

# The Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Humanities Center

## Board Member



### **Mary Ann Blakeley**

*Senior Director  
Human Resources  
Catholic Diocese of Cleveland*

Mary Ann Blakeley was appointed Executive Director for Human Resources for the Diocese of Cleveland in March of 2014. Prior to her role at the Diocese she served as Chief of Staff and Senior Vice President for Institutional Development and Effectiveness at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, Ohio. She has also been in human resources leadership roles in telecommunications, fine arts, and social service organizations.

Mary Ann received a bachelor's degree in Business and an MBA from Cleveland State University. She is a candidate for a Doctorate in Higher Education through Ferris State University in Michigan, with an anticipated defense in the summer of 2019. She is a graduate of The Ohio State University Center on Education and Training for Employment's Preparing Workforce Education Leaders Program.

She served as Chair of the Ohio Association of Community College (OACC) Human Resources Officers Group, was a member of the OACC State Funding Formula Consultation, the State Employees Retirement System Task Force for Health Care Preservation, and the OACC Community Colleges Data and Reporting Consultation. She is a member of the Leadership Lake County class of 2004, served as a workforce chair for the Lake County Achieve/Chart wellness initiative, and currently serves on the advisory board for Catholic Charities Community Services of Lake and Geauga County. Mrs. Blakeley also served on the Board of Advisors for Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School and previously served on the boards of Birthright of Lake County, the Comunidad Oscar Arnulfo Romero Peace Mission Board (COARPM) supporting a children's village in El Salvador, and the Cleveland Catholic Charities Foundation Board.

She has held the HRCI (Human Resources Certification Institute) designation as SPHR (Senior Professional in Human Resources) since 1999, and also holds the Society for Human Resources Management Senior Certified Professional certification. She resides in Mentor, Ohio and has a son who lives in Novelty, Ohio with his wife and three daughters and a daughter who lives in Greenville, South Carolina with her husband and three sons.



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### **The Rev. Jawanza Karriem Colvin, Ed.D.**

*Pastor*

*Olivet Institutional Baptist Church*

The Reverend Dr. Jawanza Karriem Colvin is the 6th pastor of the Olivet Institutional Baptist Church in Cleveland, OH. As servant-leader of this 4,000 member congregation, Reverend Colvin follows in its historic tradition of community builders, preacher-scholars and social activists. Reverend Colvin is a cum laude graduate of Morehouse College, receiving a Bachelor of Arts (B.A) in Religion and History. He earned a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, where his thesis, *The Hermeneutics of History: An Examination of Roger B. Taney and Martin Luther King, Jr. Appropriation of the Declaration of Independence*, received distinction honors. He also holds a Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.) in Organization and Leadership from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Reverend Colvin has been a voice in the pulpit and the community on matters of race, equity, tolerance and justice in the city of Cleveland and across the nation. He has been an advocate for voting rights, criminal justice, health care, immigration and public school reform. He serves as co-chair of Greater Cleveland Congregations, an interfaith, multi-racial coalition of churches, mosques, synagogues and temples working to address issues of health care, criminal justice, hunger/sustainability, job-creation and education in northeast Ohio. He was lead coordinator of the convening of African-American Church Gun Control Coalition, a meeting of faith leaders, members of Congress, administration officials, community organizers and activists to discuss and strategize on national comprehensive gun safety reform.

Committed to service in both the public square and within sacred walls, Reverend Colvin continues to serve on numerous community and faith-based advisory boards, committees and working groups, including the board of Cleveland Museum of Art, The Cleveland Food Bank, The Martha Jennings Holdings Foundation and the Cleveland Transformation Alliance. He also serves as the ecumenical officer and chair of the Committee on Interfaith Affairs for the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc (PNBC). As ecumenical officer, Dr. Colvin was a member of the PNBC delegation to 10th Assembly of the World Council of Churches. The World Council of Churches (WCC) is the broadest and most inclusive association of Christian churches bringing together 345 denominations and fellowships in more than 110 countries and territories, representing over 500 million Christians worldwide.

