SHELLEY A. DAVIS, MUPP

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Senior leader with twenty years experience in the philanthropic and nonprofit sectors including: evaluating and recommending over $25 million grants to advocacy, community organizing, community violence, health, service and arts organizations; overseeing $2 million budgets; managing projects and teams. Expertise includes: urban planning, poverty alleviation, economic development, workforce development and nonprofit management. Career mission: to advocate for all marginalized communities and promote a higher quality of life and equal opportunity for all people.

PHILANTHROPIC AND NONPROFIT EXPERIENCE

WOMEN'S INITITIAVE FOR SELF EMPLOYMENT **2010 - present**

A San Francisco based entrepreneurship program that trains, supports and funds low-income women to develop and implement their business plans.

National Advisor

Lead a fundraising campaign and board development effort to support the national expansion in New York City and Greater Chicago

- Manages national expansion team of four professionals across Chicago and New York
- Oversight responsibility for creating new marketing and communication materials that have reached more than 1000 high profile donors and influencers in two cities
- Launched the Chicago board of directors; secured eleven members
- Launched Women's Initiative for Self Employment Chicago pilot, Fall 2012
- Led staff team to win the 2011 Morgan Stanley Challenge for Social Innovation, a national competition for high-growth nonprofits
- Wrote and presented Clinton Global Initiative commitment at Clinton Global Initiative America 2012
- Raised $750,000 in commitments across two markets in first phase of the campaign

CHICAGO FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN **2005-2010**

A multi-million dollar women's fund that supports advocacy and direct service for women's and girls' economic security; freedom from violence; and access to health services and information

Vice President of Programs & Advocacy

Oversight responsibilities for grant making, grantee programming, community education and advocacy campaigns; supervised staff of seven employees full and part-time; managed budget for grant making, capacity building and advocacy programs

- Directed annual grant making program including solicitation and management of $2 million budget
- Led the expansion of educational programming for local nonprofit organizations
- Designed and implemented the Marion D. and Chauncey McCormick Health Series, a $100,000 community education program, focusing on women's health disparities in communities of color
- Led the Women's Economic Security Campaign, a $1.5 million national initiative of women's funds advocating for improved jobs and childcare policies that impact low-income women and their families

Director of Programs

- Directed all grantmaking and capacity building activities
- Developed economic security advocacy strategy

THE JOYCE FOUNDATION **2000-2005**

A Chicago based Midwest-focused private foundation that supports research and public policy advocacy addressing environment, education, employment, gun violence and culture

Program Officer, Employment Program

Collaborated with manager to develop grant criteria for the employment program, a $7 million portfolio annually.

- Lead staff for advocacy grants to improve job training and educational opportunities for low-wage workers. Recommended $12.9 million in grants
- Recommended $2.2 million in grants for research on the use of public benefits for working poor families
- Recommended $2.1 million in grants for evaluation of job training programs for the chronically unemployed

Associate Program Officer, Special Projects
Developed foundation capacity building recommendations by conducting research on grantee's management, infrastructure, and organizational planning needs
- Developed recommendations, which were used to institute a capacity building grants initiative for community-based arts organizations resulting in $225,000 of grants supporting strategic planning and financial management
- Designed a pilot project focusing on executive director retention, which resulted in $80,000 of grants supporting executive coaching, financial management, and long-term planning

THE FORD FOUNDATION **1998-2000**
A New York based international foundation that supports programs, advocacy, organizing and research impacting community and economic development, education, arts, human rights, governance and civil society

Program Associate, Governance and Civil Society
Worked with a Senior Deputy Director on $17 million portfolio to support civic and political participation; with a Program Officer on grant making activities for the $4.5 million "Strengthening the US Nonprofit Sector" Initiative; and with a Program Officer to manage the philanthropy portfolio of $3.5 Million
- Staffed the "Collaborations that Count" Initiative, a $9 Million Initiative supporting state-based coalitions that linked community organizing groups with policy advocacy organizations in the southern and northwestern state regions
- Staffed the "Community Organizing Fund", a $3 Million internal funding collaborative to support mid-size, local community organizing organizations in Chicago, Los Angeles and Atlanta

FIELD FOUNDATION OF ILLINOIS **1997**
A local Chicago-based foundation that supports direct service, research and advocacy programs concerning education, environment, health, urban affairs and the arts

Program Intern
- Reviewed and evaluated grant proposals in urban affairs
- Conducted site visits, wrote grant recommendations and delivered board presentations

