

EXPERIENCE

July 2013 - present

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

BOSTON COLLEGE

CHESTNUT HILL, MA

Professor for Macro Practice; Chair, Macro Curriculum; Co-Director: Center for Social Innovation; Founding Co-Director, Research in Social, Economic and Environmental Equity (RISE³). Senior faculty at this graduate School of Social Work, ranked top ten by *U.S. News and World Report*. Responsible for design and execution of the macro specialization curriculum and teaching graduate-level courses in social innovation, macro social work and leadership. Writing, public speaking, research and national media commentary on social justice, poverty, inequality, moral leadership, philanthropy and nonprofit organizations, and Catholicism in public life. Co-direct two academic research initiatives that combine research, teaching and practice on social innovation, philanthropic innovation, and questions of equity across race, place and poverty. Member of the Steering Committee for the Church in the 21st Century. Colleague in three university-wide seminars on inequality, teaching and climate change. Advise a number of student groups inside and outside Social Work. Promoted from Associate Professor to Professor in July 2016.

2010 - 2013

BOSTON RISING

BOSTON, MA

CEO. First CEO for start-up anti-poverty fund focused on breaking the generational cycle of poverty in Boston's neighborhoods. Responsible for all aspects of building the business model, team, strategy, operations, governance and funding base for this groundbreaking initiative that focused on restoring the "tools for rising" in its impact zones, beginning with Boston's Grove Hall neighborhood. Managed a diverse team of 14 and a budget of \$5.5 million. Key early accomplishments included:

- Building a nationally watched philanthropic model based on leveraging the internal assets of marginalized neighborhoods.
- Raising nearly \$1 million in the first year alone.
- Growing the total number of donors by a factor of ten in the first year.
- Stewarding growth in 12 months from two to eleven team members across race and language lines, combining non-profit and for-profit backgrounds, while maintaining focus and a consistent culture.
- Branding Boston Rising, finding iconic space for the offices and launching the national concept of the Rising Class.
- Earning two awards in the first 18 months from the *Boston Business Journal* and Junior Achievement for the innovations in our business model.

2007 - 2010

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

BOSTON, MA

President and Treasurer. First female chief executive, replacing a tradition of clergy. Completed a turn-around of this \$40 million nonprofit social service agency serving Eastern Massachusetts. Nearly 700 employees and approximately 150,000 people served per year. Responsible for strategic management and oversight of all day-to-day operations. Chief fundraiser and public figure for the agency, and head of the executive leadership team. Treasurer of the Board. Key accomplishments included:

- Balancing the annual budget and reversing 85% of accrual deficits in two years.
- Increasing positive press coverage and presence for the agency five-fold in two years.
- Developing and implementing a Balanced Scorecard and introducing strategic management.
- Presiding over two years of record-breaking annual Spring Celebration galas, each of which raised more than \$1.5 million.
- Transitioning Central Administration from a cost center to a small profit center for the agency.
- Rebuilding the marketing department and restructuring all of marketing, communications and fund development for greater integration, cooperation and impact.

- Positioning Catholic Charities as a leading voice in policies and public issues affecting the poor in Massachusetts.
- Retaining the entire senior leadership team of the agency while making these transitions.

2003 - 2007

HAUSER CENTER FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

CAMBRIDGE, MA

Executive Director. Strategic and day-to-day management of a university-wide research center on nonprofit organizations and civil society. Responsibilities included strategic direction; marketing and fundraising; personnel management; relationship management with major donors, foundations and advisory board members; serving as a public face of the center; coaching students and researchers; and independent writing. Operating budget of approximately \$2.5 million. Key accomplishments included:

- Raising \$2 million for a multi-year project on Nonprofit Governance and Accountability.
- Brokering team for a joint teaching and research relationship with Sun Culture Foundation (Hong Kong) and Beijing University for supporting civil society capacity building in China.
- Leading the development and implementation of a multi-year distance learning project that reached civil society leaders in multiple countries.
- Forming and facilitating a group of 15-20 “principals”—faculty and researchers who kept an uncommonly strong alliance with the center.
- Co-facilitating an on-going faculty series on Religion, Politics and Public Life at Harvard with Professor of Practice J. Bryan Hehir.

