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NEIL ANDERSON
State Senator (R-47th)
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Neil Anderson, a Moline firefighter and paramedic, is the senator for the 36th District, and has served in this role since 2015. The 36th District includes portions of Rock Island, Whiteside, Carroll, and Henry counties. Neil was raised in the Quad Cities area and grew up working alongside his father installing floors in the family business. After attending the University of Nebraska, Neil and his wife, Brandi, moved back to the Quad Cities where he joined a volunteer fire department. He went on to earn his paramedic license and join the Moline Fire Department in 2006. The Andersons reside in Andalusia with their two children, Steel and Sophia.

OMAR AQUINO
State Senator (D-2nd)
U of I System Caucus



Born and raised on the Northwest Side of Chicago; B.A. in criminal justice and sociology, Loyola University Chicago; bilingual case manager at Central West Case Management Unit at the Jane Addams School of Social Work at the University of Illinois Chicago; legislative assistant in the Illinois House of Representatives; outreach coordinator for Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth; devoted to improving education, aging services and human services.

CHRIS BALKEMA
State Senator (R-53rd)
U of I System Caucus



Chris Balkema has been steadfastly committed to serving his community — a passion that has been evident throughout his 30-year career at Caterpillar and his 13 years on the Grundy County Board (the last six years as chairman). This unique blend of American business and local government experience equips him with leadership skills as the state senator for the 53rd District.

JAVIER CERVANTES
State Senator (D-1st)
UIC School of Labor Degree
U of I System Caucus



Elected to the Senate in 2022; born in Chicago; studied visual communications from the International Academy of Design and Technology and Labor Studies at the University of Illinois Chicago School of Labor in Chicago; Dedicated 12 years as a union representative; full-time legislator.

LAKESIA COLLINS
State Senator (D-5th)
U of I System Caucus



State elected official 2020; Chicago native; mother of three boys; served as a certified nursing assistant in nursing homes; served as a labor advocate and organizer for working families and Fight for 15 spokesperson; served as the chair of the Illinois House Black Caucus; Lawndale Christian Development Cooperation 2021, Champion of North Lawndale 2024, ACLU Champion of the year 2024 and more. A strong advocate for seniors, working-class families, youth in care, education, public safety, affordable housing, and mental health.

BILL CUNNINGHAM
State Senator (D-18th)
UIC alumnus
U of I System Caucus Chair



Born July 21, 1967. Full-time state legislator and lifelong resident of the 18th Senate District. Graduate of Mt. Carmel High School; B.A. in political science from the University of Illinois Chicago. Former chief of staff and director of communications for the Cook County Sheriff's Office. Previously served as a state representative (2011-13) and as an elected member of the Sutherland Local School Council. Resides in Chicago's Beverly community with wife, Juliana, and two daughters, Madeline and Olivia.

JOHN CURRAN
State Senator (R-41st)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



John Curran was sworn in to represent the 41st District in the Illinois Senate in July of 2017. Prior to the General Assembly, he served as the Vice-Chairman of the DuPage County Board and was a board member from 2008 to 2017. Following 19 years working as an Assistant State's Attorney in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Curran now works as an attorney at a private law firm in Oak Brook. He received his Juris Doctor Degree from Northern Illinois University College of Law and Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Curran and his wife, Sue, have four daughters and live in Downers Grove.

MARY EDLY-ALLEN
State Senator (D-31st)
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Mary Edly-Allen represented the 51st House district in the 101st General Assembly; she has now been elected to the Senate. She has a B.A. in Education from Northeastern Illinois University and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction with bilingual certification from National Louis University. She is the assistant director of adult education at Mundelein High School and teaches night classes to English language learners. She also cofounded an educational nonprofit called Foundation46, and was a founding member of her school district's diversity committee. She is active in many Lake County community organizations and has served on the board of the Illinois Science Olympiad.

LAURA ELLMAN
State Senator (D-21st)
U of I System Caucus



Assessor at a National Laboratory; has over 25 years of experience working in manufacturing and engineering and dealing with regulations and policies; B.A. in mathematics from Grinnell College; M.A. in applied statistics from the University of Iowa; volunteers with Habitat for Humanity, Feed My Starving Children, and as an ESL tutor; lives in Naperville with husband Pete, daughter Lizzie and son Barrett.

