Speakers

This speaker list will be updated as we receive additional presenter biographies.

F. E. "Gene" Amparano
Safety Engineer, Federal Highway Safety Administration

F. E. "Gene" Amparano, P.E., is a safety engineer on the Safety and Highway Design Technical Service Team since 2001 at the FHWA Resource Center. He is the point of contact for technical assistance and training initiatives involving Older Drivers and the Highway Safety Manual. Prior to joining the Resource Center, he was a Safety and Area Engineer in the FHWA New Jersey Division Office (1995-2001) and a Project Engineer in FHWA’s Eastern Federal Lands Division in Sterling, Virginia (1988 – 1995). He holds a bachelor's degree in construction engineering from Missouri Western State University and a master's degree in civil engineering from Drexel University, Philadelphia PA. He is a registered professional engineer in the State of Pennsylvania.

Noah Berger
Director of Planning & Program Development - Region 1, Federal Transit Administration

Noah Berger has over twenty years of experience working in the field of public transportation. He currently serves as Director of Planning and Program Development with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Region 1 Office, where he leads the development and delivery of FTA’s capital, operating and planning programs for all six New England state, in excess of $1 billion per year. On the national level, he has taken on a leadership role carrying out FTA’s Livability, Ridership, and Public Transit-Human Service Coordination (“United We Ride”) initiatives. Prior to FTA, he served as Transit Policy Analyst for the MBTA Advisory Board in Boston, the watchdog agency representing the 175 cities and towns in the MBTA district. Prior to that, he directed the Enterprise Community Transportation Project in Burlington, Vermont—a US Department of Housing and Urban Development funded program geared towards filling gaps in the regional transit network, with an emphasis on bridging low-income neighborhoods and employment centers. He has also held positions with Cambridge Systematics, Boston’s Parker Shelter, Vermont Congressman Bernie Sanders, and the New York Yankees. He is author of By Bus, Bike or Boat: A Rider’s Guide to Public Transit in Greater Burlington and Vermont, and “The Guardian of the Birds” in John Abarno’s The Ethics of Homelessness: Philosophical Perspectives, and has Masters Degrees in City Planning from M.I.T., and Philosophy from the State University of New York.

Don Blackburn
Consumer

Born in Attleboro, Massachusetts, Don began his professional career in New York City. He has worked for over 40 years in a range of executive leadership positions. For him having to give up driving was giving up control and his independence which was extremely difficult. The support of his spouse and caring family and the ITN dignified car service has enabled him to continue an active lifestyle.
Kathrin Boerner
Associate Professor of Gerontology, University of Massachusetts Boston

Kathrin Boerner joined the faculty as associate professor in September 2014. Previously, she held the position of senior research scientist at Jewish Home Lifecare's Research Institute on Aging, and Associate Professor at the Brookdale Department of Geriatrics & Palliative Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, in New York City. Her research expertise is in adult development and aging, with a focus on coping with chronic illness, end-of-life, and bereavement. Professor Boerner has a strong publication and funding record, with grants from within the US and abroad (e.g., National Institute on Aging, National Institute of Mental Health, and Robert Bosch Foundation), and is actively involved in an international research program on the life situation and care needs of centenarians. She currently focuses on family caregiving and support needs in the context of serious illness, and long-term care workforce issues around dealing with patient suffering and death. Professor Boerner is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association (Division 20; Adult Development and Aging) and the Gerontological Society of America (Behavioral and Social Sciences). She is also an Editorial Board Member for the journals Clinical Rehabilitation as well as Research on Aging. Professor Boerner completed most of her undergraduate and graduate training in Germany (Christian Albrechts University to Kiel, University of Trier, and Free University of Berlin). During her graduate years concentrated on bereavement research, she was also a Research Fellow at SUNY Stony Brook as well as at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School. Prior to her position with Jewish Home Lifecare, Professor Boerner was a Research Associate at the Arlene R. Gordon Research Institute of Lighthouse International, New York, focusing on coping with chronic vision loss and related disability.

The Honorable Alice Bonner
Secretary of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs

Alice Bonner, PhD, RN, FAANP, GGSA has been a geriatric nurse practitioner, caring for nursing home residents and their families for over two decades. Prior to her appointment in June 2015 to the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, she was an Associate Professor in the School of Nursing, Bouve College of Health Sciences and a Faculty Associate in the Center for Health Policy at Northeastern University. From 2009-2011, Dr. Bonner was the Director of the Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality, including the state survey agency, at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Boston, MA. From 2011 to 2013, she served as Director of the Division of Nursing Homes in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in Baltimore, MD. She currently serves as a consultant to CMS. Dr. Bonner’s research interests include quality and safety in nursing homes, falls prevention, improving dementia care and reducing unnecessary antipsychotic medication use, and reducing avoidable hospitalizations.

Jean Patel Bushnell
President, ITNGreaterBoston

President and Executive Director of ITNGreaterBoston™, Jean Patel Bushnell, has held several leadership roles focused on elevating the life quality of seniors and supporting their formal and informal care networks. Jean is a strong community collaborator and partnership broker dedicated to ensuring that older people can fully access suitable services and supports to enjoy all aspects of community life as they age. Past positions held include Director, Channel Marketing and Communications at Lifeline Systems (now Philips Lifeline); VP, Marketing at United Way of Massachusetts Bay; VP, Business Development at The Visiting Nurse Association of Boston and Executive Director at Standish Village Assisted Living. She founded Marketing Mastery, a vibrant consulting practice that helped organizations like Combined Jewish Philanthropies and start-ups including Warm Health and Senticare launch products and services into the senior services domain. She was twice Board Chair of Ethos, one of 22 Aging Services Access Points (ASAPs) in Massachusetts. Other community contributions include- Member, 1997-present, The Boston Club for Women Leaders, Board Member, 2011 –2014, Discovering What’s Next and Board Member 2012-present, MetroWest Nonprofit Network. She holds an MBA from the University of Chicago and a BS, magnum cum laude from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.
Nora Moreno Cargie
Vice President, Corporate Citizenship – Tufts Health Plan
Executive Director – Tufts Health Plan Foundation

Nora Moreno Cargie serves in two roles at Tufts Health Plan, as its vice president for corporate citizenship and as executive director of the Tufts Health Plan Foundation.

