



JANUARY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM SCHEDULE

JANUARY 10 (MONDAY)

- 9:45 A.M. - 10:45 A.M. I C E B R E A K E R
- 10:45 A.M.- 11:00 A.M. B R E A K
- 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Laura Khor, Leidos, *National Security*

JANUARY 11 (TUESDAY)

- 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Lisa Cohen, Rotary Club of Washington D.C., Chair
Rotarians for Equality for Black People, *Combating Racism*
- 11:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M. B R E A K
- 11:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. Kristin Saboe, The Boeing Company, *Work Stress and Work
Transitions*

JANUARY 12 (WEDNESDAY)

- 8:50 A.M. – 9:50 A.M. Vice Admiral Mary Jackson, U.S. Navy (Retired), *Career
Navigation, Risk Assessment, and You*
- 9:50 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. B R E A K
- 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Lara Brown, George Washington University, *Politics Today*
- 11:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M. B R E A K
- 11:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. Linda Solomon, Knightscope, *LEADING between the lines*

JANUARY 13 (THURSDAY)

- 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Monica Smith, Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention
and Innovation, National Museum of American History
(NMAH), Smithsonian Institution, *Why Museums Matter Even
More Today"*

11:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M. B R E A K

11:15 A.M.- 12:15 P.M. Elissa McCarter LaBorde, World Council of Credit Unions, *Making Financial Services More Inclusive*

JANUARY 14 (FRIDAY)

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. F I E L D T R I P T O M O U N T V E R N O N D E T A I L S T B A

JANUARY 15 (SATURDAY)

9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. Lisa Fager Bediako, Executive Director @ Mt Zion Fubs/Campaign for the Georgetown African American Historic Memorial Park and National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, *Mount Zion's History*

MOUNT ZION CEMETERY

JANUARY 17 (MONDAY)

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Mary Beth Ray, MBR Consulting, *How to Be a Great Leader: Lessons from MLK, Brene' Brown, and Ted Lasso*

11:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M. B R E A K

11:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. Kylie Atwood, National Security Correspondent CNN, *Life as a Journalist*

JANUARY 18 (TUESDAY)

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Rachel Evans, CitiBridge, *Reforming Schools*

11:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M. B R E A K

2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M. Jocelyn Mangan, Him For Her, *Promoting Women for Corporate Boards*

JANUARY 19 (WEDNESDAY)

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Haleh Vaziri, Vaziri Research Management Consultancy, *Iran, Human Rights, and Me*

11:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M. B R E A K

11:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. Jennifer Hara, PC3 Media, *Public-Private Cooperation in the Infrastructure Bill*

JANUARY 20 (THURSDAY)

10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. Daniella Ballou-Aares, Leadership Now, *Reforming American Democracy*

11:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M. B R E A K

11:15 A.M.- 12:15 P.M. Becky Lee, Becky's Fund, *Ending Domestic Violence*

SPEAKERS - BIOGRAPHIES –

LAURA KHOR



Laura Khor is a policy expert, researcher, and lecturer with extensive experience on counterterrorism and cybersecurity. Currently, she is a policy consultant for Leidos.

Dr. Khor has had numerous professional and academic experiences in the private sector. She has worked with key organizations in the intelligence community such as Booz Allen Hamilton and Red Horse Corporation. Dr. Khor has published and lectured around the world to international law enforcement, national and international government officials, universities, and NGOs about counterterrorism, countering violent extremism (CVE), and terrorist radicalization.

Laura formerly served as associate director at the Osgood Center for International Studies, and she has been an adjunct assistant professor at Georgetown University's Center for Security Studies. Laura is a member of the Junior League of Washington, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and ARCS Foundation (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Foundation). Laura was selected as a 2019 Asian American and Pacific Islander National Security and Foreign Policy Next Generation Leader.

Dr. Khor got her Ph.D. in international relations from the University of Saint Andrews in Scotland. She got her B.A. in Mount Holyoke College.

LISA COHEN



Lisa Cohen was born and raised in Washington, DC and placed – along with her four older brothers – in the now-defunct Junior Village, followed by a slew of often traumatic foster-care placements. She was jockeyed among 13 different families. At the age of 17, she entered an independent-living program.

She began boxing in 1996, at the age of 28, and turned professional the next year, competing under the name of Lisa “Too Fierce” Foster. During her career, she won the IFBA (International Female Boxing Association) Junior Featherweight World Title. In 2002, while seeking the title, she established and ran Too Fierce Boxing & Fitness, a nonprofit Capitol City Champs for at-risk children ages 8-18, located in her hometown of Washington, DC. Lisa is a motivational speaker for women, children, young adults and government agencies engaged in foster care. She is the author of *Being Too Fierce: One Woman's Incredible Journey from Foster Care to World Championship Boxer* (2015).

