

Notre Dame's Global Adaptation Initiative (ND-GAIN)

Urban Adaptation Assessment (UAA) Advisors

Marissa Aho

Chief Resilience Officer, City of Los Angeles



Marissa Aho, AICP, serves as Los Angeles' first Chief Resilience Officer in the Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, where she leads city-wide resiliency efforts, including those found in the Mayor's "Resilience By Design" report, and as part of the 100 Resilient Cities program pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation. Marissa has 15 years of policy, planning, project management, and community engagement experience in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors where she worked with interdisciplinary teams to find creative solutions to complex problems.

Vicki Arroyo, J.D.

Executive Director, Georgetown Climate Center



Vicki Arroyo is Executive Director of the Georgetown Climate Center where she oversees the Center's work on climate change mitigation and adaptation. She also serves as Assistant Dean for Centers and Institutes and Director of Georgetown Law's Environmental Law Program and as Professor from Practice, teaching classes on climate change law and policy. Arroyo previously served at the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, most recently as Vice President for Policy Analysis and General Counsel. For over a decade, she directed Pew's policy analysis, science, adaptation, economics, and U.S. policy programs, and oversaw hundreds of publications. She has worked at all levels of government and in the private sector, including serving in two offices of EPA and as Policy Director for Louisiana's Department of Environmental Quality and Environmental Advisor to Governor Buddy Roemer. She has also practiced environmental law at leading firms.

She serves on the Executive Committee of the national Transportation Research Board and on National Science Foundation's Advisory Board for Geosciences, and on the Climate Policy editorial board. She holds a Bachelor of Science in biology from Emory University; a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government; and a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown Law.

Kristin Baja

Chief Resilience Officer, City of Baltimore



Kristin Baja is responsible for development and implementation of the City's Disaster Preparedness Project and Plan (DP3) which integrates climate adaptation and mitigation with hazard mitigation efforts. She is also responsible for climate change communication and outreach, Community Rating System certification, resiliency planning and STAR Communities certification. Kristin is a Certified Floodplain Manager and is also responsible for regulating the city's floodplain. She is an active member of the Urban Sustainability Directors Network, Climate Communications Consortium of Maryland, American Society of Adaptation Professionals, and the Baltimore City Forestry Board. Before joining Baltimore City, Kristin worked for the City

of Ann Arbor developing their Climate Action Plan and Sustainability Framework. She has been involved in climate and resilience planning with various cities throughout the United States. Kristin holds a Master of Urban Planning degree and a Master of Science degree from the University of Michigan. In 2016, Kristin was recognized by the White House as a Champion of Change for her work on climate equity and resilience.

Dennis Bours

Consultant, Independent Evaluation Office, Global Environment Facility



Dennis Bours works as extended-term consultant for the Global Environment Facility's Independent Evaluation Office, with a focus on the monitoring and evaluation of adaptation and resilience. Dennis is liaison representative to ISO Sub-Committee 7 on GHG management and related standards, co-editor of an upcoming edition of the New Directions for Evaluation (NDE) Journal (Wiley Publications / American Evaluation Association) on adaptation M&E, steering committee member of the Climate Knowledge Brokers group, and adaptation M&E advisor to the Kresge/ND-GAIN Urban Adaptation Assessment project. Dennis holds a BSc in commercial engineering, an MSc in technology

transfer and sustainable development, and a second MSc with a focus on climate risk management and risk indicators in global supply chains.

Tim Carter

President, Second Nature



Dr. Carter received his Ph.D. in Ecology with distinction from the Odum School of Ecology at the University of Georgia (UGA) and completed his B.S. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. As a post-doc and faculty member at UGA his work focused on the intersection between urbanization and environmental management through studies of designer ecosystems, sustainable development, environmental policy, and climate change impacts on coastal areas, including visualizing sea level rise on the Georgia coast. In addition, Dr. Carter developed a sustainability plan for the school. Tim is married to Katy and has three children.

