

**The Talloires Network: Higher Education Responding to Social Needs**  
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**Participant bios**

**Elizabeth Babcock**  
**Talloires Network Coordinator**  
**Innovations in Civic Participation**

Elizabeth Babcock is the Coordinator of the Talloires Network. She directs the outreach, information-sharing and strategic planning for member universities and the governing body of the network. Previously, she was the Executive Director of the Civic Knowledge Project at the University of Chicago, working to increase quality educational and cultural programming and knowledge exchange between the university and its neighboring communities. In this position, she worked on an asset mapping project of community cultural organizations funded by the MacArthur Foundation, leading to the creation of a new university-based support network for these organizations. Elizabeth holds an M.A. in Latin American Studies from the University of Chicago and a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Florida. She has co-authored several articles and publications, including a best practices handbook on adolescent participation in Latin America and the Caribbean for UNICEF.

**Lawrence S. Bacow**  
**President**  
**Tufts University, USA**

Lawrence S. Bacow has been President of Tufts University since 2001. Under his leadership, Tufts has built on its historic strengths to enhance the undergraduate experience, deepen graduate and professional education and research in critical fields, broaden international engagement, and foster active citizenship among members of the university community. President Bacow received his S.B. in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, his J.D. from Harvard Law School and his M.P.P. and Ph.D. from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Prior to coming to Tufts, he was the Chancellor and Lee and Geraldine Martin Professor of Environmental Studies at MIT. President Bacow is a director of Tufts Medical Center, the Omidyar-Tufts Microfinance Fund, Cummings Foundation and Campus Compact. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In September 2005, President Bacow convened the Talloires Conference 2005, which gave rise to the Talloires Declaration on the Civic Roles and Social Responsibilities of Higher Education, and the Talloires Network. He chairs the Network's Steering Committee.

**Michael Baenen**  
**Chief of Staff, Office of the President**  
**Tufts University, USA**

Michael A. Baenen serves as Chief of Staff in the Office of the President and Assistant Secretary of the Corporation at Tufts. In addition to providing managerial support to the President and overseeing office operations, he represents President Bacow on University-wide committees, coordinates initiatives with other offices across Tufts, works with a broad array of University constituents, and undertakes special projects. Prior to joining Tufts in 2007, Mr. Baenen was Special Assistant to the President at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During his 14 years at MIT, he also served as senior staff to the Dean of the Institute's School of Architecture and Planning. He began his professional career in administration at a major international architectural firm, after receiving degrees in history from Columbia and Harvard universities. He has served as a Director and Vice President of the Portsmouth [New Hampshire] Athenaeum and is currently on the Board of the Royall House and Slave Quarters museum in Medford, Massachusetts.

**Russel Botman****Rector and Vice-Chancellor****Stellenbosch University, South Africa**

Russel Botman became Rector and Vice-Chancellor of Stellenbosch University, South Africa in January 2007. Prior to this he served the University for four years as Deputy Vice-Rector: Teaching. In this capacity he was responsible for the academic program, student affairs, quality assurance, academic support and the management of all deans. In his academic career he served the University of the Western Cape as professor and Dean in the Faculty of Theology and since 2000 he is a professor of Theology at Stellenbosch University. He founded the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology at Stellenbosch University in 2002 and served on the Ministerial Task Group for the Minister of Education of South Africa. He holds a Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Western Cape.

**Yazmin Cruz****Project Manager****Global University Network for Innovation (GUNI)**

Yazmin Cruz is the Project Manager for the Global University Network for Innovation. From 2003 to 2005 she was with the Environmental Planning Office of Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC) and the UNESCO Chair on Sustainability at UPC coordinating projects that linked higher education with sustainable development. Previously, she worked at the Environmental Centre as well as the Virtual University and the Sustainable Development Centre of Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM). In addition, she worked at the Business Council for Sustainable Development, Latin-American Chapter as eco-efficiency program coordinator. She was also a consultant on issues related to quality and environment and auditor on ISO 14001. Yazmin holds a PhD in Industrial Engineering from the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya with a thesis on accreditation as a mechanism for ensuring the social commitment of universities. She also holds a Master in Environmental Engineering from ITESM and a Master in Industrial Waste Management from UPC.