PAUL FARACI
State Senator (D-52nd)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Champaign County resident of 45 years; B.A. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; background includes years of service in economic development, City of Champaign Township assessor, Champaign City Council from 2011-17, deputy mayor City of Champaign 2015-17; Lives in Champaign with his wife, Stephanie, and daughter.

SARA FEIGENHOLTZ
State Senator (D- 6th)
U of I System Caucus



Full-time legislator; born in Chicago; B.A., political science, and speech and performing arts, Northeastern Illinois University. Feigenholtz sits on many boards in an advisory capacity. She is a founding member and vice president of the Kennedy Forum, a national organization based in Illinois to combat the stigma of mental illness and achieve mental health parity in the state and country.

MICHAEL HALPIN
State Senator (D-36th)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Attorney; B.A., Roger Williams University; J.D., University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; served as a legislative aide to former Congressman Lane Evans; former public guardian for Rock Island County; board of directors, Bridging the Gap: Stand Down for Homeless Veterans; lives in Rock Island with his wife and two children.

NAPOLEON HARRIS, III
State Senator (D-15th)
U of I System Caucus



Entrepreneur and legislator from Dixmoor; B.A. in communications, Northwestern University; postgraduate certificate, Northwestern Kellogg School of Business Management; former NFL linebacker; married (wife, Nicole); two sons, Napoleon Harris IV and Noah, and one daughter, Nahla.

MICHAEL HASTINGS
State Senator (D-19th)
UIUC and UIC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Practicing attorney; former U.S. Army captain; served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Bronze Star recipient; former vice president of High School District #230; B.S. in leadership and management, civil engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point; MBA with honors, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; and J.D., The John Marshall Law School at the University of Illinois Chicago; resides in Frankfort with his wife, Katie, son Mikey, and daughter Maddie

DAVID KOEHLER
State Senator (D-46th)
U of I System Caucus



Born and raised in South Dakota, moved to Peoria in 1978; B.A., Yankton College, 1971; M.A. in divinity, United Theological Seminary, 1974; staff member, National Farm Worker Ministry; Peoria Friendship House; executive director, Peoria Area Labor Management Council; president, Labor Management Cooperative Health Programs Inc.; Peoria County Board member, 1982-88; Peoria City Council member, 1989-97 (mayor pro tem, 1993-94); member of the NCSL Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee and Task Force on Energy Supply; first elected to Senate in November 2006; appointed to Senate in December 2006. Married with three daughters, two sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law.

NICOLE LA HA
State Senator (R-82nd)
U of I System Caucus



Nicole La Ha was appointed to the House in December 2023. She has a B.F.A. in art history from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and is a licensed dental hygienist. She has been a trustee in Homer Glen, where she founded that village's Ability Awareness Committee, and was chosen Mrs. America in 2022. She was the Illinois Senate press secretary for the 102nd General Assembly, named to the 2024 Edgar Fellows class, and received the National Foundation for Women Legislators' 2024 Elected Women of Excellence Award.

KIMBERLY LIGHTFORD
UIS alumnus
U of I System Caucus



B.A. in communications, Western Illinois University; M.A. in public administration, University of Illinois Springfield; former Village of Maywood trustee; former employee at Secretary of State, Department of Corrections and Central Management Services; longtime champion in the Senate for education, working families and women's issues; lives in Maywood with her family.

ROBERT MARTWICK
State Senator (D-10th)
UIC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Attorney; B.A., economics, Boston College; J.D., The John Marshall Law School at the University of Illinois Chicago; former Cook County assistant state's attorney, in areas of domestic violence, child support enforcement, DUI and general criminal prosecutions; former trustee, Norwood Park Township; former trustee, Village of Norridge; married.

STEVE MCCLURE
State Senator (R-54th)
UIS alumnus
U of I System Caucus



State Sen. Steve McClure was born March 8, 1984, in Springfield. He was elected in November 2018 and sworn into office on January 9, 2019. He is a former prosecutor who was chief of the Juvenile Division and later served in the Felony Division in the Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office in Springfield. He graduated from Valparaiso University School of Law in Indiana, earned a master's degree from the University of Illinois Springfield in political studies, and has bachelor's degrees from Arizona State University in political science and history.

