

## Table Talk

### Past Conversationalists

#### 1998

Kathy Ashby – Lecturer and Consultant on Image and Presentation and Feng Shui  
Lucia Bettler – Owner, Lucia's Garden  
Susan Bischoff – Assistant Managing Editor, *Houston Chronicle*  
Shern Min Chow – Weekend Anchor, KHOU  
Jan Carson Connolly – Former TV Personality  
Irene Scott Cox – Owner, Fabrications by Irene and Lecturer, "If I Only Had the Time"  
Jan Woodward Fox – Head, Texas Trial Lawyers' Association  
Diane Howell – Director of Olympic Athletics, University of Houston  
Kathy Huber – Gardening Columnist, *Houston Chronicle*  
Janis Hutchinson – Professor of Anthropology, University of Houston  
Marguerite Johnston – Houston Historian and Author  
Kay King – Head of Fashion and Interior Design, Houston Community College  
Brenda Kirk – Executive Director, Houston Food Bank  
Lisa Malosky – TV Show Host, Sideline Reporter & Commentator, Houston Rockets and  
Houston Comets  
Dixie Melillo – Physician and Founder, The Rose  
Trinh Pham – Local Architect and Active Community Volunteer  
Carol Porter – Founder, Kid Care  
Patricia Smith Prather – Executive Director, Texas Trail Blazer Preservation Association  
Roseann Rogers – Entertainment Reporter & The "Buzz" Lady, KPRC-TV  
Sandi Stromberg – Executive Director, Brigid's Place, Christ Church Cathedral  
Diann Dishongh Teas – Director of Public Relations and Advertising, Teas Nursery  
Sybil Todd – Vice-Chancellor, University of Houston  
Lori Valencic – Corporate Nutritionist, Randall's  
Lois Zamora – Dean of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications, University of Houston

#### 1999

Lauren Anderson – Principal Dancer, Houston Ballet  
Judge Mary Bacon – State District Judge, State of Texas  
Susan Bischoff – Assistant Managing Editor, *Houston Chronicle*  
Karey Bresenhan – CEO, Quilts, Inc.  
Sylvia Castañeda – Health Beat Reporter, Channel 2 News  
Betty Chapman – Local Historian  
Ellen Cohen – President and CEO, Houston Area Women's Center  
Gabrielle Cosgriff – Co-Author, *Chicks on Film*  
Chitra Divakaruni – Author, *The Mistress of Spices* and *Sister of My Heart*

Debbie S. Gibson – Senior Vice President, Personal Trust Department, Chase Bank of Texas  
Dr. Nellie Grose – Holistic Family Practitioner  
Rev. Helen Havens – Rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
Elizabeth Heflin – Resident Company Actress, Alley Theatre  
Glenda Joe – Asian American Community Advocate; Executive Director, Houston's Asian American Festival  
Kay King – Head of Fashion and Interior Design, HCC  
Lisa Malosky – TV Show Host; Sideline Reporter; Commentator; Houston Rockets and Houston Comets  
Trinh Pham – Local Architect and Active Community Volunteer  
Patricia Smith Prather – Executive Director, Texas Trailblazer Preservation Association and Community History Center  
Chris Rogers – Mystery Writer, Dixie Flannigan Series  
Rev. Angela Shannon – Pastor, Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Gail Donohue Storey – Novelist and Poet, *God's Country Club* and *The Lord's Motel*  
Lori Valencic – Corporate Nutritionist, Randall's  
Mitzi Vorachek – Community Education Vice President, Houston Area Women's Center

## **2000**

Michelle Barnes – Artist and Director, Community Artists' Collective  
Gertrude Barnstone – Artist and Activist  
Anita Bunkley – Novelist and Motivational Writer, *Steppin' Out with Attitude* and *Emily, The Yellow Rose*  
Meryl Cohen – Vice President of Education, Planned Parenthood  
Cath Conlon – Environmentalist; Permaculturalist; Educator; Founder; Owner, Blackwood Land Laboratory; Blackwood Construction Company  
Sarah Cortez – Poet and Police Officer  
Ann Criswell – Food Editor, *Houston Chronicle*  
Eunice Drexler – Owner/Chef, Drexler's Barbeque  
Sissy Farenthold – Human Rights Activist  
Betty Fitzpatrick – Resident Company Actress, Alley Theatre  
Barbara Foorman – Professor of Pediatrics and Reading Researcher  
Elizabeth Ghrist – Corporate Director; Former Director, Harris County Commissioner  
Hon. Vanessa Gilmore Judge – US Federal District Court  
Laura Groppe – Chairman and CEO, Girl Games, Inc.  
Cynthia Freeland – Professor of Philosophy and horror film expert, UH Department of Philosophy  
Elaine Kennedy – Announcer/Producer, KUHF Radio  
Yani Keo – Refugee Activist; Volunteer & Resource Development Coordinator; President, Alliance for Multicultural Community Services; Cambodian Women's Association of Houston

