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**White House Women and the Environment Summit  
Participant Bios**



**Linda S. Birnbaum**

Director

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and National Toxicology Program

Linda S. Birnbaum, Ph.D., is director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the National Toxicology Program (NTP). As NIEHS and NTP director, Birnbaum oversees a budget of \$780 million that funds biomedical research to discover how the environment influences human health and disease. The Institute also supports training, education, technology transfer, and community outreach. NIEHS currently funds more than 1,000 research grants. A native of New Jersey, Dr. Birnbaum received her M.S. and Ph.D. in microbiology from the

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

She is the author of more than 700 peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, abstracts, and reports. Birnbaum's own research focuses on the pharmacokinetic behavior of environmental chemicals; mechanisms of actions of toxicants, including endocrine disruption; and linking of real-world exposures to health effects. A board certified toxicologist, Birnbaum has served as a federal scientist for nearly 32 years. Prior to her appointment as NIEHS and NTP Director in 2009, she spent 19 years at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) where she directed the largest division focusing on environmental health research. Birnbaum started her federal career with 10 years at NIEHS, first as a senior staff fellow at the National Toxicology Program, then as a principal investigator and research microbiologist, and finally as a group leader for the Institute's Chemical Disposition Group. She is also an adjunct professor in the Gillings School of Global Public Health, and the Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



**Bicky Corman**

Deputy General Counsel

Environmental Protection Agency

Bicky Corman is the Deputy General Counsel at EPA and has served as the Deputy Associate Administrator for the Office of Policy. Bicky has handled environmental and policy issues at the local and federal levels and previously served at the EPA, the Department of Justice, the U.S. Senate and the District of Columbia Department of the Environment. Bicky I. Corman joins our agency from the District of Columbia's Department of the Environment, where she served as the General Counsel. Prior to working for the city, Bicky was a trial attorney for the Environment and Natural Resources Division/Environmental Enforcement Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, and earlier, staffed Senator Frank Lautenberg's Hazardous Waste Subcommittee. Bicky began her career at EPA as the Assistant Regional Counsel for Region 2 and as a staff attorney for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. Bicky graduated from Suffolk University Law School in Boston and completed her undergraduate education at the Sophie Newcomb College of Tulane University.



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**Michelle DePass**

Assistant Administrator of the Office of International and Tribal Affairs  
Environmental Protection Agency

Michelle DePass was confirmed by the Senate as the Assistant Administrator, Office of International Affairs (OIA), on April 28, 2009. As of March 2010, she assumed leadership of EPA's tribal portfolio and now is the Assistant Administrator for International and Tribal Affairs (OITA). DePass comes to EPA after serving as an Environment and Community Development Program Officer at the Ford Foundation. As Program Officer, she was responsible for supporting the development of sound environmental policies and practices in the local, national and international arenas.

As Assistant Administrator, she leads EPA's international and tribal portfolios, and is responsible for the full range of EPA's environmental policy development and program implementation in tribal lands and in sovereign nations outside of US borders. In this capacity, DePass represents the EPA within the United States government and works with tribal governments, foreign governments and international organizations on matters relating to the environment.

DePass is a lawyer, public administrator and policy maker who has worked with environmental and human and civil rights organizations, academic institutions, and labor. She has also worked in all levels of government, including city, state, and federal. She received her B.A. in Political Science from Tufts University, her law degree from Fordham University School of Law, and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Baruch College School of Public Affairs.

Before her time at the Ford Foundation, DePass taught federal environmental law and policy at the City University of New York, and developed a job training program for aspiring youth in conjunction with the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences. She also served as Executive Director of the New York City Environmental Justice Alliance. As Executive Director, she was an advocate to local communities and community organizations in environmental policy negotiations. DePass obtained experience in the regulatory realm as an environmental manager of the City of San Jose. She went on to practice law with the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York as a William Kunstler Racial Justice Fellow. DePass then returned to government as a Senior Policy Advisor at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). DePass was born in Queens, New York. She is the daughter of Rupert and Marsyl DePass from Jamaica, West Indies, and married to Joshua Paulson.