JASON PLUMMER
State Senator (R-55th)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Sen. Jason Plummer and his family live in Edwardsville, where he serves as vice president of R.P. Lumber, a family-owned and -operated business with dozens of locations throughout Illinois and Missouri. Sen. Plummer is also active in other businesses spanning multiple industries, including real estate, hospitality, technology, and agriculture. He also enjoys participating in numerous civic organizations and non-profits. Sen. Plummer is a graduate of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and first answered the call to serve as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

MIKE PORFIRIO
State Senator (D-11th)
UIC Alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Mike graduated from the United States Naval Academy Annapolis, Maryland in 2004 and served over six years on active duty. He served as a naval science instructor and company officer at Purdue University in Indiana. While there he earned a Master of Arts in political science and would later earn an MBA from the University of Illinois Chicago where he first met his wife. After leaving active duty, Mike returned to his hometown and became involved in local government and politics. Mike has been a resident of the 11th District his entire life, and his family has had roots in the district for over 75 years. He and his wife, Alana, have two daughters, Gabriella and Jacqueline.

SUE REZIN
State Senator (D-36th)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



For over 20 years, she has volunteer for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northern Illinois, served as a board member and past vice president for the Community Foundation of Greater Grundy County and volunteered her time with the Edgar Fellows Program. Sen. Rezin is a graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government's Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program and Augustana College with a degree in international business and political science. She is the co-owner and manager of her family's real estate company. Sen. Rezin and her husband, Keith, reside in Morris and have four children.

CHAPIN ROSE
State Senator (R-51st)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Born December 27, 1973; B.S., University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; J.D., University of Illinois College of Law; selected to inaugural class of the 2012 Edgar Fellows Leadership Program; married (wife, Camille), has one son and three daughters.

ELGIE SIMS
State Senator (D-17th)
UIS alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Attorney; born in Chicago; B.S., political science, Illinois State University; M.P.A., University of Illinois Springfield; J.D., Loyola University Chicago School of Law; married, has two children.

STEVE STADELMAN
State Senator (D-34th)
U of I System Caucus



Elected to the Senate in 2012; born Oct. 30, 1960; received a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; former news anchor/reporter in Rockford; full-time state legislator.

JIL TRACY
State Senator (R-50th)
U of I System Caucus



Elected to represent the 47th District in the Illinois Senate in November of 2016. She previously served as a member of the Illinois House of Representatives from 2006 to 2014. In her early career, Tracy worked in private law as Mt. Sterling city attorney. Later, Tracy served as an assistant Illinois attorney general. She currently serves on the John Wood Community College Foundation Board and the Network Knowledge WQEC/WSEC/PBS Board and was a founding board member of the Brown County United Way and was on the Mt. Sterling Park District Board. She and her husband, Jim, live in Quincy and have four grown children and six grandchildren.

DORIS TURNER
State Senator (D-48th)
U of I System Caucus



Following a tenure on the Springfield City Council and Sangamon County Board, Sen. Doris Turner was appointed to represent the 48th Legislative District in February of 2021. She is a current member of the Sangamon County Board of Health, Friends of Sangamon County Drug Court, and co-chair of the Springfield High Speed Railroad Community Advisory Commission. Sen. Turner is a lifelong resident of Springfield. A recent retiree after working 33 years for the State of Illinois with 22 of those with the Department of Public Health. She and her husband, Cecil, have three children, 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

SALLY TURNER
State Senator (R-44th)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Graduate, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; master's degree in organizational leadership, Lincoln Christian University; former juvenile probation officer; former Logan County State's Attorney paralegal; Logan County clerk and recorder, 1994-2018; Illinois County Officials Association member; Illinois Association of County Clerks and Records, president 2015; Professor at Lincoln Christian University; owner Sally J. Turner Government Consulting; senator since 2021.

CELINA VILLANUEVA
State Senator (D-12th)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Born in Chicago and raised in Little Village. Full-time state legislator. Former civic and youth engagement manager at the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. Bachelor's degree in Latino/a studies from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Community organizer and avid reader.

CAROL AMMONS
State Representative (D-103rd)
U of I System Caucus



Full-time legislator; former member of Urbana City Council and Champaign County Board; volunteered at Courage Connections (A Woman's Fund); worked at Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center, Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club, Salvation Army Food Pantry, and University YMCA; resides in Urbana; married, has three children.

