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**James Whitehorne, U.S. Census Bureau**

James Whitehorne currently serves as the chief of the U.S. Census Bureau’s Redistricting & Voting Rights Data Office. He joined the Census Bureau in April 2006 and earned an individual bronze medal for superior federal service in 2012. Prior to working for the Census Bureau, James worked for five years for the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Whitehorne holds both a BA and a BS in Geography, with a Geographic Information System specialty, from Pennsylvania State University.

**Phil Lutz, U.S. Census Bureau**

Phil Lutz has worked for the U.S. Census Bureau for over 41 years. He currently serves as the Deputy Regional Director for the Philadelphia Region. In 2001 he earned an individual Bronze Medal for leadership and performance in managing the 2000 Decennial Census. In 2015 he earned an Outstanding Mentor Award from the U.S. Census Bureau. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Temple University.

**Natriece Bryant, Colorado Department of Local Affairs**

Natriece Bryant is the deputy executive director of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. Natriece oversees budget, finance, communications, accounting, procurement, executive communications, public relations and outreach for the department. In her role, she also oversees operations for five divisions within the organization that include disaster recovery, housing, local government, board of assessment and appeals and property taxation. She serves as the department’s designee appointed by former Governor Hickenlooper as the Census 2020 Complete Count Committee Chair for the State of Colorado.
**Jeff Wice, New York Legislature**

Jeff Wice has over 35 years of experience working in redistricting, voting rights and census law and serves as special counsel for the New York Assembly. Jeff has been a contributor to NCSL Redistricting Law book for the 1990, 2000, and 2010 editions and is co-editor for the planned 2020 edition. During the 2000 census cycle, he served as counsel to members of President Clinton’s U.S. Census Monitoring Board. He holds a B.A. from George Washington University and a J.D. from the Antioch Law School.

**Clark Bensen, Polidata**

Clark Bensen is a principal consultant and founder of POLIDATA and consults with both legislative bodies and commissions. Clark is an attorney by training and a data analyst by practice. He is a former state legislator and national party senior staff but has been an independent consultant since 1989. Clark works on projects relating to reapportionment and redistricting and has been involved with several national legal efforts relating to census and political issues.

**Jennifer Jackson, Texas Legislative Council**

Jennifer Jackson is a senior legislative counsel at the Texas Legislative Council and a member of NCSL’s Executive Committee and Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee. For 17 years, Jennifer has advised and provided bill drafting services for members of the Texas Legislature. She received her bachelor’s degree in history from Texas A&M University and earned her law degree from the University of Houston Law Center. She lives in Austin with her teenage boys.

**Senator Mary Kiffmeyer, president pro temp, Minnesota Senate**

Senator Kiffmeyer was elected to the Minnesota Senate in 2013 after serving as the Minnesota Secretary of State from 1999-2007 and in the House of Representatives from 2008-2012. She was selected to the leadership position of president pro tempore of the Senate in the 2019 session. Senate Kiffmeyer is the chair of the State Government Finance and Policy and Elections committee. Outside the legislature, she is a registered nurse and a small business owner. She and her husband, Ralph, have four children and 16 grandchildren.
Representative Stephen Handy, Utah

Representative Handy represents Utah’s 16th legislative district. He was appointed by Governor Gary R. Herbert to the House of Representatives in April 2010 and has since been re-elected four times. He is the chairman of the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology committee and is a member of the Natural Resources, Environment, and Agriculture and Natural Resources, Environment, and Agriculture Appropriations committees. Outside the legislature, he owns a public relations and marketing business. He holds a bachelor’s degree in English and a master’s degree in Human Resources Management from the University of Utah. He and his wife, Holly, have six children and fifteen grandchildren.

Senator David Blount, Mississippi

Senator Blount represents Mississippi’s 29th District. He has served in the legislature since 2008. His committee membership includes being chair of the Public Property committee and vice-chair of the Elections committee. He attended Davidson College and the University of Virginia. Outside the Senate, he serves on the board of directors of the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the United Way of the Capital Area. He and his wife, Katherine, have two children.