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**Tamara "TJ" DiCaprio**

Sr. Director, Environmental Sustainability  
Microsoft Corporation

As Sr. Director of Environmental Sustainability, TJ is responsible for designing and managing Microsoft's new carbon neutral policy with internal carbon fee model that drives accountability while supporting efficiency, renewable energy, and carbon offset projects. TJ has worked for Microsoft for 15 years, and has over 25 years of experience in the technology industry designing innovative global business models. She brings an educational background of Environmental Studies and Energy from the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) and graduate work in Sustainable Business and Clean Energy Policy from Marylhurst University, as well as a history of

policy leadership. TJ is a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO).

On a personal note, TJ is a certified pilot and enjoys sailing. She has led several expeditions piloting aircraft across the Americas and Africa, and sailed extensively off the coast of Croatia, French Polynesia, Marquesas, North America, St. Martin, and Turkey. TJ is a member of the Forterra Organization; Steering Committee member of the Environmental Studies Department at UCSB; Keystone founding member of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum; and an active member of the Explorer's Club.



### **Cynthia Giles**

Assistant Administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Assistant Administrator Cynthia Giles leads EPA's efforts to enforce our nation's environmental laws and advance environmental justice. Giles has committed EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance to aggressively going after pollution problems that make a difference in communities, resetting the office's relationship with states and improving transparency.

Under her leadership EPA is pursuing vigorous civil and criminal enforcement of the most serious violations of our nation's environmental laws, with a particular emphasis on addressing the problems of communities overburdened with pollution. Giles is also advancing use of new monitoring and information technologies to improve compliance and public accountability.

Giles has more than 30 years of service in the public, private and non-profit sectors. She prosecuted civil violators of environmental laws as an Assistant United States Attorney in Philadelphia, led the water protection program for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, served as the Director of Enforcement Coordination for EPA Region 3 and most recently was the Director of the Conservation Law Foundation's Advocacy Center in Rhode Island.

Giles has a BA from Cornell University, a JD from the University of California at Berkeley and an MPA from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.



### **The Honorable Dot Harris**

Director of the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity  
U.S. Department of Energy

Dot Harris was nominated by President Obama to be the Director of the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity at the United States Department of Energy. She was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on March 29, 2012. Ms. Harris brings nearly 30 years of management and leadership experience to this position, having served at some of the world's largest firms and leading a successful energy, IT, and healthcare consulting firm.

As an Assistant Secretary at the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, Ms. Harris leads the Department of Energy's efforts to ensure minorities and historically underrepresented communities are afforded an opportunity to participate fully in our energy programs. Ms. Harris oversees a corporate funding strategy for minority institutions, develops the current and future Departmental workforce, works closely to develop small business

contracting opportunities at the Department, and protects the civil rights of Departmental employees and recipients of funding from the Department.

Ms. Harris brings a wealth of knowledge to this work, having been deeply engaged in the energy sector, small business innovation, and strategic partnerships. Previously, Ms. Harris was the President and CEO of Jabo Industries, LLC, a minority-woman owned management consulting firm concentrated primarily in the energy, information technology and healthcare industries.

Ms. Harris has also served as an executive at General Electric Company (GE) and held a number of leadership positions in GE's Energy and Industrial Systems businesses. After joining GE in 2000, as the E-Business Leader for Engineering Services, Ms. Harris was critical in expanding GE's business operations and energy sector growth. GE tasked her with key operations roles, including responsibility for the North Region power services businesses, responsibility for the Central U.S./Canada's integrated power generation, and, beginning in 2009, oversight over all marketing for GE's industrial businesses as GE's Global Marketing Leader. Before joining GE, Ms. Harris was an officer and Vice President of Operations & Production for ABB Service, Inc. She also spent twelve years as Field Services Engineer and Services Manager with Westinghouse Electric Company.

Ms. Harris holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina and a M.S. in Technology Management from Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Georgia.