DAGMARA AVELAR
State Representative (D-85th)
U of I System Caucus



Full-time legislator; B.A. in justice studies and minor in political science, Northeastern Illinois University; master's candidate in urban planning and policy, University of Illinois Chicago; board member, Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project; former director of programs, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights.

DIANE BLAIR-SHERLOCK
State Representative (D-46th)
UIC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Diane is originally from Brookfield and moved into the Villa Park community over 20 years ago. Diane runs her own law practice that focuses on real estate and commercial law. Diane and her husband, a Teamster who works at the airport, decided to raise their family in the Villa Park community. Diane's son recently graduated from college and her daughter is a fifth-th grade school teacher in Dixon.

KAMBUM BUCKNER
State Representative (D-26th)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Vice president of governmental affairs, Outfront Media; former executive director of World Sport Chicago, a youth development nonprofit; former manager of neighborhood and government relations for the Chicago Cubs; former aide to U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin and New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu; former member, Chicago State University Board of Trustees; board member, South Side YMCA and Getting Grown Collective; member, Economic Club of Chicago; B.A., University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; J.D., DePaul University College of Law.

MIKE COFFEY, JR.
State Representative (R-95th)
U of I System Caucus



Mike Coffey was sworn into office as state representative of the 95th District in January 2023. He brings years of experience running successful businesses, promoting tourism and shepherding economic growth to the Sangamon County area. Rep. Coffey has served on the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority (SMEAA) board, which governs the Bank of Springfield Center, since 1997. He has chaired SMEAA since 2005. Additionally, he managed his family's Springfield restaurant Saputo's before founding Papa Frank's. He has been married for over 30 years. He has three children and one grandchild.

LISA DAVIS
State Representative (D-32nd)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Lisa Davis has a B.S. in psychology from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a J.D. from Northern Illinois University College of Law. She is an assistant public defender with the Cook County Public Defender's office and has worked for that office for 14 years. She is a member of AFSCME Local 3315 and the Windy City Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

WILLIAM DAVIS
State Representative (D-30th)
U of I System Caucus



Davis was born on July 2, 1968, in Harvey. He graduated from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in 1989, earning a bachelor of arts degree in political science and received his Master of Public Administration degree at Governors State University in 2009. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and a founding member of the Better Funding for Better Schools Coalition. Davis has been recognized as the Legislator of the Year by the Illinois Association of Code Enforcement, the Illinois Primary Healthcare Association and the Illinois Association of Park Districts.

KIMBERLY DUBUCLET
State Representative (D-5th)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Full-time Legislator; Previously served as Vice President on the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC); Appointed by The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to serve on the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC), a national advisory committee that helps implement various public health and environmental programs ensuring clean air, water, safe drinking water, and responsible waste disposal; Former Legislative and Community Affairs Director for the Chicago Park District; Former adjunct professor Roosevelt University; Born and raised on Chicago's south side; attended The University of Chicago Lab School; BS, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; MBA, University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Mother of two and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and The Links, Inc.

AMY ELIK
State Representative (R- 111th)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Lifelong resident of Madison County; certified public accountant and auditor; former Foster Township trustee and St. Mary's Catholic School board member; Rotary Club member; Fosterburg AG 4H Club co-leader; SCORE volunteer; married with two children.

LA SHAWN FORD
State Representative (D-8th)
U of I System Caucus



B.S., Loyola University Chicago. Former Chicago Public Schools teacher, still certified. Licensed real estate broker and insurance agent. Chair of House Democratic Task Force to Increase State Government Business Opportunities for Minority-Owned Enterprises and Small Businesses. Chair of Firearm Public Awareness Task Force. Co-founder of West Side Heroin Task Force. 2018 Nelson Mandela Award for Justice Honoree from Westside Health Authority, in recognition of tireless service and outstanding contributions in fostering peace and fighting for justice on the West Side of Chicago. Representative since 2007.

BRADLEY FRITTS
State Representative (R-74th)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Brad has lived in Dixon and been an active member in his community his whole life. Brad graduated from Newman Central Catholic High School in Sterling in 2018. He then attended the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in agricultural and consumer economics in May 2021. Brad is a farmer and a substitute teacher in the off-season. He is an active member of St. Patrick's Church in Dixon, and a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He volunteers in the community with Meals on Wheels and Buddy bags. Brad currently serves as an appointed precinct committeeman on the Lee County Republican Central Committee.

