

BIOGRAPHIES OF U.S. PROGRAMS BOARD MEMBERS

Yochai Benkler

Yochai Benkler is the Berkman Professor of Entrepreneurial Legal Studies at Harvard, and faculty co-director of the Berkman Center for Internet and Society. Since the 1990s he has played a part in characterizing the role of information commons and decentralized collaboration to innovation, information production, and freedom in the networked economy and society. His books include *The Wealth of Networks: How social production transforms markets and freedom* (Yale University Press 2006), which won academic awards from the American Political Science Association, the American Sociological Association, and the McGannon award for social and ethical relevance in communications. His work is socially engaged, winning him the Electronic Frontier Foundation's Pioneer Award for 2007, Public Knowledge's IP3 Award in 2006, and the Ford Foundation Visionaries Award in 2011. It is also anchored in the realities of markets, having been cited as "perhaps the best work yet about the fast moving, enthusiast-driven Internet" by the Financial Times and named best business book about the future in 2006 by *Strategy and Business*. Benkler has produced reports or served in an advisory capacity for a range communications and intellectual property regulators and policy makers at the national and international levels. His work can be freely accessed at benkler.org.

Deepak Bhargava

Deepak Bhargava is Executive Director of the Center for Community Change, a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to develop the power and capacity of low-income people, especially low-income people of color, to change the policies and institutions that affect their lives.

During his tenure as Executive Director, Mr. Bhargava has sharpened the Center's focus on grassroots community organizing as the central strategy for social justice and on public policy change as the key lever to improve poor people's lives. He conceived and led the Center's work on immigration reform, which has resulted in the creation of the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM), a leading grassroots network pressing for changes in the country's immigration laws. He has spearheaded the creation of innovative new projects like Generation Change, a program that recruits, trains and places the next generation of community organizers, and the Community Voting Project, which brings large numbers of low-income voters into the electoral process. Mr. Bhargava has also overseen a dramatic internal transformation of the organization over the past years, resulting in a younger, more diverse board and staff, a new physical home at 1536 U Street, and greater focus of the organization's work on strengthening and aligning community organizations towards policy change.

Mr. Bhargava has provided intellectual leadership on a variety of issues including the future of the progressive movement in the United States, poverty, racial justice, immigration reform, community organizing, and economic justice. He has written on these issues for a

range of publications including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Nation*, and *The American Prospect*. His groundbreaking article co-authored with Jean Hardisty, "[Wrong About the Right](#)," influenced how many progressives think about the strategies necessary to achieve lasting social change. Mr. Bhargava has testified before Congress on over 20 occasions.

Prior to his appointment as Executive Director of the Center in 2002, Mr. Bhargava served as the Center's Director of Public Policy. He also directed the National Campaign for Jobs and Income Support, a coalition of grassroots groups established in 2000 to give low-income people a voice in the reauthorization of the federal welfare law and other areas critical to poor people. He has run numerous national campaigns that have resulted in significant improvements in the lives of low-income families.

Mr. Bhargava currently serves on the boards of the Discount Foundation, the League of Education Voters, *The Nation* editorial board, the National Advisory Board for the Open Society Institute, and *Democracia Ahora*.

Born in Bangalore, India, Mr. Bhargava immigrated to the United States when he was a child. He grew up in New York City and graduated summa cum laude from Harvard College. He lives in Washington, D.C. with his partner Harry Hanbury, a documentary filmmaker.

Leon Botstein

Leon Botstein has been president of Bard College since 1975. He is also the Leon Levy Professor of the Arts and Humanities at Bard. He received his B.A. degree with special honors in history from the University of Chicago and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in European history from Harvard. He serves as chair of the board of the Central European University in Budapest and as board member of the Open Society Institute - New York.

Dr. Botstein has been the music director of the American Symphony Orchestra since 1992 and conducts the ASO's subscription concert series at Lincoln Center. In 2003, he was appointed the music director of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, the orchestra of the Israel Broadcast Authority. As an active international conductor, he makes frequent guest appearances with major orchestras around the world, and his recording with the London Symphony Orchestra of Popov's Symphony No. 1, Op. 7 was nominated for a 2006 Grammy Award. Dr. Botstein is also editor of *The Musical Quarterly*. He has published over 100 articles and reviews on music, education, history, and culture. He was editor of "Quasi una Fantasia: Juden und die Musikstadt Wien," published in 2003 by Wolke Verlag; an English translation, "Jews and the City of Vienna, 1870–1938," was published in 2004 by Yale University Press. He also edited "The Compleat Brahms," published in 1999 by Norton. He is author of "Jefferson's Children: Education and the Promise of American Culture," published in 1997 by Doubleday. His book "Judentum und Modernität: Essays zur Rolle der Juden in der Deutschen und Österreichischen Kultur 1848–1938" was published in 1991 by Böhlau Verlag in Vienna; a Russian translation was published in 2003.