Sandy Reese-Kessler – Executive Director, SEARCH  
Monica Lamb – Center (Basketball Player), Houston Comets  
Ninfa Lorenzo – Chef and Founder, Ninfa's restaurants  
Mariquita Masterson – Jewelry Designer  
Linda May – Executive Director, Greater Houston Women's Foundation  
Rev. Leonora Montgomery – Minister Emerita, Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church of Clear  
Lake  
Monica Pope – Owner/Executive Chef, Boulevard Bistro  
Bapsi Sidhwa – Author, *Cracking India*  
Brenda Beust Smith – Lazy Gardner Columnist, *Houston Chronicle*  
Carolyn Sumners – Astronomer, Houston Museum of Natural Science  
Suna Umari – Executive Director, Rothko Chapel  
Genevieve Vaughan – Founder, Center for the Study of the Gift Economy

## 2001

Elma Barrera – Television Reporter, Channel 13  
Anna Pearl Barrett – Children's Novelist, *Neecie* series  
Kathleen Cambor – Novelist, *In Sunlight, In a Beautiful Garden*  
Deborah Cannon – President, Bank of America  
Ann Criswell – Food Columnist, *Houston Chronicle*  
Nabila Drouby – Former Executive Director, Rothko Chapel  
Ana Edwards – Host and Community Affairs Director, Radio One  
Deborah Gary – Professional Stunt Pilot  
Celina Garza-Ridge – Board Member, Harris County Houston Sports Authority  
Barbara Gubbin – Director of Libraries, Houston Public Libraries  
Uma Gupta – Dean, UH College of Technology  
Jennifer Hays – Director, Center for Women's Health at Baylor College of Medicine  
Rose Harris – Visiting Scholar, UH African American Studies  
Maria Jimenez – Director, Immigration Law Enforcement Monitoring Project, American Friends  
Service Committee  
Eloise Jones – Proprietess, Ouisie's Table  
Barbara Karkabi – Features Writer, *Houston Chronicle*  
Vanessa Lacoss – Executive Director, Teach for America Houston  
Carol Lewis – US Olympian, Track and Field  
Lydia Lum – Journalist and Author, project on elderly Chinese immigrants and Angel Island  
before WWII  
Jackie Martin – President, United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast  
Annise Parker – City Councilwoman, City of Houston  
Elizabeth Rockwell – Investment Advisor, CIBS Oppenheimer  
Gracie Saenz – Lawyer, former City Councilwoman, City of Houston  
Betsy Schwarz – Executive Director, Mental Health Association of Greater Houston

Patty Salles – Creative Consultant & President, Vista Design Associates, Inc  
Sandy Sheehy – Author, *Connecting: The Enduring Power of Female Friendship*  
Terrie Sultan – Director and Chief Curator, Blaffer Gallery  
Angela Thompson – Marriage and Family Sociologist, TCU & Author, *Unveiled: Secrets of the Wedding Industry*  
Wendy Watriss – Artistic Director and Co-Founder, FotoFest  
Jane Weiner – Dancer/Choreographer and Artistic Director, Hope Stone, Inc.

## 2002

Rev. Betty Adam – Canon Theologian, Christ Church Cathedral  
Dr. Selina Ahmed – Professor of Food and Nutrition, TSU  
Carol Alvarado – City Councilwoman, City of Houston  
Yolanda Alvarado – Brighter Futures / Planned Parenthood  
Decie Autin – Chemical Engineer & Deep Water Offshore Project Manager, ExxonMobil  
Shannon Buggs – Financial Columnist, *Houston Chronicle*  
Dr. Joyce Carter – Chief Medical Examiner, Harris County  
Katherine Ciesinski – Professor of Voice, UH Moores School of Music  
Hon. Cathy Cochran – Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals  
Mimi Del Grande – Co-Owner, Café Annie  
Kathleen Douglas – President, *The Greensheet*  
Dr. Neelofer Durrani – Gynecologist  
Juanita Elizondo – Director of Corporate Relations, Fiesta  
Leslie Elkins – Architect  
Carolyn Farb – Fundraiser and Author  
Billie Gollnick – Yoga Instructor  
Deedee Guggenheim – Corelli's  
Sara Hickman – Singer  
Jennifer Holmes – Executive Director, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse  
Dr. Mae Jemison – Former Astronaut & President, The Jemison Group,  
Gin-Ru Lee – Community Activist, Taiwanese Women's Association  
Mary Lee – Attorney  
Marie Lenormand – Singer, Houston Grand Opera  
Marie LeNotre – Culinary Director, LeNotre Culinary Institute  
Aimee McCrory – President, McCrory Investments & thespian  
Linda McIngvale – Gallery Furniture & Westside Tennis Club  
Dr. Farnoosh Moshiri – Novelist, *The Bathhouse* and *At the Wall of the Almighty*  
Niobe Ngozi – Director of Art Education, Children's Museum  
Dr. Sarah Noorbaksh – Physician and Professor, Baylor College of Medicine  
Marilyn Oshman – Gart Sports  
Mary Lou Retton – Olympic Gymnast  
Sarah Rothenberg – Da Camera of Houston