As vice president, Ms. Moreno Cargie leads strategy, planning and implementation of Tufts Health Plan’s corporate citizenship efforts. She is responsible for integrating corporate citizenship into all aspects of Tufts Health Plan’s business, including how the company conducts its work, engages in community and goes to market. In her role at the Foundation, Ms. Moreno Cargie leads a team of community investors to advance healthy living with an emphasis on older adults in markets where Tufts Health Plan has a presence, including Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Over the past year, Ms. Moreno Cargie has advanced the Foundation beyond grantmaking toward engagement strategies that focus on convening communities, building systems and best practices, influencing policies, and investing in community leaders and collaborations around issues facing the our most vulnerable communities. Prior to joining Tufts Health Plan, Ms. Moreno Cargie served as the director of global corporate citizenship for The Boeing Company, where she led corporate citizenship efforts at Boeing’s Chicago office using philanthropy, volunteerism and other strategies to address community issues and concerns. When at Boeing, she was chosen to serve as chief of staff at the Chicago Public Schools, a role which made her the first loaned executive in the city. Previously, Ms. Moreno Cargie was vice president of communications and development for the Illinois Action for Children. During her six-year tenure in this role, Ms. Moreno Cargie took time off to serve as the deputy communications director for Barack Obama’s U.S. senatorial campaign in 2004. Ms. Moreno Cargie’s other government experience includes positions as deputy commissioner for the Mayor’s Office of Workforce Development in Chicago, communications director for the Chicago Park District, assistant commissioner of the Chicago Department of Human Services and acting press secretary/public relations manager for the Chicago Public Schools. Ms. Moreno Cargie earned a bachelor’s degree from Columbia College Chicago and a master’s degree from North Park University.

Ms. Moreno Cargie was recently selected into the 2015 Class of LeadBoston, an experiential executive education program, which focuses on the inner workings of Boston, trends and issues that impact the city's social and economic vitality, and socially responsible leadership. She currently lives in Boston’s Roxbury neighborhood with her husband Bob.

Michele Chaka
Ford Motor Company

Michelle Chaka is the Manager of the Advance Rulemaking and Strategy department. Michelle has 18 years with Ford Motor Company. She spent several years in product development focused on Vehicle Crash Safety and has had numerous roles in the Automotive Safety Office including her current position. She obtained a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan State University and MS in Automotive Systems Engineering from the University of Michigan.

Senator Harriette L. Chandler
Massachusetts State Senator (1st Worcester district)

State Senator Harriette L. Chandler serves the people of Worcester, Boylston, Holden, Princeton, and West Boylston, Clinton and Northborough. The first Worcester woman ever elected to serve in the Massachusetts Senate, Harriette is a strong advocate for health care reform, education, veterans’ issues, housing, and civil rights. Her extraordinary energy, dedication and experience have paid dividends for the communities in her district. She was also a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1995-2001 where she Chaired the Joint Committee on Health Care. Prior to serving in the Massachusetts legislature, she was a member of the Worcester school committee from 1991 to 1994. Harriette is the current Senate Assistant Majority Leader and the Vice-Chair of the Senate Steering and Policy Committee. She is the second woman to serve as the Senate Assistant Majority Leader in Massachusetts' history. Harriette previously served as the Senate Majority Whip, Assistant Majority Whip, Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Health, Assistant
Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Federal Stimulus Oversight, and the Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. She also serves as the Co-Chair of the Prevention for Health Caucus, Co-Chair of the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Legislative Caucus, Co-Chair of the Central Massachusetts Caucus, Co-Chair of the Oral Health Caucus, and formerly served as the Co-Chair of the Brain Injury Commission and Co-Chair of the Caucus of Women Legislators. Senator Chandler earned degrees from Wellesley College (B.A.), Simmons College (M.B.A.), and Clark University (Ph.D.). Worcester State College, Honorary Doctorate Public Administration.

Jessica Cicchino
Senior Research Scientist, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

Jessica Cicchino is a senior research scientist with the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. She is the Institute’s lead researcher on older driver safety and also conducts research on a variety of other highway safety topics, including collision avoidance technologies and the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, child passengers, and motorcyclists. She is a member of the Transportation Research Board’s committee on the Safe Mobility of Older Persons. Prior to joining the Institute, Dr. Cicchino was a research psychologist with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. She holds a B.A. from Vassar College and a Ph.D. in psychology from Carnegie Mellon University.

Jayne Colino
Director, Newton Department of Senior Services

Jayne Colino is the Director of the Department of Senior Services for the City of Newton. Over 30 years ago Jayne started her career in senior services as a nurse’s aide in long term care. She moved onto home care as a homecare worker, a case manager, and a Protective Services Worker. Jayne achieved a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Sociology from Framingham State College. Jayne represented the state of Massachusetts for 6 years as the delegate to the National Council on Aging’s Institute of Senior Centers. She recently completed her term as President of the Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging (MCOA). Jayne is the recipient of MCOA’s 2014 Director of the Year award. Jayne has served the seniors of Newton for over 24 years and has had the opportunity to be part of the transformation of senior centers from drop in recreational facilities into community focal points that provide comprehensive social services that support senior’s choices to age and stay engaged in their communities.

Joe Coughlin
Director, MIT Age Lab and the New England University Transportation Center

Joseph F. Coughlin, Ph.D. is founder and Director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology AgeLab within MIT’s Center for Transportation & Logistics. He leads the USDOT-sponsored New England University Transportation Center that includes the Universities of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, MIT and Harvard University. Coughlin teaches transportation policy in MIT’s Department of Urban Studies & Planning where his transportation research addresses the impact of aging on highway safety, regional transportation planning, and community design. Along with MIT’s Lisa D’Ambrosio, he produced the book Aging America & Transportation: Personal Choices and Public Policy (2012).

Coughlin is one of the Wall Street Journal’s “12 people pioneering the future of retirement” and is a regular contributor to MarketWatch. He served on Daimler’s Technology Advisory Board and has worked extensively with BMW, Fiat, Ford, Nissan, Toyota, and Volkswagen, as well as several insurance companies in North America and Europe. Coughlin led the Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development’s (OECD) Task Force on New Transportation Technologies and Older Users and served on the World Economic Forum’s Global Agendas Council for the future of transportation. A Behavioral Sciences Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America, he has testified before Congress, presented to the National Governors Association, National Transportation Safety Board and was appointed to the White House Advisory Committee on Aging. Prior to joining MIT, Coughlin was with EG&G where he worked with the USDOT Volpe
Betsey Crimmins  
**Senior Attorney in the Elder, Health, and Disability unit at Greater Boston Legal Services**

Betsey Crimmins has been a Senior Attorney in the Elder, Health, and Disability unit at Greater Boston Legal Services for over twenty-five years. Her elder law practice covers a wide variety of legal topics including housing, public benefits, nursing home law, consumer issues, and cases of elder abuse and financial exploitation. In addition, she created and directs the Elder Abuse Prevention Project of Greater Boston Legal Services. She speaks frequently on elder abuse and geriatric mental health issues. She is a member of the Massachusetts Elder Advocacy Coalition, the Elder Mental Health Collaborative, the Arlington Elder Abuse Task Force, the Woburn Elder Abuse Prevention Task Force, the Cambridge Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition, the Boston Bar Association, and is a founding member of the Elder Law Project at the Women’s Bar Foundation. She is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and Boston University School of Law.

