



## Presenter Biographies

**Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization Institute**  
Sunday, June 28, 2009



# Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization Institute

Sunday, June 28, 2009

10:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

## Breaking the Foreclosure Cycle: Lessons on Preventing Foreclosures and Stabilizing Communities, 10:30 to 11:50 a.m.



**Nick Autorina** is the Managing Director for the Cobb County (GA) CDBG Program Office, located in Marietta, Georgia. Since 1996, Nick has worked in multiple Entitlement Communities as a Program Coordinator and is currently in a Senior Executive role as the Managing Director for the Cobb County CDBG Program Office located in Marietta, Georgia. Along with his management responsibilities, Nick is part of the New Business Development Team where he is actively involved in assessing client needs and preparing solutions to such diverse topics such as Performance Measurement Outcomes Systems, Organizational Behavior, Strategic Planning, Organizational Structure, and overall Programmatic knowledge as it relates to HUD programs. Prior to joining to WFN, Inc., Nick worked for the State of Georgia and the Augusta-Richmond County [ARC] Georgia consolidated government as a Program Coordinator for CDBG activities.

From 1983 to 1994, Nick served with distinction in the US Army as a member of an elite Army unit where he provided domestic and world-wide security operations for then Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney and the Head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin L. Powell. Nick graduated from the Professional School at Brenau University and holds both a B.S. and an MBA. He is currently attending Taft University's School of Law as a "2L" in pursuit of his Juris Doctor degree.

**Alan Mallach, FAICP** is a senior fellow of the National Housing Institute, is the author of many works on housing and planning, including *Bringing Buildings Back and Building a Better Urban Future: New Directions for Housing Policies in Weak Market Cities*. He served as director of housing and economic development for Trenton, N.J. from 1990 to 1999.

# Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization Institute

Sunday, June 28, 2009

10:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.



**Sharon Price** serves as the director of policy at the National Housing Conference (NHC) and is responsible for working with NHC members, partners and staff to formulate and then advocate for the adoption of housing policy positions that will better support the development and preservation of affordable housing nationwide. Price most recently worked as program examiner for affordable housing and homeless programs for the Housing Branch of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget where she helped to develop policy and budget recommendations through data analysis and discussions with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) officials and advocacy groups. Prior to that, she was a presidential management fellow in the Community, Planning and Development division at HUD. Price holds Masters' Degrees in both Public Policy and Social Work from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from Bowdoin College.



**Marietta Rodriguez** is the National Director for Home Ownership Programs for NeighborWorks® America. NeighborWorks® America's Home Ownership program is a national initiative, involving 159 nonprofit organizations, to promote home ownership for under-served markets of Americans. Over the last 10 years, the Campaign has assisted over 120,000 families to purchase homes in communities across the nation since 1993 and has served as an effective "research and development lab" for new tools for promoting home ownership.

Prior to joining NeighborWorks® America, she was the Director of Training and Community Relations for the Neighborhood Housing Services of Santa Fe where she was responsible for marketing and the design, development and delivery of their pre and post-purchase home buyer education curriculum in four rural counties in Northern New Mexico. Marietta is a frequent instructor at NeighborWorks® America's Training Institutes for the Homebuyer Education – Train the Trainer Course, Managing a Successful Housing Choice Voucher Program and Foreclosure Prevention courses. Marietta has a BA in International Relations and Spanish from Lake Forest College

# Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization Institute

Sunday, June 28, 2009

Breakout Sessions I: 1:35 to 3:05 p.m.

## Foreclosure Prevention 101



**Maya Brennan**, a Research Associate at the Center, earned a Master of Science in Urban Policy Analysis and Management from the Milano Graduate School for Management and Urban Policy at the New School in New York, specializing in housing and homelessness. She was honored by the Milano faculty with a Jacob M. Kaplan award for academic excellence and contributions to the field of urban policy. She has written on numerous housing topics, including affordability trends and the connection between housing and education. She also served as a Research Assistant to the New York-based Community Development Research Center and contributed to the first national study of community development corporations. Her prior experience includes serving as a landlord-tenant hotline counselor in Maryland.



**Allen H. Jones** is Bank of America's Executive for Default Management Public Policy and Outreach in the Servicing Division of Mortgage, Home Equity, and Insurance Services. In this capacity, Mr. Jones manages Bank of America's strategy and interaction for default management and loss mitigation with public policy interest groups, real estate trade associations, and the United States Congress.

Prior to joining the servicing organization, Mr. Jones served as Bank of America's Enterprise Executive for the FHA and VA businesses. Mr. Jones joined Bank of America in August of 2004 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, where he served as a Senior Advisor to the Federal Housing Commissioner.

Mr. Jones has additional experience at KPMG Consulting where he led mortgage lending engagements with top 10 lenders and at HUD. Earlier at Freddie Mac, Mr. Jones managed the development of Loan Prospector for FHA and VA Loans.