### **Lisa Falconer**

Director  
Spitfire Strategies

Lisa Falconer has over a decade of experience developing strategic communication plans for nonprofit and public sector clients. At Spitfire, Lisa provides communication guidance, message development, branding, training and media relations to a wide range of clients including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Greenpeace, the Ford Foundation, the Colorado Trust, the Heinz Endowments and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Lisa leads Spitfire's work for the Heinz Endowments and is working with several air quality grantees to push for strong policies that improve the air in southwestern Pennsylvania. Thanks to their collaborative efforts, Allegheny County updated its 25-year-old air toxic guidelines to better protect residents against public health threats. She also worked with Greenpeace USA to link the organization's various programs and efforts under one cohesive messaging strategy. This positioning guidance has led to greater clarity among staff members about how to communicate Greenpeace's work in a way that resonates with priority audience targets.

Prior to joining Spitfire, Lisa was a senior consultant at BearingPoint, where she worked in the public service sector's change management group. In this role, Lisa developed and led large-scale strategic communication efforts at a variety of federal government agencies, including the National Institutes of Health, the Patent and Trademark Office and the National Archives.

Before working at BearingPoint, Lisa served as the communications coordinator for the International City Management Association's (ICMA) International Division. During her time at ICMA, she transformed the content and design of the division's website, quadrupled the average monthly media coverage of ICMA International's development activities and conducted training sessions that taught employees about media pitching and donor, partner and congressional outreach. Lisa also worked as an intern at both M+R Strategic

Services and the Dewey Square Group, where she assisted in the execution of public affairs strategies for nonprofit and commercial clients. Lisa holds a master's degree in public administration and a B.A. in political science and public communication from American University.

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**MaryAnne Howland**

Founder, President & Chief Excitement Officer  
Ibis Communications, Inc.

MaryAnne leads a team of creative professionals at Ibis who work together to provide comprehensive marketing communications services including branding, advertising, public relations, direct marketing, and digital marketing for external and internal audiences. The company specializes in bridging to new markets with innovative and inclusive creative solutions that have multicultural and social impact.

She has been diversity and multicultural marketing consultant to well known brands such as HCA Healthcare Corporation, Pitney Bowes, Toyota, N.A., and Vanderbilt University. Ibis has worked alongside the cable and telecommunications industry for nearly twenty years with leading networks, MSOs and organizations such as Comcast, TV One, Scripps Networks, Black Entertainment Television (BET), National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC), and the Walter Kaitz Foundation.

MaryAnne currently chairs the board of Social Venture Network, the premiere organization of social entrepreneurs who are transforming the way the world does business. [www.svn.org](http://www.svn.org). She has been recently named to the board of the American Sustainable Business Council, a DC-based advocacy agency. MaryAnne is co-founder and CEO of the Global Diversity Leadership Exchange, an on-going dialogue with C-Suite level executives on global diversity and inclusion in emerging markets. MaryAnne is also co-founder and president of the Motorsports Institute, a 501C3 non-profit with a mission to motivate and inspire academic excellence among students by rewarding them with an experience in racing.

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**Wonya Lucas**

Board Member  
National Environmental Education Foundation

Most recently, Wonya Lucas was President and CEO for TV One, where she was responsible for the strategic vision, brand strategy and operations for TV One. Prior to joining TV One, Lucas held several positions at Discovery Communications including Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Discovery Channel and Science Channel and Global Chief Marketing Officer where she led brand strategy, marketing operations and coordination across Discovery's global businesses encompassing 210 countries and over 130 networks.

Prior to joining Discovery Communications in 2008, Lucas served as General Manager and Executive Vice President of The Weather Channel Networks, where she was responsible for corporate strategy and development, strategic marketing for The Weather Channel and weather.com, and operations and programming for The Weather Channel networks. Before joining The Weather Channel in 2002 as Executive Vice President of Marketing, Lucas held several positions at Turner Broadcasting System, including Senior Vice President of Strategic Marketing for CNN Networks Worldwide and Vice President of Business Operations and Network Development for TBS, TNT, Turner Classic Movies and Turner South. Her other experience includes brand management roles for The Coca-Cola Company and The Clorox Company. Lucas began her career with Westinghouse Electric as a Product Engineer.