**Maureen F. Curley****President****Campus Compact**

Maureen F. Curley has devoted her career of more than 25 years to work in the nonprofit sector, concentrating in the areas of community service and public policy. As the president of Campus Compact since 2006, she is both personally and professionally dedicated to advancing campus-based service, service-learning, and civic engagement. Campus Compact is a national coalition of more than 1,100 college and university member presidents that has been a force in higher education for more than 20 years. The Compact convenes dynamic forums, and provides cutting-edge resources and information-sharing to its members. Among her leadership positions, Curley has served as Director of Public Policy for the Community Service Society of New York. As Executive Director of the Massachusetts Service Alliance, she guided distribution of \$12 million in grants to support AmeriCorps community service-learning and mentoring programs. She is also the founder of the Forum for Women Leaders of Nonprofit Organizations. Curley holds a B.A. in political science from Emmanuel College and a Master's in human services administration from Antioch University New England.

**Martin Fitzgerald****National President, Australian Universities Community Engagement Alliance****Pro Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Development & Community Partnerships)****University of Newcastle, Australia**

Martin is the current President of the Australian Universities Community Engagement Alliance, the leading association in Australia for the development of the scholarship of engagement and the further development of best practice in University – community engagement, as a mutually beneficial activity. Martin is also the Pro Vice Chancellor (Corporate Development & Community Partnerships) and a member of the senior executive team at the University of Newcastle, Australia. In the last four years, he

has been responsible for the establishment and growth of a new cross institutional business area to the University and the provision of institutional leadership and strategy in respect of University strategic and operational planning; and the development of the scholarship of engagement as a valid pedagogy. Martin joined academia, following a career as a stockbroker and then as a corporate lawyer with the UK's second largest commercial practice, specializing in mergers and acquisitions work and public company regulations and compliance. Educated in England and Ireland, Martin holds undergraduate honours degree in law, and postgraduate awards in law, education, social research and business. He is a trans-disciplinary academic with research interests in ethics and law.

**Robert Garris**

**Managing Director, Bellagio Program**

**Rockefeller Foundation**

Robert Garris joined the Rockefeller Foundation in 2009. As Managing Director, Bellagio Programs, Dr. Garris brings to the Foundation extensive experience in creating mission-related meetings and activities with broad international reach. His work enhances and extends our global network, search activities and overall convening capacity by providing thought leadership and strategic management of the outreach, recruitment and selection of conferences and recipients of individual study residencies. Dr. Garris came to the Foundation from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), where he spent eight years advancing a dynamic programming agenda, most recently serving as Senior Associate Dean. In this role, he had responsibility for ensuring that strategic planning, external affairs, student affairs, and all administrative matters supported the Dean and the School's core mission. He also directly managed public events, international dual degree programs, exchange programs, and overseas executive training with SIPA's partners in the Global Public Policy Network. Prior to SIPA, he held leadership positions at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He began his career at Oxford University Press. Dr. Garris holds a Ph.D. in European History from the University of North Carolina and a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida, with graduate level work at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

**Saran Kaur Gill**

**Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Industry and Community Partnerships**

**Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia**

Professor Dr. Saran Kaur Gill serves as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Industry and Community Partnerships at the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. In 1985, she received the Association of Commonwealth Universities Award to study for her PhD at the University of London. She has been appointed as a member of the UNESCO Scientific Committee for the Asia-Pacific Region for Higher Education, Research and Knowledge (2004-2008) and was a recipient of the Fulbright Scholars Award (2006) for research at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1999, she received UKM's Excellence Award for Enhancing the Image of UKM at the National / International levels in the category of Human Resource Development. This was in recognition of her leadership and organizational skills as a project leader of the Intercultural Training Programme for 10,000 volunteers of the XVI Commonwealth Games, 1998. All of these achievements culminated in September 2007, with her appointment as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Industry and Community Partnerships) UKM, by the government of Malaysia. She has developed a five year strategic plan for industry and community engagement (2010-2014) to enhance the university's core business of education, research and service through high quality industry and community partnerships and national and international networks.

**Robert M. Hollister**

**Dean, Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service**

**Tufts University, USA**

Rob Hollister is dean of the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service and the Pierre and Pamela Omidyar Chair of Citizenship and Public Service. A specialist in citizen participation in public affairs, he has taught graduate and undergraduate students, practicing professionals, and citizens

for over 30 years, and has led planning and development of Tufts' uniquely comprehensive approach to education for active citizenship. As a leader in the engaged university movement, he has designed and built model programs, and organized local, national and international networks of universities to elevate their civic engagement and social responsibility. In partnership with Campus Compact, he initiated The Research University Civic Engagement Network, an alliance of major U.S. research universities. Rob previously served as dean of the Tufts Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, director of the Lincoln Filene Center for Citizenship and Public Affairs, and chair of the Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning. He serves on the boards of Catalogue for Philanthropy, World Media Foundation, and Center for Collaborative Education. Dean Hollister received his B.A. from Antioch College, M.C.P. from Harvard University, and Ph.D. from M.I.T.

