

New York Junior League's Community Advisory Council Members

Amelia Erwitt

Chief of Staff

NYC Department of Consumer Affairs, Office of Financial Empowerment

Amelia Erwitt is the Chief of Staff of the New York City Office of Financial Empowerment (OFE), one of Mayor Bloomberg's leading anti-poverty initiatives. OFE designs, implements, and evaluates innovative solutions to educate, empower, and protect New Yorkers with low incomes helping them build assets and make the most of their financial resources. Amelia oversees a broad portfolio of asset building, financial education, and consumer protection initiatives, and manages the Cities for Financial Empowerment, a coalition of 10 cities that are pioneering the field of municipal financial empowerment.

Prior to her work with OFE, Amelia has worked for the United Nations, USAID, and the White House. She holds a Bachelors from the George Washington University and an MPA from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University.

Elvy Ickowicz, MPH

Assistant Deputy Executive Vice President

American Geriatrics Society

Elvy Ickowicz is the Assistant Deputy Executive Vice President of the American Geriatrics Society (AGS). She is also the senior staff for the AGS Foundation for Health in Aging, a supporting Foundation of the AGS whose aim is to build a bridge between the research and practice of geriatrics health care professionals and the public.

At AGS, Elvy oversees the Society's internal and external communications, professional and public education programs, membership department, and special projects. Founded in 1942, the AGS is a nationwide not-for-profit association of geriatrics health care professionals dedicated to improving the health, independence, and quality of life of older people. Its 6,700 members include geriatricians, geriatric nurses, social workers, family practitioners, physician assistants, consulting pharmacists, and internists.

Ms. Ickowicz holds a Bachelors in Psychology from New York University and a Masters in Public Health from the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey.

Tanya Lewis-Kelly

Regional Director

Volunteer Consulting Group, Inc.

Tanya Lewis-Kelly is the Regional Director of the Volunteer Consulting Group. Her responsibilities include: Working with nonprofit organizations in defining their board recruiting priorities and finding qualified candidates to fill them; Working with businesses in preparing their employees for board service; and Board Consulting.

Prior to joining VCG, Tanya worked at the Center for Court Innovation, a nonprofit organization that develops national demonstration projects, which tests how courts can better serve its constituencies. During these seven years she held positions as Senior Planner, Director of Youth and Family Programs and Deputy Project Director for the Harlem Community Justice Center. In her capacity as Deputy Project Director she managed all fundraising and grant administration and authored \$3M in successful proposals.

From 1993 through 1996, Tanya worked as a Program Associated and Research Manager at the Children's Defense Fund where she researched principle data for nationwide public education material and developed talking points for internationally recognized child advocate, Marian Wright Edelman. In addition, she worked in the United States House of Representatives under Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey as a Field Representative.

Tanya has a Bachelors of Science from Cornell University. She was a Public Policy major at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University and a Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Everett Fellow.

Perri E. Klass, MD

Professor of Journalism and Pediatrics
New York University

Perri Klass, MD, is Professor of Journalism and Pediatrics at New York University. She attended Harvard Medical School and completed her residency in pediatrics at Children's Hospital, Boston, and her fellowship in pediatric infectious diseases at Boston City Hospital. She has received numerous awards for her work as a pediatrician and educator; she received the 2006 Women's National Book Association Award, the 2007 American Academy of Pediatrics Education Award, which recognizes her educational contributions which have had a broad and positive impact on the health and well-being of children.

Perri has written extensively about medicine, children, literacy, and knitting. Her nonfiction includes *Every Mother is a Daughter: the Neverending Quest for Success, Inner Peace, and a Really Clean Kitchen*, which she coauthored with her mother, and *Quirky Kids: Understanding and Helping Your Child Who Doesn't Fit In*, which she coauthored with Eileen Costello, M.D. She is also the author of two books about medical training, *A Not Entirely Benign Procedure: Four Years as a Medical Student*, and *Baby Doctor: A Pediatrician's Training*. Her most recent books are *Treatment Kind and Fair: Letters to a Young Doctor*, and *The Mercy Rule*, a novel, which appeared in 2008. She writes the *18 and Under* column for The New York Times Science Section.

