

Conversation  
and Celebration



GREAT UNIVERSITIES,  
GREAT CITIES:

A Day of Conversation at Temple University  
March 23, 2007

## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

### MORNING EVENTS

- 8:30 – 9:00**            **Registration and Continental Breakfast**  
Gittis Student Center, 2nd Floor
- 9:00 – 11:45**            **Concurrent Morning Sessions**
- STRAND ONE: PRESERVING PLACE**  
Gittis Student Center, 200B
- STRAND TWO: CREATING HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES**  
Gittis Student Center, 200C
- STRAND THREE: ADVANCING LITERACY**  
Ritter Hall, Walk Auditorium
- STRAND FOUR: TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ARTS AND CULTURE**  
Gittis Student Center, 200A

### AFTERNOON EVENTS

- 1:30 – 2:00**            **Conversation and Poetry**  
Rachel Blau DuPlessis, Professor, English  
TECH Center, Welcome Center
- 2:00 – 4:00**            **Arts Exhibits**  
Interactive Gallery from MURL (Multimedia Urban Reporting Lab, Journalism) and screenings of student work.  
TECH Center, Second Floor
- 2:00 – 4:00**            **Community-University Roundtable Discussion**  
Obesity: A Plan of Action  
Gittis Student Center, 200C
- 2:00 – 4:00**            **Engineering and Architecture Exhibit**  
Leading the Way to the Future  
Engineering and Architecture Building, Room 102
- 2:30 – 4:00**            **Reading and Book Signing**  
Tommie Smith and David Steele, authors,  
*Silent Gesture: The Autobiography of Tommie Smith*  
Paley Library, Lecture Hall
- 2:30 – 4:00**            **Starbucks Discussion**  
Bryant Simon  
TECH Center, Welcome Center
- 3:00 – 5:00**            **My Pop Studio: Online Media Literacy for Girls**  
TECH Center, Faculty Wing, Room 111
- 3:00 – 5:00**            **Mural Arts Trolley Tour**  
Gittis Student Center (departs from front of building)

# PROGRAM

## STRAND ONE: PRESERVING PLACE

Gittis Student Center, Room 200B

Strand One focuses on contributions made by Temple researchers to sustain and renew urban and suburban neighborhoods. Temple presenters will discuss their work, often done in partnership with community members, to preserve both the physical environments and the social fabric of communities in the city and suburbs.

Outside experts from community organizations, foundations and real estate development firms will respond to the Temple presentations, offering their views on how universities can contribute most effectively to preserving places.

9:00 – 10:30

### **Sustaining and Renewing our Communities**

Presentations and Discussion with Temple Speakers

#### **Designing Urban Spaces with Community Partners**

Sally Harrison, Associate Professor, Architecture  
Tyler School of Art

#### **Must Redevelopment Produce Displacement?**

Judy Goode, Professor, Anthropology  
College of Liberal Arts

#### **Including Elders in Neighborhood Development**

Nancy Henkin, Director  
Center for Intergenerational Learning

#### **Mapping Floodplains to Protect Communities**

Jeffrey Featherstone, Director, Center for Sustainable Communities  
Ambler College

10:30 – 10:45

### **Break**

10:45 – 11:45

### **Responses and Discussion with Community Leaders**

Denise McGregor Armbrister, President  
Wachovia Regional Foundation

Joseph Duckworth, President  
Arcadia Land Company

Kumani Gannt, Executive Director  
Village of Arts & Humanities

## STRAND TWO: CREATING HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES

Gittis Student Center, Room 200C

This strand provides an overview of university-community partnerships, essential to healthy and safe communities. Attention is paid to our public health concerns — obesity and violence.

9:00 – 10:15

### **Confronting the Problem of Obesity: Developing and Nurturing University and Community Partnerships**

#### **Preventing Obesity: Community-Based Research**

Gary D. Foster, Director, Center for Obesity Research and Education

Overview of the obesity problem and a review of research being conducted at Temple with community partners in schools, corner stores, and churches.

#### **Community-Based Approaches to Preventing Obesity:**

##### **Improving Access to Healthy Food**

Sandy B. Sherman, Co-founder, The Food Trust

Review of what The Food Trust has done in obesity prevention.