Lucas currently serves on several boards including NEEF (National Environmental Education Foundation), Girl Scouts USA, and the Georgia Tech Advisory Board. Lucas is a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology with a B.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering and The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania with an M.B.A in Finance and Marketing. Lucas has two daughters, Alexis and Sydney.

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**Mary Luévano**

Policy and Legislative Affairs Director  
Global Green USA

Mary Luévano serves as the Policy and Legislative Affairs Director of Global Green USA, the US affiliate of Green Cross International, the environmental group founded by Mikhail S. Gorbachev. Ms. Luévano oversees policy and legislative initiatives related to sustainable building, clean energy and climate change in addition to advising on a range of other policy issues for Global Green. She and the Policy staff work to educate decision makers and champion model policies in the areas of green affordable housing, green schools, green municipal buildings, solar and other renewable energy technologies. Much of the work focuses on the needs of low-income communities and crafting policies that engage new constituencies in the fight against climate change.

Prior to joining the organization, Ms. Luévano worked for 8 years as a Congressional staffer serving in the offices of US Senator Alan Cranston, US Reps. Augustus Hawkins, Calvin Dooley and Jane Harman. Her legislative duties included work on environmental, defense technology, and business issues among others.

In 2004, Ms Luevano was appointed by Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn to serve on the City of LA's Recreation and Parks Board of Commissioners where she was elected Vice President. In that capacity, she also served as the alternate representative to the LA Coliseum Commission. Prior to that, Ms. Luévano served for three years (one as President) on the City of LA's Environmental Affairs Commission. She has also served on the UCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors as Chair of the Government Relations Alumni Advocacy Committee. Ms. Luévano holds a Bachelors Degree in Political Science/International Relations from UCLA and has completed the Congressional Research Service's Graduate Legislative Institute in Washington, DC. She lives in Culver City, California.

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**Gina McCarthy**

Assistant Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency

As Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, Gina McCarthy has been a leading advocate for common-sense strategies to protect public health and the environment. Prior to her confirmation, McCarthy served as the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. In her 25 year career, she has worked at both the state and local levels on critical environmental issues and helped coordinate policies on economic growth, energy, transportation and the environment.

McCarthy received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Anthropology from the University of Massachusetts at Boston and a joint Master of Science in Environmental Health Engineering and Planning and Policy from Tufts University.



## **Nancy Santiago Negrón**

Acting Deputy Director  
U.S. Department of Labor

Nancy Santiago Negrón is a researcher, policy advisor and thought leader on workforce creativity and innovation with vast experience in labor and workforce development, women's issues, education management and community organizing. With a strong interest in international relations, she is passionate about helping people leverage their creative talent for the economic improvement of communities across the globe. Focused on innovation and creativity, workforce development and education, her leadership skills have been employed in educational institutions, non-profit organizations, corporations and cultural organizations.

In June 2010, Nancy was appointed to the position of Senior Policy Advisor and Chief of Research at the U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau in Washington, D.C. Now, in her current role as Deputy Director of the Women's Bureau, Nancy works to advance the vision of the Bureau--empowering all working women to achieve economic security. She is responsible for positioning the Bureau as a critical thought leader on women's issues. Through active research, Nancy identifies areas that need improvement for the country's 72 million working women. She uses that research to identify inform the development of effective workforce policies to improve the way our country's women work and live.

At speaking engagements, Nancy addresses the importance of developing a workforce that is prepared to meet the needs of a changing economic landscape while leveling the playing field for marginalized populations. Nancy's end goal is to develop a diverse, creative workforce that becomes THE creative force for our nation providing opportunities for some of our hardest-to-employ workers meet with personal and professional success.

An inspirational activist and speaker she has received numerous awards and recognitions including the Young Hispanic Leaders program in Madrid, Spain, the 2009 "Woman of Distinction" awarded by El Diario La Prensa, New York's largest Spanish language newspaper and the Woman of Merit Award in Education awarded by the Al Día Newspaper and GlaxoSmithKline in Philadelphia.

Nancy is a native Philadelphian, graduate of the Philadelphia public school district and a two time graduate, Bachelor and Master degrees, of Temple University.