1997 – 2003; present

TIZIANA C. DEARING, CONSULTANT

BOSTON, MA

Consultant to mission-driven organizations, specializing in strategy, organizational development, executive coaching, conflict and group problem solving, process design and program start-up. Special, but not exclusive, emphasis on Catholic organizations. Engagements employed a range of methodologies from bottom-up, whole scale approaches to top-down strategic measurement, as well as one-on-one CEO coaching. Emphasis on lasting solutions. Highlights included:

- Strategy—guiding an executive team of a \$350 million international relief agency through strategy design and implementation.
- Facilitating—facilitating internationally known academics and practitioners through defining a new international peacebuilding effort.
- Start-up—serving as executive officer for and helping launch a global peacebuilding network.
- Coaching—guiding several senior executives from the public and private sectors through organizational turnarounds, job transitions and management challenges.
- Events—designing and facilitating a 250-person summit with participants from 55 countries to decide the future of an international organization; event budget of approximately \$2 million.
- Training—training nonprofit and for-profit executives on strategy principles, facilitation, meeting design, problem solving.

Sample clients: Community Families, Ben Franklin Institute of Technology, Catholic Relief Services; Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame; Young Audiences of Massachusetts; Harvard COOP; Fidelity Investments; Balanced Scorecard Collaborative.

1994 - 1997

RENAISSANCE SOLUTIONS, INC.

LINCOLN, MA

Consultant. Knowledge management, process development and strategic measurement consulting to Fortune 500 companies. Managed client teams in designing one of the earliest intranet systems in a Fortune 10 company. Helped major telecommunications company prepare to enter a multi-billion dollar market. Worked with clients in industries ranging from telecommunications, to oil and gas, to eye care on both top-down and bottom-up change initiatives in areas from sales and marketing, to customer service to product development and creation. Brought inside to help Renaissance facilitate its transition from a small, private boutique firm to a publicly traded company by creating an internal development program—scope of 350+ employees, a \$1 million budget, and offices on three continents. Wrote the

knowledge management methodology that became a multi-million-dollar offering. First associate promoted to consultant in under two years.

1992 - 1994

WOMEN'S SELF-EMPLOYMENT PROJECT (WSEP) CHICAGO, IL

Development Associate. Fundraising, marketing and public relations for a micro-lending organization that helped pioneer the field in the United States. Co-raised \$1 million annually, and served on the loan committee for a \$500,000 loan pool for client businesses. Based on Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus' Grameen Bank circle lending model, WSEP was studied and considered a replicable model by the Clinton Administration. The organization moved 300-500 low-income women toward economic self-sufficiency each year.

EDUCATION

**JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT, CAMBRIDGE, MA
HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

Master in Public Policy. June 2000

Kennedy School Fellow, a merit-based scholarship. Winner, 1998-1999 Public Service Award.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

ANN ARBOR, MI

BA in English with High Distinction. June 1992

Hopwood Writing Award in 1992. University of Michigan Marching Band. Inducted into senior women's honorary society. Secretary, Tau Beta Sigma Service Sorority. Resident advisor. Actress in the Saturn Award winning University of Michigan Children's Theater.

**AWARDS &
RECOGNITION**

Teaching in Technology Award: Boston College, 2015.

Service to the School Award: Boston College School of Social Work, 2015.

Carl F. Barron Catalyst for Change Award: April 2015, from CASPAR, Inc., awarded to Prof. Dearing and her husband, Dr. Stephen J. Seiner.

Boston, Inspirational Women: Featured in 2011 book by Bill Brett, Kerry Brett and Carol Beggy.

Compassion and Justice Award: Catholic Charities Boston, 2010.

Emerging Executive Award: Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, January 2010, awarded to the most promising emerging female executive in Boston.

Humane and Humanitarian Award for Commendable Acts of Kindness: Foundation Pour Le Developpement Des Universites Et De La Recherche en Haiti, Port Au Prince, Haiti, 2009.

New England Women's Leadership Award: "Community Spirit Award," given by the Dorchester Boys and Girls Clubs, 2009.

***Boston Business Journal* "40 Under 40":** 2008.

PERSONAL

Service

- Current Trustee: SparkShare; Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation.
- Current Advisory Board Member: 90.9 WBUR (Vice Chair); Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston (Vice Chair); Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy; UTEC; InnerCity Weightlifting; HKS Magazine.
- Selection Committee Member: Independent Sector NGen Award (2014-2016); Nominator and Judge, Social Innovation Fund (2014-present). Qadir Prize, World Peace Foundation (2006-2010)
- Former member: Governor Deval Patrick's Commission on a Cashless Payment System. (2012)
- Former member: Directors of the Harvard Alumni Association; Board of Governors for the Boston College Club. Former Trustee: World Peace Foundation; Harvard Cooperative Society. Selection Committee: Qadir Prize – The Annual Global Contest to Strengthen Bangladesh, 2007 and 2008; Community Resources for Justice (2010-2016, Clerk, Long-Range Planning Chair).
- Editorial Board: *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, 2006 – 2007.

