

## THE NEW YORK WOMEN'S FOUNDATION WELCOMES SEVEN NEW BOARD MEMBERS

(July 10, 2018 – New York, NY) – [The New York Women's Foundation](#) (The Foundation), the largest public women-led grantmaking organization in the United States, welcomes seven new members to its Board of Directors. Their exceptional capabilities, experience and advocacy on behalf of underserved communities, plus a shared commitment to empowering women and their families, make them significant appointments to the Board.

Board Co-Chairs **Kwanza R. Butler** and **Janet Riccio** announced the appointment of:

**Elizabeth de Leon Bhargava:** Ms. de Leon Bhargava is the New York State Deputy Secretary for Labor & Workforce under the Office of Governor Andrew Cuomo. Prior to her current position, she served as First Deputy Chief of Staff for New York City Council Speaker Melissa Mark Viverito and as Deputy Commissioner for the Neighborhood Development Division of the New York City Department of Small Business Services.

**Anne Delaney:** A long-standing contributor to New York City's arts and social justice efforts, Ms. Delaney is the founder of the Starry Night Fund and Lambent Foundation. Her board experience includes serving as a past member and Chair of the Board of The New York Women's Foundation, the Ms. Foundation for Women and the Little Red, Elizabeth Irwin School.

**Mignon Espy Edwards:** Ms. Edwards is responsible for brand partnerships and sales generation for Jazz at Lincoln Center. Previously, she was the director of Digital Ideation and Sales at BET Networks and Head of Marketing and Strategic Planning for Warner Music Group. Her philanthropy background includes serving as a marketing and relationship advisor for the American Ballet Theater, Links, Inc., Studio Museum of Harlem, and Healthcorps.

**Tiloma Jayasinghe:** Ms. Jayasinghe is the Policy Strategist at the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York, an Activist Fellow at the Barnard Center for Research on Women and a gender justice consultant. She served as the Executive Director of Sakhi for South Asian Women, a Social Affairs Officer at the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women and as the first Baron Edmond de Rothschild Staff Attorney Fellow for the National Advocates for Pregnant Women.

**Dr. Danielle Moss:** Dr. Moss co-chairs the New York City Council's Young Women's Initiative and is a member of the city's Commission on Gender Equity. She is the past President & CEO of the YWCA of the City of New York. Under her tenure, the YWCA NYC expanded its program portfolio to include a women's speaker series for professional women, girls' leadership programs, STEM education for girls and young women, and has increased advocacy for women and girls in New York City.

**Ayo Roach:** Ms. Roach is an independent philanthropic advisor and non-profit management consultant, specializing in sustainability and resilience, education, women's and girls' health and reproductive rights, native and indigenous peoples, criminal justice, and arts. Previously, she served as philanthropic advisor

at the Nelson Rockefeller Junior Family Office and as program officer at the David Rockefeller Fund. She currently serves as Chair of the Governance Committee for the Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls.

**Lola C. West:** Ms. West is the Managing Director of Westfuller Advisors, where she guides clients and institutions on how to build a vision for the future and directs the achievement of results-oriented financial goals and aspirations. Previously, she served as a wealth advisor with Merrill Lynch and a senior partner of LWF Wealth Management Group. Ms. West is a board member for Jazz at Lincoln Center and a Charter Member for the Advisory Council for the Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art at the Brooklyn Museum.

**Ana Oliveira,** President and CEO of The Foundation said, “I am in awe of the talent, diversity and breadth of experience of our board. Each woman exemplifies the leadership qualities that we hope to cultivate in our grantee partners. I thank them for their time and commitment and look forward to getting to know the new members better. Together, we can ensure that The New York Women’s Foundation continues to help New York City’s women thrive.”

The new board members join Co-Chairs **Butler** and **Riccio**, Vice Chair **Yvonne Moore**, Secretary **Jeanne Mullgrav**, Treasurer **Tracey Schusterman**, Honorary Chair **Abigail Disney**, Chair Emerita **Helen LaKelly Hunt** and returning members **Helene Banks**, **Fran Barrett**, **Hyatt Bass**, **Andrea Batista-Schlesinger**, **Mary Caracappa**, **Karen Choi**, **Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez**, **Virginia Day**, **Cathy Isaacson**, **Eileen Kelly**, **Carolyn Rossip Malcolm**, **Grainne McNamara**, **Elba Montalvo**, **Margaret Morrison**, **Priscilla Painton**, **Michele O. Penzer**, **Merble Reagon**, **Irma Rodriguez**, **Elizabeth Wang** and **Stephanie Wang-Breal**.

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Since 1987, The New York Women’s Foundation has advanced a dynamic philanthropic strategy based on the fundamental reality that, when women thrive, their families and communities also thrive. The Foundation is the largest women-led grantmaking organization in the United States, and one of the top two in the world. We invest in women-led, community-based solutions that promote the economic security, safety, and health of the most vulnerable women in New York City. We foster women’s leadership, create partnerships that spark catalytic change, exchange insights with experts across sectors, and empower women by training them in activism and philanthropy to accelerate and sustain forward progress. Visit [www.nywf.org](http://www.nywf.org) to learn more about our work to transform lives, families, and communities – and create a better New York City for all.

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