



Staff Biographies

Dr. Paul Zeitz, Executive Director

Paul is a public health specialist with nearly two decades of experience working in developing nations, including Bolivia, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Uganda, and Zambia. He has designed and implemented large-scale programs in HIV/AIDS, child survival, reproductive health, health systems development, and support for orphans and vulnerable children. During four years in Zambia, he worked with UNAIDS, USAID, and the Zambian government and helped create the regional "Debt for AIDS Activity" program, which now operates throughout Africa, and led the design team for the five-year, \$100-million Zambia Integrated Health Program, which scaled up the delivery of cost-effective HIV/AIDS and other health interventions. Paul has taught a course on advocacy at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University, and previously worked for the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He earned his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed an M.P.H. and a preventive medicine residency at Johns Hopkins University.

Carol Bergman, Deputy Executive Director, Advocacy

Carol has been engaged in federal legislative and policy work for over 20 years, and has an extensive background in criminal justice, immigration, and civil rights. She served as Director of Legislative Affairs for drug policy in the Clinton White House, and as Associate Counsel for the Committee on Government Operations in the U.S. House of Representatives, under Chairman John Conyers. Carol has also worked as an organizer and lobbyist for several international human rights organizations, including the Center for Community Change, the Open Society Institute, and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. She holds a B.A. from Hampshire College and a J.D. from Golden Gate University School of Law.

Laura M. Chambers, Deputy Executive Director, Management

Laura has over two decades of nonprofit advocacy and management experience, including strong expertise in operations, program design and management, fundraising, and coalition building. Prior to joining GAA, she served as Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Civic Ventures; Senior Program Manager of the Institute for Change at the Service Employees International Union; and Interim CEO and Vice President of the Leadership for a Changing World Program—a \$23 million multi-year awards program—at the Advocacy Institute. Laura was also the Executive Director for both the Women's Housing Coalition and Hannah House in Baltimore. A former Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal, Laura holds a B.A. in psychology from the College of William and Mary and completed the Leadership for the 21st Century program at Harvard University.

Stephanie Asare, Policy Officer, Campaign to End Pediatric HIV/AIDS (CEPA)

Stephanie has worked throughout her career as an advocate for people living with HIV/AIDS, both in the policy realm and through direct service delivery. Prior to joining GAA, she worked at UNAIDS to ensure effective support for the General Assembly High-Level Meeting on AIDS, which provided a platform for addressing obstacles to achieving universal access and the Millennium Development Goals. Stephanie has also worked in the areas of harm reduction, child protection, and gender-based violence. A native of Ghana, Stephanie holds an M.S.W. with a focus on international health policy and women's studies from the University of Toronto.

Georgina Bukenya, *Global Coordinator, Campaign to End Pediatric HIV/AIDS*

Georgina has a strong legal background, including experience in advocacy and lobbying related to women's and children's human rights and families affected by HIV/AIDS, and has provided pro bono legal and other services for several AIDS organizations. She holds a L.L.B. from Makerere University, an L.L.M. in international economic law from the University of Warwick, and an L.L.M. in U.S. and global legal studies, with a focus on health law, from Case Western Reserve University.

Rachel Burton, *Policy Associate*

Rachel has a strong background on health education policy issues and previously served as Policy Specialist with The Arc of the District of Columbia, and Project Associate with the New York University Advanced Project in Public Policy Analysis and Management at the Citizens' Committee for Children of New York. She interned with the Children's Defense Fund and Andrea & Associates Public Relations. Rachel holds a B.A. in psychology from Washington University in St. Louis, and an M.P.A. in public and nonprofit management and policy from NYU's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.

Cathy Lemp, *Director, Development & External Relations*

Cathy has worked on HIV/AIDS for over a decade and has a broad background in nonprofit fundraising, management, and communications, including expertise in publications and website development. She served as Editorial Director for the American Foundation for AIDS Research; Communications Director for the Momentum AIDS Project; Senior Development Associate for the Natural Resources Defense Council; and Assistant Director of Planned Giving for CARE. Cathy holds a B.A. in history from Swarthmore College and an M.B.A. in marketing from New York University.