Chris Hughes, Ranked Choice Voting Resource Center

Chris Hughes is the policy director and counsel for the Ranked Choice Voting Resource Center. He makes sure administrators, activists and policy makers are speaking the same language when it comes to ranked choice voting, from legislative drafting to election day. He has worked on RCV legislation in more than a dozen states and has presented on RCV implementation to dozens of organizations. He also co-produces the RCVRC’s podcast, RCV Clips.

Rob Richie, FairVote

Rob Richie has been the leader of FairVote since co-founding the organization in 1992 and became the president and CEO in 2018. He has played a key role in advancing, winning, and implementing electoral reforms at the local and state levels. Rob has been involved in implementing ranked choice voting in numerous Voting Rights Act cases, the National Popular Plan in 11 states and promoting voter access proposals like voter preregistration and a lower voting age. Rob and his wife, Cynthia, have 3 children.
Redistricting and the Law:

**Jason Torchinsky, Holtzman Vogel Josefiak Torchinsky**,  
Jason Torchinsky is a partner at Holtzman Vogel Josefiak Torchinsky PLLC and specializes in campaign finance, election law, lobbying disclosure and issue advocacy groups. He was recognized by Chambers USA as one of the nation’s top “Government Law” attorneys. He has served as lead counsel in multiple litigation matters dealing with First Amendment freedoms, election law, and redistricting issues. He holds a bachelor’s degree from the College of William & Mary and a law degree from their School of Law.

**Kristen Clarke, Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law**  
Kristen Clarke is the president and executive director of the National Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. She formerly served as the head of the Civil Rights Bureau for the New York State Attorney General’s Office. She has focused her work on strengthening our democracy by combating discrimination faced by African Americans and other marginalized communities. She received her bachelors degree from Harvard University and her law degree from Columbia Law School.

**Gina Wright, Georgia’s Office of Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment**  
Gina Wright is the executive director of the Office of Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment for the Georgia General Assembly. She has worked in this office for over 18 years and through two major redistricting cycles. She has served as an expert or technical advisor to multiple federal judges on cases involving the redrawing of local districts. Gina has been called on to assist the Georgia Office of the Attorney General in candidate qualification challenges related to issues regarding a candidate’s residency. She was named the official state liaison for Georgia for the 2020 Census Redistricting Data Program.

Redistricting Basics:

**Alexis Stangl, Senate Counsel, Research and Fiscal, Minnesota**  
Alexis Stangl is counsel for the Minnesota Senate Transportation, Finance, and Policy Committee. She also works on issues for the State Government Finance and Policy and Elections committees. Her work includes conducting research, drafting bills and amendments, and staffing committees. She holds a B.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Superior in Legal Studies and Political Science and a J.D. from Mitchell Hamline School of Law.
Elections as Infrastructure in a Cyber World:

Miles Rapoport, Senior Practice Fellow in American Democracy, Harvard

Miles Rapoport is currently the first fellow appointed to the Senior Practice Fellowship in American Democracy for Harvard’s Ash Center. Prior to this appointment, he has spent his career as a community organizer, policy advocate, and elected official. He has served as the president of the grassroots organization Common Cause, headed the public policy center Demos, served as Connecticut’s Secretary of State and was in the Connecticut state legislature for 10 years in Hartford. He is a Harvard alum.

Frank Strigari, Ohio State Senate

Frank Strigari is chief legal counsel for the Ohio Senate. In that capacity, he supervises the administrative legal affairs of the entire Ohio Senate, in addition to directly advising the Senate president and majority caucus members on various legal and policy-related issues. One of Frank’s primary areas of expertise is election law. Since joining the Ohio Senate in 2012, he has assisted the Senate during its passage of nine significant pieces of legislation which now govern how elections are run in the Buckeye State. Frank received his bachelor’s degree from Indiana University, and his law degree from the Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Jennifer Morrell, Democracy Fund

Jennifer Morrell is an elections expert with more than nine years of experience in the field. She worked in Colorado to implement the first statewide risk-limiting audit and is an advocate for improving voters’ trust in elections through uniform audit procedures across the states. She is a consultant for the Democracy Fund’s Election Validation Project where she works directly with states to observe and inform their auditing and testing policies. She holds a M.A. in Management and Leadership from Webster University.

