Pratt
President & Executive Director
The Scherman Foundation, Inc.
(First Term)
Annual Meeting Agenda

12:45-1:00 p.m.  Registration

1:00-1:30 p.m.  Business Meeting

1:30-2:30 p.m.  Concurrent Member Engagement Sessions:

**Women’s Economic Security in the United States**

Welcome:
Wilma Montañez, Program Director, Reproductive Rights, Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation

Moderator:
Heather McGhee, President, Demos

Panelists:
Julia Jean-François, Co-Director, Center for Family Life
Sherry Leiwant, Co-President, A Better Balance
Ana L. Oliveira, President & CEO, New York Women’s Foundation

**Language and Cultural Understanding: Does Philanthropy Understand the Complexities of Gender?**

Welcome:
Yvonne Moore, Chief of Staff/Chief Operating Officer, Daphne Foundation

Moderator:
Jennifer Jones Austin, CEO/Executive Director, Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies

Panelists:
J. Bob Alotta, Executive Director, Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice
Julie F. Kay, Senior Strategist, Advocacy and Policy, Ms. Foundation for Women
Riki Wilchins, Executive Director, TrueChild
Women and Power Worldwide
Welcome:
Rohit Burman, ED, Europe, Africa & Middle East Programs, MAC AIDS Fund

Moderator:
Deana Arsenian, Vice President, International Program and Program Director, Russia and Eurasia, Carnegie Corporation of New York

Panelists:
Liesl Gerntholtz, Director, Women’s Rights Division, Human Rights Watch
Lourdes A. Rivera, Program Officer, Promoting Reproductive Rights and the Right to Sexual Health, Ford Foundation
Pamela Shifman, Executive Director, NoVo Foundation

2:30-2:45 p.m.  Break

2:45-3:00 p.m.  Welcome to Philanthropy New York’s 35th Annual Meeting
Ronna Brown, President, Philanthropy New York

3:00-4:00 p.m.  Rapid Fire Talks
Moderator:
Richard M. Smith, President, The Pinkerton Foundation

Featured Speakers:
Anu Bhagwati, Executive Director, Service Women’s Action Network
Farhana Khera, President & Executive Director, Muslim Advocates
Janet Mock, Trustee, Arcus Foundation; author of “Redefining Realness”

4:00-5:15 p.m.  Hillary Rodham Clinton in conversation with Robin Roberts

Welcome:
Darren Walker, President, Ford Foundation

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Former U.S. Secretary of State

Robin Roberts
Co-Anchor, “Good Morning America”
Her new book is “Everybody’s Got Something”

5:15-6:15 p.m.  Reception
Speakers and Presenters

J. Bob Alotta is Executive Director of the Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice. While based in New York City, Astraea addresses the most critical issues faced by LGBTQI people working for social, racial, gender, and economic justice around the globe. Bob is a lifelong activist and accomplished filmmaker. Through film and at Astraea, Bob engages philanthropists, leaders, and community members to eradicate the marginalization of LGBTQI rights in our societies. Prior to joining Astraea, Bob was Director of Digital Media and Content at Zeitbyte Digital Media. There, she grew the firm’s staff ten-fold as the principal executive responsible for technical, financial and staffing infrastructures. Earlier in her career, Bob was the Director of Digital Technology for Film at Columbia University’s School of the Arts, one of the most highly regarded film programs in the U.S. During her tenure, she expanded the program, secured multi-million dollar gifts, and taught graduate and undergraduate film courses. Bob has also taught at Williams College and at various youth services agencies throughout NYC. Representing a new generation of social change philanthropists, Bob is working to build new models of social justice, expanding the relevance of rights and dignity for LGBTQI people.

Deana Arsenian, as Vice President of the International Program, promotes the development of Carnegie Corporation’s grantmaking on international issues. She is also responsible for grants concerning Russia and Eurasia, where her portfolio includes security and higher education. Within higher education in the Russia and Eurasia areas, she spearheads the Corporation’s support for the Centers for Advanced Study and Education (CASEs).