A native and current resident of Arlington, Virginia, Mr. Jones graduated from the University of Richmond. A Community Advisor to the Board of Directors of the Arlington Free Clinic, an organization recognized by Bank of America as a Neighborhood Champion and the recipient of a \$200,000 grant, Mr. Jones has also served on the Board of the Virginia Housing Development Authority.

# Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization Institute

Sunday, June 28, 2009

Breakout Sessions I: 1:35 to 3:05 p.m.

**Michael W. van Zalingen** has served as the Director of Homeownership Services for the non-profit Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, Inc. since May 2005. He has a forthcoming article to be published in Northwestern University Law School's Journal of Law and Social Policy this summer on the threat foreclosure poses to asset building in the low- to moderate-income community. He has given presentations to federal bank examiners, Standard & Poors, U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis, the Illinois Senate Housing Subcommittee, and the Illinois Mortgage Bankers Association and taught continuing legal education courses for Illinois attorneys. His views on the housing and mortgage markets have been quoted in numerous publications such as The Wall Street Journal, the Chicago Tribune, Reuters, Crain's Chicago Business, and Le Monde. Michael graduated from the University of Alabama with a B.A. in Philosophy in 1993 and received his J.D., cum laude, from Valparaiso University in 1998, where he was an Associate Editor for the Valparaiso University Law Review. He holds a Certificate in the Liberal Arts from the University of Chicago.

## Foreclosure Prevention 201

**Rachel Gallegos** is a 2006 graduate of Villanova University School of Law. Upon graduation she served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable John T. McNeill, III, of Camden County Superior Court, New Jersey. Here, Rachel was active in managing a criminal case load, and assisting with the operation of Drug Court. From there she went on to obtain her current position as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Annette M. Rizzo of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas.

In 2002 Rachel was graduated with honors, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Communication from Clemson University in South Carolina. While at Clemson, Rachel was a four-year varsity letter winner for the Division I Lady Tiger soccer team, making an appearance in four consecutive NCAA tournaments. During the same period Rachel was on the President's List, the Dean's List, and was also the recipient of an athletic scholarship.

At Villanova Law, Rachel served as the Director of the Public Interest Fellowship Program where she worked to provide funding for summer fellows to do public interest work both nationally and internationally. Rachel was also a member of the Moot Court Board and Secretary of

# Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization Institute

Sunday, June 28, 2009

Breakout Sessions I: 1:35 to 3:05 p.m.

the Latin American Student Association. Additionally she served as Co-Editor in Chief of the Catholic Journal of Social Thought, and for these contributions while at law school was the recipient of the Faculty Recognition Award in 2006.

With Judge Rizzo, Rachel has been part of the creation of the Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Pilot Program. She has now taken a full leadership role in the day-to-day operations of this program where homeowners and lenders are able to meet face to face once a week in an attempt to reach a resolution. This program has served over 4,000 Philadelphia residents to date and has become a national model.

In addition to working with the Mortgage Foreclosure Program, Rachel also assists in handling the normal civil trial matters assigned to Judge Rizzo. She handles all motions, as well as preparations for trials concerning motor vehicle accidents, personal injury, contract disputes, and both legal and medical malpractice cases.



**Andrew Jakobovics** is the Associate Director for Housing and Economics. He works on housing, household debt, and higher education, as well as other issues related to sustaining and growing the middle class. Jakobovics has appeared on television and radio and in print, most recently for his research on the effects of the current mortgage crisis and potential policy solutions. Prior to joining American Progress, Jakobovics served as the research chief of staff for the MIT Center for Real Estate's Housing Affordability Initiative. In 2004, he founded a grassroots organization, Kiruv for Kerry, which conducted outreach to the Orthodox Jewish community, drafted position papers, and connected policy issues with Jewish principles. He has also lectured on the relationship of Jewish law to the modern, democratic state. Andrew holds a B.A. in Urban Studies from Columbia University and an M.C.P. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he is currently pursuing his doctorate.

# Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization Institute

Sunday, June 28, 2009

Breakout Sessions II: 3:15 to 4:45 p.m.

## Neighborhood Stabilization 101

**Salvatore D'Avola** has been the Executive Director of affiliate not-for-profit entities, Neighborhood Restore HDFC and Restored Homes HDFC since 2006. Both Neighborhood Restore HDFC and Restored Homes HDFC are supporting organizations of the Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) and Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. Neighborhood Restore HDFC was created to assist the City of New York with the maintenance and development of tax foreclosed properties. Through HPD's Third Party Transfer (TPT) program, Neighborhood Restore HDFC provides oversight of the stabilization, management, and rehabilitation planning for distressed housing. Restored Homes HDFC was created to oversee, in collaboration with HPD, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Asset Control Area program to revitalize neighborhoods by acquiring, rehabilitating, and selling HUD-foreclosed homes at affordable levels to create homeownership opportunities for low and moderate-income families. Restored Homes HDFC has also recently expanded its housing preservation efforts to include the acquisition, rehabilitation, and sale of a growing number of lender-owned real estate (REO) properties in New York City.