CHICAGO WOMEN IN TRADES **1994-1997**
A grassroots organization that prepares women and girls to enter construction and manufacturing jobs, and conducts research and policy advocacy to increase female retention and advancement in nontraditional fields

Policy Associate
- Conducted sexual harassment prevention trainings for construction supervisors and employees
- Coordinated public education campaigns to garner support for Affirmative Action policies

Outreach Coordinator
- Provided employment counseling and referrals for tradeswomen or aspiring tradeswomen
- Planned annual citywide employment fairs for 1000 women and girls

FAMILY RESCUE **1992-1994**
A domestic violence agency on the southeast-side of Chicago that provides services through shelter, transitional housing, counseling, court advocacy and referrals for victims and survivors.

Senior Court Advocate/Women's Counselor
- Provided crisis counseling and facilitated support groups
- Conducted trainings on the Illinois Domestic Violence Act and Illinois Stalking Law
- Chaired the Legal Advocacy Committee Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO **2010 - present**
HARRIS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY
A professional school within the University that grants master's and doctorate degrees in public policy

Lecturer
- *Best Practices in Nonprofit Public Policy Advocacy: Welfare and Workforce Development* (Fall 2010, 2011)
- *Philanthropy and Public Policy* (Spring 2012)

Interim Career Development Specialist **2010-2011**
- Counseled students on career strategies in non-profit and public sectors

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO **2006-2010**
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION
A professional school within the University that grants master's and doctorate degrees in social work

Lecturer
- *Nonprofit Management Concepts and Practice* (Fall 2010)

Field Instructor **2006-2010**
- Supervised second year public administration master's students as advocacy interns who supported advocacy campaigns, educational programming and evaluation of grant proposals

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO **1998**
Master of Urban Planning and Policy

LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY **1992**
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

PUBLICATIONS

Our Nation Must Aim Higher to Address the Barriers Confronting Low-Income Women
http://www.spotlightonpoverty.org/ExclusiveCommentary.aspx?id=329ea0b9-8966-4e07-9f19-a5ac1daf4d17
Spotlight on Poverty; May 10, 2010
Shelley A. Davis and Surina Khan

Economic Solutions for Domestic Violence Survivors
Illinois Kids Count 2010: Children and Families in a Time of Economic Crisis; 2010
Kelly White and Shelley A. Davis

A Low-Income Woman's Nation: How A Green Economy Can Help Those Struggling Most
http://womensrights.change.org/blog?author_id=348
www.change.org ; October 23, 2009
Shelley A. Davis and Judy Patrick

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Advanced Practice Institute: Leverage Beyond Pure Grantmaking, Advocacy to Advance a Social Change Agenda, Discussion Leader
Council on Foundations Annual Conference; April, 2010

Collective Action to Accelerate Change, Moderator and Session Designer
Women's Economic Security Campaign, Panelist
Women' Funding Network Annual Conference; April, 2010

Creating Your Personal Giving Plan, Speaker

"Women and Philanthropy - The Time is Now," a course offered by the Women's Philanthropy Institute at the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University in partnership with the New York Times Knowledge Network March; 2010

Advocacy Models for Building Economic Security, Panelist
Women's Funding Network Annual Conference; April, 2009

A Teach-In on Advocacy, Speaker
Women's Funding Network Annual Conference; May, 2008

Capacity Building Grants, Panelist
Grantmaking in Advocacy, Session Leader
Women's Funding Network Annual Conference; April, 2007

PROFESSIONAL AFFLIATIONS

Leadership for Greater Chicago, Fellow	Class of 2008
Albert Pick Jr. Fund, Board of Directors, Member	2012-present
Hyde Park Suzuki Institute, Board of Directors, Member	2011- present
African Women's Development Fund USA, Chicago Committee Chair	2009-present
Chicago Sinfonietta, Marketing Committee	2010- present
Global Network on Philanthropy for Social Justice and Peace, Member	2009- present
Illinois Commission of the Elimination of Extreme Poverty, Committee Member	2009- present
Voices for Illinois Children, Kid's Count Advisory Committee	2009-2011
South East Chicago Commission, Board of Directors, Member	2009- 2011
Donors Forum of Chicago, Public Policy Committee	2005-2010
City of Chicago 2016 Outreach Advisory Council, Member	2007- 2009
Jane Addams Hull House Association, Women's Policy Board, Member	2005-2008
Alliance for Nonprofit Management, Board Member	2001-2004
Center for Third World Organizing, Board Member	2001-2004
Chicago Women and Philanthropy, Board Member	2001-2004