Shafaq Choudry

Senior Associate, Center for City Solutions, National League of Cities



Shafaq Choudry is an architect and urban planner focused on inclusive and resilient planning that supports the development of equitable, transit-oriented and culturally vibrant cities across the globe. Her national and international experiences range from leading community engagement initiatives with low-income communities, creating multi-modal transportation plans and programs at the intersection of public health and the built environment, and implementing innovative local and regional comprehensive plans to support community and economic development. Shafaq’s collaborative approach to city planning derives from ten years of experience in the private, public and non-profit sectors. At the core of her practice is relationship building between

local government and marginalized communities, facilitating actionable steps towards institutionalizing equitable policies, and connecting all people to places of opportunity.

At the National League of Cities, Shafaq oversees the Leadership in Community Resilience program where she provides technical assistance to local officials, city staff and community partners across 10 cities. The program is shaped to support and elevate cities’ economic, environmental, and social resiliency initiatives as they prepare, adapt and respond to climate impacts on aging infrastructure and vulnerable communities. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Architecture at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and Masters in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of California Los Angeles.

Robbin Dunn

Communications and Preparedness Manager, City of Davenport



Lauren Faber O’Connor

Deputy Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Los Angeles



In her role as the Deputy Chief Sustainability Officer for the City of Los Angeles, Lauren Faber drives the implementation of the Sustainable City pLAN, which puts forth an actionable vision for transforming LA's environment, economy and equity. Working across every city department, Lauren focuses on strategic integration of the pLAN's pillars in order to reach the City's ambitious climate and clean energy goals, ensure benefits accrue to all communities, and pursue regional

and international collaborations. Prior to joining the Garcetti Administration, Lauren served for four years as the West Coast Political Director for the Environmental Defense Fund in San Francisco. In 2010 Lauren was appointed to Assistant Secretary for Climate Change Programs at the California Environmental Protection Agency, where she was dedicated to the design and implementation of California's landmark Global Warming Solutions Act.

Lauren sits on the Board of the California League of Conservation Voters, is a member of the Catto Fellowship for environmental leadership at the Aspen Institute, and a member of the Truman National Security Project Political Partnership. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Earth Systems and Economics from Stanford University, and Master's degree in Climate and Society from Columbia University.

Santiago Garces

Chief Innovation Officer of the City of South Bend, Indiana



Mr. Garces started the Department of Innovation and Technology. The Department of Innovation and Technology improves the efficiency, effectiveness, and resiliency of municipal services by developing talent, optimizing processes, and designing technology solutions. Some of the projects that the Office has implemented include a data framework to evaluate policies like the city's Vacant and Abandoned Properties initiative; an actionable report that engages residents using municipal route, fleet, and dispatch optimization for public safety and municipal services. Overall the Office has identified and commenced implementations of projects that should save taxpayers over \$15 million dollars. South Bend and the University of Notre Dame entered an agreement that identifies Mr. Garces as the point of contact for the city in its collaborations for

smart city research. In September of 2015 South Bend and Notre Dame became founding members of the Metro Lab Network, an ensemble of City-University partnerships across the nation that research, develop, and deploy smart city solutions. Mr. Garces is part of the steering committee of the Metro Lab. Originally from Bogotá, Colombia, Mr. Garces holds degrees in Electrical Engineering, Political Science, and Technology Entrepreneurship from the University of Notre Dame.

Selena Gonzales Jones

Director of Impact and Community Engagement, Opportunity Nation



Selena Gonzales Jones leads the Opportunity Nation's strategy for a diverse mix of initiatives including the [Opportunity Index](#), the [Opportunity Leaders program](#) and the [Retail and Opportunity report](#).

Prior to joining Opportunity Nation Selena served as a Director at Washington, D.C. nonprofit Martha's Table. In this role she spent over ten years leading the organization's college readiness and youth workforce development programs, followed by three years leading the organization's Data and Performance Management efforts as the Associate Director of Learning, Evaluation and Research.

Selena is a graduate of Howard University and holds graduate certificates in Strategy and Performance Management, and Education Policy from Georgetown University. Selena was also a 2015-2016 Millennial Data Fellow with Evaluate for Change, and serves on Urban Institute and The World Bank's Data Advisory Council for the Measure4Change data project.

