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Kristie Monast, MS Ed. | Executive Director

Kristie Monast is a sexuality educator and lifelong activist. Currently serving as the first Executive Director of the Midwest Access Project, she is working to ensure comprehensive reproductive health training is available to all healthcare professionals and students.

Prior to MAP, Kristie worked with the Planned Parenthood of Northern New England where she served as a Site Manager, managing operational and facility practices, a Regional Float Manager, managing regional staffing and training, and a Regional Training Manager, where she developed and implemented training programs for health center staff in the three state affiliate.

Raised on the east coast, Kristie received her Master of Science in Human Sexuality Education degree from the University of Pennsylvania. During her early career she worked with a variety of social service and healthcare agencies addressing underserved populations including Action AIDS, the Adolescent Parenting Program at City Avenue Hospital, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and the Elizabeth Blackwell Health Center for Women. Kristie served as an original board member with GLSEN-Philadelphia and as their program committee chair led successful collaborations to implement a Safe Schools Ally program.

Outside of her work at the Midwest Access Project Kristie is a comprehensive sexuality education Trainer of Trainers, working with the Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health and the Our Whole Lives – Sexuality through our Lifespan Curriculum.

Joan Pinnell, MS | Director of Development & Communications

Before joining MAP as Director of Development & Communications in 2013, Joan Pinnell assumed a variety of nonprofit leadership roles within such organizations as Girls Rock! Chicago, Creative Pitch, and Women Employed. A strong commitment to reproductive justice was a constant driver throughout each role, so Joan earned her certification as a Rape Crisis Counselor and Abortion Doula, and volunteered as a Clinic Escort with the Illinois Choice Action Team. Planned Parenthood Federation of America honored Joan's commitment to reproductive justice by naming her their 2013 Young Volunteer of the Year.

Joan graduated from the University of Kansas with a B.F.A. in Graphic Design, a B.S. in English, and a minor in Art History. She has also earned a M.S. in Leadership & Policy Studies

from DePaul University and a Certificate in International Leadership from the Global Social Change Leadership Institute at New York University.

Katherine Quinn, MA | Program Coordinator

Katherine Quinn has been with MAP since 2007. As Program Coordinator, she facilitates MAP's clinical training schedule and works to meet the needs of each individual trainee. Katherine has a Master's Degree in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago.

Board

Cori Blum, MD, AAHIVS

Cori Blum is a family physician dedicated to urban community health justice, with special interest in the areas of reproductive and adolescent health and HIV medicine. Her professional passions are community healthcare, advocacy, and provider education. She is currently the HIV Supervising Physician for the Chicago Department of Public Health, and serves as faculty for the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center (MATEC) and the University of Illinois Department of Family Medicine. Cori is a proud graduate of the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine and Chicago's Cook County-Loyola-Provident family and community medicine residency and faculty development fellowship program. Cori is also one of MAP's Founding Board members.

Allie Carter

Allie Carter is the Director of Advocacy and Outreach for the ACLU of Illinois, responsible for developing and implementing field strategies in support of the ACLU's legislative, legal and public education priorities, with particular emphasis on the areas of national security, reproductive justice and LGBT rights. She joined the ACLU in 2006, serving for two years as the Project Manager for Equal Marriage Illinois and directing 2006's Fair Illinois effort, which successfully challenged a proposed anti-gay marriage referendum. Allie served for three years as a community organizer in the Peace Corps in Burkina Faso, West Africa.

Lorie Chaiten, JD

Lorie Chaiten has been the Director of the Reproductive Rights Project for the Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU of Illinois since June of 2001, and has been involved in reproductive rights litigation throughout her nearly 30 year legal career. The ACLU's Reproductive Rights Project seeks, through litigation, public education and legislative advocacy, to make certain that all in our society have access to safe and effective contraception, sexuality education, reproductive technologies, prenatal care, childbearing assistance and safe, legal, and accessible abortion. Lori is a Founding Board Member of MAP.

Lorie has been involved in numerous court challenges to laws that impede women's access to abortion and other reproductive healthcare. She was lead counsel in the recent state constitutional challenge to the Illinois Parental Notice of Abortion Act (*Hope Clinic v. Adams*). She was counsel for the plaintiffs in the federal challenge to the parental notice law (*Zbaraz v. Madigan*) and the challenge to the Federal Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 (*National Abortion Federation v. Gonzales*). Other court challenges to restrictive abortion statutes which Lorie has pursued include the challenge to Illinois' restrictive abortion facilities licensing scheme (*Ragsdale v. Turnock*) and the challenge to Illinois' so-called "partial-birth abortion" ban (*Hope Clinic v. Ryan*).

