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of Communications.

including 32 years covering the people of Chicago and their stories. Mr. Blakley currently is a contributing editor at the Center for Illinois Poli-

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tics, a data-driven bipartisan website about policy and political campaigns. He has also been an adjunct faculty member at DePaul University's College

Derrick Blakley spent 41 years as a television news reporter and anchor,

He began his TV reporting career at WBNS-TV in Columbus, Ohio, and broke into journalism at the Chicago Tribune. A five-time Emmy Award-winner at Chicago's WMAQ-TV and WBBM-TV stations, he served there as a news anchor, political reporter and general assignment reporter. In addition, he spent seven years as a CBS News Correspondent, covering

developments around the country and around the world while based in Chicago, London and Bonn, Germany. Ray Boyer Ray Boyer is a communications and media relations consultant working with clients in the private and non-profit sectors. From 1991 through 2004 he was head of public affairs for the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, leaving to set up his own firm, Boyer Media.

at Northwestern University.

He provides communications strategy for Chicago Innovation and serves as senior advisor to the communications team working with the Chicago-based Retirement

Research Foundation, as well as to the National Opinion and Research Center at the University of Chicago. He also serves as media consultant to the McCormick School of Engineering His 15 years of volunteer work with the Evanston Youth Baseball and Softball Association

increased participation in baseball and softball from about 450 boys playing on 40 teams each year to almost 2,000 boys and girls playing on almost 150 teams. **Marianna Brady**

Marianna Brady is a journalist for BBC News based in Washington, D.C. Ms. Brady attended ETHS and earned a master's degree from the Medill School of Journalism, so she will always call Evanston home. In her role as Audience Engagement Editor, she oversees content from the U.S. and Canada on the BBC's social media platforms. She also serves as a senior producer and reporter on the BBC's weekly Facebook news show, Cut Through

the Noise. Omar Brown Omar Brown is an Organizational Transformation Leader in Deloitte's

Human Capital Consulting Practice. His expertise is in diversity and inclusion, organizational design, change management and communications.

He holds a Master of Public Policy from Northwestern University, a Master of Business Administration from Loyola University Chicago, and Bachelor Mr. Brown volunteers with the Fellowship of Afro American Men (FAAM) as a boys

He lives in Evanston with his wife and two children. Alan K. Cubbage Alan Cubbage is retired after serving for more than 20 years as the Vice

communications activities. He served as the University's chief spokesman

and directed all crisis communications efforts. He is an adjunct lecturer in Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications. He has served as a volunteer leader in his church and community organizations. He received his undergraduate degree in communications from Grinnell College and earned master's degrees in journalism and in advertising from Medill. He also holds a law degree from Drake University and is a member of the Illinois Bar.

He and his wife live in Evanston and have two adult children.

as a Digital Designer.

ran Center for Youth Advocacy in Evanston. Formerly she was senior editor for Injustice Watch and executive director of the Chicago Innocence Center. A graduate of District 65 schools and Evanston Township High School, Ms. Cytrynbaum received the 2018 ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award. She is a Northwestern alumna who taught in the Medill School of Journalism, winning the Students' Choice Award for teaching in 2012.

She was Mike Royko's "legman," a staff writer for The Chicago Tribune and The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, and her work has appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Chicago Sun-Times and The Oregonian. She co-founded the Justice Brandeis

Law Project at Brandeis University, and served as associate director, Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism. Julie Cowan Julie Cowan is an artist, an arts educator and an active member of the Hem-

enway Soup at Six soup kitchen. She also works at Northwestern University

In 2011, she and her husband developed artruck, a project to provide a non-commercial "pop-up" gallery space for artists to show their work and to

Dave Davis is currently the Executive Director of Neighborhood and Community Relations at Northwestern University. In this role, he advises University leaders on opportunities to create mutually beneficial partnerships between Northwestern and the City of Evanston that strengthen the Evanston community. He also serves as the University's ambassador to City government officials, business and school district leaders, community and civic groups, and residents.

Before his Northwestern service, Mr. Davis worked as senior staff and Grant Coordinator for Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky. He served as the Congresswoman's liaison to federal, state and local elected officials, and assisted organizations in the 9th Congressional District

11 years, he has been News Writer for Univision Chicago.

He has won multiple awards given by the National Association of Hispanic Journalists.

Vicente De La Cruz is an Emmy Award-winning journalist with 36 years of experience in the U.S. Hispanic community. Currently, and for the past

He twice served as Editor-in-Chief of La Raza Newspaper in Chicago, one of the most important and influential Hispanic publications in the nation.



transactions.

Douglas Doetsch

Marcelo Ferrer

Peter De Jong

to secure funding from the federal government.

