



Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy
The next generation of grantmakers

Emerging News: The EPIP Greater Boston Bulletin

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This communication is meant to provide the EPIP Greater Boston network with announcements of philanthropy related events, articles, and job postings. If you have any content that you would like included in the EPIP Greater Boston Bulletin, please send it to alnorthrop@statestreet.com.

News from EPIP

EPIP Greater Boston

The Survey Results Are In

The Steering Committee of EPIP Greater Boston recently shared the results of our participant survey. Overall, EPIP members find strong value in EPIP's work exposing them to new ideas related to philanthropy and providing networking opportunities. In each of these categories, about half of respondents answered a 6 or 7 on a 1 to 7 scale of value. An impressive 97% of respondents indicate that they will likely attend an event in 2009. However, there is room for improvement. Only a third of participants or less give ratings of 6 or 7 for the value of EPIP's ability to deepen knowledge about philanthropy generally or in subject areas participants already are working in. While participants indicated that they preferred events with panels of experts, a large proportion suggested that EPIP also have small group discussions. Finally, the survey tested ideas for new activities and services that might be offered by EPIP Boston in the future and the Steering Committee is striving to be responsive to the suggestions you provided as part of its planning for 2009. For more information on the survey results, please contact alnorthrop@statestreet.com.

EPIP National

EPIP HOSTS NEXT GENERATION PRE-CONFERENCE AT THE COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS ANNUAL CONFERENCE: *An Affordable Training For Young Foundation Professionals & Other Philanthropic Leaders*

Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3, 2009

EPIP will hold a two-day Next Generation Pre-Conference for next generation foundation leaders. The event will feature skills-building workshops, career development resources and inter-generational dialogue with senior leaders in the field.

Emerging leaders will hone skills in grantmaking and philanthropy; gain deeper knowledge of the history and complexities of the foundation field; learn from esteemed foundations CEOs and senior leaders; and connect with diverse peers from across the country.

Confirmed workshop topics include: Intuition in Grantmaking; Private Philanthropy, Race & Social Change in the American South; Understanding Social Justice Philanthropy; Personal

Strategy: The Power of Your Role; Foundation Strategies for Policy Change; and Philanthropic Leadership Across Generations.

Our all-star line-up of speakers and workshop presenters includes: Mark Constantine, author, "Wit & Wisdom: Philanthropic Leadership Across Generations"; Elenore Garton, Brandeis University Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy; Jan Jaffe, GrantCraft; Kalpana Krishnamurthy, EPIP Professional Development Trainer; Gara LaMarche, President, Atlantic Philanthropies (Invited); Kathy Merchant, Annual Conference Chair and CEO, Greater Cincinnati Community Foundation; Dr. James Allen Smith, Vice President, Rockefeller Archives Center; Ralph Smith, Chair, Council on Foundations, Vice President, Annie E. Casey Foundation; and Chet Tchozewski, Global GreenGrants

This event will take place immediately prior to the Council on Foundations 60th Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA.

Given economic realities, we have gone out of our way to make this affordable for next generation grantmakers and their employers. Separate registration is required; however registration is affordable at only \$200 per person, or \$150 for EPIP members. (EPIP annual individual membership is only \$100, so if you join and then register, you only pay \$50 more than if you register as a non-member). The event will take place during the weekend, and is structured such that we begin after lunch on Saturday and end late afternoon on Sunday -- so participants who are not staying for the COF Annual Conference do not have to miss any work days, and need only pay for one hotel night away from home.

Scholarships will be made available, including EPIP's Professional Development Fund scholarships for young grantmakers of color. [Click Here to Learn More](#)

Upcoming Events

Engage For Results: Involving Grantees in your Grantmaking

Date: Monday, April 13, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm and Tuesday, April 14, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Associated Grant Makers, 55 Court St. Suite 520, Boston MA 02108

Host: Grantmakers for Effective Organizations (GEO) and AGM

Description: Your grantmaking budget is shrinking; your grantees are calling for more support. Now more than ever, it's critical to work with them to make sure your limited grantmaking dollars can help where most needed and have sustained impact. But how do it? Attend this highly successful two-day seminar and come away with the tools and skills necessary to authentically incorporate nonprofit and community experience and perspective into your grantmaking.

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RealTalk: It's Not Easy Being Green: Why Our Generation Can Change That

Date: Thursday, April 30, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Location: Museum of Science - Museum Cafe Boston, MA

Host: MassINC

Description: Green living has been very trendy lately but is it a sustainable movement? At the first RealTalk of 2008, we will be examining how this trend may become a way of life because of the choices 20- and 30-somethings make. How will who we vote for, where we work, and our lifestyle choices save the planet? Come see why 20- and 30-somethings may finally get green living right.

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EPIP Greater Boston Monthly Lunch

Date: Wednesday, April 22, 12:00 pm

Location: The Boston Foundation, 75 Arlington Street, Boston, MA

Host: EPIP Greater Boston and The Boston Foundation

Description: Join EPIP colleagues for an intimate and lively conversation about key issues in philanthropy and your daily work. This is the first in a new series of monthly lunches that responds to members' desire for regularly scheduled discussion events. The Boston Foundation has generously agreed to provide the ongoing space for these lunches. More information will be coming soon!

Weathering the Storm: The Impact of the Economic Crisis on Asian Americans in Chinatown and Beyond

Date: Thursday, May 14, 9:00 -11:00 am

Location: aLoft at New England Foundation for the Arts, 145 Tremont Street, 7th Floor, Boston, MA

Host: Boston AAPIP Chapter and AGM

Description: Join your funder colleagues, local and national Asian American/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP) members and leaders and key local non-profit leaders for the 9th annual AAPIP Funders' Briefing. The briefing will share results from surveys conducted by the local chapter and will include panel conversations that focus on the impact of the economic downturn on Asian Americans in the Boston-metro area.

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Recently in the Media

New Blog: Peter Dobkin Hall, senior research fellow at the Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations at the Harvard Kennedy School and senior research associate at Baruch College's School of Public Affairs, has a new blog. Hall is a historian by training who has deftly documented the history of the nonprofit sector and philanthropy in published works. His blog will feature a culmination of news on the nonprofit sector from the previous week.

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Nonprofit Mergers & Acquisitions: More Than a Tool for Tough Times

The troubled economy has put merging with or acquiring another organization front and center on the radar for the senior managers of many struggling nonprofits. Indeed, a [Bridgespan](#) Group poll of nonprofit executive directors found that 20 percent of 117 respondents stated that mergers could play a role in how they respond to the economic downturn. These leaders may consider mergers and acquisitions (M&A) reactively, as a way to shore up finances, to make their organizations appear more attractive to funders or to address a succession vacuum.

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The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy Debate

There's been a lot of attention paid lately to the recent National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy recommendations on philanthropic best practices. The Council on Foundations has an article in their recent newsletter that highlights this debate.

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You're Never Too Young to Lead

The Council on Foundations recently conducted an interview with Mary Galeti on Next Generation Leadership. Mary, age 26, is the vice chair of the Tecovas Foundation.

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Job Postings

Job Title: Scientific Program Officer

Organization: The Medical Foundation

Brief Description: The Scientific Program Officer's initial responsibility will be to launch a new national grants program in age-related macular degeneration research.

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Member Discount Opportunities**GrantCraft Publications**

If you are a dues-paying EPIP Member, take advantage of your 20% discount off all publications from GrantCraft, a project of the Ford Foundation, providing tools to improve your grant making skills. Newly available is GrantCraft's guide focused on funding community organizing entitled, "Social Change through Civic Participation."

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