KRISTIN N. SABOE



Kristin N. Saboe, Ph.D., is an Army veteran, nationally recognized leader, Industrial-Organizational Psychologist, public speaker, and strategist. Her writing, research, and community involvement focus on veteran and military spouse employment, human performance optimization, leadership, and well-being in both military and civilian settings.

She is the author of a recently published book, *Military Veterans Employment: A Guide for the Data-Driven Leader*, the recipient of early career psychologist awards in 2019 by the Society for Military Psychology and in 2020 by the Society for Industrial-Organizational Psychology, and a 2019 President George W Bush Institute Veterans Leadership Program Scholar. She currently is the global leader for Employee Listening & Research at The Boeing Company, continues to serve in the Army Reserves, and is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University.

VICE ADMIRAL MARY JACKSON



Jackson retired in July 2020 after over three decades of service in the United States Navy. She began her career as a Surface Warfare Officer serving on and off Navy warships achieving command of USS McFAUL (DDG 74), an Arleigh Burke class destroyer. She subsequently went on to command the Navy's largest Navy base, Naval Station Norfolk where she was the equivalent of a city manager or Mayor for a city with a population of 64,000 people, managing operational and service industries while managing the Navy's relationship with local agencies, surrounding communities, regulators, and national media.

Upon selection as a Flag Officer, she served in Shore installation Regional and Enterprise level (Navy Installations Command) assignments ultimately accountable for \$7.5B and 53,000 personnel executing efficient and effective operational, material and personnel programs from facility management, utilities, port and air operations, security, crisis response, and Sailor/family support services (lodging, food services, childcare, fitness) for 71 Navy installations across 10 Regions providing global support to the Navy and Joint forces.

Currently, Jackson remains engaged through a portfolio of activities, including service as an Independent Director, consulting as an advisor to clients, and serving as a board member for the Greater Jacksonville Area USO and the Surface Navy Association. Additionally, she is the Chair of the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Centerstone Jacksonville Advisory Council and serves on the Blue Star Families Racial Equity Committee.

Jackson holds a Bachelors Degree in Physics (Oceanography emphasis) from the United States Naval Academy and a Masters of Engineering Management from George Washington University.

Vice Admiral Jackson was raised in the Middle East, where her father worked for U.S. Geological Survey, and claims Texas as her home state. She and her family currently reside in Jacksonville, Florida.

LARA BROWN



Dr. Brown is a frequent presence in the media, appearing on dozens of television and radio programs, and serving as an expert on national elections and candidate strategies, political scandals, and presidential leadership for scores of print publications. She has written for op-eds and blogs for The New York Times, The Washington Post, Politico, The Hill, U.S. News and World Report, The Philadelphia Inquirer and The Huffington Post.

Born and raised in California, Dr. Brown earned her B.A., M.A., and Ph. D. in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles. She earned a M.A. in American politics and public policy from the University of Arizona. Her doctoral dissertation centered on the electoral fortunes of congressional incumbents tarnished by political scandals.

Dr. Brown grew up racing sailboats on the San Francisco Bay and she is an avid college football fan. She is married and lives with her husband in Washington, D.C.

Before coming to George Washington University, Lara Brown served as an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at Villanova University. Prior to returning to academia in 2004, she worked as an education policy and public affairs consultant in Silicon Valley and Los Angeles. Dr. Brown served as a political appointee in President William J. Clinton's administration at the U.S. Department of Education.

LINDA SOLOMON



Ms. Solomon is a senior executive recently selected to serve on the board of Knightscope, a Silicon Valley-based robotics company. During the past 30 years, she has worked in the corporate, government, and non-profit sectors. She advises CEOs on growth strategies and leadership succession, designs global expansion initiatives, and directs complex program execution. Beginning her career as an analyst, Linda ultimately served on the Deloitte & Touche USA Board's CEO Nominating Committee, led its national security and international diplomacy/development practices, and advised key international manufacturing organizations on supply chain and business management excellence. As part of Deloitte's executive team, she managed a \$1.5B portfolio and 7000-person staff and has been recognized by Consulting Magazine as one of the USA's "Top 25 Consultants". In 1997, she launched Deloitte Consulting's diversity initiative – both nationally and globally.

In 2016, Ms. Solomon embarked on a new path to pursue her lifelong passion of empowering under-represented youth. In particular, she invests her time and talents towards creating international, cross-cultural youth exchange opportunities and has established a new social impact model, STEMbiotic Communities, founded on cross-sector, collaborative partnership and impact at-scale principles.

