

**Morningside Area Alliance
Board of Directors Slate 2021**

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Ariana González Stokas	Barnard College
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Paula Mayo	Interchurch Center
Larry Palfini	International House
Marc Gary	Jewish Theological Seminary
Alexa Smith	Manhattan School of Music
Marian Scott	Mt. Sinai St. Luke's
Michael Livingston	The Riverside Church
Virginia Connor	St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's
Matthew Camp	Teachers College
Brent Dickman	Union Theological Seminary
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Vincent Melito	International House
Elise Dowell	Jewish Theological Seminary
Monica Coen-Christensen	Manhattan School of Music
Brian Simpson	Riverside Church
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Michael Orzechowski	Union Theological Seminary
Robin Reese	Union Theological Seminary
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James Gandre	Manhattan School of Music
Arthur Gianelli	Mt. Sinai Morningside
Serene Jones	Union Theological Seminary
Shailagh Murray	Columbia University
Calvin Sims	International House
Shuly Rubin Schwartz	Jewish Theological Seminary

Ariana González Stokas, Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Barnard College

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Reporting to President Sian Leah Beilock and working in partnership with campuswide constituencies, González Stokas will lead strategic initiatives that cultivate a more inclusive and equitable learning environment. She will join Barnard in July 2019, as the 129-year-old college welcomes its most diverse and selective admitted class in its history. Barnard students come from nearly every state and close to 60 countries, with about half identifying as women of color, and 13% as first-generation college students.

As Barnard's Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, González Stokas will report directly to President Beilock and be an integral part of the College's senior leadership team. She will chair the Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and work closely with the dean of faculty diversity and development and the executive director for equity, among others, to envision and actualize programs that promote diversity, establish accountability, and support inclusivity among Barnard's community.

González Stokas brings a wealth of experience to Barnard as a committed educator and researcher. She has worked as an administrator, faculty member, and scholar of philosophy and education, with a proven track record of being dedicated to equity and access. González Stokas currently serves as the Dean of Inclusive Excellence at Bard College in New York and oversees a variety of programs and initiatives. She was instrumental in identifying working groups to establish a clear and strategic vision for Pell-eligible and DACA students. She also supports the development and institutionalization of student-initiated projects and created the Alexander Gilson Place for interracial and intercultural dialogue. Prior to her role at Bard, she was an assistant professor of interdisciplinary studies at Guttman Community College of the City University of New York (CUNY).

González Stokas has a B.A. in philosophy and studio arts from Bard College. She earned her Ph.D in philosophy and education from Teachers College, Columbia University. Her doctoral research examined the intersections of aesthetics, education, and inequality. Her professional affiliations include the American Philosophical Association, the Caribbean Studies Association, the Philosophy of Education Society, the Latin American Philosophy of Education Society, the Caribbean Philosophical Association, and the American Educational Research Association.



Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz, Chancellor, Jewish Theological Seminary

June 2020 The Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) has selected Shuly Rubin Schwartz to be its eighth chancellor. An expert on Jewish American history with more than three decades of experience as a professor and institutional leader, Schwartz will be the first woman to lead JTS as chancellor in its 134-year history.

Schwartz will assume her new role on July 1, 2020, as current JTS Chancellor Arnold Eisen steps down after a 13-year tenure. Following a year-long sabbatical, he will become a full-time JTS faculty member.



“It is my honor and privilege to assume the leadership of JTS at a moment that requires nimble action and creative solutions,” said Schwartz. “For over a century, JTS has played an essential role in fueling the intellectual, religious and communal vitality of Jewish life. My priority will be executing our academic vision in a post-COVID-19 world.”

Most recently, Schwartz served as JTS’s provost, the first woman also in this position, and played an instrumental role in guiding the school’s transition to virtual learning amid the pandemic.

Prior to serving as provost, Schwartz was dean of List College, JTS's undergraduate dual-degree program with Columbia and Barnard, for 25 years. As dean, she strengthened List College’s dual-degree programs, and was among the first women on the faculty.

For the last 10 years, Schwartz has also served as dean of JTS’s Gershon Kekst Graduate School, where she pioneered the creation of an MA program in Jewish ethics, a joint Jewish ethics MA/MPH with the Mailman School of Public Health and a new certificate program in ethics and social justice.

Throughout her tenure as dean and provost, Schwartz taught as a professor of American Jewish history. A longtime scholar and writer, her research, writing and teaching focus on modern Jewish life, Jewish American history, Jewish representation in American culture and Jewish gender studies.

Schwartz earned her BA from Barnard College, and her MA and PhD from JTS. Her many academic accomplishments include the publication of the award-winning *The Rabbi’s Wife: The Rebbetzin in American Jewish Life* and *The Emergence of Jewish Scholarship in America: The Publication of the Jewish Encyclopedia*. She has published numerous articles on American Jewish history and culture.

“I am thrilled that Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz has been appointed chancellor at JTS. As a graduate of Barnard College, an institution that graduates women who go out and change the world, it is fitting that

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Dr. Schwartz is the first woman to be appointed to this role. I look forward to continued partnership between Barnard and JTS and to working closely with Dr. Schwartz in the years to come,” said Barnard President Sian Leah Beilock.

“Shuly Rubin Schwartz is an extraordinary scholar, teacher and role model for so many of us who graduated from List College in the joint and double degree programs. Dr. Schwartz’s vision, brilliance, passion and kindness make her the perfect choice to lead JTS to new levels of distinction and innovation,” added Lisa Rosen-Metsch, Dean of the School of General Studies.

Olger C. Twyner, III, Executive Director, Community Impact at Columbia University

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Olger C. Twyner, III, is currently the Executive Director of Community Impact at Columbia University. He graduated summa cum laude from Jackson State University and holds a J.D. and M.B.A. from The Ohio State University College of Law and Columbia Business School, respectively. Twyner was the first African American to serve as a federal judicial clerk in Mississippi. In the field of public interest law, he practiced law with Southeast Mississippi Legal Services, served as coordinator of the NYU Public Interest Law Center, and worked as Development Director for the Mississippi Center for Justice. Additionally, he has held executive roles at Xavier University of Louisiana and Row New York. Twyner is



uniquely positioned to strengthen collaboration between Columbia and the surrounding communities, as he is a Columbia alumnus, was the founding director of the Columbia Business School Community Collaboration, and is former Executive Director and President of Double Discovery Center (DDC). He is an active member of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association, an avid New York Yankees fan, and enjoys cooking and international travel.