

**WCC Board of Trustees Background Information****Ms. Angela Davis**

Angela Davis was born and raised in Ann Arbor, MI. She attended Ann Arbor Public Schools and graduated from Pioneer High School. She attended HBCU's Bishop College in Dallas, TX. She later enrolled in Concordia University and completed her undergraduate degree in Human Resource Administration while attending Washtenaw Community College. She relocated to West Virginia where she enrolled in Mountain State University in Beckley, WV and received a graduate degree in Strategic Leadership. She is active in the community as a volunteer at the Ann Arbor Art Center's jewelry studio and participates in charitable fundraising events. She is also the owner of Davis Jewelry Collections and works at TJMaxx in Ann Arbor.

**Mr. David DeVarti**

Dave DeVarti is a lifelong Ann Arbor resident and community activist. Dave was the founding publisher of the Michigan Football Guide and the Current Entertainment Monthly, transferring ownership to another publisher in 2007. He has been a part-time student at Washtenaw Community College occasionally during the past several years, primarily studying art. He attended the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources in the 1970's.

He served as an Ann Arbor City Councilperson and a member of the Ann Arbor Planning Commission in the 1980's. He served on the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority from 1991 to 2008. He currently serves on the Ann Arbor Zoning Board of Appeals. Dave is also a board member of the Ann Arbor Film Festival.

**Ms. Christina Fleming**

Christina M. H. Fleming is a web developer and systems engineer with over 20 years of experience in the field. Ms. Fleming was elected to the Board of Trustees for a six-year term in November 2014 and reelected in November 2020. Her current term expires December 31, 2026. She served as Chair of the Board (2019 -2020), Vice Chair (2017-18) and Secretary (2015 - 16).

Ms. Fleming grew up in Frankenmuth, Michigan and is a graduate of Frankenmuth High School. She moved to Ann Arbor as a student of the University of Michigan and graduated with a dual-degree in Sociology and Classical Archaeology. In Sociology she earned two certificates of specialization: "Race, Class, Gender", and "International Social Inequality." After college Ms. Fleming entered the technology field as a Help Desk Technician earning several technical certifications until working her way up to Data Center Administrator.

Ms. Fleming currently owns a private consultation business Christina Fleming LLC. She has provided services for a variety of not-for-profit organizations assisting in launching web sites and social media.

Besides being a technology enthusiast, she is also an artist at heart enjoying oil painting, toll painting, ceramics and lapidary arts. Together with her mother she can sometimes be found at artisan shows such as the Midland Center for the Arts or Dexter Daze.

Ms. Fleming lives in Dexter, Michigan with her husband William and daughter Athena.

### **Ms. Ruth Hatcher**

Ms. Hatcher is a retired instructor who taught writing and literature for 30 years at Washtenaw Community College. She served as English/Writing Department Chair for several years. Other positions she held at the college include: director of the English/Writing Department Writing Center, interim Vice President of Instruction, interim Dean of Humanities and Social Science, assistant to the Dean of HSS assigned to write the first Assessment Report to The North Central Association. During her tenure she received several awards including: 1986 - Faculty Recognition Award from the Board of Trustees, 1989 - National Teaching Excellence Award from the University of Texas, 1991 - the first Morris Lawrence Award, 1995 - Administrative Group Special Service Award, 2000 - WCC Vision of Racial Equity Award, and 2004 - WCC Model Award for Motivating and Developing Leaders. She also held several appointed and elected positions in the Washtenaw Community College Education Association including President of the Association overseeing several faculty contracts. In 2014, she was elected to the Washtenaw Community College Board of Trustees for a six-year term beginning in January, 2015. She was re-elected in 2000 for a second six year term.

As a resident of Ann Arbor since 1971, Ruth has served on The Vestry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, The Ann Arbor Community Foundation, The Greenhills School Board, and the Board of the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County.

Ruth Hatcher grew up on the south side of Chicago attending both the University of Chicago Lab School and Hyde Park HS. She attended Earlham College, a Quaker school in Indiana where she earned a B.A. in English. Following her graduation, she worked at Earlham College as Head Resident of women's dormitories and Assistant Director of the Faculty Seminar in African American Studies. After moving with her husband to Ann Arbor, she earned a M.A. in English and completed course work in the Doctor of Arts program at the University of Michigan. It was in this program that her mentor, Dr. Richard Bailey ignited her passion for the community college. Ruth has been married to Chuck, a retired fishery biologist, for over 50 years. They have three grown children: Charles, Robert, and Corinne and three grandchildren.