Linda holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Mathematics (University of Pennsylvania) and a master's in business administration (New York University's Stern School of Business). Linda has run five marathons and loves to play games – both tennis and bridge. She raised one step-daughter and is an aunt to eleven Millennial and Gen Z nieces and nephews.

MONICA SMITH



Monica M. Smith is the Associate Director of the Smithsonian's Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation, National Museum of American History (NMAH). Since 1995, she has played a lead role in museum exhibitions, public programs, and other invention research and educational initiatives. Her major projects include serving as the project director, co-curator, and principal investigator for three National Science Foundation grant-funded exhibitions: *Game Changers* (in progress); *Places of Invention*, winner of the inaugural 2017 Smithsonian Excellence in Exhibitions Award; and *Invention at Play*, a traveling exhibition that won the prestigious American Alliance of Museum's Excellence in Exhibition award. A selection of other Smithsonian exhibition projects she worked on include: *Picturing Women Inventors* (on display at NMAH); *Time and Navigation: The Untold Story of Getting from Here to There* (on display at the National Air and Space Museum); and *From Frying Pan to Flying V: The Rise of the Electric Guitar* (closed). Monica writes frequently for the Center's blog, has published articles in journals and books, and is a featured expert in the Smithsonian Channel's award-winning film "Electrified: The Guitar Revolution." In addition, Monica served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Museum Education* (2005-08) and is currently on the Foundation Board of the Rotary Club of Washington, DC.

She earned a BA in history from Pomona College and a non-profit management executive certificate from Georgetown University.

ELISSA MCCARTER LABORDE



Elissa McCarter LaBorde is the President and CEO of the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU). As the first female President and CEO of the organization, Ms LaBorde brings more than two decades of experience in the financial sector, particularly leading organizations that provide globally financial services to underserved communities.

A proven leader in international development, prior to 2009, Ms LaBorde served as CEO of Vitas Group, a for-profit holding company she established under Global Communities, an international development and humanitarian aid organization that operates in 27 countries. Vitas Group has become the largest commercial retail microfinance operation in the Middle East. Over the last decade, its subsidiaries have disbursed over \$3 billion dollars at a less than 1% annual default rate to small business owners. Vitas employs over 1,300 local professional staff in Romania, Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, Iraq, and Egypt, with a dedicated

Elissa McCarter LaBorde has lived and worked in five countries (France, Benin, Armenia, Turkey, and Zimbabwe) and has traveled to over 70 countries around the world. She is a published author of two books, as well as several academic journals and essays related to financial inclusion and economic development.

LISA FAGER BEDIAKO



Lisa Fager Bediako is an expert in social marketing and independently consults on civic engagement and public health issues. She draws upon 18 years of experience in various marketing and public relations roles for major entertainment and broadcasting companies including Def Jam Records, CBS Radio, Capitol-EMI Records and Discovery Communications. She is currently the Executive Director @ Mount Zion serves as a senior advisor to the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation working with Black women and youth across the country to encourage full participation in democracy through educational programs and leadership training.

Prior to this, she worked with the Hip Hop Caucus as Director Public Policy and Solutions engaging youth leaders and developing tactics to increase youth engagement in civic education, voter registration, organizing, mobilizing and public policy. Ms. Bediako is also the co-founder of Industry Ears, a media watchdog group. She testified before the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee and the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection on the FCC's lax stance towards broadcast programming directed at communities of color.

Ms. Bediako has been featured as an expert on youth empowerment in USA Today, Billboard Magazine, Essence Magazine, The Crisis magazine, The Washington Post, Jon Stewart Daily Show and New York Daily. She served on the organizing committee for the 2013 Black Youth Project convening that launched the millennial Black activist group BYP100. Ms. Bediako received her MBA from Johns Hopkins University and resides in the Washington/Baltimore Metro area.

MARY BETH RAY



Mary Beth brings coaching clients the best of a 30-year career leading nonprofits, practicing law, and managing teams. Mary Beth challenges and inspires clients to deepen self-awareness and strengthen emotional intelligence, leading to growth, empowerment, fulfillment, successful teams and great leadership.

She specializes in coaching leaders and teams, including nonprofits, law firms, companies, and universities, and she helps teach Leadership Coaching for Organizational Performance at American University through Heidrick & Struggles in Washington, DC. She is PCC-certified with the International Coach Federation (ICF).