**Aaron Gornstein** has been the Executive Director of Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) since 1990. CHAPA is a private, non-profit research and advocacy organization working on affordable housing and community development issues in Massachusetts. Aaron received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and his graduate degree in urban and environmental policy from Tufts University.

Aaron serves on numerous boards and commissions, including Mayor Menino's affordable housing commission and the national community development advisory council for Bank of America. He also served on the housing transition team for Governor Deval Patrick.

In recent years, he has received housing advocacy awards from the National Low Income Housing Coalition, Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation, Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development, Homebuilders Association of Massachusetts, National Housing and Rehabilitation Association, and Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

# Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization Institute

Sunday, June 28, 2009

Breakout Sessions II: 3:15 to 4:45 p.m.

**Robert S. Grossinger** is Senior Vice President in Bank of America's Community Affairs department. His current responsibilities include coordinating the Bank's REO sales process with the cities, counties and states that receive funds under the HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Prior to joining Bank of America, Mr. Grossinger served as Senior Vice President within LaSalle Bank's Civic and Community Development department. He had management responsibility for the Community Reinvestment Act compliance and the community development investments through the LaSalle Community Development Corporation. He served in that capacity from January 2001 until January 2008.

Mr. Grossinger previously served as Vice President at Bank One in Chicago, where he was responsible for strategic planning and risk management in the CRA department. He has also served as Vice President of a national affordable housing organization and as assistant director of the Illinois Housing Development Authority. Mr. Grossinger began his career as an attorney with the Legal Assistance Foundation working first in Southern Illinois, then Chicago.

Mr. Grossinger received a BA from Indiana University in Bloomington in 1977, and a J.D. from the University of Iowa Law School in 1980.

## Neighborhood Stabilization 201

**Kathleen Clark** has been the Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing, Inc. for seven years. After receiving her law degree from The John Marshall Law School, she practiced fair housing and civil rights law with the South Suburban Housing Center and Kinoy, Taren, and Geraghty P.C. Clark has a master's degree in counseling psychology from Governors State University and a bachelor's degree in journalism from Bradley University.

Prior to law school, she served as the executive director of the Southwest YMCA in Alsip and worked at Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center. She was an elected member of the Rich Township High School Board of Education, serving two terms as president. She is a staff member of the William Glasser Institute, California.

Clark served 10 years as a board member with the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless and two terms on the Governing Board of the Chicago Continuum of Care. She has served as co-facilitator for Chicago Rents Right, a landlord-tenant educational advocacy group sponsored by the Chicago Department of Housing, and currently serves as

# Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization Institute

Sunday, June 28, 2009

Breakout Sessions II: 3:15 to 4:45 p.m.

president of the Chicago Fair Housing Alliance.



**Tom Streit** is the Housing Policy and Development Director for the City of Minneapolis. The housing policy and development division includes single family housing, multi-family housing and real estate development services.

Streitz has served as Deputy Executive Director of the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) since 2001, managing and providing strategic leadership to the largest provider of affordable housing in Minnesota. Prior to his service at MPHA, Streitz was a government relations attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, advocating and lobbying on behalf of low-income clients and nonprofit organizations. He was the co-counsel and lead implementation attorney in the *Hollman v. Cisneros* civil rights lawsuit and resulting Consent Decree. That decree ultimately established Heritage Park, the model development in north Minneapolis. Streitz also served for six years as legislative counsel for the U.S. Senate.

Streitz lives in Minneapolis and was a Humphrey Policy Fellow at the University of Minnesota, earned a Master's degree in law from Georgetown University, a J.D. from Seattle University and a B.S. from the University of Nebraska. He's a longtime resident of southwest Minneapolis where he lives with his wife and twin boys.

**Chris Walker** is Director of Research and Assessment for the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, a national community development intermediary. He is responsible for assembling, conducting, sponsoring, or disseminating high-quality research on community development's contributions to the well-being of individuals, families and communities. He also supports the research activities of the 33 LISC field offices throughout the United States. Currently, he is working on the value of low-income housing tax credits to neighborhood revitalization and on new ways to measure the market potential of low-income urban neighborhoods.

Prior to joining LISC in 2005, Mr. Walker was director of the community and economic development program of the Urban Institute in Washington, DC. His research at the Urban Institute included national studies of federal- and foundation-funded affordable housing, community lending, small business development, and other community and economic development programs. He has specialized

# Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization Institute

Sunday, June 28, 2009

Breakout Sessions II: 3:15 to 4:45 p.m.

in community-based initiatives, local government policies, multi-party collaborations, performance measurement and community impact analysis. Work in 2005 included studies on the contributions of arts and culture to economic development and community vitality and local government accountability in federal community development programs.