- Juror: World Bank Development Marketplace, 2006; Harvard Business School Business Plan Competition, 2006, 2007, 2010; Boston College venture competition, 2016.
- Former Vice President: Town of Bedford Housing Partnership, Bedford, Massachusetts.

Personal

- Mother, wife, tennis player and happy dog owner. Some Italian language capability.

SELECT ARTICLES & COMMENTARY

Select Articles, Publications and Commentary

- Contributor, *Cognoscenti*, WBUR, www.cognoscenti.wbur.org, 2013 – present. Sample: “#MeToo Banished Some Workplace Relics. Let’s Keep Going.” <http://www.wbur.org/cognoscenti/2018/01/17/metoo-tiziana-dearing> (January 2018)
- Dearing, Tiziana C., McRoy, Ruth G., Mulrean, Tess (2018). Research in Social, Economic and Environmental Equity (RISE³). *Generations*, 42(2), 83-86.
- Takeuchi, David, Dearing, Tiziana C., Bartholomew, Melissa W., McRoy, Ruth G. (2018). Equality and Equity: Expanding Opportunities to Remedy Disadvantage. *Generations*, 42(2), 13-19.
- Dearing, Tiziana C., Durkin, Michael, Berzin, Stephanie C. & Boyd, Bridget (2017). What IF We Could End Family Homelessness? The IF Challenge. *Social Innovations Journal: Boston Edition*. <http://www.socialinnovationsjournal.org/editions/issue-41/75-disruptive-innovations/2691-what-if-we-could-end-family-homelessness-the-if-challenge>
- Cronin, Mary J., & Dearing, Tiziana C., Eds. (2017). *Managing for Social Impact: Innovations in Responsible Enterprise*. Switzerland: Springer International.
- Dearing, Tiziana C. (2017). Social Services, Social Justice, and Social Innovations: Lessons for Addressing Income Inequality. *Religions*, 8(5), 89.
- Dearing, Tiziana C., Hawkins, Summer S. & Takeuchi, David T. (2017). Are we there yet? Race, Poverty and Equity in Neighborhood Transportation. *Boston College School of Social Work*. <http://hdl.handle.net/2345/bc-ir:107336>
- Hawkins, Summer S., Dearing, Tiziana C. & Takeuchi, David T. (2017). Race and Income Inequality in Childcare: Examining Time, Costs and Parental Work Hours. *Boston College School of Social Work*. <https://www.bc.edu/content/dam/.../RISE3%20Childcare%20Report%20BCSSW.pdf>
- Dearing, Tiziana C. (2017). Managing for return on social innovation: Pillars for sustainable social impact. In Cronin, M.J., & Dearing, T.C., Eds. *Managing for Social Impact: Innovations in Responsible Enterprise*. Switzerland: Springer International.
- Regular blogger, *The Huffington Post*, www.huffingtonpost.com/tiziana-dearing, 2012 - 2017. Sample: “We Need A Clear, Common Ethic on Social Justice.” http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tiziana-dearing/we-need-a-clear-common-et_b_8697324.html (December 2015)
- Dearing, Tiziana C., “A Different Way to Do Your Holiday Giving.” *CNN.com*. <http://www.cnn.com/2016/12/24/opinions/solidarity-not-charity-this-season-dearing/index.html> (December 2016)
- Dearing, Tiziana C., “Five Critical Questions for Our Next President.” *CNN.com*. <http://www.cnn.com/2016/09/26/opinions/five-questions-for-trump-and-clinton-dearing/> (September 2016)
- Dearing, Tiziana C., “We Made the Middle Class Once and We’ll Have to Do It Again.” *The Hill: Congress Blog* (June 2016)
- Dearing, Tiziana C., “The Confusion That’s Driving Support for Trump.” *CNN.com*. <http://www.cnn.com/2016/03/14/opinions/confusion-drives-support-for-trump-opinion-dearing/> (March 2016)
- Dearing, Tiziana C., “Election Season: Putting Poverty Center Stage.” *Spotlight on Poverty and Inequality*.

http://www.spotlightonpoverty.org/users/spotlight_on_poverty/documents/Spotlight_Dearing_20150825.pdf (August 2015)