Matt Masterson, Department of Homeland Security

Matt Masterson serves as a senior cybersecurity adviser on election security with the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency. Prior to DHS, he was a commissioner at the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) from 2014 to 2018. He previously served the Ohio Secretary of State as interim chief of staff, the deputy chief of staff, chief information officer and deputy director of elections. He graduated from the University of Dayton School of Law in 2006 and holds B.S. and B.A. degrees from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.
Wednesday, August 7:

**Varied Voter Experiences: One Size Doesn’t Always Fit All**

**Secretary Tre Hargett, Tennessee**

Secretary Hargett was elected by the Tennessee General Assembly to serve as Tennessee’s 37th Secretary of State in 2009. He has been re-elected twice since. He serves on 15 boards and commissions and is the presiding member of two of them. Previously, he served as chairman of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority and served in the Tennessee House of Representatives representing District 97. He was elected Republican Leader twice by his colleagues. He holds a B.B.A. in Accounting with honors from Memphis State University and an M.B.A. from the University of Memphis. He and his wife, Dawn, have two sons.

**Senator Keith-Agaran**

Senator Keith-Agaran is a senator from Hawaii representing the 9th District. He has worked on the State Budget as a member of the Finance Committee. His other committee assignments include Labor & Public Employment, Public Safety, and Transportation. He serves on the boards of the Maui Food Bank, the Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, and A Keiki’s Dream. He holds a J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law, the University of California Berkeley, and a B.A. From Yale College. He remains an active member of his community and church.

**Senator Kathleen Bernier, Wisconsin**

Senator Bernier represents Wisconsin’s 23rd Senate District. She serves on the Agriculture, Revenue and Financial Institutions and Education committees. She is the chair of the Elections committee, the Vice-Chair of the Local Government, Small Business, Tourism and Workforce Development committee, and the co-chair of the Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems. She serves on the board of directors for the National Foundation for Women Legislators and is a member of Wisconsin Women in Government. She holds a B.A from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and a certificate in Public Management Essentials from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. She has three children and six grandchildren.

**Khelan Bhatia, AARP**

Khelan Bhatia is a political strategist and campaign director with 20 years of experience. Most recently he worked on the AARP’s health care campaign that was successful in defeating legislation that would be harmful to Americans age 50-plus. He worked in the Texas State Legislature as an aide to two state representatives and as an analyst for the Speaker of the House. He has a B.A. in Government and Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin. He spends his free time as a local DJ and creating a podcast focused on pop culture.
Michelle Bishop, National Disability Rights Network

Michelle Bishop is the Voting Rights Specialist at the National Disability Rights Network. She provides training and technical assistance to the Protection & Advocacy network regarding voting rights and access for voters with disabilities. She also works with the civil rights community in Washington, DC to ensure strong federal policy regarding voting rights and election administration. Previously she worked as the Assistant Director of Public Policy and Advocacy at the Paraquad Center for Independent Living in St. Louis, where she led their voting rights and GOTV activities for eight years.

Jacqueline De León, Native American Rights Fund

Jacqueline De León is a staff attorney at the Native American Rights Fund and is an enrolled member of the Isleta Pueblo. She held field hearings across Indian Country on Native American voting rights and practices ongoing voter rights litigation. Previously she was a senior associate at WilmerHale, focusing on international antitrust and litigation. She holds a J.D. from Stanford and a B.A. in Philosophy from Princeton University. She clerked for Judge William H. Walls of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey and Chief Justice Dana Fabe of the Alaska Supreme Court.

Tammy Patrick, Democracy Fund

Tammy Patrick is a senior advisor to the elections program at the Democracy Fund, a bipartisan foundation working to ensure that our political system is able to withstand new challenges and deliver on its promise to the American people. Focusing on modern elections, Tammy helps lead the Democracy Fund’s efforts to foster a voter-centric elections system and to provide election officials across the country with the tools and knowledge they need to best serve their voters. She also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey School of Public Policy.