Jatin Dave  
**Medical Director of Geriatrics, Medical Affairs Department, Tufts Health Plan, Medicare Preferred**

Dr. Dave, a geriatrician and a hospice and palliative care specialist is a medical director for geriatrics at Tufts Health Plan in Watertown, MA. He is a graduate of Gujarat University B.J. Medical College in India. Dr. Dave completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, and subsequently completed a General Internal Medicine fellowship at New York University. Dr. Dave then went on to complete the Harvard Fellowship in Geriatric Medicine and also received a master’s degree in public health from the Harvard School of Public Health.

In addition to patient care, Dr. Dave is committed to clinical education and teaches geriatric medicine to practicing clinicians as well as medical students, residents, and fellows, with a goal of improving the care that older patients receive. In 2004, he was selected as a Rabkin Fellow. This one-year fellowship, which was administered by the Carl J. Shapiro Institute at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, provides Harvard Medical School faculty with an opportunity to advance their academic careers in medical education. He also received the prestigious Geriatric Academic Career Award, a career development award for academic geriatricians. A particular interest of Dr. Dave's is improving communication between clinicians and patients.

Elin Schold Davis  
**American Occupational Therapy Association**

Elin Schold Davis, OTR/L, CDRS, is the Older Driver Initiative Project Coordinator for the American Occupational Therapy Association based in Bethesda, MD. Elin Schold Davis earned her BS in Occupational Therapy from the University of Minnesota and became a certified driver rehabilitation specialist through the Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists (ADED). Her experience in long-term care and adult rehabilitation at The Sister Kenny Rehabilitation Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota, led Schold Davis to her current position. Since 2003, the projects of the AOTA Older Driver Initiative have been building awareness of occupational therapy’s role in senior safe mobility while increasing the capacity of occupational therapy programs to address driving as an instrumental activity of daily living. Under Schold Davis’ guidance, AOTA holds cooperative agreements with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to develop education and awareness-building materials, The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Age Lab to explore collaborative research, and The Hartford Advance 50 Team to develop an educational brochure. Schold Davis is a member of the American Society on Aging’s DriveWell Speakers Bureau, a member of the Transportation Research Board’s Safe Mobility for Older Persons Committee, and AOTA’s national liaison/instructor for CarFit, a program that offers older adults the opportunity to check how well their personal vehicles “fit” them to increase safety.
Elizabeth Dugan
Associate Professor of Gerontology, University of Massachusetts Boston

Elizabeth Dugan PhD is an Associate Professor of Gerontology in the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston. Her senior transportation research focuses on state policies related to older driver safety and issues related to the medical fitness to drive. Her research on healthy aging is developing and reporting indicators of healthy aging and investigating the role of community factors that contribute to healthy aging. Her research has been funded by the National Institute on Aging, the National Eye Institute, The Borchard Foundation Center for Law and Aging, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Retirement Research Foundation, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Tufts Health Plan Foundation. Her scholarship, including her book, The Driving Dilemma: The Complete Resource Guide for Older Drivers and Their Families, generates regular media coverage on ABC's Good Morning America, CBS Evening News, the Wall Street Journal, U.S. News and World Report, Newsweek, the Boston Globe, caring.com, and other media outlets. Dugan is a frequent speaker at community events, senior centers, and staff training opportunities related to older drivers. In addition, she has provided expert testimony and written briefs for state legislators across the nation.

Michele Ellicks
Community Outreach Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Registry of Motor Vehicles Division

Michele Ellicks has been presenting safe driving workshops for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation’s Registry of Motor Vehicles Division (RMV) since August 2000. Portions of Ms. Ellicks' older driver workshop "Shifting Gears" have been featured in the Boston Globe, Patriot Ledger, as well as WCVB-TV's Chronicle, Fox News, and NECN. The presentation received the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators' Public Affairs and Consumer Education (PACE) Award in 2000. Ellicks chairs MassDOT/RMV’s Junior Operator License Advisory Board, as well as the Partnership for Passenger Safety’s Older Driver Sub-Committee. Ellicks leads MassDOT’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan working groups: older drivers and young drivers. Ellicks has been a guest lecturer at Tufts University’s Graduate School of Occupational Therapy, Boston College, the Gerontology Institute at the University of Massachusetts Boston, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Ellicks holds a B.S. from Northeastern University's Boston Bouvé College of Health Sciences. She lives in Acton with her husband and two children.

James Ellison
MD, Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School

James Ellison received his MD from UCSF in 1978 and trained in psychiatry at the Massachusetts General Hospital (1979-1982). He received his MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health (1993). As a clinical leader, he developed New England Medical Center’s Emergency Psychiatry Service (1982-4), he originated Cambridge Hospital’s Somatic Therapies Program (1984-1991), and he directed the mental health services at Harvard Vanguard’s Burlington Practice (1993-8) and Boston Regional Medical Center (1998-9). Since 1999 he has worked with the Geriatric Psychiatry Program at Mclean Hospital, where he is now Director.

He has published articles and books about psychiatry, with a focus on geriatric psychiatry. He is the editor of a textbook on mood disorders in later life. He has an abiding interest in the effects of aging on cognition and function. His current research focuses on new medications for the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease, and on lifestyle factors that modify aging’s effects on older adults.

He has received several awards for his teaching and other activities, including most recently the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society's 2014 Advancement of the Profession Award. He is an associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.
Theadora Fisher
Mobility Outreach Coordinator, MassMobility, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Massachusetts

Theadora Fisher is the Mobility Outreach Coordinator for the MassMobility initiative, which is housed in the Executive Office of Health and Human Services’ Human Service Transportation Office. MassMobility helps build the capacity of the Massachusetts community transportation network by raising awareness of existing services, fostering collaboration, and sharing best practices. She holds a Master of Public Policy degree from the Heller School at Brandeis University.

Ford Motor Company, TBD

Lillian Glickman
Management of Aging Services Program, Department of Gerontology, McCormack Graduate School

Lillian Glickman has over thirty-five years experience in gerontology and with the Massachusetts aging network. From 1998 until January 2003, she served as secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, a cabinet-level agency that administers a wide range of community-based services for elders. Prior to that, she served as assistant secretary for nine years during two separate time periods. Among her accomplishments as secretary were developing and implementing Prescription Advantage, the first state-sponsored insurance-based prescription drug program in the country, providing more intensive home care services for frail elders, and developing the Supportive Housing Program to provide assisted living-like services to elders in public housing. Glickman previously served as executive director of two Governor's Commissions and worked both in academia and in the private sector. She has published articles on aging in journals such as Journal of Community Health, Home Health Care Services Quarterly, and Journal of the American Geriatrics Society. Until 2014, Lillian Glickman served as the co-director of the UMass Boston Management of Aging Services master's and certificate programs. She continues to teach the Capstone course as well as Program Review and Analysis.