- Dearing, Tiziana C., “Five Issues to Keep Poverty on the Agenda in 2016.” *The Hill: Congress Blog*. <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/economy-budget/244425-five-issues-to-keep-poverty-on-the-agenda-in-2016> (June 2015)
- Regular contributor, *The Boston Pilot*, 2008-2010.
- Dearing, Tiziana C., “A Whole City of Innovators.” *The Boston Globe*. <http://www.bostonglobe.com/ideas/2013/11/10/whole-city-innovators/mbabzARjFiLt48IceKRQnI/story.html> (November 2013)
- Dearing, Tiziana C., “Breaking the Cycle of Poverty.” *Philanthropy News Digest*. http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/commentary/co_item.jhtml;sessionid=BSKZCURLJ5FPXL_AQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=331800002 (March 2011)
- Dearing, Tiziana C., *Philanthropy News Digest*, 2006 – 2008. Sample: “What’s Next? Women’s Ongoing Ascent to Leadership Positions.” http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/commentary/co_item.jhtml;sessionid=BSKZCURLJ5FPXL_AQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=179500032 (June 2007)
- Dearing, Tiziana C., and Merz, Barbara Jean, “Comparative Advantage in Disaster Response.” Hauser Center Working Paper Series, #38. (March 2005)
- Dearing, Tiziana C., “For Aid Workers, a Deadly Blurring of Lines.” *The Boston Globe*. (November 2004)
- Dearing, Tiziana C., “War Scandal Not Just Background Noise.” *Battle Creek Enquirer*. Battle Creek, MI: Gannett. (Jul. 27, 2003). Subsequent columns on the war in 2004 and 2006.
- Hackett, Ken, Dave Piraino and Tiziana C. Dearing, “Movement of the Spirit: Catholic Social Teaching in the International Workplace.” A conference paper for *Work as the Key to the Social Question: The Great Social and Economic Transformations and the Subjective Dimension of Work*, hosted by the John A. Ryan Institute for Catholic Social Thought, University of St. Thomas. (September 2001)
- Dearing, Tiziana C., *The Changing Nature of Conflict*. A paper for the 2000 World Summit for Catholic Relief Services. Baltimore: Catholic Relief Services. (September 2000).
- Dearing, Tiziana C., *Just Relief in Intra-State Conflict and Humanitarian Intervention: Ethical Challenges and Responses for Catholic Relief Services*. A policy analysis exercise prepared for Catholic Relief Services. Baltimore: Catholic Relief Services. (May 2000)

Select Media Appearances

- Regular commentator, WBUR, *Radio Boston*, “Week in Review,” news analyst, May 2016-present. Sample: “Week in Review: Trump’s State of the Union and a Congressional Race Takes Shape.” <http://www.wbur.org/radioboston/archive/3> (February 2, 2018)
- WBUR, commentary and analysis during full live coverage of the Free Speech Rally and countermarch in the City of Boston. (August 19, 2017)
- *Background Briefing with Ian Masters*, “The Pope Tries to Influence Trump,” analyst. https://fdmedia.org/background_briefing/may-24-2017/ (May 24, 2017)
- CGTN America, “Tiziana Dearing on Income Inequality,” expert interview. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcAa0cz9NpU>. (August 29, 2016)
- MSNBC, *MSNBC Live*, “The Disappearing Middle Class in America,” expert interview. <http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc-news/watch/the-disappearing-middle-class-in-america-690197059759>. (May 21, 2016)
- WGBH, *Morning Edition*, “Honey, Our Income Is Shrinking,” expert interview. <http://wgbhnews.org/post/honey-our-income-shrinking-pew-study-shows-middle-class-disappearing>. (December 18, 2015)

