



Jennifer 'Roberts' Ashrafi

Jennifer 'Roberts' Ashrafi has been involved with PAVE since donating her time as guest emcee for the Fall 2010 "Fear No Fashion" event. Roberts is an established member of Chicago's broadcast communications community, having served as evening traffic commentator for 101.9 the Mix and 97.1 FM the Drive, since 2008. Previously, Jennifer honed her skills as on-air talent for Rewind (formerly 100.3 Love FM), WCPT AM, Nine fm and CLTV news. Roberts was trained at the Illinois Center for Broadcasting, where she graduated in 2004. Jennifer Roberts was honored to be nominated to sit on PAVE's board in early 2011, and looks forward to bringing her creative, communicative skills to the table. As a successful female in a traditionally male-dominated profession, Roberts understands the importance of breaking barriers and making one's voice heard. As the mother of two young daughters, Jennifer is committed to PAVE's mission of education and action as a means of eliminating the fear and suffering caused by sexual and domestic violence.



Avery Slyker, Ph.D.

Dr. Avery Slyker is a highly focused, fiscally proficient and successful manager offering 15 years of achievements within nonprofit, social service organizations coupled with exceptional interpersonal and communication skills. Dr. Slyker has over seven years of experience administrating and managing social service programming; advocating on behalf of women, children, and families; marketing social services; and administering healthy client relations.

Dr. Slyker has long recognized the need to strengthen community leadership. She believes leadership is evolving into a personal choice of learning how to develop a passionate voice to evoke societal change. In 2008, Avery completed a Doctoral degree at Capella University in Minneapolis where she explored how cultural feminist theory has strengthened the work of women's leadership. Dr. Slyker feels that community leaders have redefined leadership capacity and personal tenacity as passion.

Dr. Slyker has been recognized for her academic achievements by the National Honor Society for Elite Social Work Students, PI GAMMA MU International Honor Society for the Social Services, and the Golden Key National Honor Society. Prior to moving to Florida, Dr. Slyker was a Prevention Consultant in Northeast Ohio. During this time, she presented over 100 workshops, trainings, and lectures focused on community resiliency, team building, and youth empowerment.

Along with her studies and advocacy on behalf of women, girls, and families, Dr. Slyker is dedicated to her husband, parents, and four grandchildren, who inspire and empower her each moment of every day to be honest to herself.



Sandee Kastrul

Sandee Kastrul is the president of i.c.stars, and has been working in education for the past ten years focusing on cross-curricular integration strategies, diversity training and curriculum development. She implemented a professional development program with Harold Washington College Career and designed a comprehensive science and civics interactive program for GED students at Jobs For Youth. She is a consultant for the Illinois Resource Center providing School Corporations with diversity training and cross-cultural teaching methodologies throughout Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. Ms. Kastrul holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Ithaca College. www.icstars.org



Marc Kaplan

Marc Kaplan is the Executive in Charge of Production from "America's Most Wanted," television show on Fox, which is directly responsible for more than 1,080 captures, averaging a slightly more than one capture for every show that has aired. Marc has been functioning as the CFO for the company for over eight years. He does regular work with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, whose mission is to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation, among other things. Additionally Marc helped promote the national launch of the Amber Alert, which aims to instantly galvanize the entire community to assist in the search for and the safe recovery of the child. He has most recently begun to work on a project to help to breathe new life into the "Neighborhood Watch" program in cooperation with the National Sheriff's Association.

Marc volunteers a lot of time to charitable organizations and non-profits. He reads to a blind gentleman every other week as part of a program run by the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, distributes animal rights literature and promotes the benefits of a vegetarian diet for Compassion Over Killing, and raises money for the River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation where he teaches free Tai Chi classes every spring and fall for the community and has done so for the past four years. He just recently started teaching a weekly class at the Wellness Community of DC who helps people find support, explore ways of coping with the stress of a cancer diagnosis and treatment, and learn how to be active in enhancing your health and well-being.

Finally, his children and he often visit the SAVE Animal Shelter in Princeton, New Jersey, which is a nonprofit shelter and animal welfare organization dedicated to protecting the health and wellbeing of companion animals in the Greater Princeton Area.

"We stand tallest when we stoop to help others."



Kitty Kurth

Kitty Kurth is President of Kurth Lampe, a political consulting/public relations firm she founded with her husband, Kevin Lampe in 1996. Kurth Lampe is a Chicago-based consulting firm dedicated to the effective communication of its clients' ideas, proposals, and viewpoints.

Experience Over the past several years Kurth Lampe has provided clients with wide ranging services such as public relations and communications strategies for individuals, groups and corporations on a national and international level; campaign and media relations to local, state and federal campaigns in Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan; public affairs; and grassroots organizing for a variety of local and national non-profit groups.



Tiombe C. Preston, MS, MFT Inc.

