

# JEITC

## Funders Network

### Shaping the Future Forum

Wednesday, April 19th from 10:00am – 3:00 pm ET

#### Speaker Bios

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##### **Erin Currier**

Erin Currier is a senior program officer for Family Economic Security at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan. As a member of the Family Economic Security team, Erin is responsible for identifying and nurturing opportunities for affecting positive systemic change within communities, and executing programming efforts that align with the foundation's strategic plan. She and the team advance grantmaking designed to further workforce mobility and financial stability for low-income families. She works closely with staff across the foundation to ensure integration and coordination of efforts; maintains strong relationships with grantees, grantseekers and partners; and provides leadership and oversight for on-the-ground execution of foundation investments. Erin was named one of the 25 Most Influential Washington Women Under 35 by the *National Journal* and was awarded a Marano Fellowship from the Aspen Institute. She has served as a volunteer board member with Survivors and Advocates for Empowerment and the Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project, both in Washington, D.C. Erin holds a master's degree in public policy and women's studies from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and a bachelor's degree in English and sociology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.



##### **Samuel Hammond**

Samuel Hammond is the director of social policy at the Niskanen Center. His research focuses on the effectiveness of cash transfers in alleviating poverty, and how free markets can be complemented by robust systems of social insurance. He previously worked as an economist for the Government of Canada specializing in rural economic development, and as a graduate research fellow for the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. Hammond has received a B.A. in Economics from Saint Mary's University and M.A.'s in Economics from George Mason University and Carleton University.



##### **Robin McKinney**

Robin McKinney is Co-Founder and CEO of the CASH Campaign of Maryland, a nonprofit that improves the financial security of low-to-moderate income Marylanders. The CASH Campaign of Maryland is the result of a recent merger between the Baltimore CASH Campaign and the Maryland CASH Campaign. CASH and its statewide network of partners annually prepares 15,000 free tax returns, bringing in \$20 million in tax refunds to low-income taxpayers, provides free financial education and coaching to over 7,000 residents, and conducts advocacy on state and federal policies. For the past 20 years, Robin has worked in the field of asset building, engaging in fundraising, advocacy, and

program and coalition management, including for the Annie E. Casey Foundation and East Harbor CDC. She has a BSW from Elizabethtown College and a MSW from the University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Social Work, where she co-founded the Financial Social Work Initiative and is currently an Adjunct Professor. Robin is a board member of Prosperity Now (formerly CFED), and a member of Maryland's Financial Education and Capability Commission.



### **David Newville**

David Newville is the Senior Program Director for Get Your Refund at Code for America. He has spent the last decade in Washington building financial security for low- and moderate-income people. In every role he has held, he has created and advocated for policies and programs informed by robust data, rigorous analysis, and the lived experiences of those on the margins of the U.S. economy. David served as Vice President of Policy & Research at Prosperity Now, a national intermediary dedicated to building stability, wealth, and prosperity in the United States. Under his leadership, Prosperity Now was instrumental in introducing federal legislation around enacting a nationwide Baby Bonds program and helping Earned Income Tax Credit recipients build emergency savings at tax time. He also co-created the model by which Prosperity Now

coaches state and local coalitions and advocates to advance racial wealth equity. David also served as a Senior Policy Advisor in the U.S. Department of the Treasury during the Obama administration and with the Financial Health Network, where he focused on consumer protection, financial access, and nonbank financial regulation. His commentary has appeared in CNN.com, the Washington Post, The Hill, USA Today, and American Banker. Before coming to D.C., David worked on state policy and advocacy issues related to childcare, early childhood education, and health care at Illinois Action for Children. He also was a producer at WBEZ, Chicago Public Radio. He has a Master of Public Policy degree from the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan and a B.A. from Grinnell College. David is a marathoner, outdoor enthusiast, and dog lover. He is originally from Wisconsin but now lives in Silver Spring, Maryland, with his wife and son.



### **Nina Olsen**

Nina E. Olson is the Executive Director of the Center for Taxpayer Rights. From March 2001 to July 2019, Nina served as the National Taxpayer Advocate of the United States, an independent organization within the Internal Revenue Service, dedicated to assisting taxpayers resolve their problems with the IRS and making administrative and legislative recommendations to mitigate those problems systemically. She has submitted 39 annual reports to Congress, and testified before congressional committees over 60 times. Before serving as the National Taxpayer Advocate, Nina founded and directed The Community Tax Law Project, the first independent Low Income Taxpayer Clinic in the US. She also maintained a private legal practice, representing taxpayers in disputes with

the IRS. Nina has received many awards and recognitions, including the American Bar Association Section of Taxation's Distinguished Service Award for Lifetime Service, Pro Bono Award, and Jules Ritholz Memorial Merit Award for Outstanding Dedication, Achievement, and Integrity in the Field of Civil and Criminal Tax Controversies; the Tax Foundation's Public Sector Distinguished Service Award; and Pro Bono Awards from the Virginia State Bar, the Virginia Bar Association, and the City of Richmond Bar Association. In 2016 she was recognized by Tax Analysts as one of the Top 10 Outstanding Women in Tax (internationally). Nina received her LLM in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center, her JD from North Carolina Central University School of Law, and her AB (in fine arts) from Bryn Mawr College.



**Bryndan Stueve**

Bryndan Stueve is the Manager of Community Impact and Economic Mobility with United Way Worldwide. In this role, he supports the United Way network in implementing programs and initiatives that advance economic mobility in communities throughout the US. He also leads United Way's MyFreeTaxes program, an online tax filing program that has helped 1.3 million LMI people file their federal and state taxes for free while claiming over \$2 billion in refunds and credits and saving \$260 million in filing fees.