



Advisory Board



Gwill York
10 Million Names Advisory Board Chair

Gwill York has been a prominent business leader and civic volunteer in Boston for more than thirty years. She is currently President of the Board of Trustees of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Sofina Group, Mass General Brigham, and One Mind. She recently chaired the Museum of Science Board of Trustees and the Harvard Medical School Board of Fellows, and served as an elected member of the Board of Overseers of Harvard University. York is a graduate of Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges and the Harvard Business School.



Richard Cellini
**Founding Director of 10 Million Names
and 10 Million Names Advisory Board Member**

Richard Cellini is the Founding Director of the 10 Million Names Project and he is the Director of the Harvard Slavery Remembrance Program. Previously, he founded and led the Georgetown Memory Project, an independent research initiative that identified more than 10,000 descendants of enslaved people. Cellini is a Research Fellow at Harvard Radcliffe Institute and served as a 2021–2022 Faculty Fellow at Harvard's Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History. He is an attorney, business executive, and scholar of institutional accountability for slavery. Richard holds an AB and a JD from Georgetown University, and an LLM from the University of Cambridge (UK).

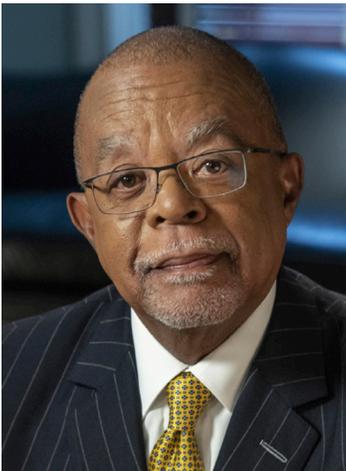
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Professor Kendra Taira Field, PhD **Chief Historian and 10 Million Names** **Advisory Board Member**

Kendra Taira Field is Associate Professor of History and Director of the Center for the Study of Race and Democracy at Tufts University. Field is the author of *Growing Up with the Country: Family, Race, and Nation after the Civil War* (Yale, 2018). Her current book project, *The Stories We Tell* (W.W. Norton) is a history of African American genealogy and storytelling from the Middle Passage to the present. Dr. Field abridged David Levering Lewis's *W. E. B. Du Bois: A Biography* (Henry Holt, 2009), and her scholarly articles have appeared in the *Journal of American History*, the *Journal of African American History*, *Southern Cultures*, and the *American Historical Review*. As a public historian, Dr. Field co-

founded the African American Trail Project and the Du Bois Forum, a retreat center for writers, scholars, and artists of color; served as project historian for the Du Bois Freedom Center, the first museum in North America dedicated to the life and work of W. E. B. Du Bois; co-curated *We Who Believe In Freedom: Black Feminist DC*, the inaugural exhibition (2023) of the National Women's History Museum; and serves as Chief Historian for the 10 Million Names Project.



Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr., PhD **10 Million Names Advisory Board Member**

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. is the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor and Director of the Hutchins Center for African & African American Research at Harvard University. He is an Emmy and Peabody Award-winning filmmaker, literary scholar, journalist, cultural critic, and institution builder. Dr. Gates has produced and hosted an array of documentary films. *The Black Church* (PBS) and *Frederick Douglass: In Five Speeches* (HBO), which he executive produced, each received Emmy nominations. His latest history series for PBS is *Making Black America: Through the Grapevine*. *Finding Your Roots*, Dr. Gates's groundbreaking genealogy and genetics series, has completed its ninth season on PBS and will return for a tenth season in 2024. He is an Honorary Trustee of American Ancestors.

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Paula Williams Madison **10 Million Names Advisory Board Member**

Paula Williams Madison is Chairman and CEO of Madison Media Management LLC and 88 Madison Media Works Inc. In 2011, Madison retired from NBCUniversal (NBCU), where she had been Executive Vice President for Diversity as well as a Vice President of the General Electric Company (GE), then the parent company of NBCU. She was named one of the “75 Most Powerful African Americans in Corporate America” by *Black Enterprise Magazine* in 2005 and was also recognized in 2014 as one of the “Outstanding 50 Asian Americans in Business.” Madison is the author and executive producer, respectively, of the book and documentary *Finding Samuel Lowe: From Harlem to China*, which tell of her successful search to locate her Chinese grandfather’s descendants in China. In 2013, Mayor Eric Garcetti appointed Madison to the Los Angeles Police Commission where she served as vice president until 2015.



Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson **Honorary 10 Million Names Advisory Board Member**

Ketanji Brown Jackson is the first Black woman and the first former federal public defender to serve on the Supreme Court. She was confirmed by the United States Senate on April 7, 2022, and sworn into office on June 30. She was previously a United States circuit judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from 2021 to 2022. Jackson attended Harvard University for college and law school, where she served as an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. She began her legal career with three clerkships, including one with U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Stephen Breyer. Prior to her elevation to the Court of Appeals, she served as a district judge for the United States District Court for the District of Columbia from 2013 to 2021. Jackson was also vice chair of the United States Sentencing Commission from 2010 to 2014. Since 2016, she has been a member of the Harvard Board of Overseers.

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Mattie McFadden-Lawson **10 Million Names Advisory Board Member**

Mattie McFadden-Lawson is the President of the MML Group, specializing in creating strategic partnerships for nonprofits and corporations and providing philanthropic advisory services. Her work in the arts, women's leadership, politics, and social policy has established her as a leader in these areas. Her board memberships include: the Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy, the Black Economic Alliance, the Music Center—Performing Arts Center for Los Angeles County (Emerita Member) Grammy Museum, the Smithsonian Institution/Co-Chair of the Los Angeles Regional Council, and City Year Los Angeles (Emerita Member). In 2009, former President Obama appointed her to the President's Advisory Committee on the Arts—The Kennedy Center for the

Performing Arts. She graduated magna cum laude from Howard University and with honors from Harvard University's JFK School of Government.



Christal M. Jackson **10 Million Names Advisory Board Member**

Christal M. Jackson is the founder of Head and Heart Philanthropy, the parent company to Mosaic Genius, a social impact agency focused on improving social, economic, and educational outcomes for communities of color. Christal attributes her success to having been groomed for leadership by the church.

Two decades ago, she launched a boutique fund development and branding firm focused on serving the philanthropic needs of socially conscious individuals and community organizations. This was the launching pad to her working with some of the biggest names in sports, politics, and entertainment.

Christal is one of EBONY magazine's Future 30 Leaders of America. She also serves on several boards including The New Community Transformation Fund, WOCStar Fund and is the first female board chair of color of the Africa America Institute.

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Michael A. Lawson **10 Million Names Advisory Board Member**

Michael A. Lawson is a Partner at Ellis George LLP and has over three decades of experience in providing legal counseling in business financings, private investment companies, and mergers and acquisitions. An advocate for civil rights, Lawson's background includes his position as the U.S. Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization under President Barack Obama.

Lawson also served as the President and CEO of the Los Angeles Urban League for six years. He remains active on the boards of several influential organizations, and is a former board director and chairman of the Constitutional Rights Foundation and a former board director for the Advancement Project. Lawson's board memberships include Loyola Marymount University, Morehouse College, and the Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County.