## **Laura O'Donohue**

Owner, Manager  
Snow Hill Farm

Laura O'Donohue is the owner and manager of Snow Hill Farm, a working farm area on over 100 acres of gardens, pastures, and woods in North Salem, New York. Snow Hill Farm was established to bring fresh healthful food to the community while practicing responsible organic farming. Ms. O'Donohue currently serves on several boards, including the Stanford Educational Farm, the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York, Audubon New York, The New 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, and Audubon Women in Conservation. Ms. O'Donohue has a B.A. in Economics from the University of California at Los Angeles.





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### **Stephanie Owens**

Deputy Associate Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency

Stephanie Owens is the Deputy Associate Administrator for the Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education in the Office of the Administrator at the Environmental Protection Agency. She is responsible for the management and oversight of the Offices of Public Engagement, Environmental Education and Special Projects/Product Review. In her role, she advises Administrator Lisa P. Jackson and other senior EPA officials on strategic efforts to collaborate with business, industry and non-governmental organizations. She also leads EPA's public engagement efforts to build capacity in ethnically and socio-economically diverse communities to broaden the participation in the environmental movement.

Stephanie was formally the senior vice president of The Agency LLC, a consulting firm specializing in the development of corporate social responsibility strategies. Her clients included the National Football League and Major League Baseball. She also served as the Vice President of Collaborative Initiatives for the American Cancer Society, Special Assistant to Vice President Al Gore for the Federal Interagency Task Force on St. Petersburg, Senior Advisor to Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and Special Assistant to Secretary Henry Cisneros.

Owens is a graduate of the University of Southern California and native of Detroit, Michigan.

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### **Jacqui Patterson**

Director  
NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Program

Since 2007 Patterson has served as coordinator and co-founder of Women of Color United. Recently a global women's rights consultant, Jacqui Patterson has worked as a researcher, program manager, coordinator, advocate and activist working on women's rights, violence against women, HIV&AIDS, racial justice, economic justice, and environmental and climate justice. Patterson served as a Senior Women's Rights Policy Analyst for ActionAid where she integrated a women's rights lens for the issues of food rights, macroeconomics, and climate change as well as the intersection of violence against women and HIV&AIDS. Previously, she served as Assistant Vice-President of HIV/AIDS Programs for IMA World Health providing management and technical assistance to medical facilities and programs in 23 countries in Africa and the Caribbean.

Patterson served as the Outreach Project Associate for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Research Coordinator for Johns Hopkins University. A returned U.S. Peace Corps Jamaica volunteer, Patterson holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Maryland and a master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University. She currently serves on the Executive Committee for the Congressional Black Caucus Fellows Alumni Network, The Coordination Team of the Gender Justice Working Group of the US Social Forum, the Advisory Committee for The Grandmothers' Project, the Steering Committee of interfaith Moral Action on Climate Change, as well as serves on the Board of Directors for the Institute of the Black World and US Climate Action Network.



## Allison Rockefeller

The National Audubon Society's Women In Conservation Program, Founder  
The National Audubon Society's Rachel Carson Awards Council, Founding Chair

Allison Whipple Rockefeller is deeply committed to the communication of American heritage, history, and values, especially as these pertain to our national resources and the role of nature in shaping American history and American character. Allison is the founder of the National Audubon Society's Women In Conservation Program and Founding Chair of the program's Rachel Carson Awards Council. The Women In Conservation Program was created for girls and women to discover the world of conservation and connect with the best and brightest women leaders in the environmental movement. The program promotes environmental education through a website, [womeninconservation.org](http://womeninconservation.org), a

competitive internship program, and a school outreach initiative which brings prominent women environmentalists into all-girls schools.

The centerpiece of the program is The National Audubon Society's Rachel Carson Award, one of the most coveted awards for American women in the environmental movement, celebrating the history, stature and significance of women's environmental achievements. The Rachel Carson Award is presented annually in New York City and since 2004 has recognized 37 women whose immense talent, expertise, and energy has greatly advanced conservation and the environmental movement locally and globally. Honorees are chosen from the worlds of grassroots activism, environmental justice, journalism, academia, science, land protection, entertainment, business, law and philanthropy. The Award celebrates its 10th anniversary in New York City May 29, 2013 and will salute women's achievements in environmental history including the vast importance of Rachel Carson and Lady Bird Johnson. Additionally, all past honorees will be saluted for their continued commitment. Historian Douglas Brinkley will be making remarks on his much anticipated book, Rachel Carson and the Silent Spring Revolution.

