

Diane Bach

Diane Bach is the VITA Program Manager for Community Action Agency for Jackson, Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties. She has been in this position for a little over 4 months. Diane has previously worked in the areas of human resources and high education administration. Diane has a Bachelor degree in Education from Glenville State College in Glenville, WV and a Master Degree in Education Administration from West Virginia University.

MARY BALKEMA
KALAMAZOO COUNTY TREASURER

Mary Balkema is a life long resident of this Kalamazoo and earned her accounting degree from Western Michigan University. She worked for First of America Bank as Vice President for the broker dealer. In November 2001, she was elected to her first public service position as Kalamazoo City Commissioner. She went on to serve 3 terms.

In May of 2007, the former treasurer retired and Mary was appointed. In November 2008 she ran for the position and was elected for a 4 year term. During her time as treasurer, she has diversified the portfolio, lobbied to change legislation to allow the city to change their tax installments, and created a county wide land bank authority. Due to the state of the economy, mortgage and tax foreclosure are affecting many people in the county. Due to Mary's efforts and outreach, she foreclosed on only 7 homesteads in 2008.

Mary serves as treasurer for the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, the finance committee for the Boy Scouts, the Retirement Investment Committee for the County, the County Plat Board, the County Apportionment Commission and the Election Commission. She is a board member for the Kalamazoo County LISC Local Advisory Committee and serves as treasurer for the campaigns of Citizens for kids, Citizens for Community Transportation and Citizens for Law Enforcement.

David A. Buick

David Buick has worked in state government for over twenty years. In his current position as Property Services Division Administrator within the Michigan Department of Treasury's Bureau of Local Government, he oversees the State's Tax Forfeiture and Foreclosure, Property Tax Exemption and Principal Residence Exemption Programs. Previous to his current assignment, Mr. Buick held administrative positions with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the Operations Services Division and the Office of Land and Facilities. In addition, Mr. Buick's state service experience has also included assignments with the Michigan Department of Public Health in the Division of Occupational Health. Prior to his career in State government, he was employed by Northern Michigan University where he managed the University Center and developed the housing program for the United States Olympic Training Center.

Mr. Buick holds a bachelor's degree in Biology from Alma College and a Master of Arts in Administrative Services/Public Administration from Northern Michigan University.

Robert J. Daddow,
Deputy County Executive – Special Projects

Robert Daddow obtained a bachelor's and masters in business administration from Central Michigan University in accounting. He joined the accounting firm, Ernst & Young in 1974 and rose to partner in his 17 years with the firm. His client base was largely governmental units and non-profit entities where he provided auditing and consulting services while at the firm.

In January 1993, he joined Oakland County as the Director of the Department of Management and Budget and rose to deputy County Executive in 2000. During his tenure with Oakland County he has been involved in a number of projects and the financial affairs of the County.

Recently, he was appointed as Co-Chair of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates by Senator Bishop. The final report was issued in December 2009.

Scott Dzurka is the President/CEO of the Michigan Association of United Ways (MAUW) since 2007, representing the 64 local United Way organizations statewide with a combined budget of over \$140 million. MAUW has strived to be the United Way's voice in policy and advocacy issues on behalf of its members and coordinating activities among them.

Dzurka joins MAUW after 5 years as the associate director of the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards where he oversaw member service programs and public relations. He also previously worked for the Michigan Association of Counties as its legislative coordinator on judiciary and human services issues.

Dzurka has earned an associate degree from Delta College(1992), a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration from Michigan State University (1994) and a Master of Business Administration from the DeVos Graduate School at Northwood University (2002). Scott also grew up in neighboring Auburn, Michigan where he held the distinction of being elected to city council there at the ripe age of 18.

Marjorie Green

Marjorie has been with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis (FHLBI) since June 2007. She is based in Michigan and is responsible for promoting the Bank's Community Investment programs with members, community-based organizations, and local government agencies. She serves on the board of directors of the Michigan Housing Council (MHC), the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), and Habitat for Humanity of Michigan. Marjorie spent 35 years with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), most recently serving as Director of Multifamily Development and Construction. She also served as MSHDA's Director of Community Development for ten years. Marjorie is a graduate of Michigan State University.

Ramondo R. Gee

Ramondo R. Gee is a 34 year veteran of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). He has been a Senior Manager with the Internal Revenue for over 20 years.

He has held several positions within the Internal Revenue. He formerly was Chief of the Taxpayer Service Division, Michigan District; upon being selected for that position in 1989, he became the first African-American Division Chief for the Michigan District of the Internal Revenue Service.

Other positions held include Acting Assistant District Director, Michigan District, as well as Chief of the District Office of Research and Analysis.

Currently, he is the Territory Manager, for the Internal Revenue's office of Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communication, a position he has held since October, 2000. His "Territory" is the State of Michigan.

MS. JAMELE HAGE, ESQ.
Wayne County Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program

Brief Bio

Ms. Jamele Hage has been a Wayne County Assistant Corporation Counsel since 2005, and is currently directing the Wayne County Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program (MFPP). She has many years of real estate law experience in both residential and commercial properties and worked with the Wayne County Information Technology Department on designing and making the www.FightMortgageForeclosure.com website a reality. The MFPP program is unique in the field of mortgage foreclosure prevention and serves as a national model. It won a 2009 National Association of Counties Achievement Award recognizing model programs that exemplify hard work in promotion of quality, efficient and responsive management and administration. It also won an award for furthering the region's technology industry from the Midwest Technology Leaders, an organization comprised of the Great Lakes Region's top Information Executives.

