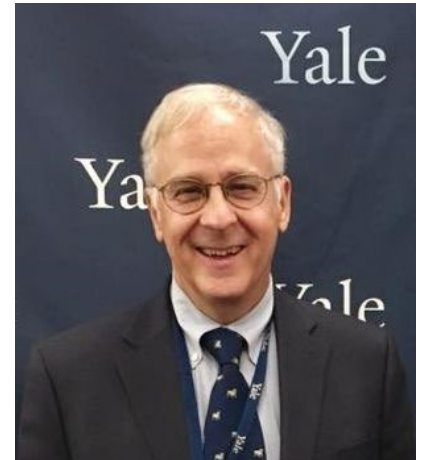


## Yale Club of Washington, DC Board of Directors 2024 - 2025

### **Robert Cole '75**

#### **Treasurer**

Robert Cole (Class of '75) is a Program Manager in Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the Department of Homeland Security where he manages performance results and strategic reviews. After receiving his BS in engineering and applied science at Yale and an MBA from Stanford, he worked to bring timesharing computing capacity to clients of Dun & Bradstreet software services, to establish cellular phones on Amtrak in 1990, and to administer grants for training and scholarships to new, college-educated, police officers through the Department of Justice. Since 2004, with CBP, he has helped improve maritime cargo security, advance border initiatives with Canada and Mexico, and provide strategic planning and performance management reports to DHS and OMB.



### **Caroline Drees '93**

Caroline Drees is the Senior Director for Field Safety and Security at National Public Radio, based in Washington. Before joining NPR in 2019, Caroline worked for the global news organization Reuters for 25 years as a journalist, manager and executive across the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia and in the United States. Other roles have included running a UNDP/Reuters Foundation project to set up Iraq's first independent news agency. A native speaker of English and German, Caroline also speaks Arabic and French. She received her BA from Yale (Trumbull College) in 1993, and a master's from the London School of Economics. Caroline is on the Yale Club of DC's DEI Committee, and is passionate about organizing events with diverse speakers. In her free time, Caroline enjoys spoiling her two dogs Arthur and Fergus, and trying to coax herbs and tomatoes from her backyard vegetable patch.



**Nancy Edwards, B.A. '88**  
**Vice President, Programming**

Since graduation, I have committed myself to service to the Yale community. I worked with current DC board member Chip Seward to strengthen Yale Club in Paris, I have interviewed for Yale Clubs wherever I have lived – in Paris, NYC, NYC, Cleveland, Portland, ME, the East Bay and, of course, DC and represented Yale at college fairs. The past two years I have also been on a panel to answer questions for newly-admitted students. Currently, I'm a YAA delegate, one of the moderators for Yale Food & Drink Facebook group, and co-chair of the reunion committee that just won an Excellence Award. Additionally, I have a Yale '22 grad and a current undergraduate '26. I'm so proud that Yale Club DC also won an Excellence Award and I'm eager to help sustain that tradition of service to the Yale community. I'm most passionate about college access. Pre-Covid, Yale Club DC partnered with a local charter school to provide guidance and counsel to parents and students about the college process in general and Yale specifically. I would like to revive and expand this offering. With threats to cut DEI initiatives across the country, the Supreme Court decision regarding race, and the high cost of college overall, we are at a critical juncture. I believe we can make a difference and give students the skills and data necessary to make more informed decisions about higher ed and ultimately create a stronger and more unified Yale student body that will bring Eli excellence to the global community. I'm also eager to work to help strengthen the mentor program. I see a real benefit in reverse mentoring, where younger alums help older alums master new technologies and ideologies while sharing their networking and leadership skills. To truly compete we need to harness all resources in the workplace, so we are working together to accomplish our goals. I see Yale Club DC as the model for all Yale Clubs and would be honored to join the Board to continue growing the legacy.



**Antonio Ingram '11**  
**Vice President, Community Service**

Antonio serves as Assistant Counsel at the NAACP Legal and Educational Defense Fund where he uses both law and policy to promote educational equity and voting rights for minoritized communities. Previously he served as a federal judicial law clerk for the honorable Ivan L. Lemelle in the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans, Louisiana and



for Chief Judge Roger L. Gregory for the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia. Antonio completed a *Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship* in Malawi where he worked for the Malawian government and served in their Anti-Corruption Bureau. He is a graduate of Yale College, where he majored in Religious Studies and UC Berkeley School of Law, where he focused on international human rights and social justice. Antonio is excited to join the Yale Club of D.C. Board of Directors and help foster more belonging for Yalies who live in the DMV area.

