



Public Matters 2019 Participant Bios

Janelle Bouchard is a Regional Services Associate at Eastern Bank. Among her roles at the bank, Janelle is responsible for operational compliance and handles daily account maintenance. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Management and Marketing from UMass Lowell where she was the founding member and Public Relations Executive Board Chair of the Management Society. Janelle is a Lowell resident.

Kristina Camerota is the Business Development Specialist at Watermark Environmental, Inc. Her primary focus, in this capacity, is identifying new business opportunities for Watermark's buildings and facilities, and environmental and infrastructure projects in the Federal marketplace. Prior to her role at Watermark she counseled small business owners through the Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) and continues to pursue her passion for advocating for small businesses. Kristina holds the Certified Federal Contract Manager (CFCM) certification and has also completed a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Western New England University and a Master of Business Administration from UMass Lowell. Kristina volunteers her time at International Family church and is a resident of Dracut.

Bora Chiemruom is the owner of Kravant Boutique, a Khmer owned rental and consignment boutique in Lowell. As a social enterprise the company lends dresses to under-resourced young women in the community. Prior to launching her business, Bora served as the Executive Director of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission, whose mission is to advocate on behalf of the Asian American community in Massachusetts. Bora holds a Bachelors Degree in History from Fitchburg State University and has completed graduate work in Management from Lesley University. Among her many commitments in the community, she serves as an Advisory Board Member of the Institute for Asian American Studies and is on the Board of Directors for the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association. She was recently appointed by State Auditor, Commissioner of AAC. Bora lives in Tyngsboro.

Yanelly Cruz is an Assistant Vice President/Branch Manager for Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank. Her current focus involves all aspects of business banking, as well as client service and employee management. She started as an Assistant Manager of the North Andover office in 2014. Yanelly has 13 years banking experience. Among her volunteer commitments, Yanelly is a member of the Lowell Rotary and serves on the Golf Committee of the Alternative House. She has also volunteered for National Night Out in North Andover/Lowell as well as The Methuen Festival of Trees. Yanelly is a native of the Dominican Republic and is a resident of Lawrence.

Emily Donovan is a Park Ranger with the Lowell National Historical Park. In this role, she serves as the co-project manager for the new Cultural Exhibit Project. Emily has been a champion at the Park for inter-generational learning and community partnerships, launching Your City Saturdays as a way to celebrate the mission of the Park and local community organizations. She serves as a team leader for Project Learn and is active with the Lowell High School Alumni Association. In her spare time, Emily volunteers as a student advisor and chapter visitation assistant for Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority. Emily holds a Bachelor of Arts from Boston University and a Master of Arts from Tufts University. She is a Lowell resident.

Matt Doyle is the Tenant Coordinator for Farley White Management where he is responsible for the day to day operations of the 280,000 square foot Wannalancit Mill office complex in downtown Lowell. Matt attended UMass Dartmouth and is a resident of Manchester, NH.

Caroline Howard is the Director of Finance for the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lowell. In this role, she is responsible for the accounting, finance, and human resources for the organization. Caroline has been a long-time member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Lowell, currently serving as treasurer and previously as president. Along with her husband, she owns Heritage Farm Ice Cream which has been a long-time sponsor and supporter of the Lowell Regatta Festival and the Folk Festival. Caroline holds a Bachelor of Science from Lesley College and a Masters in Business Administration from UMass Lowell. She is a Lowell resident.

Alison Hughes is an Administrative Assistant and Foundation Liaison for Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union. In this capacity she is responsible for the credit union's *We Share a Common Thread* campaign and its community giving efforts. Additionally, Alison serves as Vice-Chair Woman of the Dracut Board of Selectmen, chairing the Economic Development and Education Subcommittees. She also chaired the Joint Budget Task Force that developed a 5-year economic strategy for the town of Dracut. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from George Washington University. Alison is a resident of Dracut.

Chanmony Huot is a Product Marketing Specialist at Kronos, Inc. Chan has volunteered as a youth mentor at the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association and participated in neighborhood community meetings. He holds a degree in Business Administration from UMass Lowell. Chan was born and raised in Lowell and currently lives here.

Masada Jones is the Coordinator of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program at Community Teamwork, Inc. pairing more than 100 youth with adult mentors. Additionally, Masada is the co-founder of FreeVerse, whose mission is to cultivate a culture of spoken word and poetry among youth. She is also the founder of The Kindred Project, an organization that helps unite the black community in Lowell; and in the past, she managed the Dance 4 Peace, Lowell's largest youth-led violence prevention event. Masada holds an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences from Middlesex Community College and Bachelors in Liberal Arts from Lesley University. She is a Lowell resident.