ROBYN GABEL
State Representative (D-18th)
UIC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Throughout her career, Robyn Gabel has maintained a strong commitment to serving the people of Illinois as an advocate for women, children and families. She served as the executive director of the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition, a nonprofit advocacy organization, from 1988 to 2010 and previously worked as legislative aid to Alderman (now Congressman) Luis Gutierrez. Her legislative priorities include affordable, accessible health care, environment and sustainability issues, education, and economic development. She has a B.A. from Beloit College, an M.S.P.H. from the University of Illinois Chicago School of Public Health and an M.J. in Health Law from Loyola University Chicago. She has one daughter, Lilah.

JENNIFER GONG-GERSHOWITZ
State Representative (D-17th)
U of I System Caucus



Full-time legislator; human rights attorney; B.A., Indiana University; J.D., Loyola University Chicago School of Law; L.L.M., Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law; former litigation attorney at Winston and Strawn; founding member and co-chair of the Illinois Unaccompanied Children's Task Force; former director of the North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic; former board member of the Glenview Education Foundation; lives in Glenview with her husband and three sons.

JEHAN GORDON-BOOTH
State Representative (D-92nd)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Full-time state legislator; B.A., University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; former local school board member; former staff member, Illinois Central College; 2013 Edgar Fellow; resides in Peoria with husband, Derrick, and daughter, Jianna.

JACKIE HAAS
State Representative (D-79th)
UIC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Raised in Momence. Received BSW from Valparaiso University, MSW from University of Illinois Chicago. Currently serving as chief executive officer of the Helen Wheeler Center for Community Health. Former social worker at Riverside Medical Center. She is a citizen legislator who lives in Bourbonnais with her husband.

SONYA HARPER
State Representative (D-6th)
U of I System Caucus



Executive director, Grow Greater Englewood; president, Sharper PR Communications; B.J., journalism and broadcast news, University of Missouri-Columbia; founder Wood Street Meet and Greet Community Garden; community organizer, Resident Association of Greater Englewood; community representative, Local School Council, Lindblom Math and Science Academy; co-founder and campaign director, Englewood Votes!; former director of outreach, Growing Home Inc.; former news producer, Fox 19, KOMU-TV, KOPN.

BILL HAUTER
State Representative (R-87th)
U of I System Caucus



Emergency physician at OSF St. Francis. Born and raised in Morton. Lived in Mackinaw, for 15 years before moving back to Morton. Medical residencies (emergency medicine and anesthesiology) were at Indiana University in Indianapolis. Elected to Tazewell County Board in 2020. Member of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Tazewell County Health Service Committee, Tazewell County Insurance Review Committee, Morton Chamber of Commerce, Illinois Farm Bureau and is a Tazewell County legislative liaison.

NORMA HERNANDEZ
State Representative (D-77th)
UIC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Grew up in Melrose Park. Graduated from Triton Community College with an associate's degree in arts. Graduated from Aurora University with a bachelor's degree in social work. Graduated from the University of Illinois Chicago with a master's in urban planning and policy. Previously worked in the foster care system and as an urban planner for the Great Cities Institute at UIC. Became first Latina to serve as a trustee at Triton Community College.

MAURA HIRSCHAUER
State Representative (D-49th)
U of I System Caucus



Full-time legislator; founding member of the Kane and Kendall County chapter of Moms Demand Action; former president and current executive board member of the Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation; teacher; B.A. in English from Colby College in Waterville, Maine; pursued graduate studies in Elementary Education at the University of Colorado at Denver; www.repmaura49.com.

PAUL JACOBS
State Representative (R-115th)
U of I System Caucus



Dr. Paul Jacobs; southern Illinois optometrist for 41 years; married to wife Rhoda; four grown children and 10 grandchildren; hometown is Pomona; served in the U.S. Navy from 1965 to 1971; previous owner of Von Jakob Winery in Alto Pass; elected 115th District state representative in November 2020; sworn in on January 13, 2021

LINDSEY LAPOINTE
State Representative (D-19th)
UIC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Full-time legislator; B.A., Grinnell College; MSW, University of Illinois Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work; former project manager of justice reform at Business and Professional People for the Public Interest (BPI); former program manager of Adult Redeploy Illinois at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority; social work background; resident of Chicago's Portage Park neighborhood.

