Roundtable Conversations

on the Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities
Facing Women in County Government

NYSAC Fall Seminar
September 24, 2018
3:00-5:00 PM
Welcome

Thank you for joining us for another energizing Women’s Leadership workshop!

The primary goals of the Women’s Leadership Council are:
- To provide resources for women holding county office,
- To support female county officials, and
- To engage women in seeking leadership positions in their communities and within NYSAC.

The NYSAC Women’s Leadership Council offers resources and events specifically for women in county government and women interested in pursuing county leadership, including:
- Panels, forums, and workshops at NYSAC events,
- Opportunities to speak with women in county government around New York State,
- Articles in the NYSAC News magazine,
- Online Resource Center,
- Webinars.

The Women’s Leadership Council Executive Committee assists NYSAC staff in planning events and resources that meet the needs of NYSAC's members.

To learn more, visit www.NYSAC.org/womensleadership
Today’s Topics

Each of today’s discussions will be led by facilitators who are experts on the topic at hand (learn more about them on the following pages). The facilitators will introduce the topic, share their experiences, and open the discussion about the challenges, solutions, and opportunities around each issue.

1st Amendment, 1st Vote!
Engaging Young Women in Voting and the Political Process

*Facilitator:*
Dr. Karen King, Director, Erie County Commission on the Status of Women

Leading in Your Community

*Facilitator:*
Angelicia A. Morris, Executive Director, Schenectady County Human Rights Commission

Fundraising & Campaigning

*Facilitator:*
Hon. Martha Robertson, Chair, Tompkins County Legislature

Personal & Professional Growth for Women in Government

*Facilitator:*
Hon. Marte Sauerbrey, Chair, Tioga County Legislature
Roundtable Facilitators

Karen King Ph.D. is the executive director of the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women. The Commission works to provide resources to the women and girls of Erie County, to ensure that they participate fully in matters that have an impact on their lives and toward the elimination of all gender-based discrimination and the promotion of women’s economic, societal and political empowerment.

Dr. King has served as an adjunct graduate faculty member in the Higher Education Student Affairs Administration Program at Buffalo State College and in the Graduate School of Education at the University at Buffalo. Additionally, she has developed and taught courses and conducted numerous workshops on popular media culture, social justice advocacy, multicultural competency, privilege, gender, race and class. Dr. King’s research interests include examining how gender, race, class, and popular culture impact women’s and girls identity development.

Angelicia A. Morris is the Executive Director of the Schenectady County Human Rights Commission, and serves as the primary point of contact for anyone whose rights have been violated. She also works as a partner with many agencies and organizations to prevent rights violations from occurring. Ms. Morris is the youngest person and the first African American female in Schenectady County history to oversee a county agency. She was originally appointed to the Commission in 2006, while working for the City of Schenectady and Mayor Brian Stratton. She served as a Commissioner for over six years and as Chair of the Commission for two and a half years. She was appointed Interim Executive Director in January 2013 and formally appointed Executive Director in July 2013.

New York State Governor Eliot Spitzer appointed Ms. Morris as the Assistant to the State Lottery Director, in 2007 and she was promoted to Communications Coordinator.

Ms. Morris holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science and Public Policy from the University at Albany. As a Legislative Intern in the New York State Assembly, she worked for Assemblyman Edward C. Sullivan, Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, and Assemblyman Ivan Lafayette, Deputy Speaker of the Assembly.

Ms. Morris currently serves the community in several leadership positions and has been recognized with several awards, which most recently include the Greater Capital Region YWCA Resourceful Woman Public Servant Award (2017); SUNY EOP Distinguished Alumni Award (2018); Anti-Delamination League-No Place for Hate Making a Difference Award (2018) UAL-BANY Center for Women in Government & Civil Society Changer Maker Award (2018).
Roundtable Facilitators (continued)

**Hon. Martha Robertson** has been on the Tompkins County Legislature since 2002 and is currently its Chairperson. She previously served as Chair of the Legislature, as well as Chair of the Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency, from 2010 – 2013.

Martha has been active at NYSAC for 16 years, serving on NYSAC's commissions on Mandate Relief and Medicaid Redesign and on the Women’s Leadership Council’s Executive Committee. She is on several of the association’s standing committees and is Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee.

Over the years Martha has led Tompkins County’s committees on Economic Development, Public Safety, Health and Human Services, Housing, and Planning, Development and Environmental Quality. In addition, she chaired the Capital Plan Review Committee from 2010 – 2012, guiding the legislature through a series of critical decisions about the county's downtown facilities.

During her tenure, Martha's legislative priorities have included expanding housing choice and affordability, fairer taxes in New York, creating jobs through local efforts to reduce our carbon footprint, and providing strong, effective alternatives to incarceration to build a safer, more just community.

Martha defeated an incumbent in her first electoral race and now has five legislative victories under her belt. In 2014, she was the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress for New York's 23rd district, endorsed by EMILY’s List and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. She raised $2.4 million in that effort, a record for any Democrat running in NY23.

**Hon. Marte Sauerbrey** has served as the Tioga County Legislative Chairwomen since 2014, her most recent appointment in a long history of political and community service in Tioga County, NY. Sauerbrey began her career in government as Senator Thomas W. Libous’ Operations and Communications Director. She then held the position of President and CEO of the Tioga County Chamber of Commerce for 15 years, becoming a Legislator and serving as the Deputy Chair during that time, until she moved on to her current position. As Chair, Sauerbrey serves on several boards, including the Tioga County IDA, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), the NYSAC Women’s Leadership Council and the Tioga County Property Development Corporation.

Sauerbrey has an interest in developing skills in current and future leaders and co-created the Leadership Tioga and Tioga Women Lead programs and was instrumental in the development of the Institute for Advancement in Tioga County.

Sauerbrey’s community contributions have not gone unnoticed and she has received several distinctions, including Women of the Year by Tioga County Boys & Girls Club, Community Citizen of the Year by Baden Powell Boy Scouts of America, Woman of Achievement by the New York State Women Inc., Susquehanna Chapter. Most recently Sauerbrey was recognized by the Gannett Press and Sun Bulletin as one of eight people identified as Movers and Shakers in the Southern Tier of NY.
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2019 NYSAC Events:

Legislative Conference
January 28-30
The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center
Albany, NY

Finance School
May
Syracuse, NY

Fall Seminar
September

Details will be available at www.NYSAC.org/events