Reverend Colvin has distinguished as preacher and leader, having been the recipient of numerous honors and citations noting his commitment to Christian ministry, scholarship and service. Among these recognitions, is his being named as one The Grio 100 History Makers, Cleveland's Power 100: Top 10 Leaders under 40, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Board of Preachers at Morehouse College. Reverend Colvin is also a member of Sigma Pi Phi (Tau Boule).

He is married to the lovely Allison Jaynes Colvin, a partner in life and ministry. They are the proud parents of two sons, Asher and Philip.



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### **Timothy Eatman, Ph.D.**

*Inaugural Dean, Honors Living-Learning Community  
Associate Professor of Urban Education  
Rutgers University*

Timothy K. Eatman, Ph.D., currently serves as the Inaugural Dean of the Honors Living-Learning Community (HLLC) and Associate Professor of Urban Education at Rutgers University – Newark (RU-N). He is faculty director emeritus of the national consortium, Imagining America: Artists and Scholars in Public Life (IA) having served as a member of the higher education faculty in the School of Education and faculty co-director of IA (2007 – 2017) at Syracuse University. He is a national co-chair of the Urban Research Action Network (URBAN), has served as a member of the faculty for the Association of American Colleges and University's (AAC&U) High Impact Practices Summer Institute since its inception (2011) and is a member of the Carnegie Engagement Classification National Advisory Panel.

Tim co-edited the Cambridge Handbook on Service Learning and Community Engagement (2017) and is co-author of Scholarship in Public: Knowledge Creation and Tenure Policy in the Engaged University, a seminal research report on faculty rewards and engaged scholarship produced by IA. His passion for research that explores transformational institutional policy making and culture change is buttressed by a research agenda replete with critical questions about equity issues in higher education. Tim was elected to the board of directors of the International Association of Research on Service Learning and Community Engagement (IARSLCE) in 2016. He sits on the editorial board of The New Public Scholarship book series (University of Michigan Press), Diversity and Democracy (AAC&U), and Urban Education (Sage). He also reviews for several scholarly journals and publications. The recipient of the 2010 Early Career Research Award for IARSLCE, Tim regularly consults with higher education associations and institutions for collaborative research, keynotes, and workshops.



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### **Donald C. Hubin, Ph.D.**

*Director, Center for Ethics and Human Values  
Emeritus Professor of Philosophy  
The Ohio State University*

Donald C. Hubin is Professor Emeritus in the Philosophy Department at The Ohio State University and the Founding Director of the Center for Ethics and Human Values. Don received his B.A. in philosophy from the University of California at Davis (1972) and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Arizona (1976 and 1978). He has been on the faculty of the Philosophy Department at The Ohio State University since 1977, serving as Chair of that Department from 2006-2013.

Don specializes in ethics, philosophy of law and political philosophy. He has worked on a variety of topics, including theories of distributive justice and the nature and justification of cost/benefit analysis. He currently has two primary research interests: first, the nature of practical rationality and the relationship between morality and rationality; and, second, the nature and basis of parental rights and responsibilities.

Don has been involved in University governance, serving on the Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate—three terms as Chair—the University Senate, the Legislative Affairs Committee, the Rules Committee, the Steering Committee, Faculty Council, Faculty Cabinet and the Humanities Curriculum Committee. In 2008, he received the Rosalene Sedwick Faculty Service Award. From 2005 until 2015, Don was an Associate Editor of *Ethics*, one of the two leading journals in moral philosophy in the world. He has been active in citizen action groups to promote shared parenting, serving for many years as the Legislative Analyst and Columbus Director of Parents And Children for Equality (PACE) and is now on the National Board of National Parents Organization. He has also served on several state commissions, including the Ohio Child Support Reform Shareholders' Group (2001–2003) and the Ohio Child Support Guideline Council (2003–2005).



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### **Tia Brown McNair, Ed.D.**

*Vice President*

*Office of Diversity, Equity and Student Success*

*Association of American Colleges and Universities*

Dr. Tia Brown McNair is the Vice President in the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Student Success and Executive Director for the TRHT Campus Centers at Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) in Washington, DC. She oversees both funded projects and AAC&U's continuing programs on equity, inclusive excellence, high-impact educational practices, and student success, including AAC&U's Network for Academic Renewal series of yearly working conferences. McNair also directs AAC&U's Summer Institute on High-Impact Educational Practices and Student Success. McNair serves as the project director for several AAC&U initiatives: "Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation," "Strengthening Guided Pathways and Career Success by Ensuring Students are Learning," and "Purposeful Pathways: Faculty Planning and Curricular Coherence." She is the lead author of the book *Becoming a Student-Ready College: A New Culture of Leadership for Student Success* (July 2016).