**Elisabeth Layton '90 '96 JD**

Elisabeth Layton is a graduate of both Yale College, JE'90, and Yale Law School, YLS '96. Originally from New York City, she has spent most of her adult life either in New Haven or in the Washington, DC area. Elisabeth graduated from Yale College with a Distinction in History. While there, she was involved with several public interest organizations, including both those involved in the New Haven community and those with an international focus. These included



Dramat Children's Theater, the Youth Together tutoring/mentoring program, and the campus chapter of Amnesty International, of which she was one of the leaders over the course of three years. After college, Elisabeth moved to Washington, DC but remained firmly connected to New Haven by working on the legislative staff of Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, who was then at the beginning of her 30-year career representing Connecticut's 3rd District — which includes New Haven — in Congress. During law school, Elisabeth again pursued work on behalf of the New Haven community through the law school's clinical program as well as interest in international human rights through participation in the international human rights law clinic as well as in a USAID-funded exchange program with law students and professors in Chile and Argentina.

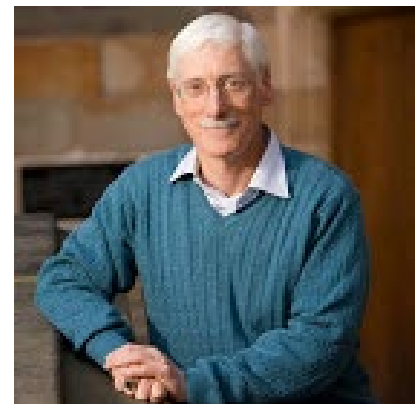
Elisabeth's career as an attorney began with a clerkship for a federal district court judge in Washington, followed by several years at a law firm working in both complex litigation and

international trade law practices. She then joined the Department of Justice as a trial attorney in the Civil Division, where she represented federal government agencies in a variety of litigation, involving primarily administrative and constitutional law. After 17 years at DOJ, over the past 5 years Elisabeth has worked first at the Treasury Department on providing legal advice concerning international affairs and more recently has joined the Consumer Products Safety Commission, where she is an attorney with the regulatory affairs division of the Office of General Counsel.

Elisabeth has enjoyed being an involved alum, including mentoring college students interested in pursuing law school through 1stGenYale and mentoring law students in Washington for the summer through Yale Law Women. She found it rewarding to participate in the most recent Yale Day of Service and hopes to continue and expand her involvement in both mentoring and community service through serving on the Yale Club of DC's board of directors.

### **Roy Niedermayer '69**

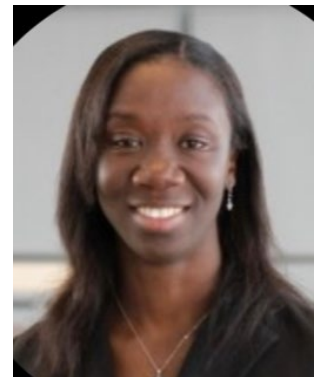
For over 24 years, I have been deeply active in and committed to the Yale Club of Washington, D.C. as an organization that not only serves the goals and interests of Yale University and her diverse alumni in the Washington Metropolitan Area but makes a difference in the DMV through our Club's participation and service to the larger community. In this endeavor, I have devoted substantial time to the Club and its educational and service activities. Those pursuits include serving as past President and Treasurer of the Club and being an active Board member for many years; acting as a prior Director for the Mid-Atlantic Region for the YAA's and the Club's Day of Service and serving as the Club's delegate to the Annual Yale Alumni Association Assembly; and chairing a program of Community Service Awards to inner city high school students. I have also been the Alumni Schools Coordinator for Montgomery County for over 18 years, supervising the interviews of over 6,000 Yale applicants. From 2013-2016, I was a Member of the YAA Board of Governors as well as the chair of the Yale Medal Committee, a Washington D.C. liaison/board member for the Yale Alumni College and on the Board of Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange. As a present Board member, I have provided pro bono advice and legal services to the Club, including participation in maintenance of its charitable status and the redrafting of its corporate Bylaws. Part of my role at the Club has been participating in the active development and promotion of Club programming. Thus includes the production of the Club's YAA award winning, annual 4-day educational Civil War travel