Vicente De La Cruz

Mr. De La Cruz has been an Evanston resident since 2006.

law firm Mayer Brown LLP, where he serves as head of the firm's Latin America/Caribbean practice and is a member of the firm's Banking & Finance practice. He advises clients on infrastructure financings in the port, airport and road sectors, acquisition and other leveraged lending transactions, and structured credit

> Marcelo Ferrer arrived in Evanston in 1976 with his parents and siblings as a refugee in order to escape the Agusto Pinochet dictatorship in Chile. He attended public schools here and has spent most of his life in Evanston.

For the past 20 years Mr. Ferrer has worked in Chicago for the communitybased, non-profit Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA). LSNA

Long-time Evanston resident Douglas Doetsch is a partner with the

His current role at LSNA is the Director of Immigration Services. His responsibilities include both direct legal services as well as immigrant rights advocacy work. Marya Frankel

is a multi-issue community organization, directly serving more than 6,500 residents across the Logan Square, Hermosa and Avondale neighborhoods of Chicago and impacting tens of

thousands more through nationally recognized issue campaigns and programs.



and impact.

two decades of experience leading progressive campaigns. A graduate of Brown University, she was the Executive Director of the grassroots group MoveOn Civic Action until 2019, overseeing a period of

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Anna Galland

Today, Mr. Greising writes on government issues in regular columns for the Tribune and Crain's Chicago Business and is a regular commentator on local radio and television stations.

> Laura Hohnhold is a longtime magazine and book editor. She is the former deputy editor of Outside, former executive editor of Play: The New York Times Sports Magazine, and is currently an editor at the digital book pub-

She has worked closely with a broad range of acclaimed fiction and non-

Patrick Hughes started Inclusion Solutions believing that all people deserve equal access. He asked business owners and election officials how he could

Mark Jacob is website editor for Northwestern University's Medill Local News Initiative, which promotes financial sustainability for local journalism. A former metro editor at the Chicago Tribune and former Sunday editor at the Chicago Sun-Times, he was Tribune columnist Mary Schmich's editor

Les Jacobson has been a reporter and editor since 1973, except for a 28-year-detour through corporate America in various communications roles. He has won Chicago Newspaper Guild and Northern Illinois Newspaper

Journalism brought Kathy Kastilahn to Evanston, to the Medill School of Journalism at NU, in 1964. Ever since, she has been "at home" in the work and in the City. Reporting for the Evanston Review in the early 1970s often

fiction authors, including Jon Krakauer, Ann Patchett, Annie Proulx, Mary Roach, Hampton Sides, Susan Orlean, Sebastian Junger, Mark Bittman, Barry Lopez and many others. Ms. Hohnhold helped lead Outside to five National Magazine Awards, including a record three

She has also worked as an editor and consultant for media companies including Condé Nast, Hearst Communications, Time Warner Publishing, Hachette Magazines and New

consecutive awards for General Excellence, the industry's highest honor.

find practical and affordable solutions that would ensure compliance with the ADA. Most were willing to make changes to provide accessibility and inclusion but were unable to find solutions that fit their budget. This was the challenge facing Inclusion Conversations with people with disabilities helped in developing the company's first prod-

fostered relationships and friendships between people with disabilities and those without. He served on the Evanston Chamber of Commerce and helped create Evanston MashUp to build stronger City-Northwestern relations.

took her to city hall at Oak Avenue and Lake Street. She and her husband recently moved to a condo where city hall once stood. For years, Ms. Kastilahn freelanced for area and national publications and volunteered at her two sons' schools. She continues to volunteer with the Evanston School Children's Clothing Association (ESCCA). In 1992 she joined the staff of The Lutheran, national magazine of the denomination. She reported from many developing countries. Continuing interest in

Therese McGuire

Marianne Moberly

Chicago Reporter.

quette University.

Princeton University.

Corporation, executive director of Housing Options for the Mentally III in Evanston (now Impact Behavioral Health Partners), and as Chief Advancement Officer at Youth & Opportunity United (Y.O.U.). She has served on the boards of Cherry Preschool, Open Studio Project and the Woman's Club of Evanston and as an active volunteer in Evanston schools.

them during their tenure in office. She has served on numerous City of Evanston committees and been a member of the board of directors of the McGaw YMCA, Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund and Childcare Network of Evanston. She and her husband, Greg, have lived in Evanston for more than 45 years.

work focuses on enhancing the experiences of students of color and multicultural students; LGBTQ students; and first generation, low-income, and immigrant students (inclusive of all immigration statuses). Born and raised in Evanston, Mr. Randhava has volunteered with a number of non-profit organizations that are part of the fabric of the community, including the Justin Wynn Fund