Kimberly Hill Knott

Project Director, Detroit Climate Action Collaborative (DCAC)

Director of Policy, Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice (DWEJ)



After working under the leadership of Congressman John Conyers as a Legislative Assistant, Kimberly furthered her interest in the political arena by joining Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice (DWEJ), as the Policy Director. At DWEJ, she has convened strategic high level meetings with elected officials, government representatives, academic, non-profit and business leaders to address environmental and workforce development issues. Her leadership has forwarded an interest from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in addressing the historically high concentration of pollution in vulnerable communities. Positioning Detroit as a sustainable world

leader, she spearheaded the Detroit Climate Action Collaborative, which is currently developing the city of Detroit's Climate Action Plan.

In 2009 she attended COP15 (Conference of the Parties of the United Nations) international climate change conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, where she facilitated a meeting between the White House, EPA, and U.S. environmental justice delegates, to discuss the importance of passing a binding agreement that protects low-income and minority communities from climate change impacts. In 2013, she was selected for the White House Champions of Change Award for Community Resilient Leaders.

She has a bachelor's in education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a master's in educational administration from Temple University.

Dr. Melissa Kenney

Research Assistant Professor, Environmental Decision Science and Indicators, University of Maryland



Dr. Melissa A. Kenney is a Research Assistant Professor in Environmental Decision Analysis at the University of Maryland, Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center and Lead Principal Investigator of the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) National Climate Indicator System. Her research in environmental decision analysis broadly addresses how to integrate scientific knowledge and societal values into policy decision-making under uncertainty. This research addresses a range of topics including global change indicators, cost-benefit analysis of urban stream restoration, scale of economies and diseconomies in coastal restoration, adaptive environmental decision-making, model-based bias correction

factors for expert elicitation surveys, among others. From 2010-2012, Dr. Kenney was a Research Assistant Scientist at Johns Hopkins University in the Department of Geography and Environmental

Engineering and an American Association for the Advancement of Sciences (AAAS) Science and Technology Policy Fellow hosted by the NOAA Climate Program Office and the USGCRP, National Climate Assessment.

Melissa received a B.A. with Distinction in Environmental Sciences at the University of Virginia, a Ph.D. in Water Quality Modeling and Decision Analysis in the Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences at Duke University, and was a postdoctoral scholar with the NSF National Center for Earth-surface Dynamics at The Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Kelly Klima

Associate Engineer, RAND Corporation



Dr. Kelly Klima is an associate engineer at RAND Corporation. Previously Kelly was a Research Scientist at the Department of Engineering and Public Policy of Carnegie Mellon University with over ten years of research experience on adaptation, hazard mitigation, climate, extreme weather, and risk communication. Her research work supports community resilience throughout the world, and has been applied in the City of Pittsburgh and counties in New Jersey. Previously, Dr. Klima worked at the Center for Clean Air Policy (CCAP), where she helped New York and Washington D.C. advance adaptation planning. Dr. Klima completed her doctoral research in the Department of Engineering and Public Policy (EPP) at Carnegie Mellon University where she used physics, economics, and social sciences to conduct a decision analytic assessment of different methods to reduce hurricane damages. She has published several journal articles, is an active member of 9 professional societies,

and serves on the Natural Hazard Mitigation Association (NHMA) Board of Directors and the American Geophysical Union (AGU) Board of Directors. Dr. Klima also has an M.S. in Earth, Atmosphere, and Planetary Science (MIT), an M.S. in Aeronautics and Astronautics (MIT), a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering (Caltech), and a CFM from the Association of State Floodplain Managers.

Matthew Lynch

Vice President – Global Partnerships & Initiatives at the World Council on City Data (WCCD)



Among other responsibilities, Matthew coordinates the WCCD's partnership with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) to support the development of globally standardized indicators for urban resilience, along with a consultation process with the global insurance industry on linkages between city indicators and insurability. The WCCD hosts a network of innovative cities committed to improving services and quality of life with open city data and provides a consistent and comprehensive platform for standardized urban metrics. Comparable city data is critical for building more sustainable, resilient, smart, prosperous and inclusive cities.

Matthew has over twenty years' experience in sustainability and international development, working in the private sector, NGOs and international organizations. Prior to joining the WCCD, Matthew was the

Director of the Sustainable Cities Program at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development in Geneva.