tours taught by Yale scholars to Gettysburg and the 1864-65 Virginia campaigns of Grant and Lee. During my Club and Board participation, I have organized Club events, ranging from college admission presentations for college-bound students and parents, wine tastings, “how to network” programs for young alums, and opera lectures with young Yale composers. I am interested in events and presentations for senior alums grandparents and families. I am particularly interested in promoting programs for lesser programmatically served Yale families with young and older children, with a focus on senior/grandparent-younger children/family interaction. In this regard, I have produced a virtual art lesson for 6-12 year old Alumni children with a recognized local artist. Programs involving senior alums are also of interest to me. Working with current and new Board members and officers, I hope to continue as a Board member to use my wide-ranging experience gained through prior involvement at the Club and University levels, my proven commitment to maintain the best of the Club and my resources as a native Washingtonian to chart a vision for the Club that fulfills all of our mutual interests and the spirit of service leadership imbued in us at Yale.

**Yvonne Painstil '14 S.O.M.**

Yvonne is delighted and honored to serve the Yale Club of Washington D.C. She has enjoyed participating in activities of the club such as networking and social events, presentations by different speakers, Yale Day of Service, and more. These have been interesting and rewarding, and have enabled her to broaden her horizon, increase her network, touch lives and importantly, stay connected to the Yale Community. She deems this privilege to serve on the board as an opportunity to help define the strategic direction of the club and advance existing programs.



She is an alumna of the Yale School of Management. Currently she works as a contractor for the United States Government in the field of Business Intelligence and Data Analytics where she leverages her expertise to provide institutions with actionable insights that drive business growth. She has a knack for problem-solving and has advised C-suite clients to implement initiatives that transform their businesses and spur long-term profitability. Yvonne has experience working on other continents.

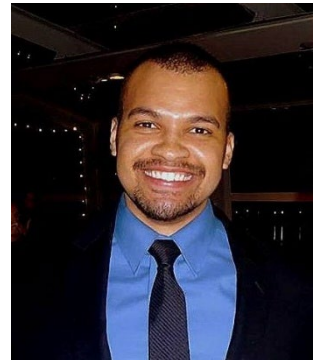
Some of her best moments are the times she spends, especially with family, and friends. She loves to travel to different destinations to learn more about diverse cultures and sightsee. She is a fan of outdoor activities such as walking but loves to play indoor games such as scrabbles. Her favorite pastimes include entertaining, preparing culinary delights

and baking. As an avid reader, she loves to learn about various topics of interest. In her spare time, she volunteers for different charities or nonprofits.

She looks forward to connecting, meeting, and getting to know more of you in person.

**Gregory Dean Price II, B.A. '09**  
**Secretary**

Gregory Price is one of three members of the Price family to attend Yale. A member of the Class of 2009, he was among the first to move into the renovated Trumbull College. While at Yale, Gregory was involved in several undergraduate organizations including the YPU, Trumbull College Council, Afro-American Cultural Center, captain of several intramural teams, Dwight Hall, kendo, and would give back to the city of New Haven through volunteer opportunities and working at New Haven Reads. Post Yale he has been involved with the Yale Alumni Schools Committee, Yale Cross Campus, mentoring students, and attending in person and virtual Yale Club of DC events. Gregory pursued a degree in History at Yale and now gets to put his knowledge and experience into working for some of the best museums in the world. He began his career at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum and is now part of the leadership and management team at a private museum just off the mall. He serves on two planning groups and committees at the museum, organizing and developing various events and activities for staff and visitors. In his free time Gregory enjoys writing his first book, volunteering with children's groups, and developing his own business centered on 3D printing, modeling, and asset generation. He is also a professional cosplayer and competitive eater. He hopes to bring some of his creativity, knowledge, and event background to the Yale Club and its members. He is excited to meet with and connect with the rest of the Yale community in the DMV area.



