



2017 Annual Convention Speaker Bios
September 16, 2017

IBEW Local 193, 3150 Wide Track Drive, Springfield

Building the Network, 1:30-2:15

Kim Savage, IDW Co-President



Kim Savage, who has served as Chair of the Downers Grove Township Democratic Organization for 10 years, is a strong advocate for growing the grassroots to ensure Democratic victories locally,

statewide, and nationally. Currently, she also serves as President Elect of the Democratic Women of DuPage County and Co-President of Illinois Democratic Women.

Savage has a strong background as a volunteer for campaign field operations, serving as the SE DuPage Neighborhood Team Leader for the Obama campaign and coordinating local field activities for the numerous congressional, state, and county races. Experience includes training canvassers, phone bankers, team captains, precinct committeemen, and interns. In addition, on behalf of the Democratic Party, she has run for Township Trustee and State Representative. Savage was elected to the College of DuPage Board in 2009 and currently serves on the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to which she was appointed by Governor Quinn in 2011.

When times look bleak in the political environment, Savage draws her motivation from the volunteers she works with. "I am inspired by the passion and drive our volunteers bring to the organizations and campaigns that I serve."

Jennifer Camille Lee, Action Ill. Founder/Co-leader



Jennifer is the founder and co-leader of Action Illinois, a progressive advocacy organization based in Springfield focused on promoting effective action to protect and improve our democracy for today and tomorrow. Jennifer

is also the founder and leader of Women Rising - Illinois, an organization based in downstate Illinois that recruits, trains and helps elect progressive women to office. In the most recent municipal elections, three of the four endorsed Women Rising candidates won their elections.

For the last five years she has worked with the Labor Education Program at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to establish an Advisory Board made up of labor leaders across the Midwest, create a policy institute (Project for Middle Class Renewal) dedicated to improving the lives of the middle-class in Illinois through applied policy research and trainings, and developed programming for union labor and communities throughout the state. In her role there she also co-directed a Women's Labor Leadership School. Jennifer organized the sister rally to the National Women's March in Springfield, Illinois and was a co-chair of the Illinois Women March on Springfield event at the State Capitol which saw 2000 community members rally for a responsible state budget with a progressive agenda.

Jennifer has been an active participant in Democratic political campaigns since her days as a college student at the University of Illinois-Springfield and has worked in a wide variety of roles from fundraising to leading a field team.

Maximizing Your Value for Campaigns, 2:15-3:00

Quiana McKenzie, Emily's List State and Local Eastern Regional Finance Advisor



Quiana McKenzie is the State and Local Eastern Regional Finance Advisor. In this role, she assesses the fundraising and campaign operations of down ballot statewide and state legislative races and provides targeted coaching to candidates throughout the course of the campaign.

Quiana has nearly a decade of experience working with political campaigns, serving in finance, communications, compliance and field roles. Immediately prior to joining EMILY's List, Quiana served as finance director for Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan. Quiana is a graduate of the Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership (IWIL), an EMILY's List sister organization, and a veteran of Governor Pat Quinn's administration, where she worked as both an Economic Recovery Coordinator and for the governor's Chief of Staff. She has also held elected office, serving a term as a community representative for a Local School Council in Chicago. Quiana graduated from Iowa State University with a Master of Education, and finished her undergraduate studies at Washington and Lee University. Quiana is based in Chicago.

Telling Your Story, 3:15-5:00

Colonel Jill Morgenthaler



After 30 years of success in high stakes fast moving environments, Colonel Jill shares her leadership secrets with the world. **"Leaders are not born, they are grown."** She is fiercely committed to guiding

women and men to achieve success as they take command of their organizations in the best and worst of times. Colonel Jill's ability to inspire, educate and entertain audiences has made her a sought after and unforgettable leadership speaker. With stories from the battlefield to the workplace, her tailored speeches leave audiences with proven action steps to lead with confidence the very next day.

Empower your leadership skills with [Colonel Jill Morgenthaler](#), an international keynote speaker, leadership expert and author of the highly acclaimed book, [The Courage to Take Command: Leadership Lessons from a Military Trailblazer](#). More than 42,000 people have watched her [TEDx Talk, "Fake It 'Til You Make It."](#) Colonel Jill is a member of the [National Speakers Association](#) and is President of the [National Speakers Association Illinois](#). Learn more at www.ColonelJill.com.

Stan Piskorski



Stan Piskorski has been involved with the art and science of persuasion since becoming a sales person soon after graduating college. Nearly 25 years ago he became a sales trainer and started teaching others how to persuade

more effectively. Preceding his sales career, he was involved in politics although on the other side of the aisle. He rose from being a leader in a school Teen-Age Republican club, to being a state officer in the Wisconsin College Republicans. He was an active volunteer in the dreaded "Committee to Re-Elect the President" for Richard Nixon, and worked as a paid staffer for other Republican campaigns. After moving to Chicago in the early 80's, he became a Democrat – first for practical reasons and then for philosophical reasons.

The further to the right the GOP went, the further left Stan went. He became active in politics again (as an enlightened Democrat) in 2008.

In addition to training sales people, Stan has helped become more effective for almost 30 years. He is an award winning speaker in Toastmasters International and was a mentor for "PEACE!" the Toastmasters club for Democrats in DuPage County.

In his "day job" he is a field instructor for Canon USA.



2017 Annual Convention Workshop Schedule
September 16, 2017
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Building the Network 1:30-2:15

Kim Savage, Jennifer Lee

Interactive session on how to channel the energy that continues to build among women in Illinois into an effective network for electing Democratic candidates across the state.

Maximizing Your Value for Campaigns 2:15-3:00

Quiana McKenzie

Interactive session on ways to match volunteer talent with traditional and emerging campaign needs. Review tried and true campaign needs for campaigns and brainstorm additional ways to assist candidates to turn out the votes they need

Telling Your Story 3:15-5:00

Jill Morgenthaler, Stan Piskorski

Interactive session on creating your personal narrative. This session will help you articulate who you are and move people to action.