Matthew has a Masters Degree in Environmental Technology majoring in Environmental Economics and Policy from Imperial College, London, a Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Business from the University of Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership, and a First Class Honours Degree in Environmental Engineering.

Tracy Morgenstern

Climate Protection Program Manager, Seattle Office of Sustainability and Environment



Tracy is the Climate Protection Program Manager for the Seattle Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE). She leads Seattle's efforts to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, and is responsible for ensuring Seattle continues to develop innovative solutions to climate change. Tracy's work also focuses on climate resilience, developing policies and strategies to foster equitable climate preparedness. Tracy was the principal author of the Seattle Climate Action Plan. She previously led development of the City's Urban Forest Management Plan and the Seattle Climate Partnership, which supported businesses in understanding and reducing their climate impact. Tracy has a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus on Environmental Policy.

Cecilia Martinez

Director of Research Programs, Center for Earth Energy and Democracy



Dr. Cecilia Martinez is the co-founder and Director of Research Programs at the Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy (CEED). Dr. Martinez previously held positions as Associate Research Professor in the College of Earth, Ocean and Environment at the University of Delaware, Associate Professor at Metropolitan State University and Research Director at the American Indian Policy Center. She has led a variety of projects to address sustainable development at the local and international levels. Her research is focused on the development of energy and environmental strategies that promote equitable and sustainable policies. Dr. Martinez has also worked with a range of organizations from local grassroots groups to international organizations engaging in the promotion of sound environmental policy and environmental justice. She served on the Climate Action Planning Steering Committee for the City of Minneapolis, and has been appointed to several national advisory boards. She is also on the leadership team for the national EJ and Science Initiative, and is leading the effort on a Truth and Reconciliation Commission on environmental harms. She received her B.A. from Stanford University and her Ph.D. from the University of Delaware's College of Urban Affairs and Public Policy.

Dr. Susanne (Susi) Moser

Director and Principal Researcher, Susanne Moser Research & Consulting



Susanne Moser is Director and Principal Researcher of Susanne Moser Research & Consulting, in Santa Cruz, CA. She also is a Social Science Research Fellow at Stanford's Woods Institute for the Environment and a Research Associate of the Institute for Marine Sciences at the University of California-Santa Cruz. Dr. Moser is a geographer by training (Ph.D. 1997, Clark University). She is an internationally recognized expert on adaptation – particularly in coastal areas -, on climate change communication, and science-policy interactions. Dr. Moser has contributed to the Fourth and Fifth Assessment Reports of the IPCC, served as a Review Editor for the IPCC Special Report on “Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation”, and she has been a federal advisory committee member and the convening lead author for the coastal chapter in the Third US National Climate Assessment. She regularly works with local, state and federal agencies and other practitioners on climate change adaptation issues. Dr. Moser has been recognized as a fellow of the Aldo Leopold Leadership, Kavli Frontiers of Science, UCAR Leadership, Donella Meadows Leadership, Google Science Communication, and Walton Sustainability Solutions Programs.

David Norris

Senior Research, The Kirwin Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity

David Norris manages the Kirwan Institute's Health Equity Mapping projects and contributes to other Institute projects utilizing Kirwan's Opportunity Mapping framework. Prior to joining Kirwan, David was a researcher and GIS analyst at Community Research Partners, where he provided GIS support to numerous projects and managed CRP's DataSource neighborhood data access website. He has over 10 years' experience in child advocacy and policy support with KidsOhio.org and Children's Defense Fund-Ohio. He also has worked as a corporate field trainer and journal editor with the American Chemical Society. David holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Management from The Glenn School at The Ohio State University and a Bachelor's Degree in Zoology from Ohio University, and he has completed graduate work in neuroscience and developmental biology.

Jacqui Patterson

Director of Environmental and Climate Justice, NAACP



Jacqui Patterson, MSW, MPH, has served as a trainer, organizer, researcher, and policy analyst on issues including gender justice, racial justice, economic justice, and environmental/climate justice. Patterson authored multiple articles including: "Energy Democracy, Black Lives Matter, and the NAACP Advocacy Agenda", "Climate Change is a Civil Rights Issue", "And the People Shall Lead: Centering Frontline Community Leadership", etc. She serves on the Boards of Directors for Center for Story Based Strategy, GRID Alternatives, and US Climate Action Network, as well as Interfaith Moral Action on Climate and Center for Earth Ethics.

