

CNCS Segal Fellows

Eli J. Segal CITIZEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) Segal Fellows featured here represent the extraordinary commitment, skills, and results-oriented citizen leadership that is characteristic of those in the program.

JULIE PROULX (2007 Fellow)

Development Associate at the HYM Investment Group, LLC

AmeriCorps Service

AmeriCorps NCCC: Corps Member Class XIII, Atlantic Region Campus (2006-2007)

Eli J. Segal Fellowship Projects

- ◆ Directed a nationwide team of 30 CNCS employees to improve social media in the agency, which resulted in staff-wide trainings, new national partnerships, and inclusion in grant requirements.
- ◆ Worked with a team to design and evaluate a grant request for proposals for \$3.2m aimed at engaging college students in community-based work.
- ◆ Produced five case studies of high-impact corporate pro bono programs in support of the Billion+Change campaign to promote the business advantage of skilled volunteering and multi-sector partnerships.
- ◆ Led national conference sessions, with over 150 attendees, aimed at empowering Millennials to be social change agents.

“One of the most extraordinary privileges of being an Eli Segal Fellow was my access to and involvement in high-priority strategy and policy discussions. I worked alongside the CEO and senior staff to engage the CNCS Board of Directors and other leaders from all sectors on the most pressing social and civic issues facing the country.”

- Julie Proulx

“My work at CNCS, Eli Segal’s citizen leadership values, and my passion for public policy and economic development propelled me to pursue a Master’s in Public Policy and Urban Planning. After graduating, I became Deputy Chief of Staff at the National Constitution Center. Today I work for the HYM Investment Group, LLC., where I work alongside colleagues who are focused on strengthening Boston by transforming the complicated remnants of blighted urban renewal projects into vibrant places that help grow thriving neighborhoods. I rely on my experiences as a CNCS Segal Fellow and foster my professional development through the Eli J. Segal Citizen Leadership Program.”



- Julie Proulx

**WILL CHRYSANTHOS
(2011 Fellow)**

National Service Consultant; member, Massachusetts Service Alliance Board of Directors; member, Breakthrough Collaborative of Greater Boston's Associate Board



AmeriCorps Service

State AmeriCorps, Breakthrough Collaborative of Greater Boston (1999-2000); AmeriCorps Teach For America, St. Louis (2003-2005); AmeriCorps VISTA, Hands On Gulf Coast (2007-2008)

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- ◆ Organized press coverage and reporting during the Joplin tornado and the Alabama tornado super outbreak that amplified the impact of CNCS, resulting in 3 state legislatures passing resolutions in support of AmeriCorps.
- ◆ Produced customized materials for each state about what would be lost without AmeriCorps – to educate their legislative delegations in response to a proposed defunding of CNCS.
- ◆ Organized an AmeriCorps brand prominence research project focused on member experience, which contributed to developing new 2012 AmeriCorps national grant requirements.
- ◆ Led CNCS' Hurricane Sandy response in New York, utilizing over \$2.5 million in emergency funds to deploy 614 AmeriCorps members and staff, resulting in gutting or mold suppression for 1,171 storm-affected homes and assistance to over 28,500 survivors.

IRIS DOOLING (2009 Fellow)

Organizational Development Consultant-Thrivent Builds at Habitat for Humanity International

AmeriCorps Service

Indiana Reading Corps (2005-2006); Teach for America, South Louisiana (2006-2007)

Eli J. Segal Fellowship Projects

- ◆ Served as Volunteer Manager for 500+ volunteers at the 2010 National Conference on Volunteering and Service.
- ◆ Designed and managed AmeriCorps experience project which used principles of design thinking to collect and analyze focus group data, recommend improvements to enhance the quality and cohesion of AmeriCorps member experience, and test proposed solutions in the field.
- ◆ Determined content and coordinated logistics between federal and state government and national and local nonprofits for CNCS' Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Convening.



"In nearly every aspect of my work, I use skills and knowledge gained from my Eli Segal Fellowship at CNCS. I try to show my gratitude for this experience by doing all that I can to give others the opportunity to grow and develop as citizen leaders."

- PK Drago (2012 Fellow)



As a CNCS Segal Fellow, I learned that being an effective leader isn't about a title or a location...It's about leveraging opportunities to give as many people as possible a chance to take initiatives and run with them; removing obstacles to group success; and keeping an eye on the mission, not just the next step. Now, as Assistant General Counsel and Grants Director at a national environmental advocacy nonprofit, I use those lessons to help my team plug into their passions, streamline internal processes, keep external reporting humming, and strategically guide our work toward a cleaner, healthier planet for all.

- John Enterline (2006 Fellow)

The inspiration of working on high-level and cross-departmental projects has characterized my time as a Segal Fellow at CNCS. I have built relationships with leaders across the agency, stood on the south lawn of the White House on AmeriCorps' 20th anniversary, found friendship with previous CNCS fellows, and helped launch Employers of National Service. Not a day goes by where I don't feel incredibly blessed for this experience, this network, and this family. The CNCS Segal Fellowship enabled me to pursue my vision of social change on a level that I could not have imagined a few months ago.

- Marianne Sierocinski (2014 Fellow)

