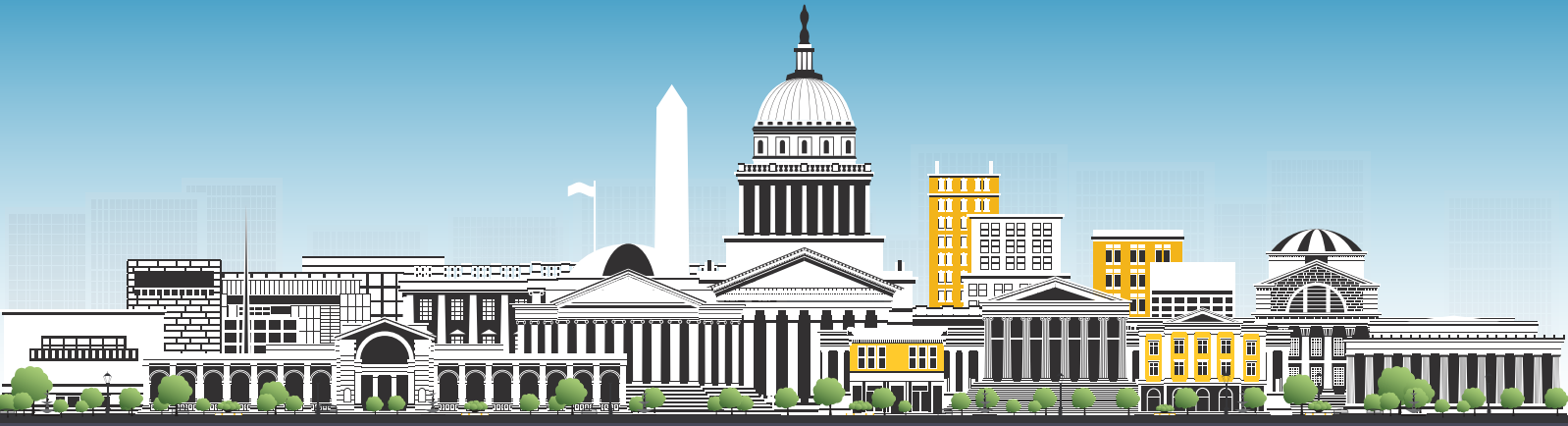




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6:00 - 9:30 pm ET
Panel, Reception, and Dinner

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Impact Award



David Cicilline,
Congressman
Rhode Island, 1st District

Presented by



Mark Takano,
Congressman
California, 39th District

About The Williams Institute

The Williams Institute is the leading research center on sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy. We ensure that facts — not stereotypes — inform laws, policies, and judicial decisions that affect the LGBTQ community.

Brad Sears



Brad Sears, J.D., is the Founding Executive Director and Rand Schrader Distinguished Scholar of Law and Policy at the Williams Institute. In addition, he is the Associate Dean of Public Interest Law at UCLA Law. Sears has published a number of research studies, primarily on discrimination against LGBT people and people living with HIV. He has taught courses on LGBT and disability law at UCLA, Harvard, and Whittier law schools. He has testified before Congress and state legislatures, authored amicus briefs in key court cases, helped to draft state and federal legislation, and been cited frequently by national media. A graduate of Yale College and Harvard Law School, he has received several awards, including the Co-Presidents Award from the LGBT Bar LA (2019) and the Earl Warren Outstanding Public Service Award from the American Society of Public Administration (2018).

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Message from Williams Institute Founding Executive Director Brad Sears

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Williams Institute's 2023 DC Spring Reception!

We would like to thank our DC Leadership Council and Williams Institute Founders Council Members Tom Munteer and Floyd Mills for helping to organize this year's event and Paul Hastings for hosting us in their beautiful offices.

We are honored to welcome Congressman David Cicilline as our Impact Award honoree and appreciate our panelists for sharing their knowledge and expertise.

This is our first event in DC since the passing of our founder, Chuck Williams. He would be so grateful and proud of all of you for keeping the Williams Institute strong and growing. From the moment he founded the Williams Institute, Chuck planned for how the Institute would thrive after he passed. Our DC friends and supporters, who have been gathering for almost two decades, are a central part of that plan.

Thank you to our sponsors and all of the attendees for supporting the Institute. As we celebrate tonight, remember Chuck Williams and prepare for the work ahead.

And a very special thank you to Barbara Jacobs, who has once again organized our DC reception. As she moves on to new horizons, Barbara's final event for the Williams Institute has all of her hallmarks: attention to detail, successful fundraising and friend-making, passion, and heart.