She returned to the Corporation from the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University, where she was Assistant Director for Development and Special Projects. In 1990, she left Carnegie to become the Assistant Director of the Center for Foreign Policy Development at Brown University, which later merged with the Watson Institute. During her earlier seven years at Carnegie Corporation, she worked as a Program Officer in the International Peace and Security division.
Anu Bhagwati is the Executive Director and Co-Founder of Service Women’s Action Network. A former Captain and Company Commander, Anu served as a Marine Officer from 1999-2004 and was the second woman to complete the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructor trainer school, earning a black belt in close combat techniques. Under Anu’s leadership, SWAN has spearheaded national policy reform, legislation and litigation to end military rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and to eliminate all barriers to equal opportunity for service women. Anu has testified numerous times before Congress, advised the White House and the United Nations, and has spoken to countless audiences on challenges faced by military women, including access to combat assignments, military sexual violence, the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy, reproductive justice and the VA health care and benefits system. A regular contributor to the media, Anu has been featured on Piers Morgan Tonight, The Situation Room, Fox News, MSNBC, CBS This Morning, NBC Nightly News, Good Morning America, NPR, BBC, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, Time and Newsweek and is also featured in the Academy Award-nominated documentary The Invisible War. She has a B.A. in English from Yale University and a Master’s in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, where she focused on international human rights policy. Anu is a 2010 Petra Fellow and the recipient of the 2012 Legacy Award at the Working Mother Multicultural Women’s National Conference.

Hillary Rodham Clinton was the 67th Secretary of State of the United States (2009-2013). She was a United States Senator for New York (2001-2009) and First Lady of the United States (1993-2001).

In her four years as Secretary of State, Clinton played a central role in restoring America’s standing in the world and strengthening its global leadership. Her "smart power" approach to foreign policy elevated American diplomacy and development and repositioned them for the 21st century — with new tools, technologies, and partners, including the private sector and civil society around the world. As America's chief diplomat and President Obama's principal foreign policy adviser, Clinton spearheaded progress on many of our greatest national security challenges, from reasserting the United States as a Pacific power to imposing crippling sanctions on Iran and North Korea to responding to the challenges and opportunities of the Arab Awakening to negotiating a ceasefire in the Middle East. She pushed the frontiers of human rights and demonstrated that giving women the opportunity to participate fully is vital to security, stability, and prosperity.

Today, through the Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation, Clinton continues to build on the nonprofit work she began nearly four decades ago. The Clinton Foundation works to improve global health, strengthen economies, promote health and wellness, and protect the environment by creating partnerships of great purpose among businesses, governments, nongovernmental organizations, and individuals to deliver sustainable solutions that empower people to live better lives.
Liesl Gerntholtz is the Executive Director of the Women's Rights Division. She is an expert on women's rights in Africa and has worked and written extensively on violence against women and HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa. Her work at Human Rights Watch has included documenting access to safe and legal abortion in Ireland and sexual and gender-based violence in Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake.

Before joining Human Rights Watch, Liesl worked for some of the key constitutional institutions promoting human rights and democracy in a post-apartheid South Africa, including the South African Human Rights Commission and the Commission on Gender Equality. A lawyer by training, she was involved in high-profile, strategic human rights litigation to promote women and children’s rights, including a case that changed the definition of rape in South Africa.

Julia Jean-François received her Bachelor’s degree from Barnard College, her Master’s degree in social work at New York University and her Ph.D in social work at Columbia University. She was previously Director of Operations at the Puerto Rican Family Institute and has extensive experience in child welfare and mental health services administration. She teaches research methods and ethno-cultural issues in social work practice in the schools of social work at New York University and Rutgers University. As Co-Director at Center for Family Life, she currently directs and supervises the Center’s family counseling and foster care programs, emergency support services, adult employment program, and she guides institutional development and governing body activities.
Jennifer Jones Austin is the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA), a prominent New York City social policy and advocacy organization with over 200 member human services agencies throughout New York City.

