Back Office Deep Dive Day

Thursday, March 16, 2017
10:00 am-4:00 pm (registration begins at 9:30 am)
the Sol Center
708 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN

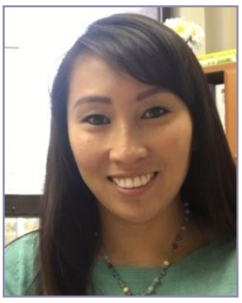
Speaker Bios

KEIRA AMSTUTZ, President & CEO, Indiana Humanities

Keira took the helm of Indiana Humanities in April, 2008, as president and CEO. A lawyer with experience in public policy, economic and cultural development, she is passionate about developing creative humanities programming that encourages Hoosiers to think, read, talk and connect.

Prior to joining the organization, Keira served as chief counsel and director of policy for the City of Indianapolis. Keira serves, or has served, on a variety of community boards including Visit Indy, Indy Hub, The Federation of State Humanities Councils, Stanley K. Lacy Leadership Series Advisory Committee, Indiana University Law and Public Policy Advisory Committee, Indiana University School of Physical Education and Tourism Management, and Indianapolis Downtown, Inc.

Keira graduated from DePauw University with a degree in political science and served as a fellow in the office of former Indiana governor Evan Bayh. She earned a J.D. from the Indiana University McKinney School of Law and graduated from the Stanley K. Lacy Leadership Series. In 2006 the Indianapolis Business Journal named her one of Indianapolis' "40 under 40" and in 2012 she was named a "Woman of Influence."



MELISSA BLISS, Foundation Administrator, Three Rivers Area Community Foundation

Melissa currently serves as the Foundation Director for the Three Rivers Area Community Foundation. She has worked for the Foundation for the last 6 years focusing on organizational development, collaboration, strategic planning, and rebranding.

Melissa is a full time employee for the City of Three Rivers. In her role as City Clerk, she has a strong background in community development and public relations. She has been involved in a number of impact projects, ranging from regional and local trail initiatives to national recognition in the America's Best Communities competition, for implementing economic revitalization in the Three Rivers area.

Melissa has an undergraduate degree from Central Michigan University and enjoys working with the local youth programs. Her passion for the people and dedication to enhancing the area make her role as city clerk and foundation director an ideal overlap in community leadership.

DAN DAVIS, President & CEO, Community Foundation of Jackson County

Dan is the President & CEO of the Community Foundation of Jackson County. After a more than 30-year career as a newspaper reporter and editor, Dan made a career switch to the Foundation in July 2014, just in time for the Lilly Endowment GIFT VI initiative.

Dan and his wife, Karen Mellencamp Davis, have two daughters. Dan is a native of Indianapolis, a graduate of Emmerich Manual High School and IUPUI.

ROSEMARY DORSA, Vice President, Indiana Philanthropy Alliance, Director, GIFT Technical Assistance Program

Rosemary has spent her career in the philanthropic sector. In her current role, she provides leadership to the GIFT program which provides board and staff training, consulting, and networking opportunities for over 90 community foundations in Indiana.

Prior to joining GIFT, Rosemary was with Central Indiana Community Foundation from 1993 to 2010, serving in various roles including, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Partnerships and Community Initiatives. She also worked for the United Way of Central Indiana and Community Centers of Indianapolis. Rosemary has served on numerous not-for-profit boards including Indiana Humanities, Indianapolis Parks Foundation, TechPoint Foundation and Lacy Leadership Association.

MARIE FELVER, Vice President of Finance and Operations, Hancock County Community Foundation

Marie joined the Hancock County Community Foundation in 2011 as the Finance Officer after starting her career in public accounting. She now serves the Foundation as Vice President of Finance and Operations, and her expanded responsibilities include managing internal operations, human resources, and technology in addition to finance and accounting.

Marie is also the property manager for the foundation's three properties. During her time at the foundation, Marie played an integral role in managing complex gifts, establishing a supporting organization, and designing and implementing accounting procedures for two 24-hour Match Days.