THERESA MAH
State Representative (D-24th)
U of I System Caucus



Former college professor; Ph.D. University of Chicago; community organizer and policy advocate; local school council member; policy advisor to Governor Pat Quinn; served on the Illinois Advisory Council on Bilingual Education and board of directors for Common Cause Illinois; worked closely with the Asian American Employment Plan Advisory Council and the Language Access Task Force for the State of Illinois; a daughter of immigrant parents, Mah was the first Asian American elected to the Illinois General Assembly and currently co-chairs the Asian American Legislative Caucus.

JOYCE MASON
State Representative (D-61st)
UIC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Full-time legislator; former vice president of the Gurnee-based Woodland Community School District 50 Board of Education; human resources consultant, SHRM-SCP and SPHR certified; B.A., University of Illinois Chicago; M.B.A., Keller Graduate School of Management; has two children. Representative since 2019.

TONY MCCOMBIE
House Republican Leader
State Representative (R-71st)
U of I System Caucus



Born and raised in Savanna. Received BA from Western Illinois University. Additionally, McCombie has started her master's in public administration at the University of Illinois Chicago. Currently is a small businesswoman, operating Blue Appraisals and self-employed in the real estate industry as a broker with MelFoster Company. Formerly served as the mayor of Savanna and as a Savanna councilwoman. She is a citizen legislator who lives in Savanna with her husband, Curt.

DEBBIE MEYERS-MARTIN
State Representative (D-38th)
UIC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Past village president and trustee of Olympia Fields; president, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association; community affairs marketing specialist for Illinois State Treasurer; former member, United Way Chicago South/Southwest Advisory Board, Moraine Valley Economic Development Council, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Economic Development Committee, Illinois EPA Commission on Environmental Justice; current member of Prairie State College's President's Advisory Committee; B.A. from the University of Illinois Chicago; mother of two daughters.

ANNA MOELLER
State Representative (D-43rd)
UIUC alumnus
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Biography: Full-time legislator; BA history and MPA, Northern Illinois University; Edgar Fellow, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; former councilwoman, City of Elgin; former executive director, McHenry County Council of Governments; former member of the City of Elgin Planning and Development Commission and Human Relations Commission; former vice president of the Northeast Neighborhood Association; former volunteer ESL tutor for the Elgin Literacy Connection; former treasurer for the Channing Elementary School PTO. Member of the Elgin Area Branch of the Association of American University Women; married, has two children.

BOB MORGAN
State Representative (D-58th)
UIUC alumnus
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Health care attorney; B.A. from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; J.D. from Northern Illinois University; former health care attorney for Illinois Office of the Governor and General Counsel for the Illinois Department of Public Health, helping to implement the Affordable Care Act and Medical Cannabis Program in Illinois; board member, Anti-Defamation League and board of trustees of Equip for Equality; married (wife, Sonya) with two children.

YOLONDA MORRIS
State Representative (D-9th)
U of I System Caucus



Biography: A certified nurse assistant of 26 years. A proud former member of SEIU, where I dedicated my time and energy as a union organizer. A champion of the "Fight for 15," Safe Staffing and Child Care for All. "Building stronger and more united communities is not a task for one, but a collective effort. Together, we are unstoppable!"

MARTIN J. MOYLAN
State Representative (D-55th)
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Full-time legislator; attended the University of Illinois Chicago; member, Support Your Neighbor Commission; former Des Plaines mayor and alderman; former electrician and electrical inspector; former business representative, IBEW Local 134; married, has one son.

MICHELLE MUSSMAN
State Representative (D-56th)
U of I System Caucus



Full-time legislator; member, Schaumburg Business Association, Northwest Alliance on Domestic Violence; leadership board, Women In Need Growing Stronger (WINGS), Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County; former second vice president, Enders-Salk Parent Teacher Association; former president and treasurer, Parent Teacher Association; B.S. in design from the University of Cincinnati; married, has three children.

AARON M. ORTIZ
State Representative (D-1st)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Full-time legislator; former educator and college counselor at CPS; B.S. in urban planning, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; member of the Chicago Teachers Union; member of Local School Council for the Back of the Yards High School; volunteer soccer coach and lifelong resident of the Gage Park neighborhood in Chicago.