Dominique Sachse – News Anchor, Channel 2  
Dr. Lisa Santos – Plastic Surgeon  
Gail Seavey – Agent, FBI  
Cynthia Shepard-Perry – Former Ambassador  
Gael Stack – Artist and Professor of Painting, UH  
Diane Stanley – Children's Writer  
Kaye Stripling – Superintendent, HISD  
Dr. Lousie Strong – Director, Human Cancer Genetics Research Program, MD Anderson  
Cheryl Thompson-Draper – CEO, Warren Electric  
Ileana Trevino – Vice Chancellor & Vice President for University Advancement, UH  
Anne Tucker – Photography Curator, MFAH  
Becky Udden – Founder and Executive Director, Main Street Theatre  
Evelyn Velasquez – President, Leadership Houston  
Margie Walker – Novelist  
Nancy Weems – Piano Department Head, UH  
Francie Willis – Fundraiser and CEO, Urban Retreat Day Spa and Franché Cosmetics  
Janice Windle – Author  
Beth Wolff – CEO, Beth Wolff Realtors  
Martha Wong – former City Council Woman, City of Houston

### **2003**

Dr. Dina Alsowayel – Associate Director, UH Women's Studies  
Yolanda Alvarado – Director, Brighter Futures Project, Planned Parenthood  
Dr. Tahirh Baker – Physician and Women's Health Specialist, Kelsey Seybold  
Jacquie Brennan – Disability Lawyer  
Carolyn Campbell – Reporter, Channel 11  
Dr. Rebecca Clearman – Medical Director, Personal Physicians Group  
Laura Clements – Divorce Consultant and Mediator  
Rie Congelio – Yoga Instructor  
Cynthia Cooper – Basketball Player and Coach, Houston Comets  
Tamarie Cooper – Actress, Infernal Bridegroom Productions  
Isabel Creixell – Artist and Creator of Icons  
H. Joan Erlich – District Director, US EEOC Houston  
Patricia Gras – Reporter and Producer, KUHT  
Shirin Herman – Refugee Counselor, HISD  
Jolanda Jones – Activist and Lawyer  
Syd Kearney – Travel Writer, Houston Chronicle  
Tina Knowles – Fashion Designer  
Elyse Lanier – Former Houston First Lady  
Vanessa Leggett – Writer/Lecturer  
Sue Liska – Artist

Dena Marks – Associate Director, Anti-Defamation League Houston  
Rebecca McDonald – President, Houston Museum of Natural Science  
Terry Morales – Vice President of Small Business, JP Morgan Chase  
Janie Parker – Choreographer and retired Prima Ballerina  
Gabriela Rangel – Wortham Curator of Latin American / Latino Art, MFAH  
Zeba Shah – Co-Founder, Developments in Literacy  
Laura Sheinkopf – Associate Rabbi, Congregation Emmanu El  
Carrie Shoemake – Architect  
Iris Sizemore – Feminist Activist  
Dr. Pricilla Slade – President, Texas Southern University  
Mimi Schwarz – Author, book on Enron  
Kim Szeto – Director, Asian-American Family Counseling  
Cassandra Thomas – Sr. Vice President, Direct Services, Houston Area Women's Center  
Cheryl Thompson-Draper – Commissioner, Port of Houston  
Becca Cason Thrash – Fundraiser and Hostess  
Dorothy Weston – CEO, The Rose  
Barbara Wilson – Amateur Astronomer/Teacher, Museum of Natural Science

#### **2004**

Carol Alvarado – City Council Member, City of Houston  
Dr. Kristin Anderson – Sport Psychologist, Houston Community College & Quarterback,  
Houston Energy  
Teresa Byrne-Dodge – Publisher & Editor, *My Table* Magazine  
Lisa Chenevert – Project Manager, Dow Chemical  
Dr. Christine Cocanour – Trauma Surgeon, Hermann Hospital  
Carolyn Dahl – Artist  
Debra Danburg – Attorney, Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, LLP  
Sue Davis – PR, TV & Radio Consultant, Sue Davis Communications  
Sue Gantz – Yoga Instructor  
Pam Gardner – President, Business Operations, Houston Astros  
Dixie Friend Gay – Sculptor & Texas State Artist of the Year  
Yolanda Green – Reporter, Channel 39  
Andrea Grover – Executive Director, Aurora Picture Show  
Therese Hartwell – Executive Director, Girls, Inc.  
Dai Huynh – Food Columnist, *Houston Chronicle*  
Gheed Itani – Board Member, Arab American Educational Foundation  
Anita Jaisinghani – Owner, Indika Restaurant  
Argentina James – Director of Public Relations, Port of Houston  
Rev. Lucretia Littlejohn – Canon Priest, Christ Church Cathedral  
Susan Llanes-Meyers – Director, Holocaust Museum  
Sushila Matthew – Indian Flower Arranger

Kathryn McNeil – Political Consultant  
Nancy Middleton – President, Houston Rotary  
Anna Nunez – Host, KPFT/Latino Voices  
Roksan Okan-Vick – Director, Houston Parks  
Sandra Organ – Dancer & Choreographer, Sandra Organ Dance Company  
Lakshmy Parameswaran – Director, DAYA  
Kate Pogue – Librettist & Founder and Writer, Drama Program, Houston Community College  
Susan Rafte – Founder, Pink Ribbons Project  
Varsha Shah – Poet  
Josanna Smith – President, WWW United  
Terry Sultan – Director, Blaffer Gallery  
Alice Valdez – Director, MECA  
Dr. Jennifer West – Biologist, Rice University  
Andrea White – Children's Book Author and Houston First Lady  
Lynn Wyatt – Socialite  
Gwendolyn Zepeda – Author, *To the Last Man I Slept With and All the Jerks Just Like Him*