### **Ellen Hume**

#### **Annenberg Fellow in Civic Media**

#### **Central European University, Hungary**

Ellen Hume is an Annenberg Fellow in Civic Media at Central European University in Budapest where she currently is teaching "News Media and Political Power: Lessons from the American Experience" in the political science department. From 2007-9 she was research director of the Center for Future Civic Media at the MIT Media Lab. She has taught at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, Northwestern University and the University of Massachusetts. An international media analyst and consultant, she serves on the board of the National Endowment for Democracy and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Hume was a political reporter for the Wall Street Journal and Los Angeles Times, executive director of the Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard, founder of the Center on Media and Society at UMass Boston, and executive director of PBS's Democracy Project. She was a regular commentator on CNN's "Reliable Sources" and PBS's "Washington Week in Review." She formerly served on the boards of Internews and the Shorenstein Center. She has a B.A. from Harvard University and has honorary doctorate degrees from Kenyon College and Daniel Webster College.

### **Barbara Lethem Ibrahim**

#### **Director, John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy and Civic Engagement**

#### **American University in Cairo, Egypt**

Barbara is founding director of the John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy and Civic Engagement, established in 2006 at the American University in Cairo. Prior to this position she served as Regional Director for West Asia and North Africa of the Population Council. She is a global migrant, born and educated in the United States until 1972, studied in Beirut and moved to Egypt with her husband where she has lived and worked since 1975. Her M.A. in sociology is from the American University of Beirut and Ph.D. from Indiana University. Her recent book with Dina Sherif is *Charity to Social Change: Trends in Arab Philanthropy*, published in 2008. She has had visiting scholar residencies at the Center for the Study of Philanthropy, City University of New York; the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University; and the Center on Philanthropy, Indiana University. In 1999 she was inducted into the International Educators' Hall of Fame. She received the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Association of Middle East Women's Studies in 2003.

### **Mónica Jiménez de la Jara**

#### **Minister of Education, Chile (2008-2010)**

#### **Talloires Network Steering Committee**

Mónica Jiménez de la Jara served as Minister of Education in Chile under the administration of President Michelle Bachelet from 2008 until March of 2010. Previously, she served as Rector of the Catholic University of Temuco for 5 years. She also served as a member of the 1990 Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which sought to uncover the truth about human right violations under the military regime of Augusto Pinochet. In 1999 she founded the organization APRENDER, geared to providing quality education to vulnerable children. In 1988, Mónica helped form the organization

PARTICIPA, dedicated to promoting participation and citizenship education. She is a member of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and Chair of the Justice and Peace Commission of the Chilean Catholic Church. She is also an Associate Professor at the Catholic University of Chile.

**Shamsh Kassim-Lakha**

**Founding President, The Aga Khan University, Pakistan**

**Member, Talloires Network Steering Committee**

Shamsh Kassim-Lakha's wide and varied experience in the private sector and in public service have given him a deep understanding of the nature of the political, social and economic factors and cultural and religious sensitivities that influence policymaking in South and Central Asia, Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa. How these can be addressed in practical terms for improving the lives of people around the globe has been part of his life-time goal. He served as Founding President of the Aga Khan University for 27 years and led the establishment of its campuses and programs in seven countries of Asia and Africa as well as the UK. Later he served as Pakistan's Minister of Education as well as Science and Technology. Mr Kassim-Lakha is the founder and current chair of the board of Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy. He also sits on the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and on the board of International Baccalaureate Organization. He has received the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa* from McMaster University of Canada as well as awards from the Presidents of Pakistan and France.

**Piyushi Kotecha**

**CEO**

**Southern African Regional Universities Association**

Piyushi Kotecha is the first, pioneering CEO of the Southern African Regional Universities Association (SARUA), a leadership organization based at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. SARUA is a bold, new initiative designed to develop an agenda of relevance, growth, development and integration in higher education in the SADC region as part of a continental drive to revitalize the role and impact of universities with key partners in the African Union (AU), NEPAD and SADC. Previously, she was the driving force in the transformation of the South African Universities Vice-Chancellors Association (SAUVCA) as well as in the inception of Higher Education South Africa (HESA). She has also served as the CEO of both Higher Education South Africa and the South African Universities' Vice-Chancellors' Association.