Dr. Anand Patwardhan

Professor, School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland, College Park/Shailesh Mehta Chair Professor, School of Management, Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay



Anand Patwardhan is Professor in the School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland, College Park, and the Shailesh Mehta Chair Professor at the School of Management, Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay. Anand has worked extensively in the area of climate policy at the national and multilateral level, focusing on mitigation and adaptation responses to climate change, and the assessment of vulnerability and adaptation. He has also worked on broader issues of science, technology and innovation policy, including the diffusion and adoption of clean technology. He was a coordinating lead author for the Fourth and Fifth Assessment Reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). He is a member of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) of the Global

Environment Facility (GEF), and a member of the Steering Committee of the Programme of Research on Vulnerability, Impacts and Adaptation (PROVIA) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). He was associated with the Global Energy Assessment (GEA) as coordinating lead author and co-chair of the Executive Committee.

Sascha Petersen

Climate Change Adaptation Specialist, American Society of Adaptation Professionals



Sascha works for the Institute for Sustainable Communities and is the managing director of the American Society of Adaptation Professionals (ASAP).

Sascha brings together a mix of technical expertise (he was a Lead Author the Great Plains Region of the 2014 National Climate Assessment) and stakeholder engagement experience (he has designed and conducted climate workshops in communities across the country). He has worked with communities across the country to assess climate vulnerability and develop adaptation strategies to increase resilience.

Prior to joining ISC, Sascha spent time working as a climate scientist in local government and the private sector. He also cofounded Adaptation International, a consulting firm focused on helping communities prepare for the impacts of climate change. Sascha led the City of Austin's climate adaptation and served on the Climate and Energy Technical Advisory Committee for the development of the Star Community Index. He also worked with the Climate Impacts Group where he helped create regionally specific projections for sea level rise for Washington State, and used these predictions to develop policy response options.

He has a Bachelor in physics from Pomona College and a Masters from the University of Washington, focusing on climate change science and policy.

Dr. Raj Rajan

Vice President, RD&E

Global Sustainability Technical Leader, Ecolab



Dr. Raj Rajan is RD&E vice president, and Global Sustainability technical leader at Ecolab. In his current role, Rajan helps drive top-line growth for Ecolab and its customers by embedding sustainability thought leadership into the innovation process, environmental metrics in internal operations and sector-level standardization of sustainability metrics. Dr. Rajan came to Ecolab in 2008 through the acquisition of Ecovation, where he led process engineering focused on sustainable management of residues from the food and beverage industry, including the design, construction, financing and operations of waste to renewable energy facilities. Rajan has 29 years of experience in water cycle management and environmental process engineering for the paper, petroleum, chemical, utility, food, beverage, transportation, and energetics industries. His technical expertise covers design and implementation of water, wastewater and waste management projects and renewable energy generation systems. Dr. Rajan is currently active in industry groups focused on developing greenhouse gas mitigation, climate change adaptation, and water stewardship guidance documents, context and impact based environmental metrics, and sustainable growth benchmarks. Dr. Rajan received his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (Varanasi, India) and his Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from the University of Massachusetts.

Andrew Salkin

COO, 100 Resilient Cities



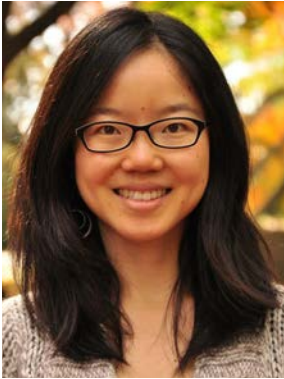
Andrew Salkin joins 100 Resilient Cities from New York City's Department of Finance, where he was the Deputy Commissioner of Operations, managing more than 800 people and responsible for collecting \$30 billion annually through real estate, business, and excise taxes, as well as parking summonses. In this role he improved efficiencies and customer service, including introducing web-based payment options. Previously he served as the First Deputy Commissioner of the Taxi and Limousine Commission, overseeing day-to-day operations of the agency, including the regulations of New York City's medallion taxi fleet, livery vehicles, commuter vans and paratransit vehicles – comprising 50,000 vehicles and 100,000 drivers. During the transit strike of 2005, he developed and oversaw the implementation of the Transit Strike Plan that allowed for an additional 1,500,000 rides a day.