Stefanie Ostfeld, *Senior Policy Officer*

Stefanie has a broad background in global justice and rights-based development. Prior to joining GAA, she worked with American Jewish World Service to end the crisis in Darfur, increase U.S. humanitarian and peacekeeping assistance, and guarantee all children a quality basic education. She has advocated on behalf of immigrant rights and animal rights, organized students on human rights issues, and worked to end sexual harassment and violence in Ecuadorian schools. Stefanie has an M.A. in international human rights with concentrations in international development and global health from the University of Denver and a B.S. from the University of Pennsylvania.

Rodney Paul, *Special Assistant to the Executive Director*

Rodney has a strong background in global HIV/AIDS issues, as well as nonprofit management. Prior to joining GAA, he provided management support to the Department of Public Policy and Advocacy at Save the Children, including assisting with the development of website and print materials; preparing budget and lobbying reports; and facilitating the creation of an advocacy measurement tool. Rodney served as Assistant to the District AIDS Coordinator for the U.S. Peace Corps in Botswana from 2004 to 2006. He holds an M.P.A. and a B.A. in political science with a minor in African studies from Georgia Southern University.

Mary Peterson, *Grassroots Coordinator*

Mary has a strong background as a field organizer and volunteer coordinator for political candidates and campaigns, including Senator John Edwards' 2004 Presidential campaign. She holds a B.A. in history and political science from Salem College.

Michael Riggs, *Director of Government Relations*

Michael is a leading global health policy expert with an emphasis on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. He has over 15 years of experience providing strategic direction and programming for NGOs, international organizations, and U.S. policymakers, and has worked for the World Health Organization, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights, and North Country Community Health Center.

Michael also has extensive legislative and policy development experience, having served U.S. Representative Barbara Lee (D-CA) and former Rep. Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA). Michael is widely credited with developing legislation that authorized expansion of the U.S. global AIDS program, which eventually led to the creation of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and provided a model for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria. A community activist with a wide variety of charitable, human rights, and volunteering interests, Michael is from the Navajo Nation and received his B.S. from Northern Arizona University.

Lisa Schechtman, *Policy Director*

Lisa has extensive experience in human rights advocacy and organizing. She served as Colorado Coordinator for Amnesty International's Campaign to Stop Violence Against Women and Outreach Coordinator for the Center on Rights Development. She has worked on human rights issues in international settings, including democratization in Guatemala and access to mental health care in India. Lisa holds a B.A. from Northwestern University and an M.A. in international human rights and global health affairs from the University of Denver.

Jonathan Stern, *Director, Strategic Communications*

Jonathan Stern has more than two decades of experience as a reporter, editor, and publisher. After working for several newspapers, Jonathan held a series of positions with United Communications Group, where he covered a range of topics, including health care policy, international political risk, banking, economics, and technology, most prominently breaking the WorldCom accounting scandal. He most recently served as a publisher and business development director, creating dozens of conferences, webinars, publications, and websites, and forging multiple partnerships and affinity campaigns. Jonathan holds a B.S. in journalism from Northern Arizona University, and an M.A. in international studies from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

Danae Tuley, *Grants Manager*

Danae launched and managed the National Geographic Society's first international grant program supporting capacity-building projects, including designing and implementing an outreach strategy, and providing ongoing logistical and data management support. Previously, Danae managed the National Geographic Society's donor database and gift processing; held development positions with In2Books and the Conservation Fund; and served as Program Associate for the Gender Development Institute in Accra, Ghana. Danae holds a B.A. in communications from Richmond University in London and an M.A. in African Studies in gender and development from the University of Ghana.

Steven Wilson, *Administrative Assistant*

Steven Wilson has strong nonprofit administrative experience, including coordinating meetings and events, preparing reports and public presentations, and assisting with grants management. Prior to joining GAA, he was Community Affairs Associate at the National Association of People with AIDS; Performing Arts Director at Writers Block; and coordinated summer youth programs for handicapped children at Guide, Inc. A professional dancer for several years, Steven studied education and marketing at Morehouse College.