##### **Building Partnerships: How to Get it Done**

Gwen Foster, Health and Fitness Czar

Mayor's Office of Health and Fitness

Ed Franklin, Executive Director, Community Planning, C.O.L.T. Coalition

Joan Nachmani, Director, EAT. RIGHT. NOW. Nutrition Education Program  
School District of Philadelphia

Dalton G. Paxman, Regional Health Administrator, U.S. Department  
of Health and Human Services

*Note: There will be an afternoon roundtable, Obesity: A Plan of Action, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Gittis Student Center, 200C. See afternoon events.*

10:30 – 11:45

### **Safe Communities**

#### **Violence in the Community: Setting the Stage**

Overview of the problem: Trends and issues in understanding community violence

Marsha Zibalese-Crawford, Associate Professor

School of Social Administration

Alice Hausman, Professor, Public Health, College of Health Professions

#### **State of the City: Data on Philadelphia**

Philip W. Harris, Associate Professor, Criminal Justice, College of Liberal Arts

#### **Family Factors**

Ronald D. Taylor, Associate Professor, Psychology, College of Liberal Arts

#### **The Philadelphia Community's Role and Purpose**

Thaddeus Mathis, Professor, School of Social Administration

### STRAND THREE: ADVANCING LITERACY

Ritter Hall, Walk Auditorium

This strand discusses what it means to be literate in a modern democracy and global economy. Presenters offer perspectives on how emerging conceptions of literacy influence teaching and learning. Temple faculty members discuss how their work informs contemporary ideas about literacy, addressing ways to meet new expectations and highlighting where further investigation is needed.

9:00 – 10:30

#### **Contemporary Notions of Literacy**

What it Means to be Literate in the Core Areas of Reading, Math and Science.

MODERATOR:

C. Kent McGuire, Dean, College of Education

PANELISTS:

Wanda Brooks, Assistant Professor, Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology in Education, College of Education

Ray Coughlin, Associate Professor, Mathematics  
College of Science and Technology

Hai-Lung Dai, Laura Carnell Professor of Chemistry, and Dean  
College of Science and Technology

Kathy Hirsh-Pasek, Stanley and Debra Lefkowitz Professor of Psychology  
College of Liberal Arts

Joel Sheffield, Professor, Biology, College of Science and Technology

Michael Smith, Professor, Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology in Education, College of Education

10:30 – 10:45

**Break**

10:45 – 11:45

#### **Perspectives from the Field**

Derrick Pitts, Chief Astronomer, Franklin Institute Science Museum

Greg Thorton, Chief Academic Officer, School District of Philadelphia

Roy Vagelos, Retired CEO, Merck & Company

Linda Katz, Executive Director, Children's Literacy Initiative

## STRAND FOUR: TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ARTS AND CULTURE

Gittis Student Center, 200A

This strand highlights the unique relationship between the university and the community, fostering collaboration and promoting and maintaining quality arts and culture that extends beyond the diversity of neighborhoods into the global marketplace. Temple University uses art and culture to examine the broader social context, while encouraging connections among students, scholars, policy, the media and the community.

### 9:00 – 10:30      **Arts and Culture, and Their Engagement with the Urban**

MODERATOR:

Terry Dolan, Professor, Art History, Tyler School of Art

PANELISTS:

Warren Bass, Professor and Chair, Film and Media Arts  
School of Communications and Theater

Jane Golden, Mural Arts Program

Mark Huxsall, Director, Temple Music Preparatory and Enrichment Program  
Boyer College of Music and Dance

David Ingram, Lecturer, Theater, School of Communications and Theater

Kariamuwelsh, Professor and Chair, Dance  
Boyer College of Music and Dance

Billy Yalowitzz, Assistant Professor, Art and Art Education, Tyler School of Art

### 10:30 – 10:45      **Break**

### 10:45 – 11:45      **Discussion: Arts and Culture, and Their Engagement with the Urban**

### 11:45 – 11:50      **Summation**

Joe Goldblatt, Senior Lecturer, School of Tourism and Hospitality Management

## AFTERNOON EVENTS

1:30 – 2:00

**Conversation and Poetry**

Rachel Blau DuPlessis, Professor, English, College of Liberal Arts

TECH Center, Welcome Center

2:00 – 4:00

**Arts Exhibits**

Interactive Gallery from MURL (Multimedia Urban Reporting Lab, Journalism) and screenings of student work.

