

Biographies of Speakers

Richard Mabbutt has served as the Executive Director of the Intermountain Fair Housing Council for 15 years. In this position, he has conducted Fair Housing workshops for thousands of housing providers and consumers. He has also been responsible for hundreds of fair housing enforcement actions with HUD's administrative process or litigation in the federal court system.

Suha Talib has been working with Intermountain Fair Housing Council since July 2009 assisting clients in conciliation of discrimination claims in housing. Ms Talib is fluent in Arabic. Ms. Talib provides data input on inquiry cases, translates documents into Arabic, and provides testing and reception assistance.

Erik Kingston, PCED, is IHFA's *Housing Resources Coordinator* Erik Kingston created IHFA's Housing Information and Resource Center and Housing Hotline in late 1997 after serving three years as IHFA's *Senior Communications Coordinator*. To date, he has provided information and referral services to approximately 40,000 Idahoans through IHFA's toll-free Housing Hotline. Erik is a certified Professional Community and Economic Developer specializing in program development, information and referral, community outreach and education initiatives, and strategic planning for a range of housing and community development efforts. Examples include www.housingidaho.com, www.fairhousingforum.org, an online [LEP Contact Tracker](#) tool, and numerous initiatives to support fair housing awareness. He recently facilitated a multi-stakeholder process resulting in the 2011 State of Idaho Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and is working with various partners to implement the report's recommendations. Erik co-facilitates IHFA's Regional Housing Roundtables, co-authored IHFA's *Workforce Housing Toolkit: Simple Steps for Stronger Communities*, and routinely assists case managers, service providers and communities seeking to expand housing choice, access and stability.

Lisa Dabel is the Idaho Regional Property Manager for Northwest Real Estate Capital Corp., a non-profit organization specializing in the property management and rehabilitation of HUD/Section 8, Rural Development, and Tax Credit Housing. After working about ten years in the luxury apartment niche of property management, Lisa's entry into the affordable arena was as marketing director through over a dozen Tax Credit lease-ups in the mid 1990's. Since 2003, she has worked exclusively with affordable housing. She has worked both on site and in regional supervisory positions, and also as a training consultant. Lisa considers herself fortunate to have a career in property management. Few things are more important than our homes, the places where we live. Helping provide affordable housing to fit the needs of our diverse Idaho population is more than a job, it is a passion and a privilege. Lisa Dabel's professional mission statement perfectly matches her employer's branding statement: "Housing with pride. Life with dignity."

Yves Ndayishimiye has been working with Catholic Charities since 2010. He is from Africa and arrived in Boise more the five years ago. Recently, he graduated from Boise state University with two bachelor degrees, one in Political Science and one in Applied Science. He is fluent in

Swahili, Kirundi, Kinyarwanda, Lingala, and French. Growing up in Africa, he is familiar with war as it is prevalent in his continent. After living in the Boise, it gave him a new perspective of life and the importance of helping people. He considers himself privileged as he was able to adapt and overcome obstacles more easily than most individuals. This gave him inspiration to help those who need assistance in a new place, language, and culture. He assists refugees from Africa with the resettlement process in Boise. He considers himself an active part of the leadership in the African community helping newcomers adjust to the ways of life in Boise with meeting specific needs related to housing, medical, family, legal, and educational processes.

Marcia Munden is employed by Catholic Charities of Idaho and coordinates the Pathways to Economic Stability Program which includes Case Management, Financial Education and Asset Building and English Conversation groups. Over nine years at CCI, she has developed volunteer policy and procedures, evaluation plans and grant proposals and implemented a wide range of programs. For the last four years, much of her advocacy, community engagement and case work have been focused on refugee issues. She organizes and facilitates workshops and special events focused on teaching life skills: financial education; parenting education; client/self advocacy, and preventing high risk behaviors. She recruits and supervises Bachelor's level social work interns, senior workers (Experience Works), community volunteers and service learning students for CCI's Boise Family Strengthening Center. Ms. Munden has been involved with the Mayor's Steering Committee on Refugees and is a member of the Integration sub-committee. She is a licensed Social Worker in the State of Idaho. She received her Bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of Portland with a certificate in Spanish.