## 2005

Alice Aanstoos – General Manager of External Affairs, SBC  
Yolanda Black-Navarro – Community Activist and Civic Leader  
Dr. Camille Cash – Plastic Surgeon  
Jacqui Baly Chaumette – Political Consultant and CEO, Baly Projects, Inc.  
Iris Correa – Executive Director, Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Franci Crane – Partner, Susman Godfrey LLP  
Cheryl Creuzot – President & CEO, Wealth Development Strategies  
Gladys Forde – Professor Emerita, Fisk University  
Irma Galvan – Owner, Irma's Restaurant  
Andrea Georgsson – Editorial Writer, *Houston Chronicle*  
Gaelyn Godwin – Zen Priest & Resident Teacher, Houston Zen Center  
Susie Gogue – First Lady, University of Houston  
Jean Goodwin – Author, Psychiatrist and Childhood Trauma Expert, UT Medical Branch  
Galveston  
Irene Guenther – UH History Professor and Author, *Nazi Chic: Fashioning Women in the Third Reich*  
Janet Gurwitch – CEO, Laura Mercier Cosmetics  
Hon. Eva Guzman – Justice, Texas 14th Court of Appeals  
Judy Hollinger – President, League of Women Voters, Houston Chapter  
Kasi Jackson – Post-Doctoral Fellow, UH Women's Studies  
Ann C. James – Actor & Founder, dAdA Productions  
Jill Jewett – Mayor's Assistant for Cultural Affairs, Mayor's Office  
Kathryn Kase – Staff Attorney, Texas Defender Service

Sara Kellner – Executive Director, Diverse Works Artspace  
Yolanda Londono – Senior Vice President, Manager of Public Affairs Houston Region, JP Morgan Chase  
M.G. Lord – Author, *Forever Barbie* and *Astro Turf: The Private Life of Rocket Science*  
Dr. Michelle Lyn – Medical Director, Pediatric Emergency Care, Ben Taub General Hospital  
Cynthia MacDonald – Poet & Founder, UH Creative Writing Program  
Sonny Messiah-Jiles – Publisher, *Houston Defender*  
Andrea Moore – Production and Outreach Director, Da Camera of Houston  
Laura Morris – Senior VP and Market General Manager, Infinity Radio Houston  
Kim Ruth – President, Bank of America, Houston Region  
Sehba Sarwar – Founding Director, Voices Breaking Boundaries  
Lynn Schroth – Executive Vice President, The Methodist Hospital  
Myrle Sims – Director of Admissions, St. John's School  
Claire Smith – Executive Chef & Owner, Shade  
Liz Spencer – Business Affairs Manager, J. Walter Thompson  
Sally Sprout – Owner, Sally Sprout Fine Art  
Nadia Stein – President, Community Doula Program  
Karen Stokes – Founder, Center for Choreography, University of Houston  
Linda Sylvan – Executive Director, Rice Design Alliance  
Helen Terry – Founder, NiaMoves Houston -- Body, Mind, Spirit Fitness  
Vu Thanh Thuy – Co-Owner, Little Saigon Houston & Publisher, *Saigon Journal*  
Susannah Wong – Executive Director, Asia Society  
Rosie Zamora – Founder and President, Houston Wilderness

## **2006**

Saba Abashawl – Chief Economic Development Officer, Houston Airport System  
Sofia Adroque – Attorney, Epstein Becker Green Wickliff & Hall P.C.  
Hataji Aziz – Talk Show Host, Earth 101 KPFT  
Elizabeth Baxter – Producer, KTRK Channel 13  
Alison Ayres Bell – Breast Cancer Survivor  
Patricia Bernstein – Author, *The First Waco Horror: The Lynching of Jesse Washington and the Rise of the NAACP*  
Christina Cabral – Director of Boards and Commissions, City of Houston  
Dr. Debra Chernosky – Dermatologist  
Lynn Elsenhans – Executive Vice President, Global Manufacturing, Shell Downstream  
Diedra Fontaine – Director of Sales Development, Continental Airlines  
Beatrice Garza – Executive General Manger, Human Resources, HISD  
Kellye Gray – Musician (Jazz Singer)  
Ellen Elkins Grimes – Attorney  
Dr. Gail Gross – Family and Child Development Specialist, Radio and TV Host, *Let's Talk*  
Bettie Hankamer – Director of Admissions, Kinkaid School



