



## Monday, Oct. 31, 2011 | Speaker Bios

### Timothy M. Bray

Director  
The Institute for Urban Policy Research  
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Timothy Bray is the director of the Institute for Urban Policy Research (IUPR) at The University of Texas at Dallas. He is also a clinical assistant professor in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, where he teaches in the areas of public policy, political economy, public affairs and criminology.

IUPR is the only research institute to be established by a grassroots community-building organization. The Institute's leaders believe that the fruits of research must serve the underserved by motivating the caliber of sustainable change necessary to improve quality of life and build a better world. In the communities it serves, IUPR helps residents realize their visions of lasting change.

Bray's current research focuses on the development of multidimensional indicators for, and disparities in, quality of life. He was instrumental in the launch of IUPR's Wholeness Index, a barometer of such disparities.

Bray serves on the Board of Directors of the North Texas Housing Coalition and the Executive Committee of the Urban Institute's National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership. He also advises a number of local organizations on issues of equity and sustainability. Bray received his doctorate in criminology from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

### Timothy Davidson Breihan

Senior Urban Designer/Project Manager  
H3 Studio  
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Timothy Breihan's professional work has focused on the interrelation of architecture and urban design, exploring the ways in which built fabric, infrastructure and the design of the public realm manifest and promote urbanism. He has extensive experience with adaptive rehabs utilizing federal and state historic tax credits for both developer clients and nonprofit community development organizations. He has also conducted in-depth research into sustainable systems, including urban agriculture, bioremediation strategies and high-performance, ecology-based green infrastructure, and the impact that these systems can make on the design of urban spaces.

Breihan's work encompasses urban design, architecture and landscape projects through a wide range of scales using computer visualization, information mapping, three-dimensional graphics and physical modeling to develop solutions, communicate ideas and facilitate the public community planning processes.

Most recently, Breihan worked on the Downtown Planning Charrettes in Columbia, Mo.; the Ferguson and Rock Hill Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans in St. Louis County; the Parkview Gardens Parks and Neighborhood Plan for University City, Mo.; a development study for the Forest Park Southeast neighborhood; and the Jamestown Mall Redevelopment Plan Charrette for St. Louis County. He holds a master's degree in urban design and a professional master's in architecture from the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis.

### David J. Carroll

Executive Director  
North Grand Neighborhood Services  
St. Louis, Mo.  
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David Carroll is responsible for directing all phases of North Grand Neighborhood Services, including the organization's two core programs—the Solomon Project and Angel Baked Cookies.

The Solomon Project promotes homeownership through traditional purchase agreements or a rent-to-own mentoring program; the organization has helped reduce the number of abandoned or neglected properties in the community from 42 percent to less than 10 percent. Angel Baked Cookies has earned national recognition for providing employment, skills development and high school graduation assistance to teens in North St. Louis.

Entrepreneurial in his thinking and practice, Carroll brings the idea of social enterprise to many of the activities of North Grand Neighborhood Services. His passion for contributing to the development of the St. Louis area is the driving force behind his commitment to provide opportunities to the residents he serves. Carroll is very active in the community, serving as past president of the Urban League Young Professionals, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., and a youth mentor. A native of St. Louis, he graduated magna cum laude from Harris-Stowe State University and received the university's 2010 Alumni Award for community service.

### Laverne Morrow Carter

Founder, President and Chief Project Director  
Research and Evaluation Solutions Inc. (REESSI)  
Alexandria, Va.  
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Laverne Morrow Carter is a community health researcher, teacher, leader and social entrepreneur dedicated to a broad range of activities, from program design and evaluation to policy analysis. During her 30-year professional career, she has employed a collection of innovative approaches and theoretically grounded practices to develop solutions to health and social issues in vulnerable

communities. Carter has been recognized by local policymakers and federal officials for her innovative methods and programs.

Research and Evaluation Solutions Inc. (REESSI) is a premier private research firm based in Alexandria, Va., with government and nongovernment agencies in multiple states. REESSI's mission is to create, implement and rigorously assess strategies and interventions that increase wealth, health and life expectancy in vulnerable communities around the world. Carter's greatest passion is training, mentoring, and empowering youth and young adults to advance this mission.

Carter received dual bachelor's degrees in psychology and communications from Illinois State University, a master's in education (counseling) from Washington University in St. Louis, and a master's in public health and a doctorate in policy analysis and administration with a concentration in health policy evaluation and research from Saint Louis University.

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### Alyssa Lee

President and CEO

Social Compact

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Alyssa Lee removes barriers in investment decision-making and defines market solutions for individuals and communities. She brings cross-sector expertise from the private sector, government and nonprofit sectors. Lee has worked with many organizations, from small consultancies to large organizations such as Cushman & Wakefield, as well as the federal government and nonprofits including the Brookings Institution.

Lee holds a master's degree in city and regional planning with distinction from the Georgia Institute of Technology. She received a double bachelor's in sociology and urban studies from Northwestern University. In addition to her market analytics capabilities, Lee is a licensed investment professional.

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### Mary McMurtrey

President

The Gateway Center for Giving

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Mary McMurtrey has worked in the nonprofit arena for over a decade. She is dedicated to strengthening the sector so that agencies have the broadest reach and most effective services for the clients they serve. At The Gateway Center for Giving, McMurtrey helps grant-makers and other infrastructure agencies come together around issues affecting the St. Louis community. The Center is a membership organization that represents private and family foundations, individuals, and corporate foundations and giving programs in the St. Louis region. She is both a mentor to young women entering the nonprofit field and a community advocate who shares her knowledge freely and broadly within the community.