Experience multimedia stories that journalism students have developed in the neighborhoods of Philadelphia. This interactive exhibit highlights works reported and produced out of the department's newsroom, the new Multimedia Urban Reporting Lab (MURL) at Temple's Center City Campus.

Using convergence techniques and technology, students target and deliver stories from the city's diverse neighborhoods. This MURL-brand of news provides a form of hyper-local coverage missing from our urban communities — a brand of street-level journalism.

View students' creative work that uses the city as a backdrop for conversation, drama and art.

TECH Center, Second Floor

2:00 – 4:00

**Community-University Roundtable Discussion: *Obesity: A Plan of Action***

A roundtable discussion on how universities, non-profit groups, industry and the government work together to pursue public policies to improve the infrastructure and programs to promote healthy eating and physical activity.

- What data do we need to inform these policies?
- What best practices should be expanded?
- How can we educate and motivate our leaders to work toward change?

## PARTICIPANTS:

Jeffrey Brown, President &amp; CEO, Brown Super Stores, Inc.

Dionne J. Cash, M.D., M.P.H., Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, Chief Section of Community Pediatrics, Temple University

John K. DiPaolo, Executive Director, Temple University Partnership Schools

Gary D. Foster, Ph.D., Director, Center for Obesity Research and Education Professor of Medicine and Public Health

Gwen Foster, M.P.H., CHES, Health and Fitness Czar Mayor's Office of Health and Fitness

Ed Franklin, Executive Director, Community Planning, C.O.L.T. Coalition

Angie Makris, Ph.D., R.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Center for Obesity Research and Education, Temple University

- 2:00 – 4:00      *Obesity: A Plan of Action*  
PARTICIPANTS (continued):  
Michele Masucci, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Geography and Urban Studies  
College of Liberal Arts  
  
Joan Nachmani, Director, EAT. RIGHT. NOW Nutrition Education Program  
School District of Philadelphia  
  
Melissa A. Napolitano, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Kinesiology and Public  
Health, Center for Obesity Research and Education, Temple University  
  
Dalton G. Paxman, Ph.D., Regional Health Administrator  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
  
Elizabeth B. Rappaport, M.D., Associate Professor  
Department of Family and Community Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University  
  
Sandy B. Sherman, Ph.D., Co-Founder, The Food Trust  
  
Nicolas Stettler, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Epidemiology  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
  
Linda Washington-Brown, Health and Social Services Ministry  
Triumph Baptist Church  
  
Gittis Student Center, 200C      *This session open to all interested participants.*
- 2:00 – 4:00      **Engineering and Architecture: Leading the Way to the Future**  
Exhibit of engineering undergraduate, graduate and faculty research activities,  
and design work from undergraduates in the Architecture Department at  
Tyler School of Art.  
  
Engineering and Architecture Building, Room 102
- 2:30 – 4:00      **Reading and Book Signing**  
*Silent Gesture: The Autobiography of Tommie Smith*  
Meet the author who, along with John Carlos, is remembered for raising his  
right hand in the name of human rights on the medal stand at the 1968  
Olympic Games. Joining Mr. Smith is David Steele, co-author of *Silent Gesture*,  
and a sports columnist at *The Baltimore Sun*.  
  
Paley Library, Lecture Hall

2:30 – 4:00

**Discussion: Starbucks Culture**

Why do we pay four dollars for a venti-half-caf-vanilla-extra-hot-latte at Starbucks?

Bryant Simon, a history and American Studies professor and author, has visited 400 Starbucks in six countries in search of answers to that question. By looking at Starbucks and the people who go there, he looks at what we care about and desire today in America and around the world.

TECH Center, Welcome Center

3:00 – 5:00

**My Pop Studio: Online Media Literacy for Girls Interactive Exhibit**

Renee Hobbs, Associate Professor, Broadcasting Telecommunications and Mass Media, School of Communications and Theater.

This is an online creative play experience that strengthens critical thinking skills about television, music, magazines and online media directed at girls. The program gives girls ages 9 to 14, and their parents, the chance to learn about the constructed nature of media messages and explore how values are presented. In this interactive exhibit, participants can explore online creative play to create a pop star, compose popular music, and edit a TV show.