Mary Beth partners with diverse teams to help them define a vision, move from vision to action, and broker solutions with varied constituents along the way. She has experience coaching under-represented leaders and teams, and she believes that reinforces diversity, equity and inclusion programs, leading to sustainable results. Individual and team assessments can provide powerful insight to clients, and Mary Beth is certified in DISC, Driving Forces and EQ, through TTISI.

A New Orleans native, Mary Beth graduated from Vanderbilt University and LSU law school. She practiced law in Hong Kong (Exxon Chemical and Hyatt International), Louisiana (Davenport, Files & Kelly), and Washington, DC (MCI Communications Corporation).

In 2012, she was elected Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for the largest ANC district in DC. She has served on numerous nonprofit boards, and most recently cofounded and served as president of Van Ness Main Street, where she worked with over 1,000 stakeholders, including C-level city officials, agency heads, senior university administrators, nonprofits, commercial property owners, business leaders, real estate developers, ambassadors, and local residents. She has initiated, advocated for and secured \$4.5 million through creative events, grants, advocacy and major gift initiatives across her work with different organizations.

KYLIE ATWOOD



Ms. Kylie Atwood is a CNN journalist who specialized in national security issues. She joined CNN in January of 2019. Since then, she has covered stories on U.S. – North Korea talks, former President Trump’s meetings with Kim Jong Un and the recent Trump impeachment hearings.

Prior to joining CNN, Ms. Atwood worked as a CBS news reporter responsible for covering State Department events across the world.

Ms. Atwood graduated cum laude from Middlebury College with a major in international studies and a minor in economics. During college, she interned for 60 minutes and Global Post.

RACHEL EVANS



As Executive Director, Rachel Evans works alongside the CityBridge team, community stakeholders, and external partners to support leaders and incubate ideas that will radically transform the equity and opportunity landscape for DC students. CityBridge focuses on incubating the people, ideas, and conversations needed for equity-driven innovation in DC’s public schools.

Prior to joining CityBridge, Rachel was a White House Fellow at the Department of Defense. She began her career in education as a high school English teacher in Baltimore and later joined Teach For America staff as a recruitment director. After serving as a school administrator in the Cristo Rey Network, she started at TNTP (formerly The New Teacher Project) as the Site Manager for the Oakland Teaching Fellows program.

Later, she launched TNTP’s statewide expansion from Phoenix into Yuma and the Navajo Nation as the Site Director for the Arizona Teaching Fellows program. In her final three years at TNTP, she built out the organization’s business development function as the Partner overseeing strategic growth. She currently serves on the board of directors for the Capital Pride Alliance. Rachel is a graduate of Texas A&M and Johns Hopkins University, and she lives in Washington, DC.

JOCELYN MANGAN



Jocelyn Mangan is the CEO and Founder of Him For Her, a social enterprise whose aim is to change for-profit boards of directors to include the world's most talented women. Previously, she held various executive positions at Snagajob, including serving as Chief Operating Officer and prior to that, as Chief Product and Marketing Officer. Earlier, Ms. Mangan was Senior Vice President Product at OpenTable. Ms. Mangan currently serves on the Board of Directors of ChowNow, an online food ordering system and marketing platform, and Papa Johns.

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Ms. Mangan was honored as a member of the 2016 class of Henry Crown Fellows and the Aspen Global Leadership Network at the Aspen Institute. She was named to Fast Company's 2015 list of "100 Most Creative People in Business" and to Business Insider's 2014 list of the "32 Most Powerful Women in Mobile Advertising." She graduated from Vanderbilt University.

As a product technology executive with over 20 years' experience building iconic global products for CitySearch, Ticketmaster, OpenTable and Snagajob, she focuses on what the technology is doing for the business. She believes in a broad application of design and design thinking particularly applied to organizational development and inclusive of cross-functional teams.

As a business leader, entrepreneur, and mother of two, she advocates that work and family can thrive together.

HALEH VAZIRI



Haleh Vaziri is the founder of VRMC (Vaziri Research Management Consultancy), established in 2010. Her motto is "Asking the right questions, offering you insights for action." She advises a diverse clientele on issues of democratization, human rights, media markets and public diplomacy vis-a-vis the research management process and proposal preparation, survey questionnaire design, analytic writing, presentations, conference planning and curriculum development. Her clients have included Edison Research, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and the Women's Learning Partnership for Rights, Development and Peace.

Prior to striking out on her own, Haleh worked for over a decade at the InterMedia Survey Institute as the Regional Research Manager for the Middle East and North Africa, implementing audience and public opinion studies for clients seeking to reach media consumers in the MENA. She has supervised and trained qualitative and quantitative research teams in Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon,

Morocco, Qatar, Tunisia, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates. She was additionally responsible for studies conducted in Afghanistan, Algeria, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Yemen, adapting market research methodologies to the needs of difficult-to-access populations.