Prior to joining the Taxi and Limousine Commission, Andrew worked at the Department of Transportation as Lower Manhattan Borough Commissioner where he led the City's efforts to balance the needs of residents, employees, and tourists of Lower Manhattan amidst the clean-up, construction, and rebuilding post-September 11.

Andrew holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Syracuse University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Linda Shi

Ph.D. Candidate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology



Linda Shi is a Ph.D. candidate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Urban Studies and Planning. Her dissertation research examines how metropolitan areas in the United States are developing new governance mechanisms to plan for and implement climate adaptation at the regional scale. Prior to her doctoral studies, she was an urban environmental planner at the Institute for International Urban Development, where she conducted research on climate change adaptation, land use and watershed planning, and regional development. She also has worked for AECOM in Bangkok, Thailand, implementing the USAID Environmental Cooperation-Asia, and the Rocky Mountain Institute on rehabilitating the Cuyahoga River watershed. Recently, she consulted with the World Bank to develop a methodology to identify priority cities for climate and urban resilience finance, as well as to draft a guidebook for adaptation planning in small- and medium-sized cities in Latin America and the Caribbean. She has a master in urban planning from the Harvard Graduate School of Design, a master in environmental management from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, and a BA from Yale.

Missy Stults

Ph.D. Candidate, School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan



Missy Stults is a Ph.D. candidate and researcher in the Urban and Regional Planning Program and the School of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan. Her research and work focuses on helping cities to build their resilience to climate change and natural disasters. Missy is a founding member of the American Society of Adaptation Professionals, a member of the Great Lakes Adaptation Assessment for Cities team, and a frequent consultant on local climate adaptation initiatives. Missy holds a Masters of Arts in Climate and Society from Columbia University and a Bachelors of Science in both Marine Biology and Environmental Science from the University of New England.

Katie Vines

Head of Adaptation Research, C40 Cities



Katie Vines is Head of Adaptation Research at C40 Cities climate leadership group. In this role she designs and implements a program of research aimed at supporting cities to drive meaningful, measurable and sustainable climate change adaptation. In addition Katie convenes a network of cities working together to identify, understand and manage their climate change vulnerability and develops research and tools to support their efforts. Prior to joining C40 Katie worked in State and Federal government in Australia where she

collaborated with communities, local governments, researchers and public and private organizations on building adaptive capacity.

Katie Walsh

Cities Manager for North America, CDP



Katie is the Cities Manager for North America for CDP. She works with the more than 70+ municipalities in the U.S. and Canada that participate in the CDP to measure and track their greenhouse gas emissions, mitigation strategies, climate risks and vulnerabilities and adaptation and resiliency planning. She is also responsible for the expansion and development of CDP's offerings for cities in North America.

Prior to joining CDP, Katie served as an Environmental Defense Fund Climate Corps Fellow with the City of Philadelphia Mayor's Office of Sustainability to support the City's climate adaptation planning efforts. She holds a MA in Urban Planning from the Tufts Urban Planning School and an MA in International Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School. While in graduate school, Katie completed fellowships at the Energy Foundation in Beijing and the U.S. Department of Energy International Affairs office. Prior to graduate school, she worked at the Chinese Flagship National Security Program at San Francisco State University, the World Affairs Council of Northern California and was a Fulbright fellow in Taiwan. Katie holds a BA in History of Asia and the Middle East from the University of California Santa Cruz.

Kristi Wamstad-Evans, LEED-AP BD&C, BPI, SFP, NCI

Technical Director, STAR Communities



Kristi Wamstad-Evans is the Technical Director for STAR Communities. STAR Communities administers the STAR Community Rating System, the first national framework and certification program for community sustainability. Ms. Wamstad-Evans is responsible for the development and improvement of the STAR framework methodologies and for verification of community applications. Over three-dozen communities have achieved their STAR certification. Ms. Wamstad-Evans has served on advisory committees for Enterprise Green Communities, AARP's Livability Index, and ND-GAIN.