TECH Center, Faculty Wing, Room 111

3:00 – 5:00

**Mural Arts Trolley Tour**

Board a trolley outside the Gittis Student Center at 3:00 p.m. and return to campus by 5:00. Our tour will include the surrounding North Philadelphia neighborhoods and highlights of Broad Street. See how the Mural Arts Program uses the power of art and mural design as a tool for community engagement, beautification, demonstration of civic pride, and crime prevention.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

### Denise McGregor Armbrister

Senior Vice President and Executive Director, Wachovia Regional Foundation

In her role, Armbrister awards grants that strengthen communities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

### Warren Bass

Professor and Chair, Film and Media Arts, School of Communications and Theater

An independent filmmaker and professor, Bass is also a recipient of the university's Great Teacher Award. His film and video productions have aired on PBS, syndicated television stations and cable networks throughout the United States, and on European, Asian and Australian television. His work has received more than 100 regional, national and international awards.

### Wanda Brooks

Assistant Professor, Curriculum, Instruction and Technology in Education, College of Education

Brooks is an assistant professor of elementary education and reading in the Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology in Education at Temple. Prior to her appointment at Temple, she was at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Her research relates to literacy beliefs and practices of African American students and pedagogical uses of multicultural children's literature. She has published in *Reading Research Quarterly*, *The New Advocate*, *Children's Literature in Education*, *Journal of Children's Literature*, *The English Journal*, and *The Journal of Negro Education*.

### Raymond F. Coughlin

Associate Professor, Mathematics, College of Science and Technology

Coughlin has taught mathematics at Temple University for 36 years and has served as director of the Honors Program, director of the Health Professions Advising Center, director of the College Mathematics Program and the director of QUEST. He has published numerous articles and authored 17 books on mathematics, covering areas such as statistics, finite mathematics and calculus.

### Hai-Lung Dai

Laura Carnell Professor, Chemistry, and Dean, College of Science and Technology

Dai was recently appointed dean of the College of Science and Technology at Temple. He was formerly the Hirschmann-Makineni Professor of Chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania and director of Penn's Science Teacher Institute. From 1996-2002, Dai chaired Penn's Chemistry Department. He has published more than 140 papers and edited several books in the areas of molecular and surface sciences. He is a fellow of the American Physical Society and currently chairs its Division of Chemical Physics.

### Terry Dolan

Professor, Art History and Women's Studies, Tyler School of Art

Dolan has taught 24 different courses, ranging from undergraduate surveys and introductory classes to graduate courses in 19th and 20th century European and contemporary art. Additional honors include the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 2002, and a Great Teacher Award in 2006.

### W. Joseph Duckworth

President, Arcadia Land Company

Duckworth is a leading advocate for "new urbanist" and environmental values in real estate development and has won recognition from the Delaware Valley Smart Growth Alliance for his projects.

**Rachel Blau DuPlessis**

Professor, English, College of Liberal Arts

DuPlessis is an American poet-critic whose ongoing long poem project, begun in 1986, is collected in *Torques: Drafts* 58-76 (Salt Publishing, 2007). DuPlessis was awarded a residency at Bellagio in 2007 and received a Pew Fellowship for Artists and of the Roy Harvey Pearce/Archive for New Poetry Prize, both in 2002. She was honored with Temple University's Creative Achievement Award in 1999.

**Jeffrey Featherstone**

Research Professor, Community and Regional Planning, and  
Director, Center for Sustainable Communities, Ambler College

As director of Temple's Center for Sustainable Communities, Featherstone led a research team that charted the flood hazards endangering communities in the Pennypack Creek Watershed.

**Gary D. Foster**

Professor, Medicine and Public Health, School of Medicine

Foster is the director of the Center for Obesity Research and Education, and Professor of Medicine and Public Health at Temple.

**Gwen Foster**

Health and Fitness Czar, Mayor's Office of Health and Fitness

Foster has been a health enthusiast for more than 25 years. Her desire to improve health outcomes for African Americans and other under-served populations led her to the Mayor's Office of Health and Fitness, and Mayor Street appointed Foster to serve as "health and fitness czar" with its initiative, "Fun, Fit and Free!" The idea is to engage Philadelphians in FUN activities, as constituents get FIT and FREE from destructive lifestyle patterns. Since the initiative began, Foster has established such activities as Dine Out on Healthy Street, Health Journey, Chefs in Red, Kidz in the Kitchen, The Mayor's Family Fitness Challenge, FUN, FIT AND FREE, LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN BE! and a weekly television program on Time Warner cable.

