

Panelist Biographies

Bruce Orenstein: Bruce Orenstein is Artist in Residence at the Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity at Duke University where he teaches documentary production and is producing the *Shame of Chicago* – a documentary series that chronicles Chicago’s history of housing segregation. In the 1990’s, Orenstein founded the Chicago Video Project, one of the nation’s first studios dedicated to producing organizing videos for social change organizations. His television credits include the Emmy-winning *No Place to Live*, and the nationally broadcast PBS documentaries, *The Democratic Promise* and *American Idealist*. Prior to becoming a filmmaker, Orenstein directed grassroots community organizing campaigns around affordable housing, education, and environmental justice issues on Chicago’s South Side and West Side.

Clinton Boyd Jr: Dr. Clinton Boyd, Jr. grew up in the Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago. He is a Postdoctoral Associate in the Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity. His areas of interest include race and ethnicity, social inequality, urban sociology, family policy, and parenting and African American families. Dr. Boyd primarily studies how the life course events of African American men affect their experiences as fathers. Dr. Boyd’s research also explores ways to strengthen father involvement in evidence-based home visiting programs. The National Institute of Health, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, and early childhood non-profit organization, ZERO TO THREE, have supported his research in these areas.

John Jacoby: John Jacoby was born in Chicago, raised in the western suburbs, and has lived in Wilmette for almost 50 years. An attorney, he served on the Wilmette Park Board for two years and on the Village Board for eighteen years, eight of them as Village President. During his years as Village President, the Village Board created the Human Relations Commission. John also served as Chair of the North Suburban Regional Human Relations Council, and more recently, as chair of the Village Board working group on minimum wage and paid sick leave. He has contributed 500 columns to the *Wilmette Beacon* over ten years.