Ravi Randhava

variety of church activities. **Geraldine Sizemore** As the first African American grocery checker in the North Shore area, Geraldine Sizemore overcame workplace hostility to become the trainer of

Lifelong Evanstonian Oliver A. Ruff has been working most of his life with children. In the 36 years he spent in public education, he served as a teacher, an assistant principal, an associate principal, a principal and a professional

He has served on the Warren "Billy" Cherry Scholarship Board, the Justin

of Arts from Northeastern Illinois. basketball coach. He was a member of the Chessmen Club of the North Shore and has served on the District 65 School Board and on the boards of the Youth Job Center, Youth & Opportunity United and the Democratic Party of Evanston. President for University Relations of Northwestern University, where he was responsible for direction and management of all of Northwestern's top-level

Pam Cytrynbaum Pam Cytrynbaum is the restorative justice coordinator for the James B. Mo-

build an arts community in Evanston. For two or three evenings during the year the work of local artists is displayed in two trucks, and their friends and neighbors are invited to gather and celebrate the work. **Dave Davis**

An Evanston resident since 1998, Peter de Jong has had diverse work experience in industry, as the production manager at a non-profit organization, and as a job developer and coach for people with diverse abilities. He has volunteered as the director of an emergency homeless shelter in Chicago. He is a member of the Age Friendly Evanston Task Force, which is working toward affordable housing for seniors. He volunteers regularly with the Evanston Repair Clinic, teaching people how and why to fix their broken appliances rather than replace them.

Marya Flood Frankel attended Nichols and ETHS (class of '83) and has a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Illinois. Long ago, she was a junior high school teacher and freelance writer. Currently, she serves on the Y.O.U. board, the Justin Wynn Fund and the Frankel Family Foundation. She volunteers for several Evanston organizations and enjoys gardening and travel. She and her husband, Peter Reside, have a blended

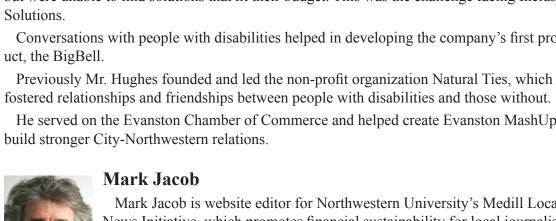
Anna Galland is a national organizer, strategist and nonprofit leader with

explosive growth, organizational transformation and increased visibility

David Greising joined the Better Government Association in 2018 and

is currently the president and chief executive of the government watchdog His career started at the City News Bureau of Chicago, with stops at the Chicago Sun-Times, Business Week magazine, the Chicago Tribune and Reuters. He was a co-founder of the Chicago News Cooperative and worked briefly as a consultant to World Business Chicago.

She grew up in Evanston and now lives here with her husband and three children.



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Association writing awards. He plays the viola and reads Harry Potter with his grandson. Kathy Kastilahn

Les Jacobson

Mark Jacob

when she won a 2012 Pulitzer Prize.

Mr. Jacob is the co-author of eight books on history and photography.

them led her to Ten Thousand Villages, where she has volunteered for 20 years. **Sharon McGowan** Sharon McGowan is the Collaborations Leader at the Institute for Nonprofit News. She was the founding editor of Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service and formerly assistant news director/managing editor at WBBM-AM Radio;

assignment manager at WBBM-TV; and reporter and managing editor at

Therese J. McGuire is a professor at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. Previously, she was a faculty member at the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois. Ms. McGuire's area of expertise is state and local public economics.

She has a BA from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a PhD from

Marianne Moberly has served in a variety of leadership roles in non-profit, community and school-based organizations including as executive director of North Shore Interfaith Housing Center and Interfaith Housing Development

She also was an adjunct journalism faculty member at Northwestern University and Mar-

Dick Peach Dick Peach has been general manager of Dempster Auto Rebuilders, Inc. for the past 35 years. He has served twice as president of the Evanston Chamber of Commerce, chaired the City of Evanston's Minority, Women and Evanston-Based Enterprise Committee and cofounded the Evanston Small Business Association and maintained membership in the West End Business Association. He served on the Evanston Township High School Automotive Advisory committee and is

currently a board member and mentor for the WE Foundation. He was president of the Rotary Club of Evanston two times and has been Celebration Manager and a trustee of the Evanston Fourth of July Association and a member of Leadership Evanston's Steering Committee.

