



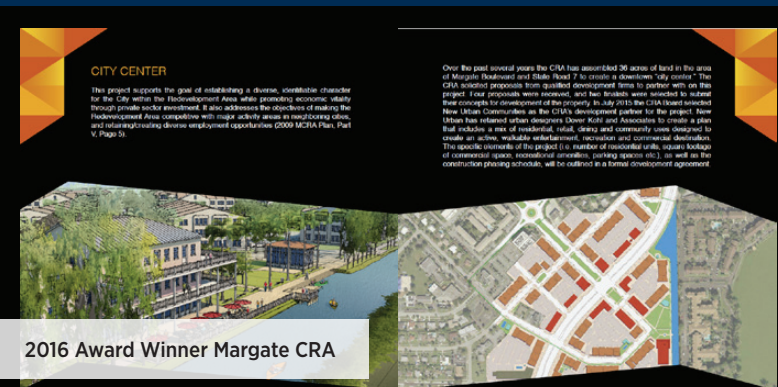
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LENORA BILLINGS-HARRIS

Diversity and Inclusion is a full-time focus, not just one topic among many for **Lenora Billings-Harris**. Whether through keynotes, workshops or organizational consulting, Billings-Harris partners with clients to help them build effective relationships that leverage diversity to increase inclusion, employee engagement, customer satisfaction and bottom-line results.

Billings-Harris is a recognized authority. She has been included as one of the 100 Global Thought Leaders on Diversity and Inclusion by The Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM), and was named by *Diversity Woman Magazine* as one of the 20 top influential diversity leaders in the U.S. Her award-winning diversity leadership research is recognized in academic journals internationally. Billings-Harris recently keynoted at the Inclusion Conferences in Cape Town, South Africa, and in Tel Aviv, Israel, to share best practices with leaders within business, government, education and NGO communities.

Billings-Harris co-authored *TRAILBLAZERS: How Top Business Leaders are Accelerating Results through Inclusion and Diversity*, and is the author of *The Diversity Advantage: A Guide to Making Diversity Work, 3rd Ed.* She serves on the adjunct faculty of the business schools of Averett University and the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

Billings-Harris is a Certified Speaking Professional, a past president of the National Speakers Association, and was the 2014-2015 president of the Global Speakers Federation. In 2016, she was the Cavett Award recipient, the highest honor bestowed upon professional speakers in the USA.

Before launching her business in 1986, she held management positions at two Fortune 100 companies, and managed executive development seminars for the Graduate School of Business, University of Michigan.



AMY LIU

As vice president and director of the Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings and the Adeline M. and Alfred I. Johnson Chair in Urban and Metropolitan Policy, **Amy Liu** is a national expert on cities. She is adept at translating research and insights into action on the ground. As director of Brookings Metro, which Liu co-founded in 1996, she pioneered the program's signature approach to policy and practice, which uses rigorous research to inform strategies for economic growth and opportunity. Liu has worked directly on such strategies with scores of public and private sector leaders in regions around the country, including Chicago, Kansas City, Phoenix, upstate New York and New Orleans.

Most recently, Liu authored *Remaking Economic Development: The Markets and Civics of Continuous Growth and Prosperity*, in which she argues that city and metropolitan leaders must adopt a broader vision of economic development that can deliver economic growth, prosperity, and inclusion for all residents. In *Remaking Economic Development*, Liu discusses the limitations of existing strategies, outlines five principles that define a new model of economic development, and highlights innovations underway in cities and metropolitan areas across the country emblematic of this broader vision.



REBECCA RYAN

Rebecca Ryan is called a "human spark plug." Trained as a futurist and an economist, Rebecca helps clients figure out what's next, so they can be ready for the future. Rebecca is the Resident Futurist at the Alliance for Innovation, a Senior Advisor at the Governing Institute, a faculty member at the Institute for Zen Leadership, and the owner of NEXT Generation Consulting, Inc. She is the author of *The Next Big Things: The Future of Local Government (2015)*, *ReGENERATION: A Manifesto for America's Future Leaders (2013)*, and *Live First, Work Second: Getting Inside the Head of the Next Generation (2007)*. Her TEDx talk, *Spring is Coming*, was featured at the prestigious TEDxBeaconStreet in 2015. Richard Florida, author of *The Rise of the Creative Class*, calls Rebecca "one of the most reliable sources for CEOs and Mayors who want to attract and keep the next generation of creative workers." Other accolades include:

- Top 100 Most Influential People, *Accounting Today*
- Communicator of the Year, *Women in Communication*
- Woman of Influence, *Business Journal of Greater Milwaukee*
- Entrepreneur of the Year, *U.S. Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship*
- Most Powerful Women in Public Accounting, *CPA Practice Advisor*