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Kenton County Longevity Readiness Project Project Team Biographies



Project Director - Dr. Laura D. Allen, Ph.D., serves as a Post-Doctoral Research Associate and Instructor at the Erickson School of Aging Studies at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). She completed her Ph.D. at Bar-Ilan University, Israel (2023), as a Marie Skłodowska-Curie grantee and early-stage researcher within the EU Horizon 2020 EuroAgeism network, where her research focused on ageism. A former U.S. Fulbright Scholar (2017-18) at Windesheim University, Netherlands, she explored Dutch care administration and resident autonomy. Dr. Allen is also a trained facilitator having trained with the Asset Based Community Development Institute of DePaul University. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration from Western Kentucky University, with a minor in gerontology and a certificate in long-term care administration. Dr. Allen grew up in Crittenden, Kentucky and now resides in Covington.



Project Advisor - Michael Marcus, MSW is a Research Professor at the Erickson School of Aging Studies at UMBC and serves as the Director of the Center for Community, Innovation, and Aging. Michael holds a Master of Social Work from the University of Maryland. From 2007 to 2016, he led the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation's initiatives in the field of aging, making it the largest private provider of aging-related funds in the U.S. As a national faculty member at the Asset-Based Community Development Institute of Northwestern University, Michael has been involved in numerous successful development efforts, particularly in the field of aging. He previously held key roles at the Villers Foundation and the Chicago Community Trust, overseeing programs related to basic human needs. Michael also serves as Principal of Consultants for Community Resources, focusing on aging and community development. Additionally, he serves on several boards in the field of aging and is a fellow of Generations United.



Asset-Based Community Development Consultant - Dr. John Migliaccio, Ph.D., FGSA, RFG is a distinguished business executive, consultant, and educator specializing in research, analytics, and marketing for Baby Boomer and Senior markets. He notably served as Assistant Vice President and Director of Research and Gerontology at MetLife Mature Market Institute. He is a co-founder and former President of the American Institute of Financial Gerontology. Dr. Migliaccio has held leadership roles in prominent aging organizations, including the American Society on Aging and the National Association of Home Builders' 50+ Housing Council. An acclaimed speaker and author, he teaches at

Fordham University and the Gabelli School of Business and contributes as faculty to the Asset-Based Community Development Institute at DePaul University. Dr. Migliaccio earned his B.A. cum laude from Boston College and his advanced degrees from Columbia University.



Dr. Dana Burr Bradley, Ph.D., GSA Fellow, AGHE Fellow, a global leader in aging innovation, is Dean of the Erickson School of Aging Studies, Professor of Social Gerontology, and Affiliate Professor of Computer Science at UMBC. The Erickson School of Aging Studies supports and connects visionaries in the longevity economy in fields as diverse as data science, management, dementia, senior housing and care, and global studies. Dana focuses on recognizing how communities develop and sustain connections among older persons and ensuring stakeholders understand the diverse ways to engage and support older persons. A graduate of Carnegie-Mellon University as a Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellow, her initiatives have been funded by multiple state agencies, foundations, USIAD, NSF, and Fortune 500 companies. As a past Chair of the Academy of Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE), former Secretary of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), past President of the Southern Gerontological Society, and a founding Trustee of the Vision Centre, she believes that leadership is thinking outside of the circle and serves with gratitude across many organizations.