With gratitude,

Brad Sears
Founding Executive Director, The Williams Institute

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6pm PANEL PRESENTATION

WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Scott Flicker, Partner, Paul Hastings

Growing up LGBTQ in 2023: Building Resilience in a Hostile Climate

Andrew R. Flores, Assistant Professor, American University and Visiting Scholar, Williams Institute

Casey Pick, Director of Law and Policy, The Trevor Project

Stacy Stevenson, CEO, Family Equality

Diego Miguel Sanchez, Director of Advocacy, Policy and Partnerships, PFLAG National

Elana Redfield, Federal Policy Director, Williams Institute (moderator)

7pm COCKTAIL RECEPTION

WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Madalyn Doucet, Associate, Employment Law, Paul Hastings

Kerith J. Conron, Blachford-Cooper Distinguished Scholar and Research Director, Williams Institute

WILLIAMS INSTITUTE IMPACT AWARD

Presented by **Mark Takano**, Congressman, California, 39th District

Recipient: **David Cicilline**, Congressman, Rhode Island, 1st District

8:30pm FOUNDERS DINNER

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Tom Munteer, Williams Institute Founders Council Co-Chair

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Christy Mallory, Renberg Senior Scholar and Legal Director, Williams Institute

Reggie Greer, Senior Advisor to the U.S. Special Envoy to Advance the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Persons

THANK YOU AND CLOSING

Jason Rizzi, Senior Director of Development, Williams Institute

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Impact Award Presenter

Congressman Mark Takano



Congressman Mark Takano represents California's 39th District, including Riverside, Moreno Valley, Jurupa Valley, and Perris. He serves as Ranking Member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, a member of the Education and the Workforce Committee, and Co-Chair of the Congressional Equality Caucus.

In 2012, Takano made history when he became the first openly gay person of color to be elected to Congress.

As former Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Congressman Takano authored the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act, or the Honoring our PACT Act, comprehensive toxic exposure legislation that addresses the full scope of issues affecting toxic-exposed veterans' access to VA care and benefits. The Honoring our PACT Act expanded VA healthcare eligibility for over 3.5 million veterans exposed to burn pits, established a presumption of service connection for over 23 respiratory illnesses and cancers, and also eliminated the requirement that veterans prove exposure to toxic substances — a requirement that has often prevented many from accessing the care and benefits they have earned and deserve.

Congressman Takano lives in Riverside, California, and Washington, DC.

Impact Award Honoree

Congressman David Cicilline



Congressman David N. Cicilline serves Rhode Island's 1st Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Congressman Cicilline is a leader in Congress, ensuring equitable access to economic opportunity, sustaining and growing our manufacturing sector, promoting equality for all, protecting the rights of workers, and safeguarding the ability of older Americans to retire with dignity.

As Co-Chair of the Congressional Equality Caucus, Congressman Cicilline is leading efforts to promote equality for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. In 2021, the U.S. House of Representatives passed Congressman Cicilline's Equality Act, comprehensive civil rights legislation that prohibits discrimination against members of the LGBTQ+ community in the areas of employment, education, credit, jury service, federal funding, housing, and public accommodations. In 2022, the Respect for Marriage Act was signed into law, repealing the discriminatory Defense of Marriage Act and ensuring critical protections for same-sex and interracial marriages at the federal level. This was the first major LGBTQ+ civil rights bill signed into law since the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act of 2010.

Congressman Cicilline is a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Committee on the Judiciary, where, as the top Democrat on the antitrust subcommittee, he oversees efforts to ensure access to affordable health care, keep the courts responsive to consumers and workers, and promote innovation and economic opportunity through open and competitive markets.

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Speakers

Kerith J. Conron



Kerith J. Conron, Sc.D., M.P.H., is the Blachford-Cooper Distinguished Scholar and Research Director at the Williams Institute. She is a social and psychiatric epidemiologist and Co-Principal Investigator of the NICHD/NIMHD-funded Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity, Socioeconomic Status, and Health across the Life Course study. She trained at Harvard and Boston University Schools of Public Health.

Christy Mallory



Christy Mallory, J.D., is the Renberg Senior Scholar and Legal Director at the Williams Institute. Her work focuses on state and local laws and policies that impact LGBT people. Mallory also serves as the director of the Williams Institute's annual moot court competition, the premier national competition exclusively focused on LGBT law. She received her J.D. from UCLA School of Law and her B.A. from the University of Arizona.

Jason Rizzi



Jason Rizzi is the Senior Director of Development at the Williams Institute, where he focuses on new funding and partnerships. He previously worked for Autism Partnership Foundation, JUST Capital, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, Columbia University, and Hackley School. Jason holds an M.A. in Nonprofit Management from Columbia University and a B.A. in Psychology from George Washington University.

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Panel moderator

Elana Redfield



Elana Redfield, J.D., is the Federal Policy Director at the Williams Institute. Before joining the Williams Institute, she worked with the New York City Department of Social Services, where she oversaw the agency's initiative to improve safety net services and homelessness interventions for LGBTQI communities. Elana is a graduate of CUNY School of Law and New York University.