Erica Girgenti
Director, Adams Council on Aging

Erica Girgenti has been the director of the Adams Council on Aging since 2010. Prior to her employment with the Town of Adams, she was employed with the Brien Center for Mental Health & Substance abuse as a Social Worker, Supervisor and Activity Director in their Adult Day Care Program and with the Northern Berkshire Health Systems psychiatric facility, as a psych therapist and Crisis Prevention & Non-Violent Restraint trainer. Currently, Erica serves as the Chair of the RCC in Berkshire County, a member of the Age Friendly Vision 2020 utilizing the AARP/WHO Age-Friendly Community model, Chair of Elder Services of Berkshire County’s Advisory Board, Barrett House Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors at the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition. She has a drive to increase opportunities within her community, within the area of but not limited to, transportation options through public, private and walk and bike-ability, increased opportunities to healthier food options, age-friendly initiatives, and increased services for older adults. Erica has a graduate degree in the School of Public Service Leadership, masters in human services, specialization in gerontology and an undergraduate degree in Social Work.
Jeanne Hathaway
Injury Epidemiologist, Massachusetts Department of Public Health - Injury Prevention

Jeanne Hathaway, MD, MPH: Dr. Hathaway is an injury epidemiologist with the Injury Surveillance Program at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH). Over the past four years, she has been the point person for motor vehicle-related injury data at MDPH and has worked closely with Colleen McGuire, the motor vehicle Injury Prevention Specialist with the MDPH Injury Prevention and Control Program. Dr. Hathaway currently participates in the Massachusetts Prevent Injury Now! Network (MassPINN), the Massachusetts Traffic Record Coordinating Committee (TRCC) and the Junior Operator License (JOL) Advisory Board. In addition to her work with motor vehicle-related injury data, she has helped develop statewide reports on traumatic brain injury, fall injuries among older adults and overall injuries among Massachusetts residents. Dr. Hathaway received her M.D. from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in 1988 and her M.P.H. from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health in 1992.

William R. Henry, Jr.
Executive Director, Volunteers Insurance Service Association, Inc.

William is executive director of Volunteers Insurance Service Association, Inc., based in Woodbridge, VA. VIS® is a risk purchasing group that makes insurance programs and risk management services available to private-sector nonprofit organizations and public entities that engage volunteers, in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Its insurance programs are branded as CIMA Volunteers Insurance because CIMA is the insurance broker and business administrator for those programs. William is a frequent author and presenter on risk management issues involving volunteer engagement. His blog is at www.volunteerinsure.org, and his LinkedIn profile at www.linkedin.com/in/williamrhenry. He can be contacted at whenry@cimaworld.com.

Jana Hunkler
Executive Director, Berkshire Rides

Jana Hunkler has been employed as the Executive Director of BerkshireRides, Inc., a community transportation service in western Massachusetts, since 2004. During her tenure, ridership has increased by 53% and project scope has expanded to include travel instruction, coordination, consulting on the Americans with Disabilities Act, and a transportation solution designed specifically for youth in the community. She is also a faculty member of both the National Transit Institute and Community Transportation Association of America, specializing in Mobility Management and Transportation Solutions Coordinator training and Board Development.

Prior to embarking on a community transportation career, Hunkler served as a Town Administrator in Massachusetts and has many years of experience in higher education administration. She has held various part-time elected positions and volunteers in the community ranging from serving on the Board of Directors of the Northern Berkshire United Way and the Advisory Council for the Department of Transitional Assistance to conducting food drives, fundraising for Children’s Hospital, Boston and educational advocacy for children with special needs. She is also a member of the Statewide Coordinating Council on Community Transportation.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from University of New Hampshire and a Master’s in Education at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.
Lissa Kapust
Founder and director of DriveWise®, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Lissa Kapust, LICSW, is the founder and director of DriveWise®, a nationally recognized program in the Department of Neurology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC). A pioneer in the field of driving safety, she published one of the first professional articles in the field. She has since published numerous professional articles on driving safety and has often appeared on TV and in educational videos as a spokesperson around matters of driving and the elderly. DriveWise is nationally recognized for its excellence in clinical care and research initiatives. It is considered the “gold standard” assessment for individuals with medical problems for whom driving safety has been questioned. The critical need for this multi disciplinary assessment arose from clinical social work practice with patients, families and physicians who needed an objective, evidence-based assessment to address this highly emotionally charged topic. To date, DriveWise has provided comprehensive evaluations for over 700 patients. She was given a grant from the National Parkinson’s Foundation to produce an educational video on driving safety for Parkinson's patients. More recently she was filmed as a driving expert in the film, “Your Time To Care; A Roadmap to Alzheimer’s Disease & Driving” funded by the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America.

As a clinical social worker with over 35 years of experience in an academic teaching hospital, it is clear that the assessment of driving safety must integrate medical, cognitive and social factors. Safe driving has enormous consequences for public safety and personal wellbeing.

Ms. Kapust is a social work team leader at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center working in the Division of Cognitive Neurology. She manages a Post-Master’s Social Work training program in Cognitive Neurology at BIDMC. Over the past 6 years she has developed “Wellness Works” a comprehensive exercise program for individuals with Parkinson’s. She also has a private clinical practice in Waltham MA.

Debbie Kerrigan
Newton-Wellesley Hospital Rehab Services

Debbie Kerrigan, MS, OTR/L is a senior occupational therapist and the coordinator of the Drive Safe program at Newton-Wellesley Hospital Rehab Services. She has received specialized training in driver rehabilitation and has been involved in older driver safety for approximately 11 years. Debbie received a mini-grant from the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in 2009 to increase community awareness of older driver safety and resources. She provides presentations on topics related to older driver safety to communities of older drivers, healthcare professionals, and families/caregivers of older drivers. She is a certified CarFit Event Coordinator and a We Need ToTalk facilitator.