**Ed Franklin**

Franklin is the executive director of community planning for the C.O.L.T Coalition.

**Kumani Gantt**

Executive Director, Village of Arts and Humanities

Gantt is an award winning poet who came to Philadelphia after serving as the director of Baltimore's Theatre for a New Generation.

**Joseph Goldblatt**

Senior Lecturer, School of Tourism and Hospitality Management

Goldblatt is the executive director for Professional Development Programs and Strategic Partnerships for the School of Tourism and Hospitality Management.

**Jane Golden**

Director, Mural Arts Program

Golden is executive director of the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, the largest program of its kind in the United States. *Philadelphia Murals and the Stories They Tell* is her first book. She lives in Philadelphia.

**Judy Goode**

Professor, Anthropology, College of Liberal Arts

Goode has directed several projects in Philadelphia that explore the intersection of race and class in local neighborhoods.

### Philip W. Harris

Associate Professor, Criminal Justice, College of Liberal Arts

Harris designed and implemented an outcome-based information system, ProDES. Currently, he directs an NIJ-funded project, the “Simultaneous Effects of Individual, Program and Neighborhood Attributes on Juvenile Recidivism.” His recent publications include the *Criminal Justice Policy and Planning* (LexisNexis-Anderson 2004).

### Sally Harrison

Associate Professor, Architecture, Tyler School of Art

Harrison is the creator of Temple’s Urban Design Workshop and, with her students in architecture and landscape architecture, has worked with North Philadelphia community development organizations to redesign the physical environment of their neighborhoods.

### Alice Hausman

Professor and Chair, Public Health, College of Health Professions

Hausman has more than 20 years experience in community health program planning and evaluation. She has participated in a number of citywide initiatives, such as Philadelphia Safe and Sound, and was co-investigator on a youth firearms violence prevention program. More recently, she has developed a participatory evaluation process for a community health collaborative. She is co-director of the research core of the Philadelphia Collaborative Violence Prevention Center, a CDC-funded academic Center of Excellence.

### Nancy Henkin

Director, Center for Intergenerational Learning, Temple University

Henkin recently won the Ashoka fellowship for creating communities for all ages, an approach to community planning that takes into account the entire lifespan and allows people at different life stages to learn from, help and enjoy each other.

### Kathy Hirsh-Pasek

Stanley and Debra Lefkowitz Professor, Psychology, College of Liberal Arts

Hirsh-Pasek is the Stanley and Debra Lefkowitz Professor in Temple’s Department of Psychology, where she is the director of the Infant Language Laboratory. Dr. Hirsh-Pasek has written nine books. Her recent book with Roberta Golinkoff, *Einstein Never used Flashcards: How children really learn and why they need to play more and memorize less* (Rodale Books), won the prestigious Books for Better Life Award in 2003.

### Renee Hobbs

Associate Professor, Broadcasting, Telecommunications and Mass Media  
School of Communications and Theater

Hobbs is one of the nation’s leading authorities on media literacy education and directs the Media Education Lab at Temple University. She has created numerous award-winning curriculum materials, videos and multimedia tools for K-12 education and provides consulting and staff development programs to educators across the nation and around the world. She co-authored *Elements of Language* (2000, Holt, Rinehart, Winston), the best-selling English language arts textbook series and was the first to systematically include media literacy. Her book, *Teaching the Media: Media Literacy in High School English* (2007, Teachers College Press) provides the first large-scale empirical evidence of the impact of media literacy education on reading comprehension skills.

### Mark F. Huxsoll

Director, Temple University Music Preparatory and Enrichment Program, Boyer College of Music and Dance

Mark Huxsoll directs Temple Music Prep, the community and enrichment program of Temple’s Boyer College of Music and Dance. He was director of the Kardon-Northeast Branch of Philadelphia’s Settlement Music School from 1983-2004. A founding member of the Chestnut Brass Company professional brass quintet, he has also performed with The Philadelphia Orchestra, the Opera Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Ballet, Delaware Symphony Orchestra and the Kennett Symphony.