Sherrri Hickman – Maritime Captain, Houston's Pilot Association  
Pauline Higgins  
Debra Innes – Executive Vice President for Retail Banking and Treasury Management, Amegy Bank  
Laura Jaramillo – Vice President of Community Development, Wells Fargo Bank  
Dianne Johnson – Board President, HISD  
Judy Gray Johnson – Director of Finance and Administration, City of Houston  
Chelby King – Executive Director, Lawndale Art Center  
Susan Lieberman – Author and Founder, Collaborative for Intentional Leadership  
Dr. Elizabeth MacNaughton – Psychologist  
Patricia Mercer – President, Houston SPCA  
Vickie Milazzo – President/CEO, Vickie Milazzo Institute, Inc.  
Dr. Laura Murillo – Sr. Executive Director, Memorial Hermann Foundation  
Sharon Murphy – Partner, McConnell, Jones, & Murphy, LLP  
Kyrie O'Connor – Deputy Managing Editor/Features, *Houston Chronicle*  
Ann Owens – Interim General Director, Houston Grand Opera  
Lynn Randolph – Artist  
Claudia Rankine – Poet, *Don't Let Me Be Lonely: An American Lyric* and Professor, UH Creative Writing  
Olga Rodriguez  
Barrie Scardino – Executive Director, Houston Chapter, American Institute of Architects  
Cindy Siegel – Mayor, City of Bellaire  
Nancy Sims – Senior Vice President of Public Affairs, Pierpont Communications  
Margaret Cooke Skidmore – Philanthropic Strategic Planning Consultant  
Anita Weber Smith – Interior Designer, Webb Design Interiors  
Danyna Steele – Executive Producer and Host, *The Art of Doing Business, with Dayna Steele* (BizRadio Network)  
Ellen Susman  
Rev. Cheryl Thompson-Draper – Commissioner, Port of Houston  
Toby Topek – Artist (Jewelry Design)  
Martha Turner – President, Martha Turner Properties  
Connie Tuthill – Chief Financial Officer, American Red Cross, Greater Houston Chapter  
Dr. Cecilia Valdes – Reproductive Endocrinology and Fertility Specialist, Fertility Specialists of Houston  
Helen Vollmer – CEO, Vollmer Public Relations  
Naomi Warren – Holocaust Survivor  
Nicole West – Private Investigator, NCA Investigations  
Dr. Jody Williams – Nobel Peace Prize Laureate & Distinguished Visiting Professor, UH Graduate School of Social Work  
Dr. Huda Zoghbi – Professor of Pediatric Neurology, Baylor College of Medicine

## 2007

Constance Adams – Space Architect, NASA

Debora Alsup – Partner, Thompson & Knight LLP

Nancy Ames – Creative Director, Ward and Ames Special Events

Dr. Nancy Ayres – Pediatric Cardiologist, Texas Children's Hospital

Rogee Calvert – Director of Personnel and Volunteer Initiatives Program, Mayor's Office

Gracie Cavnar – Founder, Recipe for Success

Janet Clark – CEO, Marathon Oil

Ellen Cohen – State Representative, State of Texas

Dr. Yvonne Cormier – Anesthesiologist, UT Medical School

Chloe Dao – Fashion Designer, Lot 8

Marian Davenport – President and CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Houston

Dr. Judith Feigin – Chief of the Clinics for Attention Problems and Autism, Texas Children's Hospital

Fena Garza – President, Southeast College, Houston Community College

Gina Gaston – News Anchor, Channel 13

Melanie Gray – Partner, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

Mary Margaret Hansen – President, Greater East End Management District

Glenda Harris – Katrina Coordinator, Children's Defense Fund

Rachel Hecker – Painter and Associate Director, UH School of Art

Winell Herron – Vice President of Public Affairs, HEB Group

Gigi Huang – Restaurateur, Hunan Downtown

Jackie Ingram – CFA Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch

Chinhui Juhn – Economist, University of Houston

Nathelyne Kennedy – Founder & President, Nathelyne A. Kennedy and Associates, Civil and Structural Consulting Engineers

Nancy Levicki – CEO & Executive Director, Dress of Success

Kristen Loden – Executive Director, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

Janeice Longoria – Commissioner, Port of Houston

Aurora Losada – Spanish Language Editor, *Houston Chronicle*

Sue Lovell – City Council Member, At Large Position 2, City of Houston

Sultana Mangalji – Board Member, US Fund for UNICEF

Diana Marshall – Partner, Marshall and Lewis LLP

Su Marshman – Founder, Kid Yoga

Rebecca McDonald – President, Gas and Power, BHP Billiton Petroleum

Sister Jane Meyer – Head of School, St. Agnes Academy

Nicky Mondellini – Actress

Rosanna Moreno – Assistant Vice President & Executive Director of International Business Development, Memorial Hermann Hospital

Georgianna Nichols – President & COO, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric

Suzanne Nimocks – Director, McKinsey & Co.  
Sarah Peterson – Senior Vice President, Corporate and Investor Communications, Amegy Bank  
Belinda Phelps – Director, Citigroup Private Bank  
Dr. Michele Pola – Executive Director, A+ Challenge  
Jeanne Scheper – Post-Doctoral Fellow, UH Women's Studies  
Beth Schneider – Education Director, MFAH  
Doreen Stoller – Executive Director, Herman Park Conservancy  
Cecelia Tsai – President, North America Taiwanese Women's Association  
Laura Viada – Handweaver & Fiber Artist  
Dancie Perugini Ware – President, Dancie Perugini Ware Public Relations  
Rabbi Amy Weiss – Rabbi & Director, Initiative for Jewish Women  
Toni Whitaker – Fashion Designer