Prior to joining STAR, she was the City of Omaha's first sustainability coordinator and led efforts to address energy and other resource issues. Ms. Wamstad-Evans also served as National Sustainable Solutions Program Coordinator for HDR, an architecture/engineering/consulting firm. Through her work, she integrated the principles of sustainability into major infrastructure projects, including a \$3.1 billion dollar bridge repair/replacement program in Oregon and several Federal LEED facilities.

Ms. Wamstad-Evans earned a Master of Community and Regional Planning (MCRP) from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and bachelors' degrees in Biology and Environmental Studies from the University of Colorado-Boulder. Her professional certifications include LEED Accredited Professional-Building, Design,

& Construction, Building Performance Institute (BPI) Building Analyst and Envelope Professional, International Facility Management Association's Sustainable Facility Professional (SFP), and National Charrette Institute (NCI) Certified Facilitator.

Karen Weigert

Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Chicago



Karen Weigert serves as Chief Sustainability Officer for the City of Chicago. She was appointed in 2011. As Chief Sustainability Officer Karen works to guide the City's sustainability strategy and implementation, bringing innovative, practical solutions throughout the work of the City.

Prior to her appointment, Karen served as Senior Vice President of ShoreBank (later Urban Partnership Bank) where she built a national consumer group that generated deposits to support environmental sustainability and community development in low to moderate income urban neighborhoods. Before her work in community banking Karen was a strategy consultant at McKinsey where she served clients on topics including transportation, finance, energy and land use. Karen began her career as an investment banker at Goldman Sachs and later served as an appointee in the Clinton administration focused on global environmental issues and agriculture.

Karen is a producer and writer for the documentary film *Carbon Nation* which is focused on solutions to climate change. She is also a former board member of CNT, Foresight Design Initiative and Earth School Educational Foundation.

Karen graduated from the University of Notre Dame (Phi Beta Kappa) and Harvard Business School.

John Zeanah

Administrator, Memphis and Shelby County Office of Sustainability



John Zeanah, AICP is the Administrator for the Memphis and Shelby County Office of Sustainability and is charged with the implementation of the Sustainable Shelby Plan, a strategic framework for action on sustainability initiatives in Memphis and Shelby County, a certified 4-STAR Community. Mr. Zeanah's office coordinates various sustainability program areas and serves as an advocate on sustainable practices such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, waste reduction and recycling, green infrastructure, sustainable food systems, and resilience.

Prior to this role, Mr. Zeanah served as the Program Manager of the Mid-South Regional Greenprint and Sustainability Plan for the Office of Sustainability, managing a \$2.6 million HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant to develop a unified vision for a regional network of green space connecting across the Greater Memphis area. The plan includes a comprehensive set of recommended actions toward regional sustainability through improving green space, transportation, health, environment, neighborhoods, and the regional economy. Mr. Zeanah holds a BA in Political Science from Rhodes College and a Master of City and Regional Planning from the University of Memphis.

Alisa Zomer

Program Manager, Governance Lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology



Alisa Zomer is the Urban Fellow and Manager of the Environmental Performance Index (<http://epi.yale.edu/>) at Yale University. Her research focuses on urban climate change governance, equity, and sustainability metrics at both the U.S. and international scales. Alisa is a member of the NSF-funded Sustainable Cities Research Coordination Network and a World Social Science Fellow for Sustainable Urbanization under the International Social Science Council and Cities Alliance. Her work follows urban governance and environment metrics pertaining to international processes, including the Urban Sustainable Development Goal, United Nations climate change negotiations, and Habitat III.

Alisa has a Masters from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies where she conducted independent research on urban climate adaptation governance in Metro Manila. Prior to Yale, Alisa worked for the global governance team at the World Resources Institute on environmental rights related to access to information, participation, and justice. She holds a Bachelors degree in International Affairs and Environmental Resources from The George Washington University in Washington, DC.