- New England Cable News *The Broad Side*, “Downside to Zuckerberg’s Big Donation?” guest commentator. <http://www.necn.com/video/#!/video/on-air/as-seen-on/Downside-to-Zuckerburgs-Big-Donation-/360509171>. (December 4, 2015)
- WBUR, *Radio Boston*, “Catholic Coming Home: Pope Francis and The Changing Role of The Pope,” expert interview. <http://radioboston.wbur.org/2015/09/23/catholics-coming-home>. (September 23, 2015)
- MSNBC, *The Rundown with Jose Diaz-Balart*, guest commentator. <http://www.msnbc.com/jos-d-az-balart/watch/pope-francis-expected-to-address-immigration-530095171616>. (September 22, 2015)
- NPR, *On Point with Tom Ashbrook*, “Pope Francis in America,” expert interview. <http://onpoint.wbur.org/2015/09/17/pope-francis-american-visit-peter-turkson>. (September 17, 2015)
- WBZ Radio, *Nightside with Dan Rea*, guest commentator. (April 10, 2015)
- WBUR, *Radio Boston*, “Walsh and Mayors Tackle Inequality,” expert interview. <http://radioboston.wbur.org/2015/03/23/walsh-and-mayors-tackle-inequality> (March 23, 2015).
- WGBHTV, *Greater Boston*, “Participatory Budgeting,” guest commentator. (March 19, 2015)
- New England Cable News *The Broad Side*, guest commentator. (December 4, 2014)
- WBUR, live coverage of the funeral of Mayor Thomas Menino, co-host. (November 3, 2014)
- Fox 25 TV, funeral coverage for Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, guest commentator. (November 3, 2014).
- WBUR, *Radio Boston*, “New Federal Reserve Study Reveals High Poverty Levels in New England’s Suburbs,” expert interview. (August 14, 2014).
- WBUR, *Morning Edition*, “Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Children and Families,” guest commentator. (July 14, 2014)
- BBC, *World Have Your Say*, guest commentator. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nB_UdBQbcl8&feature=youtu.be&t=33m (October 19, 2013)
- BBC *NewsHour*, guest commentator. (April 24, 2012, September 7, 2012, November 7, 2012)
- BBC, *The Takeaway*. www.thetakeaway.org/people/tiziana-dearing/ (February 2012)
- NPR, *On Point with Tom Ashbrook*, “Food Stamps and American Hunger,” expert interview, <http://onpoint.wbur.org/2009/12/03/food-stamps-and-hunger-in-america> (December 3, 2009)
- Weekly segment entitled “Good Works” on New England Cable News. Segment appeared for one year from 2008 to 2009 on Tuesday mornings in the 9 o’clock hour.
- WBUR, *On Point with Tom Ashbrook*, “Radio Diaries.” “Politics and Family Relationships,” (September 2003); “My Daughter Is Watching: Anger in the Democratic Party,” (January 2004); “Sticking Around for the DNC,” (July 2004); “A Mother’s Take on ‘Culture of Life’” (April 2005)

**SELECT
SPEECHES &
PRESENTATIONS**

Select International/National

- Speaker, “Perspectives from Faith, Practice and Research,” Department of Economics, Davidson College, Davidson, NC. (April 2018)
- Speaker, “Race, Poverty and Trust: Lessons for Philanthropy,” Council on Foundations, New York, NY. (April 2018)
- Keynote Speaker, “Building Trust to Do Collective Impact with Marginalized Communities,” InForum Series, United Way of Greater Atlanta, Atlanta, GA. (March 2018)
- Speaker, “Race, Place and Poverty – Collaborative Lessons from Tackling Poverty in Boston,” Collective Impact Convening 2017, Collective Impact Forum, Boston, MA. (May 24, 2017)
- Moderator, “Stakeholders,” Towards a Culture of University Ethics, The Jesuit Institute at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. (April 7, 2017)

- Speaker, “Making Healthy Changes Stick: Why and How to Change School Culture,” School Mental Health: Treating Students K-12, Harvard Medical School and Cambridge Health Alliance, Boston, MA. (February 3, 2017)
- Conference panelist, “When It All Falls Down,” CFO Talent Show 2016, The CFO Leadership Council, Boston, MA. (May 18, 2016)
- Conference panelist, “Risk, Failure and Philanthropy,” The Future of Community, Council on Foundations 2016 Annual Conference, Washington, DC. (April 10, 2016)
- Conference panelist, “Community, Education and Inequality,” Growing Apart: The Implications of Economic Inequality, The Jesuit Institute at Boston College, Boston, MA. (April 8, 2016)
- Speaker, “Lightning Talk on Innovation,” Promoting Innovation in Civic Engagement: Celebrating Community-Led Participatory Budgeting, hosted by Ash Center for Governance and the White House Office for Science and Technology Partnerships, Washington, DC. (February 23, 2016)
- Conference panelist, “Children’s Budget Summit 2015,” First Focus Children’s Budget Summit 2015, Washington, DC. (June 24, 2015)
- Conference panelist, "Future of Management," Management in the Age of Innovation, Network for Social Work Management, Boston, MA. (June 6, 2014)
- Moderator, “Technology’s Promise: Can It Create Social Mobility in Greater Boston?” Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston at Harvard University, Boston, MA. (May 28, 2014)
- Panelist, "Beyond the Social Safety Net: Can We Have Growth and Equity?" Harvard University. (April 29, 2014)
- Invited participant, ASPEN ThinkExchange, Aspen, CO. (October 2012)
- Conference panelist, “Social Capital and Wealth Accumulation,” Asset Learning Conference 2012, hosted by Center for Financial and Economic Development, Washington DC. (September 2012)
- Presenter, Renaissance Weekend, Monterrey, CA. (July 2012)
- Roundtable panelist, “Social Media: Implications for American Foreign Policy,” The Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY. (March 2012)
- Moderator, APPAM (Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management), 2010 annual conference, Boston, MA. (November 2010)
- Plenary panelist, “Think and Act Anew,” Catholic Charities USA Centennial Celebration, Washington, DC, (September 2010)
- Presenter, Catholic Charities USA Congressional Briefing on Job Creation and Workforce Policies, Washington, DC. (April 2010)
- Closing Plenary Speaker, 2007 annual conference of ARNOVA (Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action), Atlanta, GA. (November 2007)
- Keynote Address, Charity Rating Conference, Sweden’s first national conference on nonprofits and philanthropy, Stockholm, Sweden. (December 2006)