STEVEN REICK
State Representative (R-63rd)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Steve Reick was born and raised in Kankakee and graduated from Herscher High School in 1971. As the first person in his family to attend cod in accountancy, followed by a Juris Doctor and master's degree in accountancy and taxation from the University of Georgia in 1980. In 1982, Steve and his wife, Deb, moved their family to Woodstock, where he established a law practice focusing on taxation and real estate matters. He continues his practice to this day. Together, he and his wife raised three children and have four grandchildren.

WAYNE ROSENTHAL
State Representative (R-108th)
UIS alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Family farmer and retired brigadier general in the Illinois Air National Guard (30 years of commissioned service). Trustee on the Lincoln Land Community College Board of Trustees and formerly served on the Morrisonville Community Unit School District #1 Board of Education and the Macoupin County Soil & Water Conservation District Board. Graduated from Sangamon State University (University of Illinois Springfield) in 1974 with a B.A. in mathematics. Wayne and his wife, Marcia, have been married for 39 years and are the proud parents of three sons – Dustin, Sean and Casey.

RICK RYAN
State Representative (D-36th)
U of I System Caucus



Rick Ryan graduated from DePaul University and John Marshall Law School. He has been a lawyer for over 30 years and served as an officer of the Southwest Bar Association. He has volunteered for campaigns and has coached and mentored youth, including being president of the Evergreen Park Baseball League

SUE SCHERER
State Representative (D-96th)
U of I System Caucus



Full-time legislator; former public school teacher of 34 years in Decatur and Maroa-Forsyth; graduate, St. Teresa High School in Decatur; B.S., Illinois State University; M.Ed., Eastern Illinois University; has four children and eight grandchildren.

BRANDUN SCHWEIZER
State Representative (R-104th)
U of I System Caucus



104th District Representative Brandun Schweizer represents parts of Vermilion and Champaign counties. Brandun is a retired United States Marine Corps master sergeant, serving 21 years as a recruiter, intelligence analyst, and equal opportunity advisor. He retired from the USMC in January of 2023. Following his retirement, Brandun began working for the City of Danville as a code enforcement officer. Brandun is a member of the IBEW Labor Union. Brandun and his wife, Amy, own and operate Tiny Troops Soccer, an organization active on military bases that teaches the basics of soccer to the children living on the bases. Brandun and his wife live in Danville with their three sons.

JUSTIN SLAUGHTER
State Representative (D-27th)
U of I System Caucus



Full-time state legislator; former legislative coordinator in the Offices of the Cook County Bureau of Administration and the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners; former policy advisor for Gov. Pat Quinn; former deputy director at the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice; former district director for Cook County Commissioner Stanley Moore and Illinois State Senator Kwame Raoul; B.A., political science, University of Chicago; master's of public policy and administration, Northwestern University. A native Chicagoan, Slaughter grew up on the South Side in the Washington Heights community where he still resides.

RYAN SPAIN
State Representative (R-73rd)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Vice president of economic development, OSF Healthcare System; born October 11, 1982, in Peoria; Bronze Tablet Scholar Graduate from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, MBA from Bradley University; former Peoria City Council member, board member for Downtown Development Corporation of Peoria and Greater Peoria EDC; married to Ashley, has two daughters.

EMANUEL CHRIS WELCH
Speaker of the House
State Representative (D-7th)
UIC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Attorney; B.A., Northwestern University; J.D., The John Marshall Law School at University of Illinois Chicago; former member and president, Proviso Township High Schools District 209 Board of Education; partner, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni and Krafthefer PC; married, has two children.

PATRICK WINDHORST
State Representative (R-118th)
UIUC alumnus
U of I System Caucus



Patrick Windhorst, a native of southern Illinois, lives in Metropolis with his wife, Holly, and their young daughter and son. Patrick graduated from Shawnee Community College in 1995, then earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 1997 before going on to graduate from law school at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 2000. In 2004, Patrick was elected state's attorney for Massac County where he served until being elected state representative in November 2018. Patrick was sworn in on January 9, 2019, to represent the 118th District.

JANET YANG ROHR
State Representative (D-41st)
U of I System Caucus



Bachelor of Arts in English and Economics, Northwestern University; Master of Business Administration in Finance, Accounting, and Entrepreneurship, University of Chicago Booth School of Business; head of Managed Investment Data at investment and research firm, Morningstar in Chicago; Naperville District 203 School Board member, 2017-2021; longtime Naperville community member; married to Dan, mother of three.

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