Rosa Brooks

Rosa Brooks is a law professor at the Georgetown University Law Center and a Bernard L. Schwartz senior fellow at the New America Foundation. She also writes a weekly column for Foreign Policy. From 2009-2011, Brooks served as Counselor to the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, with a portfolio that included Brooks both rule of law and human rights issues. She received the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service for her work. From 2005-2009, Brooks wrote a syndicated weekly opinion column for the Los Angeles Times.

Brooks is an expert on national security, international law and human rights issues. Her prior experience includes five years as an associate professor at the University of Virginia School of Law, two years lecturing at Yale Law School and running Yale Law School's human rights program, and a year teaching writing at Harvard. Brooks has also been a consultant for Human Rights Watch, a fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School, a board member of Amnesty International USA, a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a member of the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law. She has been a board member of the National Security Network, a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Fragile States, and a member of the steering committee of the White Oak Foreign Policy Leaders Project.

Geoffrey Canada

Since 1990, Mr. Canada has been the President and Chief Executive Officer for the Harlem Children's Zone. In a June 2004 cover story in *The New York Times Magazine*, the agency's Zone Project was called "one of the most ambitious social experiments of our time." The Project offers an interlocking network of social service, education and community-building programs to thousands of children and families in a 60-block area of Central Harlem.

Mr. Canada, who grew up in the South Bronx, has dedicated his life to helping children who grew up in conditions similar to those faced by his family to secure both educational and economic opportunities. Prominent among his many efforts are the Harlem Children's Zone's Beacon School, Harlem Peacemakers Program, and Community Pride Initiative. The Beacon School program provides support 12 hours a day, 365 days a year to children and families in Central Harlem.

A third-degree black belt, Mr. Canada is the founder (in 1983) of the Chang Moo Kwan Martial Arts School and is the East Coast Regional Coordinator for the Black Community Crusade for Children. The Chang Moo Kwan Martial Arts School is a nationally recognized model for violence prevention efforts. The Crusade is a nationwide effort to make saving Black children the number one priority in the Black community and is being coordinated by Marian Wright Edelman and the Children's Defense Fund.

Before joining the Harlem Children's Zone, he served as Director of the Robert White School, a private day school for troubled inner city youth in Boston. Upon returning to New

York City in 1983, Mr. Canada became the Program Director for Truancy Prevention Program.

Mr. Canada holds a B.A. from Bowdoin College and a M.A. in Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He has won numerous awards, including: the first Heinz Award in 1994, the McGraw Prize for Education, the Jefferson Award for Public Service, the Robin Hood Foundation's Heroes of the Year Award, Child Magazine's "Children's Champion" award, the Spirit of the City Award from the Cathedral of St. Johns the Divine, Bowdoin College's Common Good Award and New York University's Brennan Legacy Award. He has also received Honorary Degrees from Harvard University, Williams College, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, the Bank Street College of Education and Lombard Theological Seminary. Mr. Canada has written two books: "Fist Stick Knife Gun: A Personal History of Violence in America," published in 1995 by Beacon Press, and "Reaching Up for Manhood: Transforming the Lives of Boys in America," published in 1998 by Beacon Press.

Steve Coll

Dean and Henry R. Luce Professor of Journalism

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Dean Steve Coll is a staff writer at *The New Yorker*, the author of seven books of nonfiction, and a two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize. Between 1985 and 2005, he was a reporter, foreign correspondent and senior editor at the *Washington Post*. There he covered Wall Street, served as the paper's South Asia correspondent, and was the *Post's* first international investigative correspondent, based in London. Over the years, he won the Gerald R. Loeb Award for his business coverage; the Livingston Award for his work from India and Pakistan; and the Robert F. Kennedy Award for his coverage of the civil war in Sierra Leone. He served as managing editor of the *Post* between 1998 and 2004. The following year, he joined *The New Yorker*, where he has written on international politics, American politics and national security, intelligence controversies and the media.

Coll is the author of "Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001," published in 2004, for which he received an Overseas Press Club Award and a Pulitzer Prize. His 2008 book, "The Bin Ladens: An Arabian Family in the American Century," won the PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award for Nonfiction in 2009 and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Biography. His most recent book is "Private Empire: ExxonMobil and American Power," which won the Financial Times/Goldman Sachs Award as the best business book of 2012. His other books are "On the Grand Trunk Road: A Journey into South Asia" (1994); "Eagle on the Street" (1991), which was based on his Pulitzer Prize-winning reporting for the *Post* on the S.E.C., written with David A. Vise; "The Taking of Getty Oil" (1987); and "The Deal of the Century: The Breakup of AT&T" (1986).

Coll served as president of the New America Foundation, a public-policy institute in Washington, D.C., between 2007 and 2012. He graduated from Occidental College in Los Angeles in 1980 with a degree in English and history.

Eli Pariser

Eli Pariser is the chief executive of Upworthy, a web site for viral meaningful content. He is a political and internet activist, board president of MoveOn.org and co-founder of Avaaz.org, and the author of the New York Times bestseller *The Filter Bubble*.