Tiombe Preston is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with over 13 years experience as a feminist therapist, educator, and activist working to empower clients and communities. As the owner of a private practice and consulting business, she provides individual and group therapy for survivors, consultation on curriculum and program development, clinical supervision, oppression/diversity training, law enforcement training, and speaking engagements for social services, universities, youth programs, crisis services, and counselor/mentor certification courses. Her specializations include feminist therapy, child abuse, sexual and domestic violence, advocacy for survivors with disabilities and mental illness, communities of color, and other anti-oppression work.

In addition to her private practice Tiombe she serves as the Advocacy Caucus for People with Disabilities Representative on the Council of the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) and is the Clinical Coordinator for the YWCA Sexual Assault Crisis Services in Compton. She is also the Program Manager for the California BlackWomen's Health Project where she directs a statewide Advocate Training Program that trains health policy activists and educators, on issues including mental health, reproductive justice, sexual and domestic violence, and public policy. Tiombe Preston is considered a Subject Matter Expert on sexual assault for the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training and a Core Faculty member of the California Victim Assistance Academy at CSU Fresno and she also instructs courses part time in Feminist Therapy, Treatment Planning, and Child Abuse and Partner/Spousal Abuse for CSU Long Beach's Master's in Counseling Program.



Victor Vieth

Victor Vieth serves as the Director of the National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC), a state of the art training complex located on the campus of Winona State University (WSU). NCPTC includes five moot court rooms, four forensic interview rooms and a “mock house” in which to conduct simulated child abuse investigations. NCPTC staff provides intensive instruction for undergraduate students and current professionals in the field on how to better recognize, react, and respond to children who are being abused.

Having graduated magna cum laude from WSU Victor earned his Juris Doctor from Hamline University School of Law (HUSL). While studying at HUSL, he received the American Jurisprudence award for achievement in the study of Constitutional law and served as editor-in-chief of the Law Review.

Victor has trained thousands of child-protection professionals from all 50 states, two U.S. Territories, and 17 countries on numerous topics pertaining to child abuse investigations, prosecutions and prevention. He gained national recognition for his work in addressing child abuse in small communities as a prosecutor in rural Minnesota. He has been named to the President’s Honor Roll of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. The Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association named him one of “21 Young Lawyers Leading us Into the 21st Century.”

Victor has published countless articles related to the investigation, prosecution and prevention of child abuse and neglect. He is also the author of *Unto the Third Generation*, a bold initiative that outlines the necessary steps we must all take to eliminate child abuse in America in three generations.



Robin Sax, J.D.

Robin Sax a former deputy district attorney for Los Angeles County specializing in sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, and stalking cases. Robin is now an outspoken advocate fighting for victims as well as a legal commentator on national television shows including Larry King Live, Nancy Grace, The Today Show, and The Early Show. Sax is a host of Justice Interrupted Radio, a top-ranking radio show that highlights cases that have not received media attention that desperately need awareness via media outlets. Though her voice is that of a prosecutor she has gained notoriety as an advocate for victim's rights, insuring that the judicial system is working properly and that there are appropriate sentences for offenders, resources for law enforcement, and education for everyone.

Sax has authored six books including *Predators and Child Molesters: What Every Parent Needs to Know to Keep Kids Safe*, *It Happens Every Day: Inside the World of a Sex Crimes D.A.*, and *The Complete Idiots Guide to the Criminal Justice System* and *Everything I Learned About Parenting I Learned in Court*. She is also a lecturer at the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law and Attorney Assistant Training Program, and an adjunct professor at the California State, Los Angeles, School of Criminal Justice. www.robinsax.com



Laura Schwartz

Laura Schwartz, a former Special Assistant to the President and The White House Director of Events for the Clinton Administration, created and executed more than 1000 White House events including State arrival ceremonies and dinners, America's Millennium Celebration and NATO's 50th Anniversary. While producing the President's events on the world stage Ms. Schwartz demonstrated the Presidency's ability to inspire a nation and the world through powerful events.

Today, Ms. Schwartz shares her unique perspective on leadership and politics on the CBS Early Show domestically and internationally on Good Morning London throughout the UK, the BBC World News and Sir David Frost's "Frost Over The World." Laura was the Political Analyst on the Fox News Channel '04-'07 and the Special Correspondent to CNN's Larry King Live for the presidential primaries.

In 2001, Ms. Schwartz founded White House Strategies, an event, media, political and message consultancy through which she gives her acclaimed lecture series and individual coaching on "The Networking Power of Social Events,©" the title of her upcoming book which explores our social scenes and the overlooked opportunities to land an incredible job, meet a mate, increase your client base, professional and personal profitability and success. Ms. Schwartz takes this same message to the readers of the acclaimed Chicago magazine Today's Chicago Woman in her series titled "Eat, Drink and Get Mary a Job!"

Ms. Schwartz has been honored by the American University, Washington DC and in January 2009, Laura was invited to address the prestigious Oxford Union in England on the Foreign Policy Legacy of Former President Bush.

Ms. Schwartz is based in Chicago where she operates White House Strategies and travels extensively both domestically and internationally for speaking engagements and with her clients, empowering them to unleash their limits by recognizing and embracing their highest personal and professional potential.

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