Helen Kerschner
Director, National Center on Volunteer Transportation

Helen Kerschner has more than 35 years of experience in health, aging, transportation, volunteerism, and international development. Her career has included positions in university settings, corporate America, the federal government, and the non-profit sector. In addition to her administrative positions, she also facilitates focus groups and provides training in their organization and implementation. For fifteen years, Dr. Kerschner was President and CEO of the Beverly Foundation, an organization emphasizing mobility and transportation for older adults. Today, she is Director of the National Center on Volunteer Transportation an initiative of the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA). Although CTAA is located in DC, she is located in Albuquerque, New Mexico and does much her work by SKYPE. Her work as Director of the Center emphasizes volunteer driver programs and includes the widely acclaimed STAR Award program, identification of promising practices, communication and technical assistance with volunteer transportation programs across America, and the development and delivery of on-line certification courses for volunteer drivers and for managers of volunteer driver programs. Dr. Kerschner was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Her educational background includes an undergraduate degree from North Texas State University, and a masters and doctorate from the University of Southern California. She began her adult life as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nigeria, West Africa and has
Representative Kay Khan
Massachusetts House of Representatives

Representative Kay Khan serves in a leadership position as the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities which provides oversight to the Department of Children and Families, The Department of Developmental Disabilities, The Department of Youth Services, The Department of Transitional Assistance, The Commission for the Blind, The Commission for the Hard of Hearing, and Mass Rehabilitation Commission. Throughout Khan’s career as state representative, she has served on the Joint Committees on Human Services and Elder Affairs, Housing, Public Health, Health Care Finance, State Administration, Judiciary and as Vice-Chair of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Khan’s bachelor’s degree is from Boston University School of Nursing, where she eventually became an instructor for Boston University School of Nursing undergraduate students on a pediatric rotation. I went on to earn a master’s degree in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing from Boston University and worked in a group private practice in Newton for close to 20 years. Throughout my public life, I have been inspired by the memory of my parents. My father left Nazi Germany in 1937 to begin a new life in America and later welcomed his parents and grandparents, who escaped from Germany and were on the last ship President Roosevelt allowed into this country, arriving on Ellis Island in 1941. My father developed a deep love for his adopted country and a passion for democracy, equal rights and social justice, which he instilled in me. I was born in Cherokee, Iowa, and my family moved first to Grafton, MA when I was three and later to the town of Wellesley where I graduated from high school. My mother was from the Midwest and after eventually moving to Wellesley, became actively engaged in the community. In 1973 she was appointed chairman of the Nutrition Education Committee, Women’s Auxiliary to the Massachusetts Medical Society, and testified before Hubert Humphrey’s Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs, focusing on ways to provide adequate nutrition to millions of children attending schools not participating in the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Programs.

Mary Maguire
Director, Public/Legislative Affairs, AAA Northeast

As Director of Public/Legislative Affairs at AAA Northeast, Mary Maguire is a legislative advocate for AAA’s traffic safety and automotive issues at the Massachusetts State House, and a spokesperson for the Club in the Bay State. As a member of the Public Affairs team, Maguire speaks often to teens and seniors on the subject of safe driving.

Maguire is a long-time journalist who reported and anchored for 4 television stations, and spent 13 years at NBC-10 in Providence as an Investigative Consumer Affairs Reporter—where she won seven Associated Press awards and earned six Emmy nominations. Following her tenure at NBC-10, Maguire co-founded Public Eye Media Production, Inc., a video production and media training company. As President of Public Eye, Maguire won three Telly awards, and has produced hundreds of features for The Food Network, Home and Garden Television, the Style Network, and other national shows—along with dozens of commercials and educational videos.

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Maguire earned her English and American Literature Degree from Brown University, and holds a Masters Degree in Broadcast Journalism from Northwestern University in Chicago.

Maguire is married to Providence Attorney Tom Noel, and is the proud mother of three children.
Richard Marottoli  
Professor of Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine  
Medical Director of the Adler Geriatric Assessment Center at Yale-New Haven Hospital

Richard A. Marottoli, MD, MPH is a Professor of Medicine at the Yale University School of Medicine, Medical Director of the Adler Geriatric Assessment Center at Yale-New Haven Hospital, and a staff physician at the VA Connecticut Healthcare System. He received his undergraduate, medical, and public health degrees from Yale University, and completed an internal medicine residency at Strong Memorial Hospital, University of Rochester, and a geriatrics fellowship at Yale. His current research interests include enhancing clinicians’ ability to identify individuals at risk for driving difficulties, developing interventions to enhance these drivers’ safety, and identifying ways to ease the transition to driving less or not at all when that is necessary.

Michele L. Matthews, PharmD, CPE, BCACP  
Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, MCPHS University  
Advanced Pharmacist Practitioner – Pain Management, Brigham and Women’s Hospital

Michele Matthews, PharmD, is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at MCPHS University in Boston and practices as an Advanced Pharmacist Practitioner in Pain Management at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. She participates in team-based care of patients with chronic noncancer pain at the Brigham and Women’s Pain Management Center. She has also implemented a pharmacist-run chronic pain management clinic within the hospital’s primary care center where she has prescriptive authority under collaborative drug therapy management for patients with various chronic pain syndromes. She additionally works within a collaborative care model as a care manager to improve the management of opioid abuse and alcohol dependence within the primary care setting.

Dr. Matthews is a Certified Pain Educator and a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist. She actively conducts research on the role of the pharmacist in the prevention of medication misuse in patients with chronic noncancer pain and is a co-investigator for a Center of Excellence in Pain Education grant which was awarded by the NIH.

Ron Medford  
Director of Safety, Self-Driving Car, Google, Inc.

Ron Medford joined Google in January 2013 as its Safety Director for the Self-Driving Car Program. In this position Ron leads the program’s safety team that is working with other program development teams to ensure the safety of the self-driving car.

Prior to taking on this role at Google, Mr. Medford served as the Deputy Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), U.S. Department of Transportation from January 2010 until December 2012. Ron began his career at NHTSA in May 2003 as the Senior Associate Administrator for Vehicle Safety. In this position, he was responsible for overseeing all aspects of the U.S. auto safety programs. This included vehicle safety research, regulations, enforcement as well as the National Center for Statistics and Analysis.

Before joining NHTSA, Mr. Medford was the Assistant Executive Director for Hazard Identification & Reduction at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). He was responsible for the regulatory and technical work of the Agency, such as overseeing the Directorates for Engineering Sciences, Health Sciences, Epidemiology, Economic Analysis as well as the Agency’s Chemistry and Engineering Laboratories. Mr. Medford spent more than 25 years in a variety of technical management positions at the CPSC.

Just prior to joining NHTSA, Mr. Medford spent 10 months on a government-sponsored sabbatical to work with Dean Kamen, an inventor from Manchester, New Hampshire. Mr. Kamen is president of Deka Research and Development Corporation and is known for his inventions of the IBOT™ wheel chair and the Segway™ Human Transporter (HT).

Mr. Medford holds a B.S. and M.S. from the University of Maryland.
Thomas M. Meuser  
**Associate Professor and Director, Gerontology Graduate Program, University of Missouri - St. Louis**

Tom Meuser, Ph.D., is a Clinical Geropsychologist and directs the Gerontology Program at the University of Missouri – St. Louis. He is an Associate Professor with appointments in Gerontology, Social Work and Psychology. Narrative gerontology is one of his passions, and he also coordinates the UMSL Life Review Project which pairs graduate students with seniors from the community to video record their life stories. He is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and a longtime volunteer of the Alzheimer’s Association and the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety, among other organizations.