Haleh holds a PhD in international relations from Georgetown University and was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard University's Center for Middle Eastern Studies. She has authored numerous articles and conference papers, concentrating in large part on Iranian politics. She has co-authored four human rights education guide books, among them, *Victories over Violence: Ensuring Safety for Women and Girls, A Practitioner's Manual* (2012). A strong believer in volunteerism, Haleh is a member of the Washington, DC Rotary Club and has served as its Secretary and Ombudswoman.

JENNIFER HARA



Jennifer has over twenty years of experience in the private sector, focusing on international and domestic project development, financial structuring and training. Jennifer has an intimate knowledge of public private partnerships (P3s), political decision making, international project finance, and economic and strategic planning. She has served as President of the prestigious Washington, DC Rotary Club and is still an active Rotarian.

She currently is working as the brand director for P3C Media, which hosts seven infrastructure focused conferences in the United States focusing on innovative and alternative project delivery and P3s. She has a Master of Arts in International Economics from the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University and a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and International Politics from Seattle University.

DANIELLA BALLOU-AARES



Daniella Ballou-Aares is the Founder and CEO of the Leadership Now Project, a national membership organization of business and thought leaders committed to fixing American democracy.

Daniella began her career at Bain & Company, working across the firm's offices in the US, South Africa, and the UK. From there she became a founding Partner at Dalberg, where she led Americas business and transformed the startup into the largest social impact strategy firm with 25 offices worldwide.

She spent five years in the Obama Administration as the Senior Advisor for Development to the Secretary of State, serving under Secretaries Clinton and Kerry. Daniella's perspectives have been featured in the Harvard Business Review, The New York Times, Fast Company, POLITICO, and the World Economic Forum. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and was a 2014 World Economic Forum Young Global Leader. She holds an MBA from Harvard Business School, an MPA from the Kennedy School; she graduated cum laude from Cornell with a BS in Operations Research and Industrial Engineering.

BECKY LEE



As a young leader and catalyst for change in the fight against domestic violence, Ms. Becky Lee is the force behind Becky's Fund, a cutting-edge source of social change and public service based in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Lee received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Women's Studies from the University of Michigan and then continued on to receive her Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Interested in the prevention of domestic violence, Ms. Lee has been working on issues concerning domestic violence survivors over the last twelve years as an advocate, a policy associate and an attorney. She is also passionate about creating awareness on the specific needs of battered immigrant women, such as language access and cultural competency. Additionally, she has worked as a kickboxing instructor for over six years and has focused on helping battered women regain their confidence and self-esteem through her classes.

Ms. Lee brings her expertise on domestic violence not only to her role as Executive Director of Becky's Fund, but also to the individuals and families with whom she works personally. Ms. Lee first became aware of the tragedies of domestic violence during a college lecture delivered by a criminal attorney who specialized in acquitting battered women who were imprisoned for killing their abusers in self defense. The impact of this lecture on Ms. Lee was so significant that she has dedicated her career to addressing the social, cultural and legal barriers that entrap domestic violence victims.

Domestic violence currently impacts one in three women in her lifetime and can happen to anyone regardless of age, race, or socioeconomic status. In 2006, Ms. Lee agreed to compete on the acclaimed CBS prime-time television show "Survivor: Cook Islands". The show's premise was a competition to test the survival skills of 20 people for 39 days on an uninhabited island. Ms. Lee believed that the strength needed to successfully compete had strong parallels with what domestic violence victims need to survive: individual inner strength combined with the ability to adapt to new obstacles. As second runner-up, she used the prize money to start Becky's Fund.

The prevention-based mission of Becky's Fund is to foster awareness of domestic violence, encourage advocacy among peers, promote activism through outreach programs and create support for victims. Domestic Violence can happen to anyone, regardless of age, background, or socioeconomic status. Becky's Fund openly confronts this issue and tackles it by finding ways to help those who are struggling with domestic violence to find safety for themselves and their children.

Becky's Fund executes its outreach strategy through national awareness and media campaigns, using radio, print and television public service announcements. The non-profit leverages education, Web 2.0 technology and essential resources to enable critical one-to-one connections between victims and survivors. These crucial resources take aim at the heart of damaging social beliefs that perpetuate a cycle of struggle among so many people in our community. Through its website and programs, Becky's Fund also connects donors with the specific needs of domestic violence victims. Currently, Ms. Lee is speaking on college campuses across the country to educate tens of thousands of students on how to recognize the warning signs of dating violence, how to get help, and how to help a friend in need.