The DMV: A Key Ally in Voter Registration:

Lisa Danetz, Democracy Fund

Lisa Danetz is a voting rights and campaign finance lawyer who addresses issues of inequality and fairness in elections. She also has expertise in constitutional litigation and FEC enforcement work to promote and defend campaign finance reforms. Previously she spent five years at the National Voting Rights Institute and several years in the private sector doing civil litigation. She holds a B.S. from Yale University and her J.D. cum laude from New York University School of Law.
### John Lindback, Center for Secure and Modern Elections

John Lindback is a non-voting board member for the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) and was formerly its executive director from 2014 to 2017. Much of his 20 years in the field of election administration has been dedicated to making voter registration work better for both voters and election officials. Prior to joining ERIC, Lindback served as a senior officer for Election Initiatives at the Pew Charitable Trusts. Lindback worked for 14 years in state elections administration. He served for eight years as director of elections in Oregon. Lindback holds a B.A. degree in journalism from the University of Arizona.

### Christy McCormick, U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Christy McCormick was nominated and confirmed by unanimous consent of the U.S. Senate to serve on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission in 2014. She was elected by her peers as chairwoman of the reconstituted Commission for the 2015-2016 term. She serves as the Designated Federal Officer for the Standards Board. Prior to her appointment she served as a Senior Trial Attorney in the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice. She holds a B.A. from the University of Buffalo, a J.D. with honors from George Mason University School of Law (now Antonin Scalia Law School), and also attended the William & Mary School of Law.

### Representative Gary Clary

Representative Clary represents South Carolina’s House District 3. He sits on the Judiciary and Legislative Oversight committees. He is a retired Circuit Judge and a Certified Mediator-Arbitrator and has been admitted to practice law in the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. District Court, the District of S.C. and the S.C. Supreme Court. He holds a B.A. from Clemson University and a J.D. from the University of South Carolina. He and his wife, Patricia, have two children.

### Top Topics in Elections:

### Charles Stewart III, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Charles Stewart is the Kenan Sahin Distinguished Professor of Political Science at MIT, where he has taught since 1985. His research and teaching areas include congressional politics, elections, and American political development. He has been a member of the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project since 2001. He has been recognized at MIT for his outstanding undergraduate teaching and has served as Housemaster of McCormick Hall with his wife, Kathryn. He received his B.A. in political science from Emory University and a Ph.D. from Stanford University.
Whitney Quesenbery, Center for Civic Design

Whitney Quesenbery is the co-founder of the Center for Civic Design. She is passionate about making interactions with government effective and enjoyable, giving design literacy to elections workers, and is on a mission to ensure voter intent through design. She is the author of three books: *A Web for Everyone: Designing Accessible User Experiences* (with Sarah Horton), *Storytelling for User Experience* (with Kevin Brooks), and *Global UX: Design and Research in a Connected World* (with Daniel Szuc). She has a B.A. in English and Theater from Bryn Mawr College and a MSc in Social Research Methods from The Open University.

Robert Giles, New Jersey Department of State

Robert Giles was appointed as the director of the New Jersey Division of Elections in 2008. Prior to that, Robert worked as an investigator, a voting machine technician and a supervisor for the Ocean County Board of Elections. He also serves as an adjunct professor for Rutgers University’s Center for Government Services teach election administration. He serves on many elections related boards including the Standards Board for the United State Election Assistance Commission.

Shelby D. Johnson, Arkansas GIS Office

Shelby Johnson is a native of Arkansas and currently directs the Arkansas Geographic Information System Office and reporting directly to the governor. He has over 20 years of experience in GIS, previously working as a research specialist at the Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies at the University of Arkansas. He was instrumental in organizing the State GIS Board. He holds a bachelor’s degree in geography from the University of Arkansas. Shelby and his wife, Belinda, live with their son in Little Rock.

Senator Mike Folmer, Pennsylvania

Senator Mike Folmer was first elected to the Pennsylvania State Senate in 2006 and has been re-elected since. He currently serves as chairman of the Senate State Government Committee but is also a member of the Education, Intergovernmental Operations and the Labor and Industry committees. Before his time in the Senate, he served on his local city council, and was a financial consultant and sales manager. Senator Folmer earned his bachelor’s degree in history from Grace College. He and his wife, Shelia, live in Lebanon City and have two grown children and seven grandchildren.