## **Robert Reisner '68**

CA native of Washington, D.C. Robert graduated with Honors in American Studies from Yale in 1968 where he was in Berkeley. When he graduated from Yale he received the Corning Traveling Fellowship for study and travel around the world for the year '68 and '69. He graduated from Harvard Business School with Distinction in 1971 and between years worked in Washington for the team creating the Environmental Protection Agency. When he graduated from HBS he came to Washington to work for the first Administrator of EPA, William Ruckelshaus. Later, working for the Office of Management and Budget he worked on the first Energy Crisis and worked on energy and environmental issues in government and as a partner in several consulting firms for the next several decades including teaching for three years at the Yale School of Management. A surprise phone call from a recruiter for the Postmaster General led to the opportunity to join the leadership team of the USPS with responsibility for digital initiatives at the dawn of the Internet Age. He went on to serve as Chief Strategy Officer and Chief of Staff for the Postmaster General. Today he is an independent consultant, a Senior Advisor to A.T. Kearney and is developing a new venture seeking to green supply chains, combining experience with energy and the environment and ecommerce.

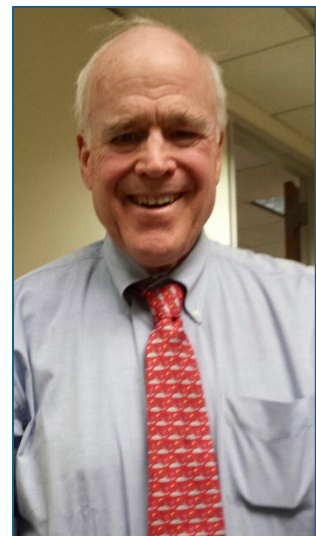


## **Jonathan Chapman Rose '63**

### **Vice President**

Jon Rose is a member of the Class of 1963. At Yale he was chairman of the Yale Daily News and after graduation served as Chairman of the Yale Daily News Foundation. He has served on the YAA board of Governors and most recently as Vice-President of the Yale Club of DC for two terms.

He is a graduate of the Harvard Law School and a retired partner of the Jones Day law firm. His federal government service includes the Nixon White House staff, Assistant Attorney General in the Reagan Justice Department, and Secretary to the Standing Rules Committee of the Federal Judiciary.



## **Rolando Sanz, Mus. M. '02**

The three years that I spent in the graduate Yale Opera program from 2000-2003 in the School of Music at Yale University were the most formative years of my formal education. As a first-generation Cuban American born and raised here in DC, I owe so much in my life to those years at Yale, not just professionally but also personally as I met my wife, Jacquie Horwitz '02, at Yale as well. Twenty-two years later, we are raising our family right here in the DMV and are both proud Yale alums! I have been fortunate to have dedicated the last 20+ years of my life to the performing arts, and I owe my entire worldview and professional trajectory to my time at Yale. After graduating from Yale with two degrees in 2003, I proceeded to pursue a successful career as a professional opera singer, performing leading roles with major symphonies and opera companies across the nation, including most recently at The Metropolitan Opera. I always wanted to come home to DC to give back to my community and mentor the next generation of young artists here at home. In 2011, I founded an organization here in the DMV called Young Artists of America (YAA.org), which after 14 years and counting, provides unique arts education programming to over 500 students annually. I am also currently a Global Arts Management Fellow with the Devos Institute under the leadership of arts guru, Michael Kaiser. I serve on the Board of the Yale Club of Washington, DC because I want to give back to the university that has provided me so much. All of my vocational work in the arts is centered around the power of community, and I want to bring that energy and passion to the Yale community in DC and across the region. As alums, the time we all spent at Yale was so incredibly impactful for all of us, and nurturing those relationships is the reason we all come together so many years later. As a Board Member, I bring skills in nonprofit management, programming, marketing, as well as community building to the organization. I hope to be able to help increase awareness to potential members, as well as help curate programming and create opportunities for current members to engage in the DC community we live in, as well as the greater Yale community that we hold so dear.