Perri is the National Medical Director of Reach Out and Read. She ran the National Center from its inception through 2006, during which time the program grew from a single Site to a national program with thousands of sites serving millions of children. Through her work at the ROR National Center she has trained thousands of medical providers in the ROR strategies of early literacy promotion. She has spoken extensively on behalf of ROR, including participating in panels at the White House Conference on Global Literacy in September 2006, and at the UNESCO Literacy Conferences in Qatar and Mali in 2007, in addition to presentations at many hospitals and academic medical centers across the United States.

Dale Lindquist, LCSW, D.Min.

Fordham University

Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor

BA, Upsala College; M.Div., Yale Divinity School; MSW, Fordham University; D. Min., New York Theological Seminary

Dale Lindquist is Associate Director of the Beck Institute on Religion and Poverty and Assistant Professor at the Graduate School of Social Service at Fordham University. He received his D.Min. from New York Theological Seminary, his M.Div. from Yale Divinity School and M.S.W. from Fordham. He has been in clinical practice for over 25 years working in a variety of settings including schools, hospitals and clinics in addition to private practice. He also holds an MFA in Film from the Yale School of Art and has directed award winning documentary films on social, cultural and mental health issues. His documentary on adolescent suicide went into international distribution to schools and mental health agencies and was aired on PBS.

Nancy Ploeger

President

Manhattan Chamber of Commerce

Nancy Ploeger is the President of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce (MCC). Enhancing New York City's economic growth and advocacy for small businesses has been her goal for the past 15 years. Since joining the Chamber in 1994 as the Executive Director, she has represented the business community on a wide range of critical issues, most notably those involving health insurance for SMEs, MWBE certification, government procurement, small business globalization, diversity and business resources for service sectors, among other issues.

Nancy has developed MCC's membership from 250+ to over 1400, launched a variety of economic development initiatives and committees and established the Chamber's relationships with officials at all levels of government. This powerful network contributes and supports to build the Chamber into a small business advocating force with expanded influence across the globe.

In order to develop MCC's international presence, Nancy created the MCC Chamber of Commerce Foundation which oversees the Manhattan International Development ("MIDC") program. With these vehicles, Nancy works closely with both NYS Economic Development Department and NYC Economic Development Department's International Division to generate global businesses for MCC's members and attract investments into New York.

MCC's community Development arm is the MCC Community Benefit Fund ("CBF"). Ploeger serves as the President of CBF that has provided over two million+ in grants to NYC nonprofit organizations. Each year additional funding is raised to expand the community development efforts. CBF's mission is to support community-based non-profits that contribute toward improving the quality of life in Manhattan.

Nancy was appointed by Mayor Bloomberg to serve on the Committee of the MWBE Advisory Board since 2006. She also serves on a number of boards and advisory groups, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (BCLC), New York Women's Agenda, The Doe Fund, New York District Export Council, Parent Jobnet, Health Advocates, New York City Department of Small Business Services and the Small Business Task Force of the Manhattan Borough President's

Office. She served as the Chairperson of Chamber Alliance of New York State in 2007 and the Chair of the NYDEC World Trade Week Committee.

Prior to joining MCC, Nancy was the Vice President for TSI, New York, NY where she led the efforts to build one of NYC's premiere health and fitness corporations, she was responsible for overseeing 28 health clubs with over 1,000 employees in New York, Washington, Boston and Switzerland.

Rosemonde (Rose) Pierre-Louis

Manhattan Deputy Borough President

Deputy Borough President Rose Pierre-Louis has dedicated her entire career to helping New York City's most vulnerable. Her record includes more than 17 years as an advocate, educator and attorney for women's rights and survivors of domestic violence.

As Deputy Borough President, Rose serves as the pivotal liaison between the Borough President, his staff, and the community. She is responsible for overseeing several of the Borough President's key initiatives related to transportation, domestic violence, and the environment, as well the unprecedented reform of Manhattan's 12 Community Boards. Herself a former member of Community Board #10 in Harlem, Deputy Borough President Pierre-Louis has a strong understanding of the challenges facing Manhattan and she meets with community members throughout the borough.

Rose held several leadership positions to becoming Deputy Borough President, most recently as the Director of General Litigation at Harlem Legal Services. As the Legal Director of the Family Justice Program at Network for Women's Services, Ms. Pierre-Louis recruited attorneys from large firms to represent battered women on a pro bono basis. At the Sanctuary for Families Center for Battered Women's Legal Services, Ms. Pierre-Louis was the Senior Staff Attorney and represented battered women before New York State's Supreme and Family Courts.