Pariser's rise as a political activist began when he launched an online petition calling for a nonmilitary response to the September 11th attacks when he was working as a program assistant for the national nonprofit More Than Money. Within a month, half a million people had signed the petition. Pariser joined MoveOn.org in 2001, when founders Wes Boyd and Joan Blades invited him to merge his efforts with theirs. In 2003, journalist George Packer referred to MoveOn.org as the "mainstream" element of "the fastest-growing protest movement in American history." During the 2004 U.S. presidential campaign, Pariser co-created the "Bush in 30 Seconds" ad contest, and raised over \$30 million from small donors to run ads and back Democratic and progressive candidates.

George Soros

George Soros is Chair of Soros Fund Management LLC. He was born in Budapest in 1930. He survived the Nazi occupation and fled communist Hungary in 1947 for England, where he graduated from the London School of Economics. He then settled in the United States, where he accumulated a large fortune through an international investment fund he founded and managed.

Soros has been active as a philanthropist since 1979, when he began providing funds to help black students attend Cape Town University in apartheid South Africa. He has established a network of philanthropic organizations active in more than 50 countries around the world. These organizations are dedicated to promoting the values of democracy and an open society. The foundation network spends about \$450 million annually. Soros is the author of nine books, including most recently *The Age of Fallibility*. His articles and essays on politics, society, and economics regularly appear in major newspapers and magazines around the world.

Jonathan Soros

Jonathan Soros is President and Deputy Chairman of Soros Fund Management LLC. Prior to joining SFM, Mr. Soros clerked for Judge Stephen F. Williams of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and co-founded Fair Trial Initiative (FTI), a North Carolina-based nonprofit organization that seeks to improve the quality of representation available to death penalty defendants. He serves on the board of directors of FTI and of the Open Society Institute (OSI). Mr. Soros is a graduate of Harvard Law School and the John F. Kennedy School of Government. He received his B.A. from Wesleyan University in 1992.

Andy Stern

Andy Stern is the former president of the 2.2-million-member Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the largest union of health care, doctors, nurses, janitors, security officers, child care, home care, hospital, and state workers, and the fastest-growing union in North America. As both a labor leader and a leader on major issues confronting American workers, Mr. Stern is a leading voice and a prominent advocate for people who work. Called a "courageous, visionary leader who charted a bold new course for American unionism," Mr. Stern's practical solutions to achieve economic opportunity and justice for all workers have earned the respect of workers, business leaders and policy makers on both sides of the aisle. Under his tenure as president, SEIU bucked the trend and through its signature national and global organizing campaigns SEIU grew by more than 1.2 million workers, turning traditionally underpaid service work into jobs that can help support a family and lift up a community. Mr. Stern began working as a social service worker and member of SEIU Local 668 in 1973. He served as organizing director for SEIU before his landmark election as president in 1996. After launching a national debate about the fundamental change needed to unite the 9 out of 10 American workers who have no organization at work, Mr. Stern led SEIU out of the AFL-CIO and transformed the national labor landscape by founding the Change to Win labor federation with six other major unions in 2005. Mr. Stern is a board member of the Broad Foundation, the Economic Policy Institute, a lifetime Trustee of the Aspen Institute, the President of the Kaiser Permanente Partnership, and SEIU's National Industry Pension.

Previously as a labor leader, and today in new roles, Mr. Stern is a leading voice on major issues confronting American workers. Having retired from Union service, Mr. Stern continues that work as a Fellow at the Georgetown University Public Policy Institute and as Director of AmericaWorks, a project of the Tides Foundation." Mr. Stern is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and has two children, Matt and Cassie.

Bryan A. Stevenson

Bryan Stevenson is the Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama and also a Professor of Law at the New York University School of Law. His representation of poor people and death row prisoners in the deep south has won him national recognition. He and his staff have been successful in overturning dozens of capital murder cases and death sentences where poor people have been unconstitutionally convicted or sentenced. Mr. Stevenson has been recognized as one of the top public interest lawyers in the country. His efforts to confront bias against the poor and people of color in the criminal justice system have earned him dozens of national awards including the National Public Interest Lawyer of the Year, the ABA Wisdom Award for Public Service, the ACLU National Medal of Liberty, the Reebok Human Rights Award, the Olaf Palme Prize for International Human Rights and the prestigious MacArthur Foundation Fellowship Award Prize. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and the Harvard School of Government. He has published articles on race, poverty and the criminal justice system, and manuals on capital litigation and habeas corpus.

Christopher Stone

Christopher Stone is the president of the Open Society Foundations. He has served since 2005 as the Guggenheim Professor of the Practice of Criminal Justice at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and director of the Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations. Before that, Stone spent a decade as director of the Vera Institute of Justice. He has been a board member of the Open Society Justice Initiative since 2004.

Stone is an international expert on criminal justice reform and on the leadership and governance of nonprofits. He has guided the start-up of eight nonprofit organizations working to advance justice and respect for human dignity. He founded the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem and served as a founding director of the New York State Capital Defender Office and of the Altus Global Alliance.

Stone received his AB from Harvard, an MPhil in criminology from the University of Cambridge, and his JD from Yale Law School. He was awarded an honorary Order of the British Empire for his contributions to criminal justice reform in the United Kingdom.