Vanessa Rodriguez is originally from Laredo, Texas and now resides in Boise, Idaho. She graduated from Boise State University in 2005 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration and a Minor in Spanish. Her experience includes working at the Idaho Human Rights Commission for two years before being employed at the Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority in 2006. Vanessa was a Housing Representative for 3 years in the Section 8 Department before being promoted to the Grant Programs Department as a Supportive Housing Specialist. She has a wide range of experience working with, and having knowledge of, affordable housing programs throughout Ada County, and is a valuable resource for translation services in the Spanish language for the BC/ACHA. In 2010, the BC/ACHA was awarded a sub-grantee contract to administer funds under the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) for Ada County. As the Housing Specialist for this program, Ms. Rodriguez played a key role in the success the program had in providing housing assistance for over 300 hundred families throughout the community in just 2 years. Currently, she is the Supportive Housing Specialist for the HOPWA Special Needs Housing Program (SNHP), Shelter Plus Care Program for Region 3 and 4, and the CHOIS Supportive Housing Program (SHP).

Amber Mausling is the Coordinating Advocate at Living Independence Network Corporation (LINC). During her tenure with LINC, Amber has assisted people with disabilities and seniors to transition from institutions back in to the community successfully. Amber is committed to

advocating for personal choice and the full inclusion of all people and believes that given the right tools, anyone can achieve and maintain his or her desired level of independence.

Joyce Weinzetl is the Multi-Family Coordinator for the State of Idaho. She has worked for United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for 29 years; 17 years in Multi-Family Housing. She came to Idaho 5 years ago from Minnesota. She has 3 daughters, and 3 beautiful grandchildren in Minnesota.

Tom Birch is Director of Homeownership Counseling since April 2009, responsible for foreclosure facilitation and counseling of clients and working with their lenders with the purpose of keeping homeowners in their homes. Mr. Birch has worked with over 1,100 homeowners since 2009. Prior experience includes 35 years of residential mortgage experience, leading branch, regional production and operations as well as the training in retail and wholesale mortgage organizations. Past President/Board Member of several state mortgage professional and non-profit organizations in Idaho and Minnesota.

Amy Howe has been an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Idaho since 1998. She is in charge of the Financial Litigation Unit (FLU) and Affirmative Civil Enforcement. The Financial Litigation Unit collects civil penalties for violations of regulations involving, among other things, controlled substances, environmental protection, and aviation safety. The unit also collects criminal fines, assessments, and restitution, as well as civil debts for defaulted student loans and defaulted federally-financed mortgages. Ms. Howe is a two-time recipient of the National Crime Victims Award presented by the Attorney General. As Affirmative Civil Enforcement coordinator, Ms. Howe handles cases where the United States is a plaintiff seeking to recover money obtained through program fraud. The money collected goes back to agencies such as Medicare, Social Security, and the Small Business Administration. Ms. Howe also handles wildfire and other litigation where private parties have caused damage to federally owned property. Since January 2011, Ms. Howe has developed the office's civil rights program, enforcing compliance with anti-discrimination laws. Prior to coming to the United States Attorney's office, Ms. Howe was a referee for the Idaho Industrial Commission, presiding over workers' compensation cases.

Zoe Ann Olson has been an attorney with Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc. for thirteen years. She is currently the Fair Lending Project Director and the State Housing Law Chair for Idaho Legal Aid which has eight offices throughout the state of Idaho. Ms. Olson has also practiced in the areas of senior, family, and consumer law. She has conducted fair lending and fair housing, manufactured housing and landlord-tenant law trainings throughout Idaho. Ms. Olson graduated from Seattle University School of Law, received her Master's degree in Public Administration from Seattle University, and her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Washington. Ms. Olson has also received training in mediation at Seattle University and Boise State University, fair housing training through John Marshall and Seattle University Schools of Law.