TERRI JOHNSON, Associate Director, GIFT Technical Assistance Program

Terri began her position with Indiana Philanthropy Alliance in January 2013 as Associate Director of GIFT. In her current position, Terri works with other GIFT staff to provide training and on-site consultation for the boards and staff of the 94 community foundations in Indiana. She provides technical assistance in all aspects of the community foundation field.

Prior to this position, she spent ten years as the Executive Director of the Northern Indiana Community Foundation (NICF) in Rochester, Indiana. In this role, she oversaw the operations and financial management of the NICF, which serves Fulton, Miami, and Starke counties in north central Indiana. Under her leadership the assets of the NICF doubled to more than $23 million. Prior to this she served as a board member of the NICF for 10 years and was co-owner of her family business, Akron Concrete Products. She is a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University and International Business College. She holds degrees in business management and accounting.

DEB MILLICAN, former Office Manager, Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula

Deb is the former Office Manager for the Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula (CFUP), located in Escanaba, Michigan; retiring in July of 2016 after 15 years in the position. Her duties included management of the office, oversight of the foundation's financials, and preparation of its annual budget and their presentation to the Board of Directors. Deb was responsible for the payroll and payroll tax processing for the CFUP and six of its Hub clients. She also served as the Upper Peninsula Youth Advisory Committee Coordinator across the Upper Peninsula.

Deb was recognized for her efforts in supporting women and young ladies in business by being selected as 2013 Athena Award recipient in Delta County. She was also selected to be an advisor for the Michigan Community Foundation Youth Project (MCFYP) for three years.

Deb received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Siena Heights University in Adrian, MI with majors in Business Administration and Accounting. She received her Associates Degree in Accounting and Information Management from Monroe County Community College in Monroe, MI.

TIM MURPHY, CPA, Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Tim began his public accounting career at Capin Crouse in 1990, and served the firm in its Illinois, Indiana, and Colorado offices. After his departure from traditional public accounting in 1998, he established Nonprofit Financial Solutions, a firm that was dedicated to outsourcing for nonprofit organizations. In 2013, Tim's practice merged with CliftonLarsonAllen. Tim serves as a principal with the firm and his service group remains focused on providing solutions to nonprofit organizations.

Tim and his consulting team serve as outsourced CFO's and consultants to nonprofits from Washington, DC to the state of Washington. Tim has worked with trade associations, community foundations, missions' agencies, relief and development organizations, media ministries, churches and denominational offices, and social service agencies. He graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Taylor University. Tim is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Indiana CPA Society.

LARRY PEJEAU, President & CEO, Brown County Community Foundation

Larry became President & CEO of the Brown County Community Foundation in 2013 after working at Habitat for Humanity in Monroe County. In 1976 Larry moved to southern Indiana and ran a ceramic manufacturing business for 30 years after which he got his first experience in the nonprofit world. He managed Stone Belt, a manufacturing workshop which employed 150 adults with developmental disabilities.

Larry graduated from the University of Notre Dame and moved on to Washington State where he graduated from the University of Puget Sound with an MFA. Larry and his wife Peg have two sons and three grandchildren.

MARK ROBERTS, CEO, Community Foundation of Central Illinois

Mark was named CEO of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois in May 2008. His previous experience includes service as Director of Advancement and Community Relations for the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria, Chief Development Officer for Lutheran Hillside Village Foundation, and Director of Development at Bradley University.

Mark earned a B.A. from Eastern Illinois University and a M.A. in Human Service Administration from Bradley University. He is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE), a professional designation held by fewer than 5500 individuals worldwide.

In 2009, Mark was awarded the Exemplary Alumni Award for Community Service from the Department of Educational Leadership and Human Development at Bradley University. In 2013, he received the Ed Peterka Leader Bell Award for outstanding leadership within Rotary District 6460. Mark is a member and past-president of both the Central Illinois chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and the Rotary Club of Peoria-North. He currently serves as District Rotary Foundation Chair for Rotary District 6460, and has been selected to serve as District Governor in the 2019-2020 Rotary year.