**David Ingram**

Lecturer, Theater, School of Communications and Theater

Ingram's Temple University directing credits include *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *Purlie Victorious*, directing credits with the People's Light and Theatre Company: *My Children! My Africa!* and *Distant Fires*, which received a Barrymore Nomination for best director and a Barrymore Award for best ensemble. Ingram's acting credits with the People's Light and Theatre Company include: *The Skin of Our Teeth*, *A Flea in Her Ear* (Barrymore Nomination, Best Actor), *Hard Times* (Barrymore Nomination, Best Ensemble), *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Playboy of the Western World*, *Kabuki Achilles*, *The Last Good Moment of Lily Baker*, *Our Town*, *Sister Carrie*, and *Measure for Measure*.

**Linda Katz**

Executive Director, Children's Literacy Initiative

Katz is the co-founder and executive director of the Children's Literacy Initiative, which works to increase children's literacy skills and to foster a love of reading by providing professional development for teachers of pre-kindergarten through third grade students. Katz is currently on the advisory board of Philadelphia Reads. She has served on the advisory board for the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Early Childhood Title I Assessment, the U.S. Department of Education's America Reads Coalition, and on the Education, Children and Youth Committee of the Philadelphia Urban Affairs Council.

**Thaddeus Mathis**

Professor, School of Social Administration

Mathis serves as co-director of the Temple University Center for African American Research and Public Policy and has been listed in *Outstanding Young Men in America*, *Who's Who in the East*, and *Who's Who in Black America* and has received numerous local and national awards, including the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching (1993).

**C. Kent McGuire**

Professor, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies and Dean, College of Education

In addition to being dean at Temple's College of Education, C. Kent McGuire also serves as Director of the Center for Research in Human Development and Education, a university-based research organization focused on the study and demonstration of effective strategies for educating poor and minority youngsters. McGuire is a tenured professor in the Educational Administration Program, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. His current research interests focus on the areas of education administration and policy, and organizational change. He has been involved in a number of evaluation research initiatives on comprehensive school reform.

**Joan Nachmani**

Director, EAT. RIGHT. NOW Nutrition Education Program, School District of Philadelphia

Nachmani was the director of dietetic services for the School District of Philadelphia before taking over as the director of EAT. RIGHT. NOW Nutrition Education Program within the school district.

**Dalton G. Paxman**

Regional Health Administrator, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Paxman is the regional health administrator for the Mid-Atlantic region. He oversees public health initiatives in the region for the Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He administers the regional OPHS programs in public health preparedness, minority health, population affairs, and women's health.

### Derrick Pitts

Chief Astronomer, Franklin Institute Science Museum

Known to many in the region from his frequent radio and television presentations as the Franklin Institute's chief astronomer, Pitts is director of the Fels Planetarium as well as the founder and president of the Planetarium Production Alliance, an international consortium of planetarium theaters, science institutions and corporations partnered to produce high-quality planetarium content. Pitts has written numerous astronomy columns for newspapers and national magazines, appears regularly on all major television networks as a science content expert, and on *Countdown* with Keith Olberman, the highest rated program on MSNBC. He has been the resident "Science Guy" for WXPN's award-winning radio program "Kids' Corner" for 15 years.

### Joel P. Sheffield

Professor, Biology, College of Science and Technology

Sheffield was chair of the Biology Department from 1990-2002. He has also served on the College Technology Committee and was a contributing member of the university committee that designed Temple's state-of-the-art Tuttleman Learning Center, the first building on the Main Campus specifically designed for the use of technology in education.

### Sandy B. Sherman

Co-Founder, The Food Trust

Founded in 1992, the trust works to improve the health of children and adults, promote good nutrition, increase access to nutritious foods, and advocate for better public policy.

### Bryant Simon

Professor, History, College of Liberal Arts

Simon's career as a writer and teacher has taken him to many different places. His early research focused on the history of workers and their ideas about politics and unions in the New South. Later he wrote about fiction and history, masculinity and Progressive reform, the body and the state, legislative apportionment, music and society. More recently, he focused on race and class and the creation and destruction of urban spaces; his latest book — on Atlantic City, N.J. — explores these issues. His current project is a study of Starbucks, the making and distribution of the coffeehouse culture, and the molding of public culture in the United States and across the globe in the 21st century.

