

## Levey Mansion Era (2010-2020)

Board Members: Jerry Semler, Doug Wilson, and Chris Lowery served as chairmen in succession; Jean Wojtowicz; Jim Morris; Al Oak; Mike Bucchi; Dayton Molendorp; Claudia Cummings; Don Palmer; Katie Mote; Craig Westrick; David Helmer; Jason Riley; Marilee Springer; Patrick Sells; Becky Skillman; and John Sampson

### Projects

- The Scholarships for Education Choice program has produced \$50M+ in donations to expand educational opportunity for Indiana K-12 students
- Alan Dowd directs the Center for American Purpose and publishes dozens of articles annually on America's role in the world and national security
- Jason Turner directs the Secretaries Innovation Group which convenes several dozen state-level cabinet labor, welfare, and health secretaries biannually in Washington DC to advance reforms
  - Related, former FSSA secretary John Wernert joined Sagamore to advance health care innovation
- Re-purposed Dan Coats' foundation into a multi-million-dollar impact investing platform called Commonwealth; related:
  - Serve as the operating partner for Jaylon Smith's Minority Entrepreneurship Institute, the Integrated Business Roundtable, and Purposeful Design
- Supported by a Bradley Foundation fellowship, Ryan Streeter hosted the Bradley Working Group on State / Local Finance; related, Ryan produced
  - A compilation of Gov Mitch Daniels key reforms
  - A midwestern economic development strategic titled "The Aspiration Agenda"
- Gina and Travis Sheets built an ag center in Liberia that President Sirleaf toured and remarked that it was high quality than anything she thought possible in her country
  - Gina also served as director of the Indiana ag dept under Gov Pence and as chief innovation officer at USDA's Rural Development office under Sonny Perdue
- Served as the lead evaluator of Indiana's 2013 landmark criminal code reforms
  - Served as a consultant to help the Prison Entrepreneurship Program design a replication model and to host a pitch competition for second chance business
  - Serve as an operating partner for the One Heart adjudicated youth mentoring program in Texas and Kansas
  - Serve as the administrative home for Constructing Our Future, a national best practice for reintegration of women leaving Indiana prison; NPR and NYT media coverage
- Operate the J1 Visa program in collaboration with the US State Department to place 80+ foreign teachers in underserved school districts including IPS, Navajo reservation, and 7+ other states
- Produced a program manual and evaluation model for OneAmerica's Pathways program

- Brittany Corona launched Catholic Education Partners at Sagamore with grants from the Conrad Hilton Foundation and William E. Simon Foundation
- Incubated the Elevate Indy school mentoring program at Tech HS
- Collaborated with Tony Dungy to promote foster care in Indiana and Florida
- Amy Sherman's book *Kingdom Calling* won CT Book of the Year and launched a vocational stewardship consulting practice
- Operate the Mission Increase program in Central Indiana, West Michigan, and Raleigh-Durham to provide business skills training to faith-based nonprofits
- Measuring Indiana's Well Being research project led by Rob Panos
- Sagamore's Super City initiative featured three senior fellows
  - Jeff Sparks spearheaded multiple revitalization efforts in the Twin Aire neighborhood in SE Indianapolis
  - JoAnna Brown conducted multiple housing and community revitalization evaluation projects including the annual evaluation for the IN Lt Gov's STELLAR program and a 30-year impact report for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis
  - Troy Riggs produced the Public Good Index for all Indiana counties
- Hosted the National Center for Complex Operations advancing Indiana's defense assets including cyber, unmanned vehicles, training at Muscatatuck, more
- Produced special editions of American Outlook featuring
  - Indianapolis' sports strategy culminating in hosting the Super Bowl
    - Co-produced a documentary with WFYI on subject, as well
  - Efforts to promote civil literacy
  - Indiana's strategy to leverage defense assets for economic development
  - Strategies to turn Africa from a place of aid to trade
  - The Mitch Daniels/Steve Goldsmith governing model
- Sagamore Press published *Changing the Culture Through Stories* by Jeff Sparks
- Sagamore operated a multi-million-dollar grant from the Durrell Foundation to design and implement economic literacy curriculum in 5 urban schools across the US
- Produced the Mapping Ohio's Compassion website for Ohio Gov. John Kasich
- Former State Department official and senior fellow Jean Geran led a project aimed at increasing security and well-being of abandoned and orphaned children in the developing world
- Mayors Roundtable for Indiana-China Trade led by Larry Ingraham
  - Related, Larry produced a case study detailing Indiana's pioneering trade relationship with Japan. Note: Larry was the Tokyo-based staff member for the Orr-Mutz administration during the 1980s.
- Hosted 100+ interns; key projects included the Indiana-Africa connections database