**Allin "Chip" Seward '65**  
**President**

Chip is the Yale Club of Washington's President. Although Chip ('65, cum laude in history) is a Washington, D.C., native, he grew up in Westchester County, New York. An early exposure to France led to a life-long attachment to all things French. He spent his junior year from Yale in Paris on the Sweetbriar program and taught French as a teaching fellow at Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, after graduating. As a student at the University of Michigan Law School, Chip interned for the Jackson, MS, office of the NAACP Legal and Educational Fund, Inc., then led by Marion



Wright Edelman. After receiving his J.D., he held a series of positions as an international business lawyer in private practice and industry, culminating in the position of Vice President, General Counsel, of the French pharmaceutical company Sanofi, at their Paris headquarters. Chip continued to live in Paris until 2016, practicing law, working as a movie extra, a model, and finally starting his own business as a translator of legal and financial documents between French and English and providing auxiliary and support services to law firms. Chip served as President of the Yale Club of France from 1993 to 2003, President of Democrats Abroad France (1995-1999), and a member of the Executive Board of the Paris American AIDS Committee. Chip also organized an association of LGBTQ professionals in Paris called the Gay Association of Paris Professionals. He has been active in the Section of International Law of the American Bar Association, serving on the Section's Council and as co-chair of its Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Network. Chip was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Yale Club of Washington, D.C. in 2017, and has been helping to organize dinner programs and helping with community service as well.

**Aneri Suthar, M.P.H. '23**

Upon realizing that it has somehow already been nearly a year since my graduation from the Yale School of Public Health, I have been reflecting a lot on the differences between life in school and life outside of it. My main observation throughout this first year of being fully in the workforce has been how proactive one has to be to find community, now that campus is no longer a convenient facilitator. I moved to DC about six months ago, and



became a member of Yale Club shortly after. I have been fortunate to be able to deepen existing bonds and foster new ones largely through alumni networks both from Yale and my undergraduate alma mater, UCLA. From historical walking tours to happy hours to sports teams, organized socialization through Yale Club has allowed many of my fellow recently-graduated friends and I to maintain a sense of connection to Yale and expand our Bulldog family, even so far from New Haven. It is a privilege and an honor to be able to help cultivate these connections by serving on the Yale Club of Washington, DC's Board of Directors. Building community has always been a passion of mine, and I have developed the skills to do so throughout college, graduate school, and various jobs/internships. In more than a dozen committee/board positions over the years, as well as in former roles as a resident assistant, camp counselor, and academic department representative, I have successfully coordinated both small and large-scale events. At Yale specifically, I was appointed along with two other students in the School of Public Health's Health Policy department to work with faculty in developing and leading a peer mentorship program that linked incoming first year MPH students with second year MPH students in small groups for support throughout the duration of their degree. I also helped organize outings to sites including vineyards, apple picking farms, and haunted houses, as well as on-campus events such as end-of-year picnics, paint nights, and Food for Finals within and across departments in my role on the Student Association of the Yale School of Public Health. Upon graduating, several 2023 YSPH graduates and I in the DMV area have informally started similar traditions, such as monthly "Crafternoons" and group volunteering. Whether focused around team building, educational enrichment, cultural exchange, professional networking, or social engagement, these events have all had the common thread of connecting diverse people. As an MPH graduate working in the interdisciplinary field of public health, I recognize the value and necessity of collaborating across fields. Alumni programming is particularly unique in that it enables learning and socialization between individuals of different career paths, academic fields/schools within Yale, and graduation years, which is something I am eager to help increase. In addition, I am interested in: broadening relationships between Yale Club and local businesses and organizations, expanding networking opportunities between alumni, increasing membership of young alumni, and promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in events and programming.

## **Maria Vera Whelan '08**

Maria Vera Whelan was born and raised in Los Angeles, where she attended the Archer School for Girls. She graduated from Yale University, where she double majored in History and Spanish. Maria moved to Washington, D.C. following college, where she worked for a PR agency and then got her first job at PBS. She has been at PBS for twelve years in a variety of roles. Today, she is the Senior Director of Marketing, Communications and Social Media for PBS KIDS and Education. In this role, she is responsible for leading the team that manages a multi-platform strategy for connecting children, parents and teachers -- especially those in low-income communities -- with educational media and experiences. Maria also serves on the Board of the Yale Club of Washington, D.C. In her spare time, Maria enjoys spending time with her family (including her dachshund Archie) and friends, and loves entertaining, cooking and baking.

