The public sphere in America is currently undergoing a profound evolution. Whereas the federal government was once the single central hub in virtually all networks of power, today it is only one hub among many in a vast web of relationships and networks. We still look to the federal government, of course, to help with our biggest problems. But today we are less confident in its ability to solve them on its own, and we look increasingly to other kinds of entities and networks to be a part of the solutions.

Today’s concepts of corporate citizenship and philanthropy are also evolving. The private sector—including corporations, foundations and individual philanthropists—has growing influence in shaping our lives. We look to the private sector to create jobs, individual philanthropists transform communities, and when disaster strikes private organizations are often the first on the scene with the expertise and capability to fix things.

The Washington Center invites you to join in conversation with some of the most important leaders in today’s private philanthropic community for the Roundtable on Philanthropy and Social Responsibility. Together we will explore new avenues for addressing our most pressing problems and advancing our national project of forming a more perfect union here and around the world.

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Katherine Brittain Bradley
President, CityBridge Foundation

Katherine Brittain Bradley is the president of CityBridge Foundation, a nonprofit enterprise located in Washington, DC. Mrs. Bradley co-founded CityBridge in 1994 with her husband, entrepreneur and magazine publisher David G. Bradley. CityBridge Foundation marshals intellectual, financial, and social capital to help build a high performing public education system in the District of Columbia. In 2006, CityBridge launched the Early Years Education Initiative, five years of investments focused on improving quality and expanding capacity in early childhood and elementary education across Washington, DC. One year later, CityBridge extended its work into the K-12 space in public schools in the District of Columbia.

In 2010 CityBridge began Breakthrough Schools, a new portfolio of partnerships focused on turnaround strategies and interventions for the city’s lower-performing schools. One of the foundation’s core beliefs is that results for children will not last without a conscious effort to build sustained stewardship for public education. As a result, CityBridge has built a separate practice area focused on engaging local stewards—business and public leaders, philanthropists and education activists—in the education sector.

Mrs. Bradley serves as a board member for America’s Promise Alliance, the KIPP Foundation, Fight for Children, the University of the District of Columbia, and Princeton University. She also chairs the Washington regional board for Teach for America. In the winter of 2010-2011, Mrs. Bradley co-chaired Mayor Vincent C. Gray’s education transition team. She graduated with honors in 1986 from Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Katherine and David Bradley have three high school and college-age sons.

Alison Miller
Director of Community Affairs, Oracle Education Foundation

Alison Derbenwick Miller is responsible for managing strategic development and partnerships for the Oracle Education Foundation, whose mission is to enable educators to provide STEM education and develop 21st century skills in the leaders of tomorrow through technology, research, policy change, and financial support.

Prior to this, Alison was most recently Vice President of Business Operations, Worldwide Alliances and Channels at Oracle, where she managed an international organization responsible for the worldwide development and implementation of partner business practices, processes, and policies.

Known as a solution-oriented visionary, Alison also has held positions at Opscentric Consulting LLC, and Nuance Communications, and has a proven track record of innovative leadership of cross-functional teams that develop and deliver pricing, licensing, due diligence, acquisition integration, and business and sales operations strategies and solutions for large and small companies.

She holds bachelors degrees in Communication and in History with Honors from Stanford University, and a masters degree in Jurisprudence and Social Policy from the University of California at Berkeley.
As Executive Director, College Success Foundation-District of Columbia (CSF-DC), Herbert R. Tillery is responsible for providing leadership in the establishment, development and management of all aspects of the DC Achievers Scholarship Program. The DC Achievers Scholarship Program is designed to improve the high school and college graduation rates for low-income, underserved students in six high schools in Wards 7 and 8 in the District of Columbia by providing mentoring, academic enrichment, college counseling and scholarships valued up to $50,000.

Approximately 2,200 D.C. Achievers scholarship awards will be granted over ten years – all made possible by a $116 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. He also provides leadership of the Higher Education Readiness Opportunity (HERO) program, which is designed to increase college readiness for low income, underrepresented male students in grades 7 through 10; the Hometown Mentors Program, and the citywide Double the Numbers Initiative.