## Events

- Indiana Conference on Citizenship
  - 2020 – online featuring John Bridgeland and Les Lenkowsky describing their 9/11 White House leadership experiences and how citizen action is the best solution to crisis
  - 2019 – Harrison Center for Arts special gallery featuring original art commissioned paired with landmark historic texts supplied by the Remnant Trust
  - 2018 – Bankers Life Fieldhouse featuring Jim Morris and others introducing social impact as the new corporate philanthropy
  - 2017 – Levey Manson featuring Gov Holcomb and others reflecting on the Civil War through Indiana centennial statesmen, industrialists, artists, and authors (eg Benjamin Harrison, Charles Fairbanks, Lew Wallace, Eli Lilly, the Speedway founders, Ball brothers, James Whitcomb Riley, Booth Tarkington, and Madame CJ Walker)
  - 2016 – JW Marriott featuring Lt Gov Sue Ellspermann and former congressman Lee Hamilton marking the Indiana bicentennial with a series of policy-oriented work groups charting the state's third century
  - 2015 – Indianapolis Museum of Art featuring IN Governor Mike Pence and the first-ever call of action to the Sagmores of the Wabash
- Hosted the 2020 Israeli Palestinian Economic Forum in Jerusalem
- Hosted a virtual town hall featuring US Senator Todd Young describing America's response to COVID pandemic
- Carole Kariuki delivered remarks at Levey featuring her tenure as a Sagamore fellow and current role as CEO of the Kenya Private Sector Alliance
- Hosted the London-based Legatum Institute to release their 2019 report, *Prosperity in the United States*
- Co-hosted an event with the Atlantic Council on restoring the transatlantic democratic order
- Co-hosted an event with Baylor University and Clark Kellogg at the George W. Bush Presidential Library featuring the One Heart Project and Jay Hein's book, *The Quiet Revolution*
  - Also, co-hosted an event at Arrowhead Stadium featuring KS Gov Sam Brownback and KC Chiefs owner Clark Hunt announcing One Heart's launch in Kansas
- Co-hosted with Mid America Defense conference with the National Center for Complex Operations
- Hosted Lt Gov Becky Skillman and Chinese officials for events honoring the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Indiana's sister state relationship with Zhejiang Province
- Collaborated with IWU to co-host National Conversations in Indianapolis (health care); Washington DC (education); and London (economy)
- Co-hosted Constitution Day event with Liberty Fund
- Participated in events with Mikhail Gorbachev at Eureka College honoring Ronald Reagan

- Related, participated in a “Reagan and the Midwest” conference at Eureka and published a special edition of American Outlook on the same theme
- Also designed and participated in a Liberty Fund conference at the Reagan Ranch
- US Senator Dick Lugar delivered remarks on Indiana private sector/citizen contributions to Africa
- Hosted two events at Levey for senior fellow Byron Johnson:
  - Remarks on his book, *More God Less Crime*
  - An event co-hosted by the Boys Scouts of America honoring the featuring Dr Johnson’s evaluation of the Eagle Scouts program on the occasion of BSA’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Commissioned by Florida Jeb Bush’s Volunteer Florida Foundation to evaluate the state’s response to the devastating 2005 hurricanes
- Co-hosted an event at Levey with the National Review Institute for Wall Street Journal editor Alvin Felzenberg who discussed his book, *A Man and His Presidents:: The Political Odyssey of William F. Buckley*
- Hosted Nobel Laureate Leymah Gbowee for remarks on her Liberian peace activities
- Co-hosted the annual Weekend in Boca conference strengthening America’s nonprofits in partnership with the Office Depot Foundation
- In response to the Ferguson, MO riots, senior fellow James White joined recording artist Lecrae for a video discussion; previously, James White co-authored an article with Alan Dowd on the Supreme Court’s top 10 cases dealing with race in America
- Co-hosted a conference at Carnegie Mellon University exploring Rwanda’s growth model
- Hosted a conference at Levey exploring China’s expanding role in Africa
- Co-hosted a Back-to-School event at Levey featuring Nicole Baker Fulgham and education innovators; also, joined NASCAR driver Tony Stewart to deliver backpacks to IPS students
- Hosted Baylor University president Ken Starr at Levey for remarks on the US Constitution
- Hosted historian Richard Brookhiser at Levey for remarks on his recently released book, *John Marshall: the Man Who Made the Supreme Court*
- Hosted book talk by John Miller, *How Teddy Roosevelt Saved Football*
- Hosted by senior fellow John Waters, former West Wing producer Llew Wells delivered a talk on his Living City Block model to reduce cities energy costs