Leslie Manirath is a Commercial Portfolio Manager at Enterprise Bank and Trust where she manages and services a portfolio of the team's commercial loans and provides a high level of customer support by monitoring and supporting existing customer relationships. She volunteers serving meals at Cor Unum in Lawrence and the Lowell Transitional Living Center. Leslie has a Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Middlesex Community College and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from UMass Lowell. She lives in Lowell.

Maritza Martinez is the Associate Director of Student Accounts at Middlesex Community College. In this capacity she is responsible for billing and managing the health insurance process in compliance with state guidelines. Maritza also facilitates a financial literacy program for students and alumni to help them build financial skills. She serves as Chair of College Appeal Committee which is responsible for reviewing and responding to appeals. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Boston College and a Graduate Certificate in Management from UMass Lowell. Maritza is a resident of Andover.

Rogers Muyanja is the Community Relations Manager at the International Institute, engaging with community partners, donors, volunteers and interns. Among his volunteer activities, Rogers serves on the Advisory Board for Middlesex Community College's Humanities Center and the New American Center, and was part of a team of community members who led the Welcoming Lowell Week events. He received a Diploma in Law from the Law Development Centre, Kampala, Uganda and holds an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences from Middlesex Community College as well as a Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Peace and Conflict Studies from UMass Lowell. Rogers is a Lowell resident.

Esther Nganga is an Associate Director of Nursing at Lowell Community Health Center. She is responsible for strategic and operational management of a large internal medicine department as well as major grant funded programs. She has a passion for supporting immigrant youth and is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Children and Youth Ministry, Kenya Catholic Community and Friends in Boston. Esther is a Registered Nurse (RN) and has a Bachelors in Education from Kenyatta University in Nairobi. She is a mother of two and is a Lowell resident.

Am Ngeth is the Monorom Family Support Program Assistant at the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association. In this capacity she works with adults and children with special needs, attending doctors' appointments and school meetings as a certified medical interpreter. Am also volunteers weekly with the House of Hope. She lives in Lowell.

Ruairi O'Mahony is the Director of Sustainability at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. The Office of Sustainability provides the UMass Lowell community with essential services which integrate, communicate, and promote sustainable opportunities that contribute to the pursuit of carbon neutrality. With a clear focus on urban issues and opportunities, partnerships are critical to UMass Lowell's approach to sustainability. In his role at UMass, Ruairi developed a unique urban agricultural program in partnership with Mill City Grows, and collaborates frequently with City of Lowell planning staff on joint projects. He holds a Bachelors in Geography and English, and a Masters in Planning and Sustainable Development from University College Cork, Ireland. Ruairi is a resident of Woburn.

Shamir Rivera is the Alumni and Engagement Coordinator at Project Learn, whose mission is to transform Lowell into the standard for excellence in urban education. She has helped grow the organization's Your Voices Matter, school community engagement program and the BookNook program, providing free books to area youth. Shamir is a member of the Lowell Community Health Center's Developing Leaders Council and volunteers with the Get There, Start Now organization. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Africana Studies from Bowdoin College. Shamir lives in Lowell, and in her free time enjoys running and spending time with her family.

Andrew Shapiro is the City of Lowell's Director of Economic Development. In concert with the City Manager's office and other City staff, Andrew devises and implements the City of Lowell's overall economic development strategy. He and the Economic Development Office team provide support to both existing and new businesses in Lowell and market the city's economic development opportunities. Andrew works cooperatively with a number of local and regional economic development organizations including the MassHire Workforce Development Board, the Working Cities Challenge Initiative, and the Middlesex 3 Coalition. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Syracuse University, a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Tech, and he is a Certified Planner (American Institute of Certified Planners). Andrew is a resident of Newburyport where he serves on the planning board.

Emma Tobin is the Lowell Program Director/Director of Research Initiatives and Impact Assessment for the International Institute of New England. She recently designed a Certified Nursing Assistant training program for adult English language learners that provides both practical training and job placement services. Emma is a member of the Steering Committee for Lowell RISE (Refugee and Immigrant Support and Engagement) Coalition and she served on the Steering Committee for the relocation of the Metta Clinic at the Lowell Community Health Center. She has a Bachelor of Arts from Hampshire College and a Masters of Science in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies from the University of Oxford. Emma lives in Cambridge.

Ryan Wright is Chief Ranger and chief law enforcement officer at the Lowell National Historical Park. As a member of the Park's management team he is responsible for guiding their law enforcement program. He holds a Bachelors of Science from UMass, Amherst and is a graduate of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. When Ryan is not at the Park he enjoys canoeing and camping and is training to be a pilot. Ryan is a Dracut resident.