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Speaker Biographies

Nermin Ahmad AB '78

Program Committee, Harvard Club of New York City

Ms. Nermin K. Ahmad, member of the Harvard Club of New York (HCNY) Program Committee, has worked for international and non-governmental organizations, multi-national corporations, and government bodies in the US and internationally as an inter-sectoral development planner. Her practice covers environmental management, sustainable development, resilient urban rebuilding and master planning; health, food and school safety and security assessments and planning; emergency preparedness planning; and stakeholder engagement and training.

After 30 years as a consultant working through the private sector, she cofounded CSRspace, LLC. She has been working on urban preparedness exercises for NATO, influencing the building of resilient emerging cities across Africa, building a bilingual charter school using the International Baccalaureate framework in Harlem, and implementing a global mentoring system to help students and workers find better professional matches. CSRspace's flagship Kufikia initiative is intended to bring careers to qualified young and female East African college graduates, who otherwise are unable to find work in their professions after obtaining their degrees. Her aim is to provoke thought and encourage discussions around consequence management - notably the consequences of inaction.

At the HCNY, Ms. Ahmad runs the Figure Drawing and Watercolor salons, and will be launching a quarterly fast friending initiative.

Joseph Barretto AB '97

Nonprofit Consultant, Barretto Consulting

Joseph J. Barretto is a management strategist bringing over 15 years of experience in the nonprofit sector. His expertise includes organizational and fundraising strategy and leadership development, with a focus on building the capacity and ensuring the sustainability of organizations to maximize their impact.

Throughout his career, Joseph has held management positions in various organizations, including Executive Director at The DOME Project, an education-focused nonprofit serving at-risk youth. He has also been Deputy Director at the New York City Anti-Violence Project and Deputy Executive Director at Hudson Guild, honing his skills in annual fundraising and capital campaigns, major gifts, communications, board development, volunteer management, and program planning and implementation.

Joseph serves on the Board of Directors of the Filipino American Human Services, Inc., the National Advisory Board for Public Service at Harvard College, and the New York City Area Committee of Harvard's Center for Public Interest Careers.

Joseph is a graduate of Harvard College and Columbia University's School of International & Public Affairs.

Joanna Laursen Brucker EdM '09
Programs Manager, NewKnowledge

Joanna Laursen Brucker joined NewKnowledge as a project manager in 2015, bringing expertise in international education and gender equity program implementation. She is interested in cross-cultural dialogue for conflict mediation and education's role in identity formation. Ms. Brucker is both a trained facilitator and educator. She has managed Roma informal education programs in Kosovo, overseen implementation and research of girls' access to education programming in Ethiopia, and worked on minority youth integration in Europe. She is currently a young professionals representative with NGO Committee on the Status of Women to the United Nations.

Ms. Brucker received her Masters degree in International Education Policy from Harvard University.

Sandy Santana AB '97
Executive Director, Children's Rights

Sandy Santana joined Children's Rights as chief operating officer in 2012. From 2006 to 2012, Mr. Santana served as Managing Director and General Counsel of Legal Outreach, a law-related college prep organization, where he was responsible for the organization's management and strategic growth initiatives.

Prior to joining Legal Outreach, he served as a corporate associate in the Boston office of Goodwin Procter LLP (2004-2006) and in the New York office of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton LLP (2001-2004). His legal practice focused on international corporate finance, securities, mergers and acquisitions, and private equity matters.

Sandy is a member of the board of directors of Manhattan Legal Services, an organization that provides free legal representation to fight poverty and promote racial, social and economic justice for low-income New Yorkers. He is also Treasurer of the Jeremiah Program, a national organization that uses a two-generation approach to prepare determined single mothers to excel in the workforce, readies their children to succeed in school and reduces generational dependence on public assistance.

Mr. Santana received his B.A. from Harvard College and his J.D. from Columbia Law School.

Triada Stampas AB '98

Vice President for Research and Public Affairs, Food Bank For New York City

As Vice President for Research and Public Affairs, Triada Stampas leads Food Bank For New York City's efforts in research and evaluation, government relations, policy/advocacy and community mobilization.

Ms. Stampas previously served as Senior Director of Government Relations at Food Bank for more than five years, successfully advocating for new Federal, State and City funding for anti-hunger initiatives, including leading the statewide campaign that restored \$30 million in dedicated funding for emergency food in the State budget. Ms. Stampas was also responsible for developing and implementing Food Bank's first advocacy strategy, including an inaugural legislative breakfast, Washington, DC Lobby Day, and member mobilization plan.

Prior to joining Food Bank, Ms. Stampas served as Director of the New York City Council's Investigations Division and as Chief of Staff to former Council Member Eric Gioia. A Queens native, Ms. Stampas holds a Bachelor's degree from Harvard University and a Master's degree in public administration from Columbia University. She currently serves on advisory committees for national anti-hunger organizations Feeding America and the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC).