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Trains and Transit, Past and Future

Charles Y. and Frances N. Lazarus Legacy Forum – Revisiting Columbus History

May 19, 2021



Thea Walsh Ewing

Transportation and Infrastructure Director, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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Thea Walsh leads the transportation planning efforts for both the agency's Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Rural Planning Organization.

Walsh is a 17-year+ public servant focused on transportation, economic development, and community planning. She has worked at county, regional, and state levels of government. Thea has a BA in Public Administration and Urban and Regional Planning from Miami University and a Masters of Public Administration from Wright State University.

In 2017, Thea was selected by Columbus Business First as one of the Forty Under 40 Honorees for being a "mover and shaker" in the Central Ohio community –most notably for her role in Smart Columbus, the Hyperloop Midwest Connect proposal, and a Downtown Employee Bus "C-Pass" Program. She is in the American Institute of Certified Planners, in the Ohio Association of Commodores, and is the current chair for Clean Fuels Ohio.



Jeffrey T. Darbee

Owner, Benjamin D. Rickey & Co.

Jeff Darbee is co-author of the forthcoming book (October 5, 2021), *Amtrak, America's Railroad: Transportation's Orphan and Its Struggle for Survival (Railroad Past and Present)*.

In 1980 Darbee and his wife, Nancy Recchie, began Benjamin D. Rickey & Co., a consulting firm specializing in historic preservation. Jeff has had primary responsibility for nearly all of the 100+ Historic Preservation Tax Credit projects on which Benjamin D. Rickey & Co. has been historical consultant. He has also served as preservation consultant on major public building projects such as the Ohio Statehouse, Ohio Stadium at the Ohio State University, the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, and the Ohio Judicial Center.

Darbee has served as a member of the boards of Preservation Action, the Columbus Landmarks Foundation, the Columbus Architecture Foundation, the Ohio Historical Society, the Ohio Preservation Alliance, and Downtown Ohio, Inc. He has served on the Advisory Board for the historic preservation program of Belmont Technical College and currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Midwest Railroad Research Center at the Indiana Historical Society.



Derrick L. James

Senior Manager, Local and State Legislative Relations, Amtrak
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Derrick James has been with Amtrak since 2007. He was recruited to Amtrak from Chicago Transit Authority. In his role at Amtrak he is responsible for cultivating

solid relationships with mayors, other local political and civic leaders, and community advocates, to advance the railroad's mission of providing relevant, market-driven intercity passenger service at value for the taxpayer. Amtrak provides intercity passenger service on 28 corridors under contract for 17 states. He works with executive and legislative leaders in nine of those states to make the case for continuation of those contracts and by extension, continued service to rail customers.

James has also held positions in government affairs at Canadian National Railway and community organizing at the Center for Neighborhood Technology, culminating in a successful campaign to increase the effectiveness of the region's MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) to link transportation and land use planning.

James is active in the community, as block club leader in his Chicago neighborhood, a volunteer with the Southeast Chicago Chamber of Commerce, and served on Mayor Lori Lightfoot's Transportation Transition Team.

James is a 1997 bachelor of arts graduate in Political Science and Geography from the University of Iowa.



Andy Chow

Journalist, Ohio Statehouse News Bureau
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Andy Chow is a reporter and producer for Ohio Public Radio's Statehouse News Bureau. The bureau covers state government-related issues and produces news stories for Ohio's NPR stations. He got his start as an associate producer for ABC 6/FOX 28 where he wrote and produced segments for the morning and evening newscasts. He went on to become a production assistant for The Ohio Channel and then a producer for WBNS-10TV. He gained his Statehouse news experience as a reporter for the Hannah News Service before joining OPR's Statehouse News Bureau.

Chow earned his Bachelor's Degree in Broadcasting from Otterbein University and took part in the Washington Semester program through American University in Washington, D.C.

Today's Attendees

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Catch the Forum After the Forum

- 1 WOSU Public Media, CMC's broadcast partner, televises the forums on the WOSU Ohio digital channel and over-the-air on channel 34.2. The most recent forums air on Mondays at 9:00 PM. CTV, Columbus Television, airs the broadcasts on Insight, WOW, and Spectrum, AT&T U-Verse, and over-the-air on channel 22. It's also available statewide on the Ohio Channel.
- 2 WCBE 90.5 Radio airs the forums on Saturdays at 3 PM and are available on demand on their website at wcbe.org/programs/columbus-metropolitan-club.
- 3 On the CMC website at columbusmetroclub.org/archive and on YouTube.

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Upcoming Forums

Unless otherwise noted, all forums are 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM at The Boat House at Confluence Park. For ticket info, visit columbusmetroclub.org or call 614.464.3220 x4

TRENDS THAT WILL SHAPE US Education, Early Preparation

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

"Early childhood care and education (ECCE) is more than preparation for primary school. It aims at the holistic development of a child's social, emotional, cognitive and physical needs in order to build a solid and broad foundation for lifelong learning and wellbeing. ECCE has the possibility to nurture caring, capable and responsible future citizens.", according to UNESCO. Our panel will discuss what role a community plays in supporting its youngest neighbors to successfully make their way through education from infancy to adulthood.

Featuring **Douglas Downey**, Ph.D., Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University and author of, "How Schools Really Matter", **Karen Garza**, Ph.D., President and CEO, Battelle for Kids, **Jane Leach**, CEO, Future Ready Columbus, with host **Carol Luper**, retired Journalist and CMC Board Member.

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CMC Almost Summer Social

Thursday, May 27, 2021 5-7PM

Join us and bring your friends for a fun evening on The Boat House's patio with a spectacular view of the city skyline and the confluence of the rivers! Reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Your registration includes one drink ticket and hosted snacks in a safe, physically distanced outdoor setting. All are welcome, but due to the size of the patio, **LIMITED seating will be available, so don't wait to register.**

The Boat House will also be offering a special menu for those who would like to stay for dinner in the restaurant (dinner is on your own and not included with the registration price) and continue to celebrate the reopening of one of CMC's favorite venues!

Police, To Serve and Protect

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Panelists to be announced soon.

TRENDS THAT WILL SHAPE US Information Technology

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

We all have become much more aware of how technology is woven through our lives and the critical need for all citizens to have equal access. Join us to hear the panel discuss emerging ideas about connecting everyone in our community to this vital lifeline.

Featuring **Greg Jackson**, Chief Operating Officer, Office of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost; **Lori Kendall**, L.D., Senior Lecturer, Fisher College of Business, The Ohio State University; **Renee Cacchillo**, Executive VP, Customer Experience Officer, Safelite Group with host, **John Hrusovsky**, President JH Consulting, Ltd.

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Smart Columbus Future Forward

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Featuring **Mandy Bishop**, Deputy Director of Public Service, City of Columbus & Smart Columbus Program Manager; **Raja Sundarajan**, President & COO, AEP Ohio; **Sophia Mohr**, Chief Innovation Officer, COTA, with host **Kerry Charles**, co-anchor, WCMH NBC4.

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