Allison has been a lifelong conservationist with a deep-seated love for nature and the American landscape. She was elected the first Alumna Board Chair of the Student Conservation Association thirty years after she served as a high school volunteer in its program. The organization, started by Elizabeth Titus Putnam in 1958, has sent more than 85,000 student volunteers into National Parks across the country and instilled in Allison a lifelong love of American parkland. Since then, she has dedicated much focus to the creation, preservation and promotion of American parks and open space on the national, state, and local level. As a native New Yorker, Allison has served as Commission Member to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in the Saratoga/Capital District and currently in the New York City Region, serving under four Governors. She is a long-time member of the Women's Board of the Central Park Conservancy.

Allison Rockefeller has also joined the effort in environmental revitalization and Brownfield reclamation. She founded Cornerstone Parks, the "Pumps-to-Parks" Initiative, which worked to create a network of small parks and community centers by converting closed gas station sites and their buildings into open green space and centers for community use promoting community economic development, Brownfield reclamation and adaptive reuse. New York State's "Pumps-to-Parks" program was created to address the challenge of the 200,000+ closed gas stations across America. It was adopted as a state program by Governor Eliot Spitzer.

She is immensely proud to be a woman in conservation and hopes to bring many girls and women into this important work who might not have been inspired to do so.



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**Robin Strongin**

President & CEO  
Amplify Public Affairs

Robin Strongin, President and CEO of Amplify Public Affairs, and Creator and Founder of the award winning Disruptive Women in Health Care blog, is an accomplished public affairs expert with 30 years of experience working in Washington, DC. Ms. Strongin has worked with and for Federal and state governments, regulatory agencies, Congress, think tanks, nonprofit organizations, corporations, coalitions and trade associations. Before becoming President & CEO of Amplify, a woman-owned small business, Ms. Strongin was a Managing Partner at the public affairs firm Polidais, LLC. Before Polidais, she served as a Senior Research Associate with the National Health Policy Forum at George Washington University, and served as acting Executive Director and Director of Research for the Health Care Technology Institute.

Her previous tenures with health and policy organizations include the National Leadership Coalition on Health Care and the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission (now the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission). Ms. Strongin was selected as a Presidential Management Intern and worked in the Office of Legislation and Policy of the Health Care Financing Administration (now the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid), in addition to serving in the Office of Congressman James J. Florio (D-NJ).

Ms. Strongin is a member of the Women Business Leaders of the US Health Care Industry Foundation and serves on the following boards: Kaiser Permanente's Institute for Health Policy, The Institute for Music and Neurologic Function (a member of the Beth Abraham Health Services); The Older Women's League (OWL); Physician-Parent Caregivers, Consumer Action's Corporate Advisory Board and The Hill Newspaper Publisher's Advisory Board.



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**Nancy Stoner**

Acting Assistant Administrator for Water  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Since February 1, 2010, Nancy Stoner has been serving as the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Effective February 13, 2011, she has been serving as the Acting Assistant Administrator for Water.

Ms. Stoner's extensive career in environmental policy and law began in 1987 as a trial attorney in the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Following her time at the Department of Justice, she served as Director of the Office of Policy Analysis in the office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency where she contributed to development of EPA's environmental auditing and self-disclosure policies. Most recently Ms. Stoner served as the Co-Director of the Natural Resources Defense Council's (NRDC) Water Program. As the Director, she was responsible for supporting the development of sound environmental policies and practices to protect water resources under the clean Water Act. Among her many responsibilities, Ms. Stoner spearheaded NRDC's work to clean up the Anacostia River in Washington, DC including facilitating the use of green infrastructure and low-impact development measures that reduce stormwater flows and sewer overflows into the Anacostia. Ms. Stoner is a 1986 graduate of Yale Law School and a 1982 graduate of the University of Virginia.



