

Biographies of Articles Contributors

Alexander Polikoff has served as lead counsel in the Gautreaux litigation for thirty-five years. Mr. Polikoff became the plaintiff's attorney in the Gautreaux lawsuit in 1966. Mr. Polikoff served as the Executive Director of Business and Professional People for the Public Interest (BPI) for almost thirty years and is currently the director of the Public Housing Initiative at BPI.

Mr. Polikoff has also served as Director and General Counsel of the Illinois Division of the American Civil Liberties Union, and is a former national ACLU Board Member.

Mr. Polikoff is the author of numerous articles on urban affairs and civil liberties, and the books *Housing the Poor: The Case for Heroism*, and, published in January of this year, *Waiting for Gautreaux: A Story of Segregation, Housing, and the Black Ghetto*.

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Bill Wilen is one of the leading experts in the country on the rights of tenants of public housing. Mr. Wilen has spent his entire career litigating and advocating on behalf of low-income tenants and homeowners. Mr. Wilen has served as the Director of Housing Litigation at the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law since 1996 and has been counsel in many landmark housing cases over the course of his career. For more than 20 years, Mr. Wilen has been co-counsel in *Ferrell v. HUD*, a nationwide class action brought on behalf of homeowners with HUD-assisted mortgages. The result of the litigation was one of the longest-lived consent decrees in history, interpreted in a way that assured more than 140,000 families relief from home mortgage foreclosure. Mr. Wilen has also served as lead attorney in *Henry Horner Mothers' Guild V. CHA & HUD*, a landmark public housing case involving construction of new townhome units for Horner residents and the revitalization of the near west side of Chicago. Mr. Wilen is class counsel for *Wallace v. CHA*, a case challenging public housing residents' displacement from public housing into high-poverty, segregated neighborhoods.

Dr. Rhonda Y. Williams is currently an Associate Professor of History at Case

Western Reserve University. Dr. Williams is part of the program faculty of both the Ethnic Studies and the Women's Studies Programs. In 2004, Oxford University Press published her book *The Politics of Public Housing: Black Women's Struggles against Urban Inequality*. Her book won the 2004 Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Book Prize from the Association of Black Women Historians.

Dr. Williams has also published numerous articles, including "We're Tired of Being Treated Like Dogs: Poor Women and Power Politics," and "Raising the Curtain: Performance, History, and Pedagogy," which appeared in a book she co-edited entitled *Teaching the American Civil Rights Movement: Freedom's Bittersweet Song* (Routledge, 2002).

Dr. Greg Duncan is currently the Edwina S. Tarry Professor of the School of Education and Social Policy at Northwestern University. Professor Duncan spent much of his career working on the Panel Study of Income Dynamics data collection project at the University of Michigan. He has served as the Director of the Joint Center for Poverty Research of Northwestern University and the University of Chicago. Professor Duncan is the Vice President of the Population Association of America, a member of the Governing Council of the Society for Research on Child Development, and a member of the National Advisory Board of the National Poverty Center. A prolific scholar, Professor Duncan has authored over 200 papers on housing, socio-economic status, and policy.

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Dr. Susan J. Popkin is a Principal Research Associate in The Urban Institute's Metropolitan Housing and Communities Policy Center. A nationally-recognized expert on assisted housing and mobility, Dr. Popkin directs the "Roof Over Their Heads: Changes and Challenges for Public Housing Residents" research initiative, which examines the impact of the radical changes in public housing policy over the past decade. This body of research includes the HOPE VI Panel Study; the Three City Study of Moving to Opportunity; the Race and Public Housing Transformation Initiative; the Ida B. Wells Residents at Risk Study; and the CHA Relocation and Mobility Assessment.

Dr. Popkin directed the only national study of public housing desegregation, and

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Mindy Turbov founded the Chicago-based community development consulting firm Turbov Associates in 1997, after a twenty year career in community development. Ms. Turbov's past and present clients include the City of Chicago, the Chicago Housing Authority, the City of Pittsburgh, the Metropolitan Planning Council of Chicago, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the MacArthur Foundation. In addition to consulting, Turbov Associates also serves as a joint venture developer of HOPE VI developments.

Ms. Turbov developed and implemented the mixed finance HOPE VI program while at HUD in the mid 1990s. Ms. Turbov negotiated the first privately developed public housing redevelopment projects, established the policies and standards for the program, as well as developed the regulations to govern the program.

Ms. Turbov has also served on a number of influential boards and panels in her field. She was appointed to serve on Illinois Governor Blagojevich's Housing Task Force Working Group. She was appointed by the Clinton Administration to Chair the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago from 1998-1999 and served on the board through 2003. She was appointed by President Clinton to the Interagency Council on Women and for two years she served on the White House Fellowship Chicago Regional Selection Panel.

Ms. Turbov recently co-authored a report released by the Brookings Institution, *HOPE VI and Mixed-Finance Redevelopments: A Catalyst for Neighborhood Renewal*.

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