

# Biographies of Open Society Foundations Staff

## **Caroline Chambers**

Caroline is deputy director and senior domestic policy advisor for the Washington Office of the Open Society Foundations. Chambers works closely with the staff to develop and implement advocacy strategies in a broad range of critical domestic policy areas, including government transparency and integrity, civic engagement, protection of civil liberties and public health, and criminal justice and immigration reform. Since 1986, Chambers has worked on a broad range of domestic policy issues, primarily for the U.S. Congress and two administrations. Most recently, from 2009 to 2010, she served in the White House as director of confirmations for President Barack Obama. There, she oversaw Senate approval of over 600 of the president's nominees for high-level administration positions. In 2000, she served in the Clinton White House on the Domestic Policy Council staff as deputy director of the Council on Youth Violence. Chambers received a BA in political science from the University of Pennsylvania.

## **Diana Morris**

Diana is the Director of the Open Society Institute-Baltimore, a field office established in 1988 to serve as a laboratory for understanding and addressing the dynamics in play in urban centers in the U.S. Her fields of work have included public interest law, immigration, inter-group relations, addiction, criminal justice, and high school reform. From 1991 to 1997, she served as the executive director of the Blaustein Philanthropic Group, a set of eight family foundations based in Baltimore which awards local, national and international grants. Previously, Diana was a Program Officer at the Ford Foundation, first as a Program Officer for Refugee and Migrant Rights (1982 to 1987) and then as a Program Officer for Human Rights and Social Justice for Eastern and Southern Africa (1987 to 1990). Diana began her career as an Attorney-Adviser for Human Rights and Refugee Matters in the Office of the Legal Adviser at the Department of State. She holds a B.A. from Smith College and a J.D. from Boston University and is a member of the New York State Bar. Diana served as president of the Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers from 1996 to 2000 and was a member of its board from 1994 to 2001. She is currently a member of the Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems Board of Directors, the Safe and Sound Campaign Board, and the Baltimore City Re-entry and Re-integration Steering Committee.

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.

## **Chris Stone**

Chris 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.

**Kenneth H. Zimmerman**

Ken directs the Open Society Foundations' U.S. Programs. A lawyer with more than two decades of leadership in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, he has devoted his career to justice and equality, focusing on access to opportunity for people of color and low-income communities. Prior to Open Society, he was a litigation partner heading the pro bono practice group at Lowenstein Sandler PC. He was on the presidential transition team preparing the Obama Administration's strategy for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He was also chief counsel to New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine (2006 to 2008) and the first executive director of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice. Zimmerman began his career as a legal services lawyer in Oakland, California, and a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division. He received his B.A. from Yale University and J.D. from Harvard Law School, both magna cum laude.