### Michael Smith

Professor, Curriculum, Instruction and Technology in Education, College of Education

Smith is a professor of English education in the Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology in Education at Temple. His research analyzes the knowledge, skills and dispositions experienced readers and writers employ as well as what motivates adolescents' reading and writing outside school. With his co-author Jeff Wilhelm, Smith received the 2003 David H. Russell Award for Distinguished Research in the Teaching of English for their book, *Reading Don't Fix No Chevys: Literacy in the Lives of Young Men*. He was recently elected a fellow of the National Conference on Research in Language and Literacy.

### Tommie Smith

Author and Educator

Tommie Smith is the only man in track and field history to hold 11 world records simultaneously, and the first man in Olympic history to win a gold medal in record-breaking time in the 200-meter, under 20 seconds. He has been an educator and track and field coach for 40 years.

### David Steele

Journalist and Author

David Steele has been a sports columnist at *The Baltimore Sun* since 2004. Previously, he spent nine years at the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the last five as a columnist — the first African American to hold such a position at a San Francisco daily newspaper.

**Ronald D. Taylor**

Associate Professor, Psychology, College of Liberal Arts

Taylor's work on the processes mediating the association of families' economic resources with adolescents' psychosocial well-being has been one of the principal projects among several U.S. Department of Education competitively funded centers and laboratories at Temple University aimed at enhancing the developmental and educational outcomes of urban children and youth. He edited *Social and Emotional Adjustment and Family Relations in Ethnic Minority Families, Resilience Across Contexts: Family, Work, Culture and Community and Addressing the Achievement Gap: Findings and Applications*.

**Gregory E. Thornton**

Chief Academic Officer, School District of Philadelphia

Thornton was appointed chief academic officer of the School District of Philadelphia in 2004. Prior to joining the school district, Thornton served as deputy superintendent of schools and community superintendent for the Montgomery County, Md., public schools. A public school educator, teacher and administrator for more than 26 years, he has held principalships at both the elementary and secondary levels. He has received a number of community and civic awards.

**P. Roy Vagelos**

Retired CEO, Merck & Company

Vagelos is retired chairman and CEO of Merck & Co., Inc. He was chairman of the Department of Biological Chemistry at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and founded the university's Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences before joining Merck Research Laboratories in 1975. He was chairman of the board of the University of Pennsylvania and a member of the Business Council and the Business Roundtable. He is currently chairman of Regeneron Pharmaceuticals and Theravance, two biotech companies. He serves on a number of public policy and advisory boards, including the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center and the Danforth Foundation.

**Kariamur Welsh**

Professor and Chair, Dance, Boyer College of Music and Dance

Welsh is a scholar of cultural studies, including performance and culture within Africa and the African diaspora. She directs the Institute for African Dance Research and Performance. Welsh is the author of two books published by Africa World Press, *Zimbabwean Dance: An Aesthetic Analysis* and *The Umfundalai Technique: Shapes of Rhythm* and is the artistic director of Kariamur & Co.: Traditions. She is the founding artistic director of the National Dance Company of Zimbabwe and the creator of the *Umfundalai* dance technique, a Pan-African contemporary technique in existence for more than 33 years.

**Billy Yalowitz**

Assistant Professor, Art and Art Education, Tyler School of Art

A director, choreographer and community-based artist, Yalowitz is an assistant professor and co-director of the Arts in Community Program at Tyler School of Art. He has directed critically acclaimed community-based performances in several Philadelphia neighborhoods, and his regional theater choreography has received multiple awards. Yalowitz's work has been performed off-Broadway, in Israel and in Mexico, and he has been an artist-in-residence throughout Europe. His work has been featured at national conferences, and in *The New York Times*, *The Jerusalem Post*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, and on National Public Radio.

**Marsha Zibalese-Crawford**

Associate Professor and Chair, School of Social Administration

Zibalese-Crawford combines a rich array of experience working with youth, organizations and the community. She is principal investigator for the Philadelphia PA Youth Survey, which provides pertinent information on substance abuse, demographics, school experiences, delinquent victimization, gang membership, health, and other data. She is an evaluator with the National Association of Social Workers.

## Academic Conference Planning Committee

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