McNair earned her bachelor's degree in political science and English at James Madison University and holds an M.A. in English from Radford University and a doctorate in higher education administration from George Washington University.



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### **Dan Moulthrop**

*Chief Executive Officer  
The City Club of Cleveland*

Dan Moulthrop is CEO of The City Club of Cleveland, one of the nation's great free speech forums. Founded in 1912, The City Club convenes more than 120 programs every year on just about every issue and topic of importance to Northeast Ohio.

He was a co-founder of The Civic Commons, a Knight Foundation project creating a social media environment designed for civil civic dialogue. Prior to that, he was the award winning host of Sound of Ideas on 90.3 WCPN ideastream.

A former public high school English teacher, Dan serves on the board of the Teacher Salary Project and Teach for America in Greater Cleveland. He also serves on the boards of the Ohio Debate Commission, MedWorks, and Borderlight, Cleveland's International Theatre Festival. He was a member of the Leadership Cleveland Class of 2014 and a 2019 Marshall Memorial Fellow with the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

Dan is also co-author, with Dave Eggers and Ninive Calegari, of the best-selling book *Teachers Have it Easy: The Big Sacrifices and Small Salaries of America's Teachers* (The New Press, 2005), which provided the basis for the 2010 documentary "American Teacher." He was also co-editor, with RA Washington of *A Race Anthology: Dispatches and Artifacts from a Segregated City* (2016). Dan is a frequent moderator of public conversations and has appeared on stages across the country, including the Aspen Ideas Festival and the Commonwealth Club of California. He received both his BA in English Literature and a Master's of Journalism from the University of California, Berkeley. He lives in Shaker Heights, Ohio, with his wife and three children.



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### **India Pierce Lee**

*Senior Vice President  
Programs and Grantmaking  
Cleveland Foundation*

India Pierce Lee is Senior Vice President, Program at the Cleveland Foundation. She leads the foundation's grant making team, working with the board, staff, and community leaders to define Greater Cleveland's critical needs and leverage resources to help meet them. Pierce Lee joined the foundation in 2006 as Program Director for Neighborhoods, Housing and Community Development. She worked with Cleveland's community development corporations and neighborhood intermediary organizations, and oversaw the Greater University Circle Initiative, a multi-institutional neighborhood revitalization partnership, including Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, and the City of Cleveland.

Prior to joining the Cleveland Foundation, Pierce Lee served as Senior Vice President of Programs at Neighborhood Progress Inc. She holds a Bachelor of Science in management from Cleveland's Dyke College and is a graduate of the Louis Stokes Fellowship in Community Development from the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University, where she obtained a Master of Science in social administration.

In 2009, Pierce Lee completed the prestigious Loeb Fellowship from the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University, where she studied neighborhood revitalization, with a special interest in sustainability. She completed a Master of Art in Psychology specializing in Diversity Management at Cleveland State University in May 2017.



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### **Sarah J. Sager**

*Cantor*

*Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple*

Sarah Sager, the first invested Cantor in our temple's history, has served the community of Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple since 1980. Serving three generations of congregants, Cantor Sager is most deeply proud of the enduring relationships she has built with Anshe Chesed families, symbolized by her devoted service to our families at times of need, and her spiritual leadership to numerous members at namings, B'nai Mitzvah and confirmation celebrations in successive generations.

Education is a primary value for Cantor Sager, both in sharing her gifts as a teacher to adults and kids of all ages, and as a continuing student herself in sacred music, secular and Judaic studies. A native of Illinois, Cantor Sager received Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude honors as an undergraduate at Brown University, and a Master's Degree from the New England Conservatory of Music. At the time of her investiture by the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, she was one of the first women in the world to hold the title of Cantor. Now she deeply enjoys partnering with numerous men and women who serve as Cantors and who share with her board leadership of the American Conference of Cantors. In addition, Cantor Sager was elected in 2012 to the Board of Governors at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion.