## 2008

Linda Addison – Partner, Fulbright & Jaworski  
Roberta Anding – Sports Dietician, Houston Texans  
Maida Asofsky – Houston Regional Director, ACLU Houston  
Laura Bell – Host, *Wild About Houston*, KTBU Channel 55  
Ann Best – Executive Director, Teach for America  
Chree Boydston – Chief Development Officer, Legacy Community Health  
Judy Camarena – President, Taquerias Arandas  
Elizabeth Campbell – Partner and Chief Diversity Officer, Andrews Kurth  
Valerie Cassel Oliver – Curator, Contemporary Arts Museum  
Frances Castaneda – Director of Corporate Account Management, Rockets Powerdancer Coach  
Katherine Center – Novelist, *The Bright Side of Disaster*  
Anne Chao – Community Volunteer  
Anne Clutterbuck – City Council Member, City of Houston  
Charlotte Coffelt – President, ROAD Women  
Colonel Eileen Collins – Former Astronaut & Space Shuttle Commander, USAF  
Tamersen Critchlow-Glenn – Selection Officer, USMC Recruiting  
Lily Foster – Actress  
Laura Genung – Wealth Management and Trust Officer, Chilton Capital Management, LLC  
Elizabeth Gregory – Author, *Ready* and Director of the UH Women's Studies Program  
Peggy Grodinsky – Food Editor, *Houston Chronicle*  
Paula Harris – Community Affairs Manager, Schlumberger  
Natasha Kamrani – Attorney and Trustee, HISD  
Renu Khator – President & Chancellor, University of Houston  
Carolyn Khourie – Principal Scientist  
Joanne King Herring – Honorary Consul, Former Hon. Consul General to Pakistan & Morocco  
Cathy Lopez Negrete – CFO, Lopez Negrete Advertising  
Elena Marks – Director of Health and Environmental Policy, City of Houston

Dr. Fatima Mawji –Anesthesiologist & Board Member, Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston  
Susan McMillian – Executive Staff Analyst, Dept. of Public Works and Engineering  
Lisa Melancon Ganucheau – President, Junior League of Houston  
Merideth Melville – Film and Video Producer, Zenfilm  
Jane Moser – Manager, Brazos Bookstore  
Susan Neptune – Owner, Neptune Heritage Restorations  
Melissa Noriega – City Councilwoman, City Council Member  
Michele Ostrander – Executive Director, Susan G. Komen Foundation - Houston Affiliate  
Sharon Michael Owens – VP of Corporate Community Relations, Centerpoint Energy  
Cynthia Pena – Manager, Federal Reserve Bank  
Hazel Pierre – Caribbean Literature Professor, University of Houston  
Gilda Ramirez – Director of Small Business Development, Port of Houston Authority  
Mia Rogers – Clothing Designer & Owner, Eve Francis Boutique  
Juanita Romans – CEO, Memorial Hermann System  
Dr. Linda Saranaga Magill – Anesthesiologist, Private Practice  
Mary Sit – METRO Blogger & Host, METRO  
Naomi Smulian Mendel – Painter and Owner, Art Studio on the Boulevard  
Doreen Stoller – Executive Director, Hermann Park Conservancy  
Marian Szczepanski – President, WIVLA  
Kiran Verma – Owner/Executive Chef, Kiran's Restaurant & Bar  
Mia Vu – Special Projects Consultant, Reliant Energy, Inc.  
Rev. Belinda Windham – Pastor, New Hope Presbyterian Church in Katy

## 2009

Connie Acosta – Division Chief – Labor, City of Houston, Legal Dept  
Mallory Agerton – Owner, Mallory L Agerton Portraits and Art  
Catherine Ansporn – Social Editor / Fine Arts Editor, *PaperCity Magazine*  
Deborah Moncrief Bell – Feminist and GLBT Activist, Community organizer  
Nelda Blair – Regent, University of Houston System & Attorney, The Blair Law Firm, P.C.  
Dr. Rhea Brown Lawson – Director, Houston Public Library  
Bonnie Campbell – Director, Bayou Bend Collection & Gardens  
Jill Carroll – Executive Director, Boniuk Center for Religious Tolerance, Rice University  
Cynthia Clayton – Assistant Professor, Moores School of Music, University of Houston  
Thao Costis – President & CEO, SEARCH Homeless Services  
Beverly Denver – Editor & Publisher, *Houston Woman Magazine*  
Chitra Divakaruni – Novelist, Poet, and Creative Writing Professor, University of Houston  
Dr. Rachelle Doody – Professor of Neurology, Baylor College of Medicine  
Dr. Carmel Dyer – Chair of Geriatrics, UT  
Rev. Becky Edmiston-Lange – Co-Minister, Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church  
LaTanya Flix – Executive Director, The Women's Resource of Greater Houston  
Betsy Gerdeman – VP for Community Engagement, Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston

Eleanor Gilbane – Bankruptcy Litigation Associate, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP  
Melissa Givens – Assistant Professor of Music, Houston Baptist University  
Marie-Theresa Hernandez – Texas Anthropologist & Professor of World Cultures, University of Houston  
Elsie Huang – President, Asian Chamber of Commerce  
Hon. Aneeta Jamal – Associate Judge, 314th District Court  
Jenna Jackson – Producer, CBS News/48 Hours  
Jolanda Jones – City Council Member, District D, City of Houston  
Carmen Jordan – Senior VP Manager, Corporate Energy Services, Amegy  
Rainey Knudson – Founder/Executive Director, Glasstire  
Misha Laird – Yoga Coordinator & Instructor, The Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa  
Dr. Shelena Lalji – Medical Director & CEO, Dr. Shel Wellness & Medical Spa  
Francesca Leoni – Assistant Curator of the Arts of the Islamic World, MFAH  
Dr. Susan Levin – Executive Director, Houston Galveston Institute  
Pat Lykos – Harris County District Attorney  
Brenda Lyon – Chief Nursing Officer, Memorial Hermann-TMC  
Tracye McDaniel – Executive VP & COO, Greater Houston Partnership  
Anna Mod – Historic Preservation Consultant, SWCA Environmental Consultants  
Minerva Perez – Talk Show Host/ Executive Producer, *Latina Voices*  
Sylvia Quan – Director of Administration, Foster Quan LLP  
Shantha Raghuthaman – President, Asians against Domestic Abuse (AADA)  
Carroll Ray – Attorney, Andrews Kurth LLP & Regent, University of Houston  
Louise Richman – VP & CFO, Houston METRO  
Becky Rush – VP Wealth Management Advisor, Merrill Lynch  
Ping Sun – Attorney, Yetter, Warden & Coleman LLP & Rice University Representative  
Mary Ross Taylor – Cultural Entrepreneur and Arts Activist  
Telisa Toliver – VP Commercial Development, Chevron Global Power Company  
Dr. Elizabeth Travis – Associate VP for Women Faculty Programs, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center  
Donna Vallone – Owner, Tony's Restaurant  
Michelle White – Assistant Curator, The Menil Collection  
Emilee Whitehurst – Executive Director, The Rothko Chapel  
JoAnne Woodard – Executive Artistic Director, HITS Theatre  
Karey Bresenhan – Mayor, City of Piney Point Village  
Gabriela Gerhart – President, The Motherhood Center

## **2010**

Laura Bellows – Chairwoman of Board, W.S. Bellows Construction Corp.  
Helen Berger – Head Mistress, Houston Preparatory Academy  
Susan Bischoff – President, The Houston Public Library Foundation  
Carroll Blue – Filmmaker, Author & Visiting Scholar, University of Houston

Dr. Abenaa Brewster – Breast Cancer Researcher, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center  
Brené Brown – Shame & Empathy Researcher and Author, UH School of Social Work  
Sue Burnett – Owner, Burnett Staffing  
Lilian Care – Radio Host, KPFT / *The Progressive Forum*  
Cindy Clifford – Founder and President, The Clifford Group, Inc.  
Franci Crane – Lawyer/Advocate, Susman Godfrey, Partner (retired)  
Jane Cummins – Co-Founder, HEART Program  
Irma Diaz Gonzalez – Chairman Elect, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Karen Farber – Director, UH Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts  
Samina Farid – Co-founder, Merrick Systems  
Sylvia Garcia – President, NALEO  
Kalyani Giri – Journalist, *Indo-American News*  
Patricia Gras – Host & Producer, *Latina Voices*  
Shelby Hodge – Editor-At-Large, *Culturemap*  
Helen Hodges – President, Separation Systems Consultants, Inc  
Dr. Karen Otazo Hofmeister – Executive Director & Board Treasurer, Citizens for Affordable  
Energy  
Pam Holm – City Council Member, City of Houston  
Heidi Horton – President, Bodywork by Heidi, Inc.  
Willa Hsueh – Diabetes Researcher, The Methodist Hospital Research Institute  
Kathleen Kelly – Music Director, Houston Grand Opera  
Rathna Kumar – Founder, Anjali Center for Performing Arts  
Mary Lawler – Executive Director, Avenue CDC (Community Development Corp)  
Alecia Lawyer – Executive Director, ROCO  
Lee Loe – Co-Editor, *Houston Peace News*  
Laura Mayes – Founder, KIRTSY  
Quynh-Anh McMahan – Research & Evaluation Manager, Rockwell Fund, Inc.  
Mica Mosbacher – Regent, University of Houston  
Neena Newberry – President, Newberry Executive Coaching & Consulting LLC  
Patricia Oliver – Dean, UH College of Architecture  
Lidya Osadchey – CEO, ESCAPE  
Annise Parker – Mayor, City of Houston  
Sue Payne – Manager Geosciences Resources, ExxonMobil  
Kathryn Peek – AVP for University Health Initiatives, University of Houston  
Monica Pope – Chef/Owner, T'Afia  
Carla Powers (Herron) – Author, *Matches in the Gas Tank: Trial by Fire in the Armstrong Cult*  
Shanta Raghuthaman – Asians against Domestic Abuse  
Janie Reyes – Director, Harris County-Houston Sports Authority  
Joy Sewing – Journalist, Fashion & Beauty Columnist, *Houston Chronicle*  
Carla Sharp – Associate Professor, UH Clinical Research Center  
Myrtle Sims – Admission Counseling, Sims Educational Assessment Services

Gael Stack – Table Talk Artist & UH Professor of Painting  
Ellen Susman – Producer/Host/Author, Ellen Susman/Susman Family Foundation  
Indira Vishnampet – CEO, Hydus Inc  
Karen Walrund – Blogger, Chookooloonks Media  
Jennifer Wheler – President, COLLAGE: The Art for Cancer Network  
Cindy Clifford – President, The Clifford Group  
Jonie Hare – Maternal-Fetal Health Specialist, The Women's Hospital of Texas