Prior to FPWA, Ms. Jones Austin served as Senior Vice President of United Way of New York City. There, she developed United Way’s "Program to Policy" business model, which resulted in community level and systems improvements in education, financial stability, and hunger prevention and nutrition.

Formerly, Ms. Jones Austin was appointed as New York City's first Family Services Coordinator. She also served as Deputy Commissioner for the Administration for Children's Services, Civil Rights Deputy Bureau Chief for Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, and Vice President for LearnNow/EdisonLearning.

Ms. Jones Austin has chaired several influential boards and commissions. Mayor Bill de Blasio appointed her the Co-Chair of his mayoral transition in 2013, and lead of his UPK Workgroup responsible with crafting the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Plan. She chairs the city’s Procurement Policy Board, and serves on The National Marrow Donor Program, Icla da Silva Foundation, The New York Blood Center, and Citizens' Committee for Children.

Julie F. Kay is the Senior Strategist for Advocacy and Policy at the Ms. Foundation for Women. She works in partnership with women’s rights organizations to launch and sustain trailblazing advocacy efforts in the areas of women’s safety, health and economic justice.

A seasoned advocate for equality, Julie has extensive experience in reproductive justice, both domestic and international. As a legal consultant to the Irish Family Planning Association, she designed and filed a lawsuit that successfully challenged Ireland’s ban on abortion at the European Court of Human Rights. She has worked as a staff attorney for both the Center for Reproductive Rights and Legal Momentum, consulted for UN Women and serves on the Internal Review Board of the Guttmacher Institute. Julie’s experience also includes work as an advocate for quality, affordable child care and a volunteer and staff member at a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

Julie earned a B.A. in Women’s Studies and Social Studies cum laude from Harvard University, a J.D. cum laude from Brooklyn Law School and served as a law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Mark Wolf. She sits on the boards of the Center for Constitutional Rights and Women's Link Worldwide.
Farhana Khera is the President and Executive Director of Muslim Advocates, a national legal advocacy and educational organization. Founded by Ms. Khera and a group of American Muslim lawyers and policy experts, Muslim Advocates works on the frontlines of civil rights to protect freedom for Americans of all faiths. Prior to Muslim Advocates, Ms. Khera was Counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on the Constitution. She advised Senator Russell D. Feingold (D-WI), the Chairman of the Constitution Subcommittee, on civil rights issues. Prior to the Senate, Ms. Khera was a litigation Associate with the law firm of Hogan & Hartson, LLP, and the law firm of Ross, Dixon & Masback, LLP. She has received numerous honors, including the Lives of Commitment Award by the Auburn Theological Seminary, the Unity Award by the Minority Bar Coalition of San Francisco, and the Dr. Betty Shabazz Recognition Award by Women In Islam. Ms. Khera received her B.A. from Wellesley College and her J.D. from Cornell Law School. She has completed the Executive Program for Nonprofit Leaders at Stanford Graduate School of Business and the Rockwood Leadership Institute Leading from the Inside Out yearlong fellowship program for senior executive nonprofit leaders.

Sherry Leiwant co-founded A Better Balance in 2005 with a group of other poverty and women’s rights lawyers. Its mission is to use legal advocacy to address the problems that women and their families at all income levels are facing while caring for their families and maintaining their economic security. From 2005 to 2006, she was an Adjunct Professor of Law at CUNY School of Law teaching a class on civil rights. From 1996 until 2005, Sherry was a Senior Staff Attorney at NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund running the State Advocacy Project, working on issues intersecting women’s rights and poverty, including reproductive health, violence, and child care. Prior to joining NOW Legal Defense Fund, she spent 12 years as a Senior Staff Attorney at the Welfare Law Center, a national legal organization doing litigation and public advocacy on a variety of income support issues around the country. Prior to that, she was a staff attorney at the Department of Health Education and Welfare and an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York. Sherry graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Princeton University and from Columbia University School of Law.
Heather C. McGhee is President of Demos, a public policy organization working for an America where we all have an equal say in our democracy and an equal chance in our economy. McGhee is an influential voice in the media and frequent contributor to MSNBC. Her opinions, writing and research have appeared in numerous outlets, including the Wall Street Journal, USA Today, National Public Radio, the Washington Post, and the New York Times. In 2009, she co-chaired a task force within Americans for Financial Reform, and in 2008 she served as the Deputy Policy Director in charge of Domestic and Economic Policy with the John Edwards for President Campaign. She holds a B.A. in American Studies from Yale University and a J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law. She serves on the boards of Public Campaign, the Center for Working Families, and Consumer Reports.