Lorie has also played a leading role in numerous public advocacy projects, including the Illinois Campaign for Reproductive Health and Access and the New Abortion Provider Initiative's effort to expand access to medical abortions in Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. Prior to joining the ACLU, Lorie was a partner at the law firm of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal. She joined Sonnenschein in 1985 where her practice focused on complex commercial litigation and reproductive rights litigation.

Kathy Chan

Kathy Chan is the Associate Director and Director of Policy and Advocacy for the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition, a nonprofit that uses policy, advocacy, and community empowerment to improve the health and lives of women, children, and their families.

Kathy previously worked in state government at the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, where she assisted with strategic enrollment efforts and the implementation of All Kids. She is an appointed member of the Illinois Medicaid Advisory Committee, serves on the board of Chicago Volunteer Doula's, and is an active volunteer with the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Chicago.

Mandy Gittler, MD

Mandy Gittler is a board certified family physician who practices throughout Illinois, and a Founding Board Member of MAP. After her certification as an athletic trainer from the University of Illinois, she earned her MD from Rush Medical College in Chicago. Throughout her residency at University of Washington in Seattle, she was very involved in women's reproductive health and primary care. After years of providing care both nationally and internationally, Mandy is now based in Chicago and focusing on both the clinical care and educational side of women's health. Her clinic serves as the primary training site for Midwest Access Project and the place where she trains healthcare providers who are seeking to expand their education and clinical skills. With faculty appointments at University of Illinois, Northwestern University, and University of Chicago, Mandy is very involved in medical student and resident education from both a clinical and academic standpoint. She is the Director of Vasectomy Services for Planned Parenthood of Illinois and a consultant and clinician for PPIL, as well as several other clinics throughout Illinois. Mandy is also the team physician for the Jesse White Tumblers.

Dinaz Mansuri, MA

Dinaz Mansuri is the Executive Director of the Mayer and Morris Kaplan Family Foundation, a multigenerational private Foundation that makes grants in Chicago, California, Wyoming, and Colorado in the areas of Education and Environment. In this role, Dinaz oversees a robust grant-making program and manages a board of Trustees and committees, which include 22 members of the Kaplan family as well as a growing number of next generation Kaplans.

Dinaz joined the Kaplan Family Foundation in 2005 as a Program Officer before being appointed to lead the Foundation in 2010. Prior to her work at the Foundation, Dinaz was a Program Director at Casa Central where she developed and managed programs for low-income seniors. Her work with seniors at Casa Central helped inform programs and policies at the Chicago Department on Aging as well as a research study conducted by Alderman Manuel Flores' office. Dinaz has been a member of the Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health Sex Education Advisory Committee, the Communities for Public Education Reform funders' collaborative, and the Hispanic Providers' Council. She is active with the Donors Forum where she is currently serving as Co-Chair of the Family Foundations committee and is a member of the Redesign Task Force.

Dinaz has a B.A. in Psychology from Loyola University Chicago, an M.A. in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago, and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Debra Stulberg, MD, MA

Debra Stulberg is Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Chicago. Her research focuses on racial and socioeconomic disparities in reproductive health. Recent publications include "Ectopic pregnancy rates in the Medicaid Population" (American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AJOG), 2013) and "Obstetrician-gynecologists, religious institutions, and conflicts regarding patient-care policies" (AJOG, 2012). She is a Founding Board Member and President of the Midwest Access Project.

Debra graduated from Harvard Medical School and completed Family Medicine residency at West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, Illinois. She received a Master of Arts in Public Policy from the University of Chicago while completing fellowship training in Medical Ethics and Health Services Research. Debra provides full scope primary care with an emphasis on maternal-child and reproductive health.

Julie Walner, MM, CPA

Julie Walner is a consultant for JMB Financial Advisors, LLC. She received her BA in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin Madison and her Masters of Management Degree in Finance from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University. In her current position, Julie raises capital for real estate projects. Previously, while employed at JMB Realty Corporation, Julie was the portfolio manager for a number of syndicated real estate limited partnerships with assets aggregating approximately \$1 Billion.

Tina Wheat, MD, MPH

Tina Wheat is currently a Fellow in the Northwestern McGaw Family Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Wheat is committed to providing comprehensive healthcare, particularly in the underserved urban setting. She completed both her Medical Degree and Masters of Public Health at the University of Illinois in Chicago. In the College of Medicine, Tina was a member of the UMed Program, which gives additional training to students who plan to practice in urban underserved areas. Tina is a native Chicagoan and completed her undergraduate degree at Washington University in St. Louis. She previously served on the Board of Directors of Medical Students for Choice. Tina has also been involved in several research projects concerning Emergency Contraception and access to healthcare in underserved settings. Tina participated in MAP's clinical training program after becoming a member of MAP's board.



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