His research interests include driver safety and mobility transitions in aging, loss and grief in aging and dementia, coping and communication issues in dementia caregiving, the impact of aging and dementia on functional capacity, reminiscence and well-being, educational program development and evaluation. Dr. Meuser has received grant funding from the Alzheimer’s Association, the National Institute on Aging, the State of Missouri’s Alzheimer’s Disease & Related Disorders Research Program, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the American Medical Association, the American Automobile Association (AAA) Foundation for Traffic Safety, the National Cener on Senior Transpor tation, Easter Seals, and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT).

Dr. Meuser is known for the development of various geriatric assessment and education-related products, including numerous videos on driving and other topics in aging, the MM Caregiver Grief Inventory (MMCGI), and the Assessment of Readiness for Mobility Transition (ARMT) scale. He led the teams (in 2006-2009, 2013-2014) that developed and evaluated the medical evaluation approach used in Missouri to assess medically at-risk drivers (see Missouri DOR Form 1528). His research has been published in various journals, including *The Gerontologist*, *Accident Analysis & Prevention*, *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, *Journal of the American Geriatric Society*, *OMEGA: Journal of Death & Dying*, *Death Studies*, *Educational Gerontology*, *American Family Physician*, and *Alzheimer’s Disease & Associated Disorders*.

Dr. Meuser earned his Bachelors Degree in Psychology in 1986 from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, and his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology in 1997 from the University of Missouri – St. Louis. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Clinical Geropsychology at the Center for Healthy Aging in Akron, Ohio, in 1997-98, and he held faculty positions in Psychiatry at Saint Louis University School of Medicine (1998-99) and in Neurology at Washington University School of Medicine (1999-2007). At Washington University, he served as a Co-Investigator and Education Core Leader for the National Institute on Aging funded Knight Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center under Principal Investigator, John C. Morris, MD (P50 AG05681).

He lives in drafty, century old house just outside of St. Louis with his wife of 25 years, Christy, and their three boys. Outside of work, he enjoys running, walking the dog, playing board games, attending scout meetings and school sporting events, home repair projects, and other family-oriented activities.

Jake Nelson  
**AAA Director, Traffic Safety Advocacy & Research**

Expertise: Traffic safety, road safety, driver safety, older driver safety, senior mobility issues, drunk driving, drugged driving, drowsy driving, impaired driving

**Headline News:** Senior Driver Safety Interview

**U.S. News & World Report:** Older Workers Who Drive Top Traffic Death List: CDC
**Forbes.com:** Americans Think Driving is Safer When It’s Actually More Dangerous
**Tim O'Day**  
*SCM Elderbus*

Tim joined the Company as the Executive Director in August 2004. Reporting to the Board of Directors, he is responsible for all aspects of the Company's operation, including transportation, finance and accounting, human resources, technology, contracts, and regulatory requirements. Prior to joining Elderbus, Tim held numerous senior management positions in several organizations, including Corporate Controller for a start-up technology company and Director of Operations for a medical equipment supply company.

Tim holds a B.S. in Business Management from Worcester State College and an M.B.A. from Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.

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**Brian R. Ott**  
*Department of Neurology, Alpert Medical School of Brown University*  
*Director, Alzheimer’s Disease & Memory Disorders Center, Rhode Island Hospital*

Dr. Brian Ott is a Professor in the Department of Neurology, in the Alpert Medical School of Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, as well as Adjunct Professor in the School of Pharmacy at the University of Rhode Island. He is certified in Internal Medicine with Added Qualifications in Geriatric Medicine, as well as Neurology.

He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Syracuse University where he received his BS in Biology. He attended medical school at Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After completing an internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Brown, he completed his Neurology residency training at the Longwood program of Harvard University. He later did a gerontology research fellowship at Brown University.

He is currently the director of the Alzheimer’s Disease and Memory Disorders Center at Rhode Island Hospital, the largest memory diagnostic and treatment center in Rhode Island and a regional referral center for southern New England.

Dr. Ott’s primary research interest focuses on the effects of aging and dementia on driving in the elderly. His work is primarily funded by the National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Aging, where he has received continuous funding since 2001, including a longitudinal study of cognition and road test performance in drivers with Alzheimer’s disease, and a more recent project involving naturalistic assessment of driving in cognitively impaired elders. He has also recently begun a pilot project examining a video feedback intervention for the safety of cognitively impaired older drivers. He has over 100 peer-reviewed original publications and over 40 book chapters and other publications covering research in driving, quality of life, experimental pharmacotherapy, and pharmaco-epidemiology in patients with mild cognitive impairment and dementia.

Dr. Ott is a frequent ad hoc grant reviewer for the NIH Center for Scientific Review as well as the Alzheimer’s Association and numerous international review sections. He has served on the editorial boards of Neurology Research International, Health and Quality of Life Outcomes, and the Journal of Alzheimer’s Disease. He has been elected to Fellowship in the American Academy of Neurology and the American Neurological Association. He instituted the Public Policy Committee while serving as the Board President of the Rhode Island Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, and most recently he was appointed to the Rhode Island Governor’s Advisory Commission on Aging in 2013.

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**Ruth Palombo**  
*Tufts Health Plan Foundation*

Ruth Palombo, PhD, is the Senior Health Policy Officer for the Tufts Health Plan Foundation and leads the Foundation's policy work. She joined the Tufts Health Plan Foundation from her post of assistant secretary at the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. A 30-year health and human services industry veteran, Ms. Palombo also directed programs in nutrition, aging, health promotion and chronic disease prevention at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Additionally, she has served as an assistant professor at the Tufts University School of Medicine and the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy where she taught courses in gerontology, community nutrition and public health. Ms. Palombo earned her doctorate in social policy with
concentrations in aging and substance abuse from the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University. She received a master’s in health policy and management from the Harvard School of Public Health. Ms. Palombo has additional degrees in human nutrition and public health from Cornell University and Teachers College, Columbia University. A respected leader in the field, Ms. Palombo is published and a frequent presenter at healthy aging related conferences.

**John F. Paul**  
Senior Manager of Public Affairs and Traffic Safety Advocacy, AAA Northeast

John F. Paul is the Senior Manager of Public Affairs and Traffic Safety Advocacy for AAA Northeast. John is a certified lead instructor for the AAA’s Driver Improvement program and a child passenger safety technician and instructor. John regularly presents traffic safety programs throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island, focusing on senior driving issues. In addition to his traffic safety efforts John is also the clubs automotive consumer advocate. John writes automotive articles for the club publication Horizons, Boston Globe, Providence Journal and several other publications. In addition, John hosts the Car Doctor radio program each Saturday on WROL radio.