## **2011**

Kafah Bachari Manna – Writer and Co-founder, Pink Iftar  
Annie Bedford – Rabbi, Temple Sinai  
Nancy Bolduc – Veterinarian, River Oaks Animal Hospital  
Maria Boyce – Partner, Baker Botts LLP  
Waynette Chan – Chief of Staff, City of Houston  
Emily Connor – Spinal Cord Research Activist, Mission Connect  
June Deadrick – Director of Government Affairs, Centerpoint  
Suzan Deison – Founder, Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce  
Margarita de la Vega-Hurtado – Executive Director, International Film Seminars  
Mimi Del Grande – Owner, Café Annie  
Barbara Duganier – Executive Director, Accenture  
Carolyn Farb – Socialite and Fundraiser  
Cathy Fitzpatrick – Image Consultant, Cleary Thompson  
Ali Gallegos-Templer – Assistant to Joel Osteen, Lakewood Church  
Carmen Geddit – Skater, Houston Roler Derby  
Rachel Hecker – Painting Professor, University of Houston  
Kathy Heinzerling – Executive Director, Breakthrough Houston  
Kathy Hubbard – Houston First Lady and Owner, Hubbard Financial Services  
Rosalie Hyde – Therapist, Houston Galveston Trauma Institute  
Anita Jaisinghani – Owner/Executive Chef, Indika Restaurant  
Betsy Kamin – Attorney, Strasburger & Price LLP  
Natasha Kamrani – Education Advocate and Executive Director, The CORE  
Beverly Kaufman – former Harris County Clerk, Harris County  
Dr. Eugenie Kleinerman – Head of Pediatrics, UT / MD Anderson Cancer Center  
Alexandra Knight – Handbag Designer and Owner, Alexandra Knight Inc.  
Gina Luna – CEO Middle-Market Commercial, Chase Bank Houston  
Suzanne McCarron – President, ExxonMobil Foundation  
Cristal Montanez Baylor – Executive Director, Hashoo Foundation Houston  
Eileen Morris – Artistic Director, The Ensemble Theatre  
Mica Mosbacher – Honorary Consul, Consulate of Iceland  
Emily Neff – Curator, MFAH  
Judy Nyquist – Community Art Volunteer

Evelyn Pappas – Architect, Pappas Restaurants  
Dr. Bela Patel – Professor and Assistant Chief Medical Officer, UT & Memorial Hermann  
Mary Ann Perez – Regent, HCC  
Mary Tere Perusquia – President, Latin Women's Initiative  
Juanita Rasmus – Senior Pastor, St. John's Downton Church  
Hanadi Rifai – Hydrology and Environmental Engineering Professor, University of Houston  
Sarah Rothenberg – Pianist and Founder, Da Camera of Houston  
Courtney Sarofim – Partner, Sima Capital  
Laura Buss Sayavedra – VP / CFO, Spectra Energy  
Algenita Scott Davis – Executive Director, Houston Habitat for Humanity  
Bapsi Sidhwa – Novelist, *Cracking India* and *Water*  
Jade Simmons – Pianist and Founder, Jade Media / Impulse Artist Series  
Laura Spanjian – Director of Sustainability, City of Houston  
Leah Stolar – Partner, Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, LLP  
Lilas Taha – Board President, Asians against Domestic Abuse  
Andrea White – Author, *Windows on the World*  
LaTonya Whifield-Horhn – Project Manager, PBK Architects  
Gwendolyn Zepeda – Novelist, *Houston, We Have a Problema*

## 2012

Lindsay Aronstein – Owner, Rebecca & Drew  
Jerri Babin – VP Strategic Sales Support, National Oilwell Varco  
Nandita Berry – Senior Counsel, Lockelord LLP & Houston Regent  
Crystal Brown-Tatum – President & CEO, Crystal Clear Communications  
Jenny Burgermeister – Owner & Teacher, JennYoga & CuraYoga  
Suzette T. Caldwell – Associate Pastor, Windsor Village United Methodist Church  
Lisa Casteñeda – METRO Board Member & Deputy Director, Harris County Toll Road Authority  
Yvette Chargois – People Editor, *Houston Defender*  
Lisa Chen, MD – Colorectal Surgeon  
Cris C. Daskevich, FACHE – SVP, Texas Children's Hospital – Pavilion for Women  
Marcela Donadio – Americas Oil and Gas Sector Leader, Ernst & Young LLP  
Anna C. Dragsbaek – President & CEO, The Immunization Partnership  
Bevin Bering Dubrowski – Executive Director, Houston Center for Photography  
Rola El-Serag, MD – Internist, Baylor College of Medicine, Veterans Affairs Medical Center  
Courtney Hill Fertitta – Owner, Courtney Hill Interiors  
Sarah Fisher – Co-Founder & CEO, +Works, positive anti-bullying program  
Beatrice Garza – President & CEO, Association for the Advancement of Mexican-Americans  
Leslie Gauna – Executive Director, Houston Playback Theatre  
Hon. Vanessa Gilmore – US District Judge  
Curry Glassell – Philanthropist / Activist



Marion Globber – Owner, Past Era Antique Jewelry  
Maureen Hackett – Philanthropist  
Suzie Jones – Executive Vice President & Manager, Investments Division, Amegy Bank of Texas  
Karleen Koen – Author, *Before Versailles: A Novel of Louis XIV*  
Claudia Kolker – Journalist & Author, *The Immigrant Advantage: What We Can Learn from Newcomers to America about Health, Happiness and Hope*  
Valerae O. Lewis, MD – Chief, Orthopaedic Oncology, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center  
Marianne Marcus – