

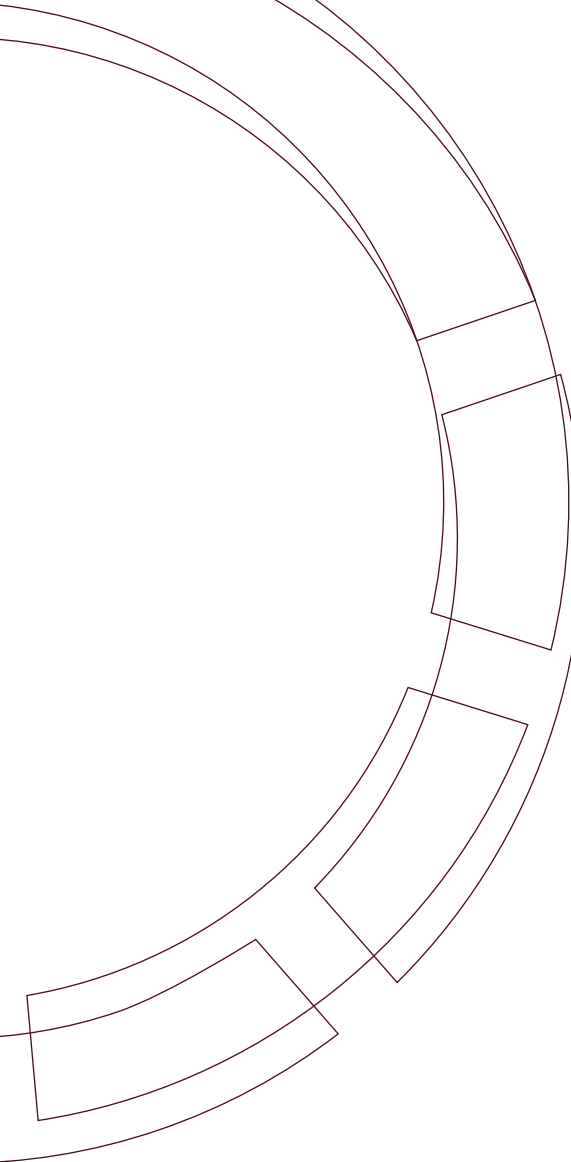
# CLA CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

A POWERFUL SIX-MONTH INTERDISCIPLINARY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



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**“CLA put us in the mix with thoughtful instructors who provided tools, insights, case studies, and interactive exercises that deepened my understanding of what it means to lead and foster leadership in the context of our dynamic city. CLA was a truly unique and enlightening experience.”**

**Erica Staley, CLA'18**

Director of Operations, Manufacturing Renaissance



# Program Benefits

William Howell, CLA Faculty Director, (left) and Darius Ballinger, CLA'19



## Provides Essential Leadership Knowledge and Skills

Taught by world-class faculty from the University of Chicago's professional schools, fellows engage in a six-month interdisciplinary curriculum that exposes them to essential leadership frameworks and applications.



## Builds Network of Civic Leaders

Specifically designed to strengthen connections between Chicago nonprofit and government leaders, the Civic Leadership Academy provides opportunities for its fellows to create links for future impact. Alumni programming allows fellows across cohorts to continuously expand their networks and continue learning.

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## ALUMNI AND COUNTING

**“The courses were focused, detailed, and taught by amazing professors. The international component was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to grow personally and professionally.”**

**Brendan Daley, CLA'15**

Director of Strategy & Sustainability, Chicago Park District





**Lanetta Haynes Turner,**  
CLA'16, (left) and  
**Toni Preckwinkle,**  
President, Cook County  
Board of Commissioners



### **Delivers Distinctive and Chicago-based Programing**

In addition to courses taught by world class UChicago faculty and civic practitioners, the CLA curriculum includes original Chicago-based case studies to uncover core lessons about civic leadership in an applied setting.



### **Develops Perspective Through Local and Global Experimentation and Observation**

Fellows hone leadership skills by traveling abroad to learn how leaders in a different context overcome obstacles.

**130** HOURS OF CURRICULUM

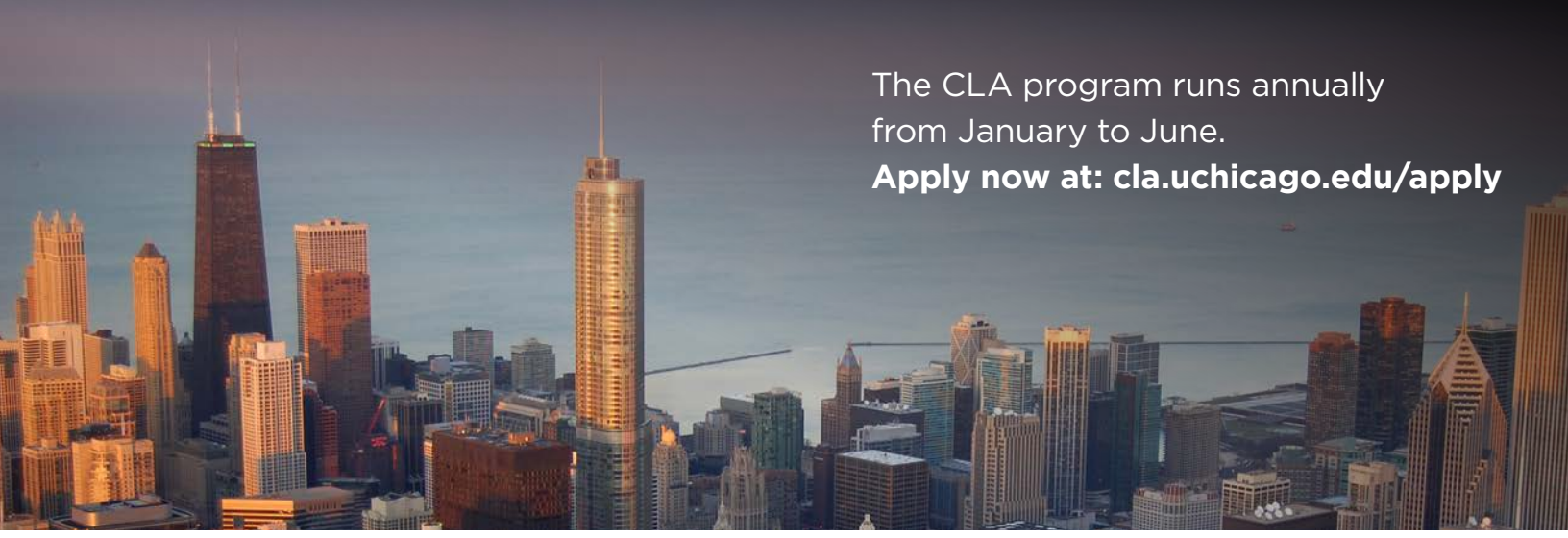
**20+** FACULTY MEMBERS



“The opportunity to travel as a cohort to India with CLA transformed our understanding of civic leadership. We analyzed the dynamics of the government and nonprofit worlds and were inspired daily by civic leaders, all while navigating pivotal new relationships with each other and the city of Delhi.”

**Christine Rolan, CLA'18**  
Deputy Commissioner  
Chicago Department of Family and Support Services

As part of the CLA Global Practicum, cohorts travel to international cities like Delhi, London, Cape Town, and Paris to learn with civic practitioner peers.



The CLA program runs annually from January to June.

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### **Fosters Learning and Encourages Curiosity**

In addition to receiving a Certificate in Civic Leadership from Harris Public Policy, each fellow's organization receives a \$2,000 stipend to take an additional course at the University of Chicago. CLA fellows also have access to Harris' global alumni community, offering unique, lifelong networking opportunities.



### **Successful Civic Leadership Academy**

fellows are intellectually curious, reflective, ambitious and innovative, open and flexible, and committed to positive change.

### **Job titles of nonprofit candidates**

could include chief executive officer, chief operating officer, executive director, senior administrator, associate director, deputy director, senior program manager, and regional director.

### **Job titles of government candidates**


could include deputy commissioner, assistant commissioner, director, budget director, and chief of staff.

### **CANDIDATES SHOULD:**

- Be full-time employees of a Chicago nonprofit organization, the City of Chicago, or Cook County
- Demonstrate a strong track record of leadership, innovation, and high performance
- Have a minimum of five years of work experience in the civic sector

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# Faculty



**William Howell**, Faculty Director, CLA;  
Sydney Stein Professor in American Politics,  
Harris Public Policy

## FACULTY



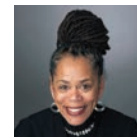
### **Chris Berry**

*William J. and Alicia Townsend Friedman Professor, Harris Public Policy; Academic Director, Center for Municipal Finance, The University of Chicago*



### **Adam Green**

*Associate Professor of American History and the College; Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture, The University of Chicago*



### **Beth Richie**

*Professor of African American Studies & Criminology, Law and Justice, UIC*



### **Heather Caruso**

*Assistant Dean, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; Executive Director, Morrison Family Center for Marketing and Data Analytics; Adjunct Assistant Professor of Management and Organizations, UCLA*



### **William Howell**

*Faculty Director, CLA; Sydney Stein Professor in American Politics, The University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy*



