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Summary

Served over the past decade as a Nonresident Fellow assessing international volunteering outcomes on development and service policy with the Brookings Institution. Founded and currently chairs the Building Bridges Coalition forging multistakeholder service initiatives advancing the 2030 development goals together with Service Year Alliance. Prior directed the national Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program at the Corporation for National and Community Service, as well as Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, promoting low-income entrepreneurship and asset development, mentoring children of prisoners and other initiatives to strengthen children and families throughout the country. Conceived and co-directed the International Roundtable on Volunteering and Service with Points of Light Foundation, US AID, and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

As Vice-President for Strategic Partnerships with the Global Peace Foundation, travels extensively, assessing and promoting service initiatives in Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East, Latin America and North and South Asia and the United States furthering the 2030 SDG goals.

Served in the U.S. Senior Executive Service as a Deputy Assistant Secretary under Jack Kemp at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, charged with implementing the President's HOPE homeownership and low-income empowerment initiatives. Received consecutive outstanding performance ratings and Secretary Kemp's Golden Eagle Award.

Employment and Fellowship Experience

Brookings Institution (2006-Present)

Nonresident Fellow, International Volunteering and Service, Global Economy and Development
Washington, D.C.

Following senior executive [service at](#) the national and state levels, appointed to identify effective practices in volunteerism and service. Chairs the Building Bridges Coalition, an umbrella organization of NGOs, corporations, universities, and faith-based groups promoting public diplomacy and understanding through volunteerism.

Global Peace Foundation (2008-Present)

Vice-President, Strategic Partnerships
Lanham, Maryland

Leads international and national partnerships with companies and agencies including IBM, Peace Corps, the United Nations, universities and citizens to advance volunteerism and service, promote development, and address identity-based conflict and terrorism in hot spots of East and West Africa

and Asia-Pacific. Forged service alliances in the aftermath of Nepal's earthquake and Philippine typhoons.

Corporation for National and Community Service (2002-2005)

National Director, VISTA, and Director, Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
Washington, D.C.

Led the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program with 7,000 volunteers across the country at the Corporation for National and Community Service, as well as Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, to promote low-income entrepreneurship and asset development, mentoring children of prisoners and other initiatives to promote children's wellbeing and strengthen families throughout the nation. Co-directed the International Roundtable on Volunteering and Service with Points of Light Foundation, US AID, and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Empowerment Consultants International (1997-2000)

President
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Developed national programs, Empowerment Blueprints, and policy leadership for national grassroots organizations including the Center for Neighborhood Enterprise and Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and Family Revitalization.

National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise (1996-2000)

Policy Director and Violence Free Zone Project Director
Washington, D.C.

Worked with Robert L. Woodson to develop and implement nationally acclaimed five-city "Violence-Free Zone" gang intervention initiative which elicited bipartisan Congressional support. Conducted assessments of faith-based drug treatment initiatives and Communities 2000 welfare reform initiatives.

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (1994-1996)

Agency Director, Gubernatorial Appointee
Richmond, Virginia

Led statewide urban and rural revitalization initiatives, including Enterprise Zones and self-help initiatives to address housing needs that elicited bipartisan support. Administered state and local Community Development Block Grants for economic infrastructure and promoted low-income homeownership and streamlining regulatory reforms. Served on the Board of Commissions of the Virginia Housing Development Authority (Triple A bond rated).

Governor's Commission on Citizen Empowerment (1994)

Executive Director
Richmond, Virginia

Directed the Governor's commission to develop and implement the state's welfare reform plan. Promoted to lead the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Empowerment Network Foundation (1992-1993)

Executive Director
Alexandria, Virginia

Developed community micro-enterprise and national policy initiatives for empowerment, welfare reform and family strengthening.

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (1989-1992)

Deputy Assistant Secretary
Director, Office of Resident Initiatives
Washington, D.C.

Served as a Senior Executive Service presidential appointee overseeing a new agency unit reforming federal housing assistance and transforming programs to generate social capital through resident-management and homeownership initiatives that promoted empowerment and self-help. Provided oversight over federal drug elimination programs and supported the White House Economic Empowerment Task Force. Received outstanding performance ratings and the Secretary's Golden Eagle Award for "rare and distinguished" national service.

Education and Professional Training

Undergraduate Studies, Political Science, University of Illinois (1985)
National Political Science Honor Society (Pi Sigma Alpha)

Interdisciplinary Studies, Berry College, Rome, GA (1974-1976)
Berry College Citizenship Award

Senior Executive Service Training, U.S. Office of Personnel Management (1990)

United States Senate Urban Policy Fellowship (1985)

Certificate of Training, Legislative Institute for Member and Congressional Staff (1985)
Congressional Research Service

Congressional Policy Continuing Education Seminar, Georgetown University (1985)

Basic Management of Volunteer Programs, United Way of Chicago (1984)

Honors

U.S. Senior Executive Service
U.S. HUD Secretary Jack Kemp's Golden Eagle Award
Secretary's Superior Accomplishment Award
National Political Science Honor Society (Pi Sigma Alpha)
Presidential Voluntary Action Award Nomination
Chicago Mayoral Citizenship Award
Service Citation, National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise
National Association of Resident Management Award
Service Citation, Amachi Mentoring Program

Current/Former Memberships and Appointments

University of Mary Washington, Center for Honor, Leadership and Service Advisor (Current)
Chair, Building Bridges Coalition (Current)
National Volunteer Administrators Association
Chicago Mayor's Task Force on Gangs
Martin Luther King III Next Generation Peace Initiative, Realizing the Dream, Advisory Team
Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Affordable Housing Committee
Alexandria United Way, Board Executive Committee
Alexandria School Board, Vocational Education Committee
Rappahannock Big Brothers Big Sisters Board, Fredericksburg
Spotsylvania County Industrial Development Board

White House Task Force on Disadvantaged Youth, Family and Community Subcommittee
White House Task Force on Los Angeles Recovery
White House Economic Empowerment Task Force

References

Available on request.