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## **Nancy Sutley**

Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality

As Chair, Nancy serves as the principal environmental policy adviser to the President. Prior to her appointment, Sutley was the Deputy Mayor for Energy and Environment for the city of Los Angeles, California. She represented Los Angeles on the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and served on the California State Water Resources Control Board from 2003- 2005. Sutley also worked for California Governor Gray Davis as Energy Advisor, managing state and federal regulations, legislative affairs, finances and press relations. She served as Deputy Secretary for policy and intergovernmental relations in the California EPA from 1999-2003. She advised on water and air pollution policy, and established budget and

legislative priorities. During the administration of President William J. Clinton, Sutley worked for the EPA as a Senior Policy Advisor to the Regional Administrator in San Francisco and special assistant to the Administrator in Washington, D.C.

Nancy received her bachelor's degree from Cornell University and her Master in Public Policy from Harvard University.

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## **Diane Thompson**

Chief of Staff  
EPA

Diane E. Thompson is Chief of Staff at the Environmental Protection Agency. As Chief of Staff, Ms. Thompson is a senior advisor to the Administrator and the Agency's senior leadership. She also is responsible for managing the Office of the Administrator. Ms.

Thompson has worked for more than two decades at the highest levels of government and the non-profit sector, building experience in law and policy, and advocating on a range of public health and environmental issues. She previously served at EPA as Associate Administrator for Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.

Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Ms. Thompson served as Vice President for Public Policy and Communications at the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. From 2001-2004, she was an Environment Program Officer of The Pew Charitable Trusts. Ms. Thompson served eight years in the Clinton-Gore Administration in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency. Previously, Ms. Thompson was Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski; a partner in both a public policy consulting firm and a law firm; Counsel for the National Organization for Women and the San Francisco Human Rights Commission; and an adjunct faculty member at Hastings College of the Law, University of California. She holds a bachelor's degree from Vassar College and a law degree from George Washington University National Law Center.



## **Elizabeth Yeampierre**

Executive Director  
UPROSE

UPROSE is a 45 year-old nationally recognized intergenerational and multi-racial community based organization. Located in Sunset Park, Brooklyn- NYC's largest significant maritime industrial area UPROSE is dedicated to environmental and social justice. Elizabeth received her BA in Political Science from Fordham University and law degree from Northeastern University School of Law. She is admitted to practice in the States of New York and New Jersey.

Elizabeth is part of the New York City environmental justice leadership responsible for getting NY State's first Brownfield legislation and NYC's Solid Waste Management Plan passed. In Sunset Park, Brooklyn she facilitated an aggressive urban forestry initiative, helped double the amount of open space and developed a project that resulted in the retro-fit and re-powering of diesel trucks for a local business. She successfully organized a community coalition that defeated a 520 mega-watt power plant application. Elizabeth created a community participatory model that resulted in a community led greenway design for the waterfront and has become the model for building community resilience. Over \$10million dollars have been allocated for the greenway and park. Recently, the NYS Regional Economic Council awarded NYC DOT a \$1.2m grant to partner with UPROSE to facilitate community engagement in planning an upland connector that would connect the community and the industrial waterfront using climate adaptation and community resilience tools. In response to community demand after Hurricane Sandy, UPROSE has launched the Sunset Park Climate Justice and Community Resiliency Center, NYC's first grassroots-led, bottom-up, climate adaptation and community resiliency planning project.

In addition to her community leadership, she has raised awareness of the need to adapt low income waterfront communities like Sunset Park to the changing climate through her many public, volunteer roles including: Member of Mayor Bloomberg's Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) for New York City; and as Chair of USEPA's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC). Under Ms. Yeampierre's leadership, the NEJAC created a new workgroup called the Resilience in Industrial Waterfront Communities Workgroup to bring new federal agency attention to issues related to these communities. New York City's plan to become a sustainable city of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, PlaNYC, includes climate adaptation and community engagement as priorities due in part to her advocacy on the Mayor's SAB.

Elizabeth is the recipient of many distinguished awards and her work is referenced in several books.

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