### **Jessica Thebus**

*Associate Professor; Director, MFA Directing Program, Northwestern University*



### **Mary Anne Case**

*Arnold I. Shure Professor of Law, The University of Chicago Law School*



### **Armando Maggi**

*Professor of Italian Literature, Committee on the History of Culture, and Graham School, The University of Chicago*



### **Ken Warren**

*Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor, Department of English, Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture, The University of Chicago*



### **George Wu**

*John P. and Lillian A. Gould Professor of Behavioral Science, The University of Chicago Booth School of Business*



### **Cathy Cohen**

*David and Mary Winton Green Professor of Political Science, The University of Chicago*



### **John P. McCormick**

*Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, The University of Chicago*

## CIVIC PRACTITIONERS



### **Steve Edwards**

*VP, Chief Content Officer, WBEZ*



### **Harry L. Davis**

*Roger L. and Rachel M. Goetz Distinguished Service Professor of Creative Management, The University of Chicago Booth School of Business*



### **Jennifer Mosley**

*Associate Professor, School of Social Service Administration, The University of Chicago*



### **Toni Preckwinkle**

*President, Cook County Board of Commissioners*



### **Daniel Diermeier**

*Provost, The University of Chicago*



### **Charles Newell**

*Marilyn F. Vitale Artistic Director, Court Theatre, The University of Chicago*



### **Susana L. Vasquez**

*Associate Vice President, Office of Civic Engagement, The University of Chicago*

**The Civic Leadership Academy meets on Fridays, every other week for six months from January to June. Additionally, the program includes a one-week global practicum, a civic practitioner leadership series, and a civic collaboratory.**

## **CURRICULUM**

The CLA core curriculum is organized around four modules of leadership:

### **I. Foundations**

Classes: Discovering Leadership Capacity; Defining Civic Leadership; Understanding Victimhood and the Ethics of Leadership

### **II. Goals**

Classes: When is Change Possible?; Using Data to Advance Policy Objectives; Defining Goals in Government and Nonprofit Sectors; Recovering Goals (and Mission) During Times of Crisis

### **III. Strategy & Tactics**

Classes: Disrupting and Keeping Power and Negotiation

### **IV. Communication**

Classes: Commitment, Persuasion, and Active Listening; Communicating Across Difference; Performance and Storytelling

## **GLOBAL PRACTICUM**

Fellows travel abroad to meet and learn from civic practitioners from the government and nonprofit sectors. During this week, fellows are asked to collect data on the core themes of leadership: what it is, what it isn't, and what it requires. Fellows recognize leadership challenges and strategies, and learn how to translate lessons learned to Chicago.

## **CIVIC PRACTITIONER LEADERSHIP SERIES**

Through the monthly Civic Practitioner Leadership Series, fellows and CLA alumni learn from leading civic practitioners in Chicago. These sessions are an opportunity to explore practical applications to the themes of leadership established in the classroom.

## **CIVIC COLLABORATORY**

In the Civic Collaboratory, fellows present and solicit the expertise of their cohort as they seek to address critical challenges their organizations face. From the first day of class, CLA fellows leverage the collective thought leadership and reach of the CLA network.

## **PARTNERS**

### **University of Chicago**

- Office of Civic Engagement
- School of Social Service Administration
- Chicago Booth School of Business
- University of Chicago Law School
- Institute of Politics
- Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies

### **Nonprofit and Government**

- LISC Chicago
- Civic Consulting Alliance
- City of Chicago
- Cook County

## **FUNDERS**

- Capital One
- The Field Foundation of Illinois
- JPMorgan Chase
- Microsoft
- Robert R. McCormick Foundation
- Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust

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**“Coalitions between nonprofit organizations and government entities are foundational for a thriving Chicago. The Civic Leadership Academy has given me the opportunity to engage with fellow leaders in the nonprofit, philanthropy, and government sectors in a meaningful and impactful way. I have deepened my understanding of the roles we have within our city, the levers we have at hand to create change, and the opportunities we have to collaborate. We have all grown as leaders and global agents of change because of CLA.”**

### **Rosa Y. Ortiz, CLA`19**

Senior Program Director, Enterprise Community Partners



“At a time when people need to think creatively about social change, the Civic Leadership Academy distills the very best of the University and the City of Chicago. While analytical in focus, CLA fosters open and honest communication across the government and nonprofit sectors. While attentive to the conceptual and theoretical underpinnings of leadership, CLA pushes scholars, civic practitioners, and the fellows themselves to think critically about practical applications. In the crowded space of leadership training initiatives, there simply is nothing like CLA.”

**William Howell**

Faculty Director, CLA; Sydney Stein Professor in American Politics,  
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