## **Dr. Richard J. Landau**

Richard J. Landau is an attorney and the managing member of RJ Landau Partners PLLC in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Dr. Landau was first elected to the Board of Trustees in January 2001. He was re-elected in 2006, 2012 and 2018. His current term expires December 31, 2024. He has served as Board Chair from 2007-2008 and 2015-16.

Dr. Landau grew up in Ann Arbor and is a graduate of Ann Arbor Huron High School. Dr. Landau is the recipient of the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University; Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the Stony Brook University; and J.D. from the Boston University School of Law. Dr. Landau practiced law with the firm of Dykema Gossett for 18 years where he was an equity member. In 2007 he formed his own firm which is located in the office building built by his father, Henry S. Landau, a former WCC trustee himself.

Dr. Landau is a trial lawyer who specializes in business litigation. He is also a licensed clinical psychologist. Throughout his career, Dr. Landau has also had an interest in the areas of mental health, addiction, disability rights and special education. Dr. Landau has been recognized in the list of Michigan "Super Lawyers" published by Law & Politics Media, Inc. for his work in business litigation. He has been recognized as one of the "Best Lawyers in America" published by US News and World Reports. He is married to Kristen Landau, also an attorney and the co-founder of the RJ Landau Partners law firm.

## **Ms. Diana McKnight-Morton**

Ms. McKnight-Morton was first elected to the Board of Trustees for a six-year term in November 1994, and re-elected for subsequent terms in November 2000, November 2006, November 2012 and again in November 2018. Her current term expires December 31, 2024. She served as Secretary of the Board (1997-99), Vice Chair (2003-04, 2011-12, 2015-16) and Chair (2005-06, 2017-18).

Recently, Trustee McKnight-Morton was appointed by her peers to serve on the Board of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), the regional organization in Southeast Michigan which supports local planning through its technical, data, and intergovernmental resources. Most recently she was appointed to be the Vice Chair on Education Bloc for SEMCOG; serves on the Board of Directors, the Executive Board and Transportation Alternative Planning and Harvard selection committees. Nationally, at the Association of Community College Trustees she has served as member of the Diversity Community. Currently she serves on the State Legislative Committee and Board of Directors at the Michigan Community College Association.

Born and raised in Ann Arbor, Ms. McKnight-Morton has been active in the community for many years. She is the founder and past president of Ann Arbor Community Development Corporation and has been affiliated with the Washtenaw United Way by serving as co-chair

for Washtenaw County Labor Union committee for the past ten years. She has received numerous volunteer service awards.

Ms. McKnight-Morton has taught in the Ypsilanti Public School Adult Education program. She also was Assistant Division Services Manager at the Washtenaw County Employment Training and Community Services.

Ms. McKnight-Morton received a Bachelor of Science degree in education at University of Michigan and a Master of Arts in guidance and counseling at Eastern Michigan University. She currently possesses a Professional Counselors License and a Michigan Provisional Teaching Certificate.

### **Mr. William G. Milliken, Jr.**

Bill Milliken was elected a Washtenaw Community College trustee in 2016. He is president of Milliken Realty Co., an Ann Arbor commercial real estate brokerage firm which he founded in 1996.

He sits on the executive committee of the National Association of Realtors and was nominated for the Association's Distinguished Service Award (DSA). Bill was 2019 chair of NAR's Commercial Committee. Previously he was an NAR Regional Vice-President for Region 6.

He served as the 100th president of the 30,000 member Michigan Realtors in 2013. Bill launched real his estate career in Ann Arbor in 1987. Previously, he worked in Washington, D.C. for NASA and the U.S. Dept. of Justice.

Bill is a director of the CCIM Foundation, chair of CCIM's International Activities Committee and served three terms on the board of the CCIM Institute; he has done trade missions to Taipei (2015) and Mexico (2016) and was a delegate on CCIM's trade mission to China in 2006. He was named REALTORS®-of-the-Year by the Michigan Commercial Board of REALTORS®, and Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtors, respectively.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer appointed Bill to a 6-year term on the Mackinac Bridge Authority last year. He is a board member of New Detroit; and Groundwork Center. He served as president of the Commercial Board of REALTORS®; a director of Republic Bancorp, and; board chair of the Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce. He is a licensed private pilot and has visited all 50 states.