Select Regional/Local

- Keynote Speaker, Women’s Leadership Breakfast, The Base, Boston, MA. (March 2018)
- “Rethinking Giving and Bang for Your Buck,” Annual Meeting, Womenade Boston. Boston, MA. (January 22, 2018)
- Moderator, “The Current State of Greater Boston’s Social Service Ecosystem,” Greater Boston’s Social Innovations, Enterprises and Public/Private Partnerships, Boston, MA. (December 5, 2017)
- Panelist, “Finance,” Igniting Innovation Summit, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. (October 21, 2017)
- Moderator, “Community-Led Social Justice,” Leading for Social Impact, The Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. (February 28, 2017)

- Host and Moderator, The Opportunity Project: Access to Childcare and Transportation, RISE³ at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. (March 30, 2017)
- Closing plenary speaker, “Leading by Example: Best Practices in Charitable Giving, hosted by The Boston Foundation, Ropes and Gray, Boston College, Boston, MA. (October 20, 2016)
- Panelist, “Making Change Stick for Trauma Informed Schools,” hosted by US Attorney’s Office – Civil Rights Division, Harvard University. (March 2, 2016)
- “A Personal Message from Pope Francis,” Father James O’Donoghue Memorial Lecture, Sacred Heart Parish, Lexington, MA. (May 11, 2015)
- “Power in Philanthropy: Lessons of Failure and Success,” Council on Foundations New England Region, Canton, MA. (March 30, 2015)
- Guest speaker, LEAD Day, National Association of Social Workers – Massachusetts Chapter, Boston State House. (March 30, 2015)
- Speaker, "Words of Hope," A Night of Remembrance and Rejoicing, Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human Rights at Boston Medical Center, Boston Medical Center. (June 19, 2014)
- Panelist, “Class and Poverty,” LEAD Boston, Boston, MA. (2014, 2015, 2016)
- Panelist, 21st Annual Dynamic Women in Business Conference, Harvard Business School. (February 2012)
- Panelist, Nonprofit Million Dollar Women Symposium, Salem State College. (November 2011)
- Panelist, “Changing the World: How Innovators Are Using the Web for Social Action,” presented by MIT and *Mass High Tech*, MIT. (November 2011)
- Panelist, “What Do We Mean By Evidence?” Malcolm Weiner Center for Social Policy Research Series on Evidence, Harvard University. (October 2011).
- Panelist, Progressive Business Leaders Network Annual CEO Summit. (2011 and 2010)
- Closing speaker, Boston College Graduate School of Social Work breakfast on the “Context and Causes of Poverty,” Boston College. (September 2010).
- Commencement speaker, Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. (May 2009)
- Keynote Speaker, 2009 annual breakfast for the Massachusetts Society of St. Vincent DePaul, Boston, MA. (2009)
- Panelist, “Celebrating Public Service – Careers of Inspiration, Challenge and Fulfillment,” a Harvard Kennedy School John F. Kennedy Forum event moderated by David Gergen. Co-panelists included Ambassador R. Nicholas Burns, Washington DC School Superintendent Michelle Rhee and Washington DC Mayor Anthony Williams, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. (September 2008)
- Guest preacher, Memorial Church morning prayers, a 300 year-old tradition at Harvard University. (2004)