Prior to joining the Center, McMurtrey served as the executive director of Boys Hope Girls Hope St. Louis for nearly three years, as the executive director of the Wildlife Rescue Center and as the communications officer for the Public Policy Research Center (PPRC) at the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL). At UMSL, she was recruited to create a new position within the PPRC and to direct the organization's communications and marketing efforts as an established professional entity in the St. Louis policy arena with a focus on both regional and national issues.

McMurtrey serves on several boards, including the Advisory Board of the Better Business Bureau of St. Louis, the Steering Committee for the Statewide Association of Nonprofits, the Women's Foundation of Greater St. Louis, the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation and the Advisory Board of the Nonprofit Management and Leadership Program at UMSL. She is involved with the St. Louis Planned Giving Council as a contributor to their 2011 Legacy Awards Committee and regularly lends her experience to nonprofits and the community, including the University City Children's Center and The Mission Continues as their current board chair.

### Sultan Meghji

Vice President of Analytics Applications

Appistry

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Sultan Meghji is an accomplished technical leader and entrepreneur, a transformational thought leader identified as an industry expert and influencer. He is sought out by various Fortune 500 corporations, public sector organizations and nonprofits for expertise in developing supportable, scalable, stable and innovative IT solutions that make complex analytics understandable.

A recognized leader in enterprise architecture, innovation and strategy, Meghji began his career nearly 20 years ago at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA), where he developed artificial intelligence systems and first-generation internet technologies. He has served in leadership positions in IT and enterprise architecture at ABN AMRO, American Express, Monsanto and United Airlines. He has held numerous CIO roles in academia and the private sector in areas as diverse as IT services, financial services and biotech.

Meghji is a high-impact player, able to maximize technological investments, solve complex business challenges and drive a company's profit engine. He is skilled in partnering with executives and boards of directors to align technical and business goals in transforming both technology and the business into higher value. In addition, Meghji is an active volunteer for IT Entrepreneurial Network (ITEN) and other St. Louis-centric groups. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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### Faith Sandler

Executive Director

The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis

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Faith Sandler became the first executive director of The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis in 1989. The organization, now comprised of \$31 million in assets, was formed in 1920 to provide financial support to students pursuing post-secondary education. In addition to her responsibilities at the Foundation, Sandler is co-chair of the St. Louis Regional College Access Pipeline Project, serves on the board of directors of the Dan Broida/Sigma-Aldrich Scholarship Fund, the Washington University Neighbor's Council and the Advisory Board of the University of Missouri-St. Louis Nonprofit Management and Leadership Program. She has also taught a graduate course in nonprofit ethics and accountability at Washington University. Prior to joining The Scholarship Foundation, Sandler was appointed by the federal court to evaluate desegregation programs in St. Louis public schools.

Sandler holds a bachelor's degree from Johnston College of the University of Redlands and a master's in cultural anthropology from Washington University in St. Louis.

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### Royce A. Sutton

Vice President, Community Development Manager

Fifth Third Bank

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Royce Sutton manages Fifth Third's Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) and Fair Lending compliance, foundation giving, community-based outreach and business development efforts. Previously, he managed Fifth Third's southern Indiana market that includes southwest Indiana, western Kentucky and southern Illinois.

Sutton is recognized for his leadership in creating innovative, affordable housing programs, providing technical assistance to community-based nonprofits and creating industry-leading community outreach initiatives. The American Bankers Association recognized him for Superior Contributions to Consumer

Education, and the Indiana Bankers Association awarded him the Community Service Award of Merit. Sutton led Fifth Third to a record three consecutive "Outstanding" CRA compliance ratings and has worked with examiners from the OCC, Federal Reserve and OTS. He has presented at state and national conferences on CRA compliance and community development while working with numerous community- and faith-based organizations seeking to leverage relationships and resources.

Sutton was instrumental in the start-up and fundraising efforts of the successful Joshua Academy, a charter elementary school serving at-risk families, and he has served on numerous boards focused on affordable housing and community development. In addition, he served on the Vanderburgh County Council, the county's fiscal policy-making board, for 17 years. Presently, he is a member of the Greater St. Louis Financial Education Collaborative and serves on the board of the Metropolitan St. Louis Urban League, the Community Development Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, the St. Louis Regional Unbanked Taskforce Steering Committee, and the ClearPoint Financial Solutions Regional Advisory Committee.

Sutton is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma National Community Development Lending School and holds a bachelor's degree and master's in public administration from Indiana State University.

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### John Weidman

Deputy Executive Director

The Food Trust

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John Weidman has 15 years of experience in public policy advocacy and nonprofit communications. He advocates for public policy change at the local, state and federal levels, and educates policymakers about the factors impacting the nutrition of lower-income people.

The Food Trust is a nonprofit organization working to ensure that everyone has access to affordable, nutritious food. Weidman provides oversight for the organization's national supermarket campaign and its regional farmers' markets program. He led the effort to open Philadelphia's Headhouse Farmers' Market.

Weidman serves on the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center and the Pennsylvania Public Interest Research Group. He holds a master's degree in political science from the University of Pennsylvania.