Panelists

Andrew R. Flores



Andrew R. Flores, Ph.D., is a Visiting Scholar at the Williams Institute and an Assistant Professor of Government at American University. His research focuses on attitude formation, attitude change, and public policies affecting LGBTQ populations. His research has appeared in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Journal of Public Health, Public Opinion Quarterly, Political Psychology, and other peer-reviewed journals. Flores is a member of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Consensus Committee on Sexual and Gender Diversity. He has an interest in LGBTQ politics and policy, race, ethnicity and politics, public opinion and political behavior, political representation, data visualization, and political methodology. Flores earned his doctorate at UC Riverside, where he was a Eugene Cota-Robles and Graduate Research Mentorship Program fellow.

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Casey Pick



Casey Pick (she/her) is the Director of Law and Policy for The Trevor Project, the world's largest suicide prevention and mental health organization serving LGBTQ young people. She works to advance state and federal policies that support LGBTQ youth in crisis, educating policymakers and the public about LGBTQ youth/mental health issues.

She also writes and coordinates amicus briefs, collaborates with state and local advocates, and testifies in support of legislation to protect LGBTQ youth.

Casey's work has been featured in The Advocate, US News & World Report, The New York Times, NPR, and MSNBC. Casey holds a bachelor's degree in Government from Claremont McKenna College and a juris doctorate from the UCLA School of Law. She can be found on Twitter at @CaseyJPick.

Stacy Stevenson



Stacey Stevenson (she/they) joined Family Equality as the first Black Chief Executive Officer in 2021. A trailblazing leader, Stacey was selected as one of Out Magazine's Out100 list — a compilation of the year's most impactful and influential LGBTQ+ people — in the fall of 2022.

Prior to joining Family Equality, Stacey worked in the corporate sector where they have a long history of senior roles in the defense, technology, and finance industries. They decided to turn their business acumen, lived experience, and passion to work for LGBTQ+ families and those who wish to form them. Stacey, wife Cheralyn, and 8-year-old twin boys, Duke and London, are enjoying the life they are building in Washington, DC.

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Diego Miguel Sanchez



A native of Augusta, GA and long-time Massachusetts resident, Diego joined PFLAG in 2013 after the retirement of Congressman Barney Frank (MA-4), who Diego served as Senior Policy Advisor and the first openly trans senior staffer on Capitol Hill.

Diego is the first openly trans person appointed to the DNC's Platform Committee and an author of the National AIDS Strategy while at AIDS Action in Boston and DC. He led the nation's first government-funded trans health education program at JRI. Accredited in Public Relations by PRSA, he was an award-winning global executive in public relations, marketing, and diversity management at world headquarters of Fortune 500 companies including Coca-Cola, Holiday Inn, ITT Sheraton, and Starwood Hotels.

A nationally recognized community leader, speaker, writer, and strategist, Diego was named to the Top 100 Most Powerful Latino/a Corporate Executives by Hispanic Business Magazine, Most Powerful Latinos/as in Massachusetts by El Planeta Newspaper, awarded Q Street's Legislative Staffer of the Year, named to Out 100 and the inaugural Trans 100. Diego received the Frank Kameny Award in 2022 from the National LGBTQ Bar Association, presented to a member of the LGBTQ+ community without a law degree who has paved the way for important legal victories. Diego serves on the DNC's Transgender Advisory Council and Massachusetts Stonewall Dems. He is on the Advisory Board of the Gender Care Center at Boston Medical Center. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from the University of Georgia, majoring in Public Relations and Spanish, and is a Senior Fellow of UMass/Boston's College of Management's Emerging Leaders Program in the Center for Collaborative Leadership, residing in Washington, DC and Boston.

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Founders Dinner Speaker

Reggie Greer



Reggie currently serves in the Biden-Harris Administration as Senior Advisor to Jessica Stern, the U.S. Special Envoy to Advance the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Persons. He previously served as White House Director of Priority Placement and Senior Advisor on LGBTQ+ Engagement for President Joe Biden as well as LGBTQ+ Engagement Director for the Biden-Harris Campaign. After several years working in engagement-related roles, Reggie joined the Biden-Harris campaign after serving as Constituent Engagement Director at LGBTQ Victory Institute where he supported LGBTQ+ elected and appointed leaders around the country.

Prior to joining Victory Institute, Reggie served as Deputy Director of Public Engagement at the United States Department of Transportation where he developed strategies for effective communication and engagement with transportation stakeholders across every mode on key White House and Departmental priorities. Appointed by President Barack Obama and Secretary Anthony Foxx in May 2014, Reggie served as the Department's liaison to the White House Business Council. Reggie began his tenure at the Department as a special assistant to Secretary Foxx. And, in 2016, Reggie was appointed to serve on Washington, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser's LGBTQ Advisory Committee.

For his work on the Biden-Harris Campaign, he was chosen as one of Out Magazine's Out100 in 2020. In 2009, Reggie received his Bachelor of Arts in Government and History from Georgetown University. Reggie is a native of Wichita Falls, Texas.

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