Rose is a frequent lecturer on domestic violence and the law, and served as adjunct Professor at Fordham University School of Law. She sits on the Board of Directors of My Sister's Place, is a founding member of the African American Task force on Violence against Women and is the Chairperson of the Women's Alliance of Harlem. Ms. Pierre-Louis is also a former Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the New York Women's Foundation.

Rose is the first Haitian American to serve as Deputy Borough President in all of New York City. Ms. Pierre-Louis completed her undergraduate studies in political science at Tufts University, and earned a law degree at Case Western University School of Law. She is the recipient of the Leon Bagues Award from NYS Association of Black and Latinos Legislators and the Women United in Philanthropy Award from the United Way of New York City.

Daniel Reyes

Director of Programs

Yorkville Common Pantry

Daniel Reyes oversees all outreach programs for the Yorkville Common Pantry (YCP). The YCP is one of the largest meal and Food Pantry programs in New York State. YCP's mission is to feed

hungry individuals and families, and to provide them with the support they need to turn their lives around and become more independent. YCP also operates Project Dignity, a comprehensive program for homeless single adults. YCP offers a wide range of on-site services to meet clients' needs for shelter, hygiene and health care.

Allison Schrager

Economist and contributor to *The Economist*

Allison Schrager is a New York-based economist and writer. She is a frequent contributor to *The Economist's* economics blog *Free Exchange* and writes regularly for *The Economist's* lifestyle magazine *More Intelligent Life*. She has worked at the Bank of England and the International Monetary Fund. She also has consulted to the World Bank on issues related to private pension accounts and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development on globalization and entrepreneurship.

Allison graduated from the University of Edinburgh and holds a doctorate in economics from Columbia University where she specialized in macroeconomics and public finance. Her expertise is in Social Security reform and issues related to private pension accounts. After completing her doctorate, she worked at Integrated Finance Ltd. where she used her research to develop SmartNest, an innovative pension solution.

Eugenia Siegler, MD, FACP

Medical Director, Geriatrics Inpatient Services
New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell

Dr. Eugenia Siegler received her AB in Biochemical Sciences from Princeton University and her MD from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She pursued an Internal Medicine Residency and was a Chief Resident at Bellevue and Tisch Hospitals. She completed her training with a Fellowship in Geriatrics and General Internal Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Eugenia has served as a member of the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania and as Chief of Geriatrics at Brooklyn Hospital Center. Dr. Siegler is presently Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Weill Cornell Medical College and the Medical Directory of the Geriatrics Inpatient Service at the Weill/Cornell Campus of the New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Silda Wall Spitzer

Founder
Children for Children

Silda Wall Spitzer is Founding Chair (*emerita*) of Children for Children, a not-for-profit engaging young people from all backgrounds to *Grow Involved* through volunteering and service learning. Children for Children received Charity Navigator's highest Four-Star rating in 2007 and 2008, was among Charity Navigator's 2007 *Top 10 Charities Worth Watching* and was one of 10

semifinalists for the *2008 New York Times Nonprofit Excellence Awards*. She is also founding Co-Chair of Project Cicero, the annual New York City book drive building classroom libraries for under-resourced students, served on the 2008 ServiceNation Leadership Council and joined the Board of the Points of Light Institute in January 2009. From 2004-06 she was a member of the New York State Blue Ribbon Commission on Youth Leadership.

With a law degree from Harvard Law School and ten years as a practicing corporate attorney, Silda was honored to serve as First Lady of the State of New York. Her initiatives included: *Chairing the New York State Commission on National and Community Service* to increase volunteering and service in the state; *Greening the Mansion* to promote green buildings, alternative energy and local foods; and *I Live New York* to attract and retain the next generation by building economic opportunity and livable communities. She also created the related *Young Leader's Congress* and reconstituted the *New York Empire Plaza Art Commission* to enhance and expand the state art collection.

Silda is currently Managing Director at Metropolitan Capital Advisors, a value-oriented hedge fund which invests primarily in equity securities. In her role, she is positioning and building this woman-controlled fund as well as generating ideas, particularly in the renewable energy sector. She also recently joined the Board of the United States Green Buildings Council New York Chapter.

She and her husband have three teenage daughters, so the issue of service as vital to the civic, social and economic fabric of our nation and the future of our world remains central to her efforts.
