

Marshall Memorial Fellowship

Spring 2015

Dorian Burton

Ph.D Candidate
Harvard University

Boston, MA

Dorian Burton is currently the Wasserman Foundation fellow in the Doctor of Education Leadership Program at Harvard University and will serve as a special assistant in the office of the deputy secretary at the U.S. Department of Education. Prior to attending Harvard, Burton worked as an independent consultant with various nonprofits and school districts between Harlem, NY, Houston, TX and Newark, NJ. Burton began his professional career working for the National Football League and has most recently served as the founding program director of Education Pioneers Houston Office, the Houston director of Stand for Children and the chief strategy officer for TandemED. He holds a master's degree in Higher Education from the Steinhardt School of Education at NYU and a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Penn State University, where he also was a member of the varsity football team.



Leslie Herod

Program Officer
Gill Foundation

Denver, CO

Leslie Herod is a strategic planning and community partnerships professional. Prior to starting her own consulting practice, Herod was a program officer with the Gill Foundation where she led philanthropic initiatives focusing on LGBT equality and alliance building with communities of color. Her previous professional experience includes senior policy advisor to Governor of Colorado Bill Ritter Jr., and the Deputy Political Director for President Obama's 2012 reelection campaign. Herod serves on multiple community boards and commissions including as a gubernatorial appointee to the state's Judicial Performance Commission and a mayoral appointee to Denver's Cultural Affairs Commission. In 2006 Herod co-founded New Era Colorado, the state's leading organization focused on the civic engagement of young people. Herod completed her bachelor's degree in Political Science and Media Studies from the University of Colorado-Boulder.



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Sean Mann

State Government Affairs Specialist
Michigan Legislative Consultants

Detroit, MI

Sean Mann is a lobbyist with Michigan Legislative Consultants working on behalf of a diverse group of clients representing a wide range of industries and interests. Prior to entering lobbying, Mann worked at the Michigan Municipal League, where he carried out statewide campaigns advocating for policy surrounding investment in core communities, talent retention and vacant-property issues. Before joining MML, he worked as a policy advisor for the Speaker of the House and House Democratic caucus at the Michigan Legislature and was the point person on several key legislative initiatives. Mann is a graduate of Kalamazoo College and the University of Bristol, with degrees in History, Physics, and International Relations. While completing his postgraduate degree, he served as a researcher in the United Kingdom's House of Commons for the Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media, and Sport.



Julie Pham

Director of Marketing
Washington Technology Industry Association

Seattle, WA

Julie Pham is a Director of Marketing at Washington Technology Industry Association. Prior to that, she worked at Microsoft as a Windows Phone evangelist and as managing editor of Northwest Vietnamese News, Seattle's largest Vietnamese language newspaper. She founded Sea Beez, a capacity-building program for local ethnic media. Before turning to business, she lectured in History at University of California, Berkeley and managed the Journal of Vietnamese Studies. She has her own blog on Forbes.com, "Business Without Borders." She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Social Venture Partners (Seattle) and heads marketing for its annual social innovation business program. Pham graduated magna cum laude from the University of California, Berkeley in 2001 and earned her Ph.D in History at Cambridge University as a Gate Cambridge Scholar in 2008.



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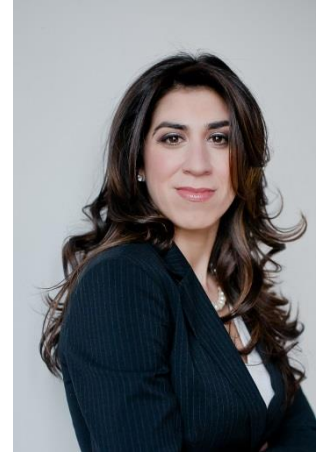
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Celena Roldan- Moreno

Executive Director
Erie Neighborhood House

Chicago, IL

Celena Roldan Moreno currently serves as the executive director of Erie Neighborhood House in Chicago, Illinois. Erie House is one of the original settlement house organizations serving over 4,500 primarily Latino, low-income, children, and working families through education, training, advocacy, and skill building. Prior to this, Roldan Moreno was the director of early education at Erie House managing the Head Start and Early Head Start programs with integrated support service and mental health initiatives. Roldan Moreno serves on numerous Chicago and Illinois boards and commissions including Mayor Rahm Emanuel's Education Transition Team Governor Pat Quinn's Human Services Commission. She was a Leadership Greater Chicago fellow in 2011 and was selected as an Emerging Leader for the Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Leadership Program in 2008. She has a master's in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a second master's in Education from National Louis.



Jeronimo Valdez

Founding and Managing Partner
Valdez Washington LLP

Dallas, TX

Jeronimo Valdez is an accomplished trial lawyer and founder and managing partner of Valdez Washington LLP, where he represents clients throughout the country and world in a broad range of business-related matters. Valdez's successes have earned him selection to Texas Monthly Magazine's Texas Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" list. He was also recognized by the National Trial Lawyers Association as one of the top 40 lawyers in Texas under the age of 40 and by the Dallas Business Journal as one of the top 40 business people in North Texas under the age of 40. In addition to his extensive trial experience, Valdez also serves as an invaluable business advisor to many of DFW's leading entrepreneurs and business organizations. Valdez currently serves as the immediate past chairman of the Board of the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Regional Chamber, the Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Dallas Citizens Council.