Prior to Mr. Tillery’s appointment as the Executive Director of CSF-DC, he served as the Deputy Mayor for Operations, for the District of Columbia. He led and directed the management of the Office of Contracting and Procurement; the Office of Personnel; the Office of Property Management; the Department of Public Works; the Department of Transportation; the Department of Motor Vehicles; and the Department of the Environment.

Hebert Tillery also served as Executive Director of The George Washington University Center for Excellence in Municipal Management (now called the Center for Excellence in Public Leadership) where he was primarily responsible for the design, development, implementation and oversight of the Program for Excellence in Municipal Management. The Center, a unique public-private entity, founded to assist the Government of the District of Columbia with its management reform efforts, serves as the city’s principal executive education and leadership development vehicle to deliver graduate level training to senior DC officials.

Mr. Tillery’s other senior executive leadership positions include the following: Chief of Staff for the District of Columbia Public Schools; Chief of Staff/Executive Officer in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Personnel Support, Families and Education; Deputy Commander of the Army’s Criminal Investigation Command; Chief Executive Officer (Commander) for the Department of Defense’s only maximum security prison (2100 convicted felons); and Inspector General for the Army.

Mr. Tillery serves on the board of directors of the following organizations: National College Access Network, College Success Foundation, The Source For Learning, Inc., Greater Washington Urban League, The Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington, Defeat Poverty, DC, and Mentors, Inc. He also serves on the board of advisors for the Center for Leadership and Management, Graduate School USA, and The George Washington University School of Public Policy & Public Administration. He is an inductee to the North Carolina A & T State University ROTC Hall of Fame, a Life Member of the ROCKS, Inc., and a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Herbert R. Tillery served his country with distinction for over 26 years and retired with the rank of Colonel, U.S. Army. He has a proven track record of success in training and leadership positions requiring solid organizational skills and is known by his reputation for innovation, vision and tenacity.
Born in Morehead City, North Carolina, and raised in Washington, D.C., Mr. Tillery graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School. From there, he attended North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, N.C., where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1970. While on active duty, he earned a Master of Public Administration degree from Jacksonville State University.

Douglas Wood
Program Officer, Ford Foundation

Douglas Wood is program officer for the foundation’s Advancing Higher Education Access and Success initiative—bringing to this position broad experience in pre-K-12 as well as higher education policy and administration. His grant making focuses on helping students from poor and marginalized communities in the United States transition from high school to college and on helping improve the college completion and success rates of underserved students.

Prior to joining the foundation in 2011, Douglas was associate dean of Administration and Planning at Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts. In the last ten years, he worked as executive director and chief executive officer of the Tennessee State Board of Education, served as a member of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and was executive director and principal investigator of the National Academy for Excellent Teaching, an institute of Teachers College, Columbia University.

Douglas began his career as a public school teacher. After five years in this role, he worked as a research assistant at Harvard University, the Center for Collaborative Education-Metro Boston, and the Annenberg Rural Challenge, among others. He then served as a course assistant at Harvard's JFK School of Government and a teaching fellow at Harvard’s Graduate School of Education.

Douglas holds an Ed.D and an Ed.M in Administration, Planning and Social Policy from Harvard University, a master's degree in English from Middlebury College, and a bachelor's degree in History from Wofford College where he is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Lori Smedley—Moderator
Senior Vice President, The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars

Lori Smedley is The Washington Center’s Senior Vice President for Institutional Advancement, responsible for meeting the Center’s ambitious goals for growth in funding from private sector partners—a fourfold increase by 2016.

Before joining The Washington Center in February 2012, Lori spent five years raising funds for global health for children at the GAVI Campaign (the US-based fundraising arm of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization), first as Director of Individual Giving and then as Deputy Executive Director. While at GAVI, she was instrumental in designing and establishing the GAVI Matching Fund, a $130 million joint challenge grant issued by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the UK's Department for International Development intended to drastically increase the involvement of foundations and corporations in funding global health work.

Prior to her work at GAVI, Lori served fundraising roles for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, WHYY (Philadelphia’s dual-affiliate NPR/PBS station), Community Women’s Education Project
(community-based adult and family learning), and the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program. She volunteers as an advisor to the Lee Montessori Public Charter School as it navigates the charter school application process in the District of Columbia, and is involved with FACETS, a Fairfax County-based emergency and transitional housing program. She is a graduate of St. John’s College in Annapolis, Maryland.