His love of fishing led him to write Hooked on Fishing, his award-winning column for the

Children and youth are Nicki Pearson's biggest passion, with politics and good government a close second. In 1982, she co-founded Rose Hall Montes-

Ms. Pearson has been involved in many school board and City elections, offering support to candidates she believed in, and listening to and advising

Lindsay Percival has spent her professional life in early childhood education. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education from Prin-

She served as teacher and site coordinator in the PACE program at National-Louis University, helping students secure internships in social service and

Ravi Randhava currently serves as Assistant Provost and Executive Director of the Center for Identity + Inclusion at the University of Chicago. His

An Evanston businessman with a degree in business administration from

In 1997, he was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the McGaw YMCA, the first African American to hold this position. The McGaw Y's Talley-Reece Award annually

recognizes an Evanstonian who has made significant contributions to the YMCA.

Wynn Board, and the Oliver A. Ruff Educational and Mentoring Scholarship Board.

Recent civic activities include service on the boards of OPAL (Organization for Positive Action and Leadership) and United Way and working with the Black Coalition for Equity in Education, the NAACP Education Committee and the Evanston Action Team, as well as a

Evanston RoundTable. He has called Evanston his home for 73 years.

Nicki Pearson

sori Preschool in Wilmette.

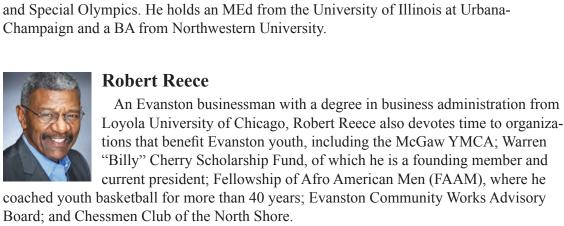
Lindsay Percival

cess Christian College in Fallowfield, England.

as Director, she created a developmentally appropriate curriculum for 2-year-olds.

early childhood education programs. At Unity Nursery School, where she taught and served

She is now in her ninth year as Director of Learning Bridge Early Education Center (formerly Child Care Center of Evanston), where she oversees a staff of 29 in five education programs: 2-year-olds, Preschool For All, Montessori, center-based and home-based care.



Over the past 20 years, Mr. Rykhus has served as a talent development and technology leader for a variety of organizations. He was a member of the District 65 School Board from 2011 to 2017, during four years of which he served as Vice President of the Board. He has also served as Board Chair of the Illinois Safe School Alliance, helping to make schools safer for LGBT students and teachers.

development consultant.

Oliver Ruff

Richard Rykhus

Ingrid Stafford Ingrid S. Stafford's professional expertise includes financial, enterprise risk, debt and investment management domains, that was honed through her professional and director service on credit, audit, and asset/liability committees in higher education, financial services and the non-profit sectors. An Evanstonian since 1976, Ms. Stafford attended the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, where she spent her entire career, retiring in 2019

new checkers. For 20 of her 36 years at the U.S. Postal Service, she served as Supervisor for Customer Service Retail Operations. Ms. Sizemore volunteers her time with Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, the

Peter Slevin

Evanston/North Shore Branch of the NAACP, Youth Job Center, Foster Senior Citizens Club, Snell Post, V.F.W. #7186 Ladies Auxiliary, Warren "Billy" Cherry Foundation, the Levy Senior Center Foundation Board and the Forrest E. Powell Foundation. She has received the Family Focus Evanston Those who Make a Difference, Evanston Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, Youth Job Center Volunteer, Vision Keepers, and Ebenezer A.M.E. Church "Shero" and Fruit of the Spirit awards.

Peter Slevin, a contributing writer for The New Yorker, is based in Evanston, where he is an associate professor at Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism. He spent a decade on the Washington Post's national staff and is the author of "Michelle Obama: A Life," which was a finalist for the PEN/Jacqueline Bograd Award for Biography.

as Vice President for Financial Operations and Treasurer. She currently volunteers with the Evanston Community Foundation, YWCA/Evanston North Shore and Northlight Theater. She is a member of the Board of Directors of Wintrust, Inc., and a trustee of the Evanston Alternative Opportunities Fund, which is advised by Evanston Capital Management. She and her husband, Bill, raised their two sons in the Evanston school systems. Karen Young

Karen Young has 20 years of institutional investment experience as an analyst and portfolio manager with Kidder Peabody & Company, Stein Roe & Farnham, Allstate and Silver Oak Services Partners. She is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), with a B.A. in Economics from Georgetown University and an M.B.A. from Northwestern's Kellogg Graduate School of Management. She has served on the Evanston Public Library Investment Committee, First United Methodist Church of Evanston's Finance and Endowment committees and District 65 and Evanston Township High School PTA Councils. She has volunteered with Hands-of-Peace and with the microfinance organization South Pacific Business Development. A recent contributor to the *Evanston RoundTable*, Ms. Young has lived in Evanston for more than 20 years with her husband, Jim, and their three children.