



Clergy Leadership Program

of Central Pennsylvania

Bios for Seminar Two Presenters: “Government”

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Seminar Coordinator

Joyce Davis is the Communications Director for the City of Harrisburg and president of the World Affairs Council of Harrisburg (WACH). Joyce is an experienced journalist, having formerly worked for National Public Radio, the New Orleans Time-Picayune, Knight Ridder Newspapers, and Radio Farda. Joyce has authored several books and was a senior fellow with the United States Institute of Peace. She is a valued member of the CLP Advisory Board.

David Botero, Community Policing Coordinator, was hired in 2014 by Harrisburg Mayor Eric Papenfuse to improve relations between city residents and police. He is responsible for fostering citizen involvement in fighting crime by supporting neighborhood watch programs and initiatives that engage parents and youth in public safety.

Thomas Carter is the Harrisburg City Police Chief, a role he has held since 2014. Chief Carter is a life-long Harrisburg resident known for his accessibility to the city’s citizens and for his focus on community policing. Last year Chief Carter was recognized as a “Peacemaker in Our Midst” by the WACH.

John Fea is Professor of American History and Chair of the History Department at Messiah College. Author of four books and a popular blogger (<http://www.philipvickersfithian.com/p/about.html>), John has a Ph.D. from SUNY at Stony Brook.

The Honorable Graham Hetrick has been Dauphin County Coroner since January 1990. Graham is a graduate of Susquehanna Township High School, and has a B.A. from York College, a Mortuary Science Degree from Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, and a Master of Science Degree in research psychology from Capella University.

The Honorable Patty Kim represents the 103rd District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. A daughter of Korean immigrants, Rep. Kim served on the Harrisburg City Council for two terms before becoming the first woman to represent the 103rd District and the first Korean-American in the Pennsylvania legislature.

The Honorable Eric Papenfuse is the mayor of the City of Harrisburg. Papenfuse was born in Baltimore, attended Yale University, and taught in public schools before being elected mayor. Papenfuse and his wife Cathy own Midtown Scholar, a successful bookstore and gathering spot in midtown Harrisburg.

The Honorable Rick Saccone has represented the 39th District in southwestern Pennsylvania since 2010. He is a former U.S. Air Force Counter Intelligence and Special Agent, journalist, and professor of political science and international relations at St. Vincent’s College. Representative Saccone has visited more than 70 countries.

The Honorable Victor Stabile was elected judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania in 2013. Previously he was a partner at Dilworth Paxson LLP in Harrisburg. Judge Stabile is a graduate of Dickinson School of Law and SUNY at Stony Brook.

The Honorable Mike Stack is Pennsylvania’s Lieutenant Governor as well as a marathoner, triathlete, and member of the Screen Actors’ Guild. Lt. Governor Stack was an attorney in private practice before serving as state senator for his Northeast Philadelphia neighborhood. He is also a Judge Advocate General prosecutor in the PA National Guard.

Rev. Sandy Strauss is Director of Public Advocacy for the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, focusing especially on issues related to peace, justice, equality and compassion for all people. She received her Master of Divinity degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary and is ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Wanda R.D. Williams is a lifelong resident of Harrisburg and former president of the Harrisburg School Board. A public servant in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for more than 30 years, she is currently president of the Harrisburg City Council.