**The Honorable Stephanie Pollack**  
Secretary & Chief Executive Officer, Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Stephanie Pollack has worked on transportation policy, finance and equity as Associate Director for Research at the Kitty and Michael Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy at Northeastern University since 2005, where she has also served as an adjunct professor sharing her skills and experience with the next generation of public policy leaders.

Stephanie has also provided over a decade of strategic consulting on transportation issues to the public and private sectors including the Boston Transportation Department and Massachusetts Port Authority, following a distinguished career at the Conservation Law Foundation in Boston. She has been active in public policy issues affecting transportation, development and sustainability nationally and locally, serving on numerous boards and advisory bodies including MassDOT’s Transportation Advisory Committee and chairing the Transportation Advisory Committee in her hometown of Newton.

**Bryan Reimer**  
MIT

Bryan Reimer, Ph.D., is a Research Scientist in the MIT AgeLab and the Associate Director of The New England University Transportation Center at MIT. His research seeks to develop new models and methodologies to measure and understand human behavior in dynamic environments utilizing physiological signals, visual behavior monitoring, and overall performance measures. Dr. Reimer leads a multidisciplinary team of researchers and students focused on understanding how drivers respond to the increasing complexity of the operating environment and on finding solutions to the next generation of human factors challenges associated with distracted driving, automation and other in-vehicle technologies. Dr. Reimer’s team also works with other researchers at Massachusetts Institute of Technology to apply methods and knowledge in other domains affecting older adults.

He is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island with a BS in Industrial Engineering, an MS in Manufacturing Engineering and a Ph.D. in Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering. His doctoral work, entitled “Automated Methods of Detecting Driver Distractions,” showed that the size of a driver’s scan path is reduced during periods of cognitive demand. His passion for human factors and cognitive engineering brought him to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he directs field and simulation studies focused on how drivers across the lifespan are affected by in-vehicle interfaces, safety systems, portable technologies, and different types and levels of demand. This research also assesses the impact medical impairments such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, ADHD and autism.
Dr. Reimer’s recent research focuses on how drivers can be trained to trust and understand new vehicle technologies involving different levels of automation, the demands associated with speech interfaces and other multi-modal vehicle interfaces, and how drivers adapt to new and unfamiliar safety systems and interface technologies.

**Marian Ryan**  
**Middlesex District Attorney**  

Before being appointed in April of 2013, Middlesex District Attorney Marian T. Ryan had spent her entire career as an assistant district attorney, prosecuting the state’s most violent felons, fighting for victims, and creating innovative crime prevention initiatives. In selecting Ryan to fill the role of DA, Governor Deval Patrick highlighted Ryan’s “experience, rigor, tenacity, integrity and compassion.” Ryan is responsible for the prosecution of approximately 35,000 cases a year in the diverse 54 cities and towns of Middlesex County. Ryan has served as Chief of the MDAO’s Elder and Disabled Unit, where she prosecuted a myriad of crimes involving physical and financial abuse of the most vulnerable victims. In this role, Ryan collaborated with business and community leaders to conduct risk assessments and develop prevention plans for elders and disabled citizens. Now as DA, Ryan is developing an education and training program, similar to her workplace safety initiative, to bring together businesses, hospitals, housing providers and community leaders to educate and promote a safe and secure environment for our aging population. Ryan has received a number of awards and peer recognition for her trial skills and community involvement. The Middlesex County Bar Association honored her with their Lifetime Achievement Award. She is also a recipient of the Boston College Law School’s David Nelson Public Service Award. Ryan grew up in Somerville and is a summa cum laude graduate of Emmanuel College and a cum laude graduate of Boston College Law School.

**Mark Scarboro**  
**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**  

Mark Scarboro is currently the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN) Program Manager for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). He is the co-chairman for the Transportation Safety for Older People Committee at NHTSA and is chairman of the Abbreviated Injury Scale Content Committee for the Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine. Prior to coming to NHTSA in 2003, Mark spent over 12 years working in injury research at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

**Scott A. Schmidt**  
**Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers**  

Scott A. Schmidt is a senior director responsible for vehicle safety and regulatory affairs at the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers where he coordinates Alliance activities relating to vehicle safety performance, driver distraction, advanced technologies for traffic (vehicles and highways), electric vehicle/battery safety, and vehicle acoustical noise. Mr. Schmidt received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1987 from the University of Maryland where he started his involvement in automotive engineering through participation in SAE student vehicle design competitions. Since then he has held a number of automotive engineering positions encompassing alternative fuels, military vehicles, and his current passion automotive safety.
Janet Secol-Cerroti
Executive Director, FriendshipWorks

Janet Seckel-Cerrotti is the Executive Director of FriendshipWorks, an interfaith volunteer caregiving program serving elders and disabled adults in Boston, MA. Janet has been with FriendshipWorks (formerly called MATCH-UP Interfaith Volunteers) since its inception in 1984—first as Coordinator of Volunteers and then Program Director, when FriendshipWorks was under the aegis of Boston Aging Concerns. She became the agency’s founding Executive Director when FriendshipWorks became an independent organization in 1991. In all of these capacities, she has been the driving force, creating a vision and steering the organization through its various stages of its growth and development.

Janet holds an MSW degree from the Hunter College School of Social Work in New York, and is a graduate of LeadBoston (a program sponsored by the National Conference for Community & Justice). Janet has held a range of senior leadership positions in numerous organizations serving the needs of the elderly, including President of the MA Coalition on the Spiritual Well-Being of the Elderly, and most recently, board member and President of the National Volunteer Caregiving Network.

Emily K. Shea
Commissioner on Affairs of the Elderly, City of Boston

Emily K. Shea has been serving as Commissioner on Affairs of the Elderly for the City of Boston since April 2011 and was reappointed by Mayor Martin J. Walsh in January 2014. The Commission serves as Boston’s Area Agency on Aging and Boston’s Council on Aging.

Prior to her work at the City, Ms. Shea’s work focused on meeting the needs of older adults in Boston, first in her role as the Executive Director of the Robert Wood Johnson funded initiative the Boston Partnership for Older Adults, and then in her most recent role as Director of Elder Services for Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), Boston’s anti-poverty agency.

Before coming to Boston, Ms. Shea spent 6 years as the Executive Director of Windsor House Adult Day Health programs in Cambridge, Somerville and Framingham. She also served as the President of the Massachusetts Adult Day Services Association. Ms. Shea received her MSW, MPH and Certificate in Gerontology from Boston University and her BA from St. Michael’s College.

