



Why Have a Panel Series on *Victories in Fighting Poverty: Voices from the Front Lines?*

Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance (YANA) member, Alison Gardy, found herself repeatedly asking a question during the 15+ years she launched and directed a leadership and management capacity-building fellowship for mid-career community leaders tackling poverty-related challenges across five continents: **Why aren't these successful practitioners talking with one another?**

Consumed by front-line battles and management stressors, community leaders can feel isolated by overwhelming local circumstances and disconnected from peers – not only outside their communities, but even just down the road. Once exposed to one another, they discover much to share: common struggles and frustrations as well as strategies for success, practical wisdom, and a solidarity that transcends borders. **What if these on-the-ground champions of social progress had a forum in which to puzzle through their visions and conundrums together . . . might the war on poverty go to the next level of impact?**

Victories in Fighting Poverty: Voices from the Front Lines is an attempt to create that forum, starting with a series of conversations between visionary leaders tackling poverty. Since poverty is a vast topic, each event will be focused and intimate to encourage a robust exchange of ideas between speakers and the audience. The aim is to create a Citizens' Think Tank. And we are starting at home in New York.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

ROSANNE HAGGERTY



Rosanne Haggerty is the Founder President and Chief Executive Officer of Community Solutions. She is an internationally recognized leader in developing innovative strategies to end homelessness and strengthen communities. Community Solutions assists communities throughout the US in solving the complex problems facing their most vulnerable residents by leading large scale change initiatives including the 100,000 Homes and Built for Zero Campaigns to end chronic and veteran homelessness, and neighborhood partnerships that bring together local residents and institutions to change the conditions that produce homelessness. Earlier, Rosanne founded Common Ground Community, a pioneer in the development of supportive housing and research-based practices that end homelessness.

Rosanne Haggerty is a:

- MacArthur Foundation Fellow
- Ashoka Senior Fellow
- Hunt Alternative Fund Prime Mover
- 2012 Jane Jacobs Medal for New Ideas and Activism from the Rockefeller Foundation
- 2015 Schwab Foundation Social Entrepreneur
- 2015 Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum's National Design Award
- 2017 John W. Gardner Leadership Award



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ADAM WEINSTEIN



Adam Weinstein is President and CEO of Phipps Houses and Chairman of Phipps Neighborhoods, its social service sister organization. He joined Phipps Houses in 1989, becoming CEO in 2001. Phipps Houses is the nation's oldest and one of its largest not-for-profit social enterprises committed to creating opportunity by developing, acquiring, operating and managing quality affordable housing for the long term. As of June 2015, it has developed or preserved more than 8,500 affordable apartments in New York City, with another 319 apartments currently in construction, and a growing pipeline of new mixed-use developments totaling another 5,000 apartments. Phipps Neighborhoods offers more than 30 different education and career programs, and access to community resources to help 12,000 New Yorkers annually build better lives for themselves, their families and their community,

magnifying impact in neighborhoods where Phipps has a substantial housing presence.

ASTRID ANDRE



Astrid Andre is a member of the Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance (YANA) and board member and co-chair of the Public Service & Social Justice Committee of the Yale Alumni Association of New York (yale.NYC). She currently serves as senior counsel in the legal department of the New York City Economic Development Corporation, and an adjunct lecturer at New York Law School.

Upon graduation from law school, she worked as an attorney with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and then worked as a real estate associate at Pillsbury Winthrop, LLP. Prior to her current position, she served as the policy director of the Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development. Astrid received her B.A. in Sociology from Yale University, Master's in Public Policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government with a concentration in Housing and Urban Development, and her Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School.

ALISON GARDY



For 15+ years, Alison Gardy has created educational programming for local and global leaders; inter-connected diverse communities; and nurtured thriving partnerships with nonprofit and business leaders. A multilingual relationship-builder, Alison is currently Senior Program Director at Upper West Strategies, with a mandate to build LifeSci NYC, a new program of the NYC Economic Development Corporation to place college students in summer internships in the life sciences industry. Until recently, Alison was 92Y Director of International Relations, where she launched and led the Ford Motor Company International Fellowship, the Diplomatic Roundtable Series, and International Way of the 92Y StreetFest. Previously, she

taught writing at NYU; reported for the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and other publications; and had a Fulbright grant to Mexico. Alison currently serves as a Fulbright Association Board Director.