Janet Mock is a writer, advocate and the New York Times bestselling author of “Redefining Realness.” In 2012, she founded #girlslikeus, a movement for trans women living visibly, and travels the country discussing her experience of living at the intersections of multiple identities. A board member at the Arcus Foundation, Janet was named Woman of the Year in 2013 by the feminist site Vitamin W, has been recognized by the Sylvia Rivera Law Project, the Anti-Violence Project, and the Center for American Progress, and was featured in the HBO documentary The OUT List. She attended the University of Hawaii, earned her M.A. in journalism from NYU, and worked as an editor at People.com. She lives and writes in New York City. bell hooks called Janet’s memoir, “A lifemap for transformation,” while Melissa Harris-Perry said she was moved by “the humanity and intellect engaged” in “Redefining Realness.”
Ana Oliveira became President & CEO of The New York Women’s Foundation in 2006. She has worked in the health and human services field for over 22 years, developing programs for vulnerable populations throughout NYC. She served as Executive Director of Gay Men’s Health Crisis for over seven years, overseeing a complete turn-around of the agency. Before working at GMHC, Ana directed innovative community based programs at Samaritan Village, the Osborne Association, Kings County and Lincoln Hospitals.

Ana has served in various capacities, including as a member of The New York City HIV Planning Council and The New York City Commission on AIDS, chaired the NYC Commission for LGBTQ Runaway and Homeless Youth, and Co-Chaired Mayor Bloomberg’s Young Men’s Initiative. She currently serves on the Board of the Women’s Funding Network.

She has an M.A. in Medical Anthropology and an honorary Ph.D from the New School for Social Research.

Lourdes Rivera works on sexuality and reproductive health and rights issues. Her grantmaking focuses on building a more diverse and inclusive movement in the fields of reproductive justice and sexual and reproductive health and rights, that both reflects the needs of marginalized groups and helps secure legal and policy advances in the field.

Prior to joining the Ford Foundation in 2006, Lourdes was the Managing Attorney of the Los Angeles office of the National Health Law Program (NHeLP) where she provided policy advocacy, training, litigation and research assistance to legal services attorneys and other low-income and women’s health advocates.

Lourdes is a Co-founder and former Chair of the Advisory Board of California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ), former Chair of the Board of the National Women's Health Network, and was Chair of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) Consumer Action Task Force.

Previously, Lourdes was a Senior Associate with the Children's Defense Fund, Health Division where she worked on health access issues for children. She also was a Georgetown Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow with the National Women's Law Center. She has a J.D. from Yale Law School and a bachelor's degree in Latin American Studies from Yale University.
Robin Roberts was named co-anchor of ABC's “Good Morning America” in 2005. Under her leadership, the broadcast won three consecutive Emmy Awards for Outstanding Morning Program.

When not traveling around the world covering breaking news events, Roberts is at “GMA’s” studio in Times Square conducting interviews with a diverse group of newsmakers. In her role, she has conducted interviews with countless musicians, authors, athletes and celebrities.

From 1990 to 2005, Roberts was a contributor to ESPN, where she was one of the network’s most versatile commentators. Prior to her work at ESPN, Roberts was a sports reporter and anchor at WAGA-TV in Atlanta. She was also a morning personality on WVEE-FM, Atlanta’s top-rated morning show.