In addition to her love of Jewish music and leading our temple's children and adult choirs, one of the things that Cantor Sager brings to our clergy team is a tremendous joy in teaching and guiding adult students as a popular instructor in ongoing women's Torah study, adult B'nai Mitzvah, religious school parent workshops and holiday lessons. Many congregations across North America have sought Cantor Sager as a visiting lecturer or scholar in residence where she shares insights on Judaism & Feminism, Jewish music and Torah learning.

Her stirring charge to the 1993 Biennial Convention of the Women of Reform Judaism in San Francisco, "Sarah's Hidden Voice: Recovering and Discovering Women's Spirituality," resulted in WRJ undertaking the project of a transformative publication, *The Torah: A Women's Commentary* (published in 2007), which has engendered feminist commentary and a growth in interpretations and scholarship. Cantor Sager "charged" the women of our Reform movement with the goal of "uncovering and recovering women's voices from our tradition and enable women to interact freely with our sacred texts in the future."

Cantor Sager has been honored for her contributions to the Jewish community and for her spiritual leadership by the State of Israel Bonds, and the Commission for Women's Equality of the American Jewish Congress. She is proud to have served on movement-wide commissions on Synagogue Music and on Worship, Music and Religious Life.

Cantor Sager has led a Fairmount Temple Mission Trip to Cuba with 31 of our congregants, creating memories of a lifetime. You can read more about that trip on Fairmount Temple's blog, *If Not Now, When?* In September, 2019, she will be leading a trip to Europe, touring Krakow, Warsaw, Prague, Dresden and Berlin.



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### **Lori Varlotta, Ph.D.**

*President  
Hiram College*

Dr. Lori E. Varlotta serves as the president of Hiram College, a liberal arts institution in NE Ohio.

Under her leadership, the College has celebrated new initiatives in key areas, including the development of the New Liberal Arts academic model, the Tech and Trek mobile initiative, and 3-year degree pathways in 20 academic programs. She and her team have also done innovative work in extending Hiram's mission to regional adult students who can participate in a degree-completion program at three Cleveland-area Community Colleges. Under her leadership, Hiram has also recorded the largest fundraising years in its 167-year history.

Before coming to Hiram College, Dr. Varlotta spent 11 years at California State University, Sacramento. At the time of her departure, she served as senior vice president for planning, enrollment management, and student affairs. She publishes and speaks broadly about pressing issues in higher education, such as retention and graduation; planning and budgeting; transparency and accountability; and community, identity, and service.

A proud Pittsburgh native and first-generation college student, Dr. Varlotta earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy at the University of Notre Dame (Indiana), a Master of Science degree in cultural foundations of education from Syracuse University (New York), and an interdisciplinary Doctor of Philosophy degree in educational leadership and feminist philosophy from Miami University (Ohio).



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### **Ben Vinson III, Ph.D.**

*Provost and Executive Vice President  
Case Western Reserve University*

*Board of Directors  
National Humanities Alliance*

Ben Vinson III was appointed Provost and Executive Vice President at Case Western Reserve University in July 2018, and is responsible for all facets of the academic programs and research of the University

Vinson is an accomplished historian of Latin America, and served on the faculties of Barnard College and Penn State before joining Johns Hopkins in 2006 as a professor of history and founding director of its Center for Africana Studies. He went on to serve as a vice dean for centers, interdisciplinary studies and graduate education before becoming dean of George Washington University's Columbian College of Arts and Sciences.

Under Vinson's leadership, Columbian College increased interdisciplinary initiatives, enhanced diversity, and substantially grew research efforts. He led the integration of the Corcoran School of the Arts and Design into Columbian College, collaborated with the dean of engineering to open a \$275 million, 500,000-square-foot interdisciplinary science and engineering building, and initiated graduate degree programs in Data Science and Applied Economics. Vinson also secured two founding gifts for institutes focused on Hispanic leadership and religious freedom, and helped create a Global Bachelor's Degree Program that included philanthropic support that he obtained.

Dr. Vinson earned a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and a doctorate from Columbia University. He has been awarded fellowships from the Fulbright Commission, National Humanities Center, Social Science Research Council, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the Ford, Rockefeller and Mellon foundations.



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