Nina Silverstein
Professor of Gerontology and Director of the Undergraduate Gerontology Program, University of Massachusetts Boston

Dr. Nina Silverstein is Professor of Gerontology and Director of the Undergraduate Gerontology Program at the University of Massachusetts Boston. Professor Silverstein’s research and professional interests are in the areas of transportation and aging, Alzheimer’s disease, gerontology program development, and participatory action-research. She has worked closely with the national and state Alzheimer’s Association on projects relating to both supporting persons with Alzheimer’s disease and their caregivers in home and community-based settings, institutional settings, and hospitals. In 2014, she was elected President-Elect of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE). She is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and former Chair of the Social Research Policy and Practice section (SRPP). She has co-authored two books: Dementia and Wandering Behavior: Concern for the Lost Elder and Improving Hospital Care for Persons with Dementia (Springer Publishing: NY). Recent publications have appeared in The Gerontologist, Gerontology and Geriatrics Education, Alzheimer’s & Dementia, and the Transportation Research Record. She spent a sabbatical in Washington, DC for the ’04-05 academic year where she divided her time between the Department of Transportation and the Alzheimer’s Association Public Policy Division. During that year she co-authored an on-line report, Community Mobility and Dementia: A Review of the Literature. During her sabbatical in 2011-2012, she was a Visiting Scholar to the Office of Academic Affairs at AARP in Washington DC and conducted her sabbatical research on supportive transportation for community residing elders with support from a Healey Grant from the University of Massachusetts Boston. In 2009, she was Co-Investigator with colleagues at the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute on a 3-year Alzheimer’s Association-funded study: Fitness to Drive in Early Stage Dementia: An Instrumented Vehicle Study. In 2011 and 2012, she led two research projects, 1) Relevance of Chronic Disease Self
Management Programs (CDSMP) for Persons with Dementia for the Alzheimer’s Association Public Policy Office, DC; and 2) Evaluation of Lift Up Your Voice Advocacy Training for Elders and their Caregivers for Community Catalyst, Boston, MA. Currently, she is Principal Investigator on an Alzheimer’s Association funded study on dementia care coordination and Co-PI on a Tufts Health Plan Foundation funded study on Healthy Aging.

David Stevens  
Executive Director, Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging

David Stevens is the executive director of the Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging and Senior Center Directors. He has served in this position since 1994 prior to which Stevens worked as the statewide SSI outreach coordinator for the Families USA Foundation. He started his career in human services working with Greater Springfield Senior Services for twenty years, during which time Stevens held positions as a case manager, home meal coordinator, nutrition program manager, and director of the Area Agency on Aging. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Swarthmore College.

Joanne E. Thomka  
Director of the National Traffic Law Center, National District Attorneys Association

Joanne Thomka is the Director of the National Traffic Law Center of the National District Attorneys Association in Alexandria, Virginia. The NTLC provides technical assistance, legal research and training support to prosecutors, law enforcement and other traffic safety professionals across the country. Prior to this position, she was a Senior Assistant District Attorney for the Onondaga County District Attorney’s Office in Syracuse, New York. She was the Bureau Chief of the DWI Unit from April 2000 - August 2006. The DWI Bureau is responsible for the prosecution of all alcohol - related crimes and all vehicular fatalities. Mrs. Thomka was previously a member of both the Special Victims and Violent Felony Bureaus within the Onondaga County District Attorney’s Office.

Mrs. Thomka is a graduate of Salem State College (now Salem State University) and Vermont Law School. She was the President of the Onondaga County Bar Association in 2003. Mrs. Thomka teaches at continuing legal education seminars across the country on all issues pertaining to impaired driving and vehicular crimes prosecutions. In addition, she lectures to law enforcement agencies and other traffic safety personnel on all issues pertaining to impaired driving and highway safety issues. She is one of the authors of the New York Prosecutors Training Institute’s Vehicular Homicide Manual for Prosecutors, and the National Traffic Law Center and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s manuals: DWI Prosecutor’s Notebook, The Criminal Justice System: A Guide For Law Enforcement Officers and Expert Witnesses in Impaired Driving Cases, Cross Examination for Prosecutors and the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor’s Manual. In addition, she is a co-author of a manual developed with The Century Council: Hardcore Drunk Driver Prosecutorial Guide.

Mrs. Thomka is a member of several committees which pertain to traffic safety: Transportation Research Board’s Traffic Law Enforcement Committee, National Sheriff’s Association’s Traffic Safety Committee, Highway Safety Coalition, Traffic Injury Research Foundation’s DWI Working Group, Hardcore Drunk Driving Coalition, National Partnership on Alcohol Misuse and Crime, and the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. She is also the recipient of the 2013 J. Stannard Baker Award, presented by the National Sheriffs’ Association and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in Recognition for Outstanding Achievement in Highway Safety.
Lieutenant Stephen J. Walsh

Massachusetts State Police Lieutenant Stephen J. Walsh has 35 years of law enforcement experience principally focused on the performance and administration of traffic investigations, enforcement, and highway safety initiatives. He is a U.S. Army veteran and holds a Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice. As the Chief of Staff to the Commander of the Division of Field Services, his duties included the Officer in Charge of the Department’s Traffic Program Section. There he was responsible for formulating and instituting polices associated with the deployment of highway safety mobilizations using Compstat models via Intelligence Led Policing and Data Driven Approaches to Crime & Traffic Safety. As the NHTSA liaison to the Massachusetts State Police, his duties included grant procurement and management, resource allocation, mobilization assessment, and after action reporting. These initiatives included training, operational planning, deployment, and reporting on the state’s highway safety initiatives, including the highly successful sobriety checkpoint program. He further served as the liaison to several private and public partners, including MADD, AAA, NSC, CARE, and the state’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan and Traffic Incident Management Committee. He was the key author to three award winning IACP National Law Enforcement Challenge submissions, as well as the 2009 Martha Irwin Award for Highway Safety Initiatives.

As a Trooper and later Executive Officer to the Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, Lieutenant Walsh conducted and supervised thousands of fatal crash investigations and prosecutions. Currently the Commanding Officer of the Andover barracks, Lieutenant Walsh was recently the Operations Officer overseeing a two year NHTSA coordinated Distracted Driving pilot initiative aimed at determining if law enforcement can effectively enforce current laws focused on distracted driving and if high visibility enforcement combined with an effective media campaign will reduce instances of distracted driving.

Marjorie S. Weinberger
Legal Counsel, Registry of Motor Vehicles and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation

For 17 years, Marjorie has served as a Legal Counsel for the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and in 2005 she added representation of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Since 2008, she has served as the Information Security Officer for the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Her work includes the protection of Registry data and personally identifiable information. Further, Marjorie provides guidance and contract negotiation for the procurement of data systems for all of MassDOT.

Marjorie is an Executive Board Member of the Massachusetts Enterprise Security Board, which assists Commonwealth and municipal entities to develop best practices with regards to the protection of personal information. Marjorie is also a Board Member of the Data Privacy and Integrity Advisory Committee for the Federal Department of Homeland Security. Marjorie also represents the RMV’s Medical Advisory Board and she is responsible for all regulatory changes.