Ms. Hage has traveled to Washington D.C. and New York City to speak at large gatherings of bankers, lenders and legislators about the MFPP program. In addition, she has conducted webinars with other industry leaders in Las Vegas and other major cities looking for solutions to the mortgage foreclosure crisis. She is well known in the Detroit Metropolitan area and has given numerous local presentations, including appearances on WXYZ channel 7 and Public Television channel 56. In addition, she has been interviewed by both radio and newspaper reporters. Her exemplary leadership and "can do" attitude have spearheaded the MFPP program that has helped more than 2,000 families and has an above average home retention rate.

Samuel D. Kahan

Samuel D. Kahan is currently Senior Economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Detroit Branch. Keeping tabs on developments in the local economy is the primary focus of attention.

Prior to joining the Federal Reserve System, Sam was president of A.S.K. Financial Research, Ltd. The company, based in Chicago, was organized to provide micro and macro-economic consultancy to business, financial institutions, and governments, particularly in the fields of economic analysis and financial markets. Sam produced the ASK Weekly Business Barometer.

Before establishing A.S.K. Financial Research, Ltd., Sam was Senior Vice President and Chief Economist at Fuji Securities Inc., a primary dealer in U.S. government securities, and the subsidiary of Fuji Bank. Fuji Securities, Inc. had been purchased from Kleinwort Benson, one of London's premier merchant bankers.

Prior to joining Fuji Securities Inc. in 1985, Mr. Kahan was Vice President and Director of Financial Futures for Heinold Commodities, Inc. From 1976-1981, Sam was money market economist for Citibank's Money Market Division.

Sam received his undergraduate degree in economics from Yeshiva University and his graduate degrees in economics from Columbia University.

Sam has been widely quoted in the world's media including CNN, Reuters, Business Week, The Wall Street Journal, and The New York Times. He has been a frequent presenter at international conferences and roundtable discussions on economic and policy issues. Sam is a member of the usual professional organizations of economists.

Chris Kilmer, MA- Bio

Chris Kilmer is the Community Programs Director for the Community Action Agency. Chris oversees programs across the tri-county area that includes Emergency Services, Literacy, Fatherhood, VITA and several others. Chris has been with the Community Action Agency for 3 years and formally was a police officer for the City of Jackson. Chris has a Bachelor's degree from Ferris State University in Criminal Justice and a Master's degree in Counseling from Spring Arbor University. Chris is married and has two children.



Katherine Nelson
Research Department

Katherine Nelson is the Event Coordinator and Tour Director for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago – Detroit Branch. Her responsibilities include educating guests to the Detroit Visitor Center and hosting several major conferences though out the year. She is also the President of the Detroit Activities Council which fosters employee moral though group activities and discounts. Ms. Nelson is a member of the Detroit Area Business Economists and was elected to the position of Treasurer.

Prior to joining the Chicago Fed, Ms. Nelson was a Catering Manager and Reservation Specialist at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, MI for ten years. During this time she participated in many cross departmental groups and wrote both training manuals and promotional material.

Ms. Nelson received her Associates in Liberal Arts from Henry Ford Community College and her BA from Central Michigan University. She is currently working on her masters, also from Center Michigan University. Ms. Nelson holds a volunteer staff position at First Baptist Church of Dearborn as the Youth Coordinator for grades six though tweleve.

Luke W. Reynolds

Luke W. Reynolds is Chief of Outreach & Program Development at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Washington, DC. He manages community development-related projects, including the FDIC's financial education program, Money Smart. Mr. Reynolds also represents the Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection on the FDIC's Unbanked/Underbanked Surveys Project Team. Before his current position, he was the FDIC's Community Affairs Specialist in Southern California and a bank Compliance Examiner in the FDIC's Detroit Field Office. Mr. Reynolds has authored or contributed to numerous research and other publications, is a Commissioned Bank Compliance examiner, and a licensed attorney in California and the District of Columbia.

Peter Ruark

Peter Ruark is a policy analyst and advocate for the Michigan League for Human Services, where he specializes in workforce development, public assistance, family self-sufficiency, wage mobility and low-income tax credits. He produces the annual *Money Back in Michigan* packet, the annual *Labor Day Report*, *Economic Self-Sufficiency in Michigan*, and the quarterly *Economic Security Bulletin*. He also facilitates the Michigan Statewide Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition (and maintains its website), and is an active participant in Michigan's Adult Learning Work Group. He has been with the League since 2001.

Kevin Smith is a graduate of Northern Michigan University (BS, 1977) and the University of Michigan (JD, 1980) (MS, Natural Resources, 1982).

He has been employed since 1984 with the Michigan Department of Attorney General, since 1993 in the Revenue and Collections Division, where his primary focus has been foreclosure of delinquent real property taxes.

His most recent publication is "An Update on Foreclosure of Real Property Tax Liens Under Michigan's New Tax Foreclosure Process," 36 Mich Real Prop Rev 30 (Spring 2009).

He is a member of the Title Standards and Water Law Committees of the Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan and a member of the Environmental Law Section.

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Cary Jay Vaughn, CPA, CGFM

Cary Vaughn has worked for the Michigan Department of Treasury for 17 years. He is the manager over the Audit Section of the Local Audit and Finance Division which performs and reviews auditing and accounting throughout the state.

Job Title/Description:

- Employed with Michigan Department of Treasury
Local Audit and Finance Division – 16 years
- Manager, Audit Section, Local Audit and Finance Division
 - Financial Audits
 - Attestation Engagements
 - Set state-wide accounting and auditing guidance

Certification:

- Certified Public Accountant
- Certified Governmental Financial Manager

Education:

- University of Michigan-Flint

Organization Affiliation:

- Michigan Committee on Governmental Accounting and Auditing-Co chair
- Association of Government Accountants