In 2001, Roberts was named a “Louisiana Legend” by Louisiana Public Broadcasting. She was also named to the 1999 FIFA Women’s World Cup Advisory Board in January 1998, a board that includes Henry Kissinger, William Simon, Christine Whitman and Lamar Hunt. In 1994, she was inducted in the Women’s Institute on Sport and the Education Foundation’s Hall of Fame.

Roberts graduated cum laude from Southeastern Louisiana University with a B.A. degree in communications.

Pamela Shifman is the Executive Director of the NoVo Foundation. From 2008-2014, Pamela served as NoVo Foundation’s Director of Initiatives for Girls and Women. She came to NoVo Foundation from UNICEF headquarters where she led the organization’s efforts to end gender-based violence in conflict-affected settings including in Darfur, Eastern Congo, Uganda, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. Prior to joining the UN, Pamela served as the Co-Executive Director of Equality Now, where she focused extensively on trafficking of girls and women and convened a coalition of organizations for passage of the first US legislation on trafficking in persons and the UN Transnational Crime Protocol on Trafficking in Persons. From 1996-1998, Pamela served as legal advisor for the ANC Parliamentary Women’s Caucus in South Africa where she supported development of South Africa’s first post-apartheid legislation addressing domestic violence, and led a National Campaign on Ending Violence against Girls and Women. Pamela is the recipient of the 2011 Women’s Way Lucretia Mott Award and was named one of the 21 Leaders for the 21st Century by Women’s e-News. She has taught Women’s Studies at the University of Michigan and at Hunter College, and holds a B.A. from the University of Michigan and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.
Rick Smith’s first job in New York was driving a taxi while a grad student at Columbia. A few twists in the road later found him at Newsweek magazine on a four-week writing tryout. It apparently went well. Thirty-seven years later, Rick retired from the magazine after serving as Hong Kong Bureau Chief, Asian Editor, and 23 years as Editor-in-Chief and 16 as Chairman and CEO as well. Along the way, Newsweek won a host of national magazine awards, recorded the most profitable years in its history, and introduced seven foreign-language editions. For his efforts, Rick earned the magazine industry’s highest honor, The Henry Johnson Fisher Award for Lifetime Achievement. He joined the Pinkerton Foundation board in 1995, and after a few years of visiting programs supporting underprivileged and at-risk young people, he pronounced the director’s position as “the best job in the world.” A decade later, the board remembered. He became Pinkerton’s President in 2010. Rick is also Chairman of Merryck & Co., a CEO mentoring firm, and a board member of Videolicious.com, the Columbia Journalism School and the Harvard AIDS Initiative.

Darren Walker is President of the Ford Foundation, the second largest philanthropy in the United States.

Before being named President in 2013, Darren served as the foundation’s Vice President for Education, Creativity and Free Expression, where he shaped more than $140 million in annual grant-making around the world, covering areas as diverse as media and journalism, arts and culture, sexuality and reproductive health and rights, educational access and opportunity, and religion.

Darren entered the nonprofit sector as Chief Operating Officer for the Abyssinian Development Corporation, a community development organization in Harlem. There he led efforts to develop over 1,000 units of housing for low and moderate-income families, was involved in two of Harlem’s largest privately financed commercial projects in 30 years, and oversaw the development of the first public school built in New York City by a community organization.

He is a 1982 graduate of The University of Texas at Austin and its School of Law in 1986. He is a member of the boards of the Arcus Foundation, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Friends of the High Line, the New York City Ballet, and the Foundation for Art and Preservation in Embassies. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.
**Riki Wilchins** is Executive Director of TrueChild, a research and action center that promotes improving life outcomes for youth and at-risk populations through “gender transformative” approaches that challenge rigid ideals of masculinity and femininity in ways that reconnect social justice and gender justice.


Riki has conducted trainings for organizations as diverse as the White House, CDC, Office on Women’s Health, Office of Adolescent Health, Women Donors Network and Women’s Funding Network.

She is currently working on a book on gender transformative philanthropy. She has been profiled in The New York Times, and TIME magazine selected her one of "100 Civic Innovators for the 21st Century."