

Panelist Biographies

Clara Miller is President and CEO of Nonprofit Finance Fund (NFF), the only national financial intermediary exclusively committed to social sector finance. NFF serves both nonprofits and their funders, offering an integrated package of financial and advisory services.

Miller was named among *The NonProfit Times* “Power and Influence Top 50” in 2006, 2007, and 2008. She is a board member of GuideStar, Grantmakers for Effective Organizations, Enterprise Community Loan Fund and is Treasurer of the Robert Sterling Clark Foundation Board. She is also a Community Development Advisor for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Miller was a Clinton appointee to the U.S. Treasury’s Community Development Advisory Board oversees the CDFI fund, initially as a member and later as its Chair. She chaired the Opportunity Finance Network board for six years.

Miller speaks and writes extensively about nonprofit capitalization and finance and has been published recently in *The New York Times*, *The Financial Times*, *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, *Community Wealth Vanguard*, *Stanford Social Innovation Review*; *The Nonprofit Quarterly*; and *Worth Magazine*.

Monona Yin directs the Capacity Building Initiative of the Four Freedoms Fund, a national funding collaborative founded in 2003 to energize American democracy by supporting and engaging immigrants and refugees. The Four Freedoms Fund connects local, often ethnic-specific groups to coordinated state and national campaigns for humane & effective immigration policy, immigrant civic engagement and integration, and the protection of civil liberties and human rights. To date, the Fund has invested almost \$25 million in 85 grantees nationwide. The Capacity Building Initiative is entering its fourth year of strengthening the infrastructure of the immigrant rights field’s “anchor coalitions” through grants, peer learning and the development of field-wide indicators and best practices. The Four Freedoms Fund is housed at Public Interest Project.

Ms. Yin has served as a consultant with the Ford Foundation, Carnegie Corporation of New York, and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors. For six years she was a program officer at the F.B. Heron Foundation, making both grants and program-related investments to build greater self-sufficiency in low-income communities through home ownership, enterprise development, and access to capital. Previously, she served as associate director of the North Star Fund, co-chair of the Northeast Chapter of AAPIP, member of Soh Daiko Japanese drumming group, and founding member and staff director of CAAAV: Organizing Asian Communities. Ms. Yin is a graduate of Yale University and is bilingual in Mandarin Chinese.