**Margaret McKenna**

**President**

**Walmart Foundation**

In the fall of 2007, Margaret McKenna took the helm as President of the Walmart Foundation, the largest corporate cash contributor in America. Dr. McKenna came to her position with Walmart after 22 years as President of Lesley University, where she presided over its transformation from a small, regional college of 2,000 to a national university of 12,000. Prior to Lesley, Dr. McKenna served as Vice President at Radcliffe College, as Deputy Under Secretary in the U.S. Department of Education, and as White House Deputy Counsel to President Jimmy Carter. She began her career as a trial attorney with the Civil Rights Division of U.S. Department of Justice. Dr. McKenna is the recipient of several Honorary Degrees and many regional and national awards. The author of numerous articles, she is often invited to speak on issues of access, social justice and philanthropy. Dr. McKenna currently serves on a variety of corporate and non-profit boards and is the mother of two grown sons.

**Janice Reid**

**Vice-Chancellor**

**University of Western Sydney, Australia**

Professor Janice Reid has been Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Western Sydney since 1998. She is a recipient of several awards and honours both in Australia and overseas, and has

been a member of the boards of public agencies at State and Federal levels in the areas of health information and research, welfare, schools, arts, higher education, energy and international relations. In January 1998 Professor Reid was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to cross-cultural public health research and the development of health services for socio-economically disadvantaged groups in the community, and in 2003 received the Centenary Medal for service to Australian society in health and university administration. She holds a PhD from Stanford University.

### **John Shattuck**

#### **President and Rector**

#### **Central European University, Hungary**

John Shattuck, an international legal scholar and human rights leader, is the fourth President and Rector of Central European University. Before coming to CEU in August 2009, he was Chief Executive Officer of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, and Senior Fellow at Tufts University, where he taught human rights and international relations. He also served from 1993 to 1998 as Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor under President Clinton and as US Ambassador to the Czech Republic from 1998 to 2001. From 1984 to 1993 Shattuck was a Vice-President at Harvard University, and taught civil rights law at the Harvard Law School. Shattuck's career began at the American Civil Liberties Union. He is the author of *Freedom on Fire*, a study of the international response to genocide and crimes against humanity in the 1990s, *Rights of Privacy*, and many articles on higher education, international relations, human rights and civil liberties.

### **Susan Stroud**

#### **Founder and Executive Director**

#### **Innovations in Civic Participation**

Susan Stroud is the founder and Executive Director of Innovations in Civic Participation, a non-profit organization in Washington, DC that supports the development of innovative, high-quality youth civic engagement policies and programs in the US and in other countries. Ms. Stroud founded ICP in 2001 with support from the Ford Foundation. Prior to 2001, Ms. Stroud served as the senior advisor to the director of President Clinton's White House Office of National Service. During that time, she played a key role in drafting the National and Community Trust Act of 1993, which created the AmeriCorps program and the Corporation for National and Community Service - the federal government agency that administers national and community service programs. She later went on to senior positions at CNCS and continued to serve on the White House Domestic Policy Council. Ms. Stroud was the first director of Learn and Serve America, a \$43 million annual grants program that supports young people's civic engagement through schools, universities, and community organizations. From 1998-2001, Ms. Stroud worked at the Ford Foundation on a special initiative to support the development of youth civic engagement policies and programs around the world. Prior to moving to Washington, DC in 1993, Ms. Stroud was the founding director of Campus Compact, a national coalition of U.S. university and college presidents committed to civic engagement and service-learning, and the Swearer Center for Public Service at Brown University.

### **Nieves Tapia**

#### **Founder and Director**

#### **Latin American Center for Service-Learning**

Professor Nieves Tapia is founder and Director of the Latin American Center for Service-Learning (CLAYSS). She serves as Advisor for Educación Solidaria, the Argentina Ministry of Education's federal service-learning program for K-12 and higher education. Nieves represents Latin America on the International Association for National Youth Service Steering Committee, and was a founding member of the International Association for Research on Service-learning and Community Engagement (IARSLCE) Board. For her work in the youth service field, she has been honored as an Eisenhower Fellow (1988); National Service Fellow (1993), and has been the recipient of the NYLC 2001 Alec

Dickson Servant Leader Award. Nieves has published numerous books and articles on youth service and service-learning in Spanish, English and Italian.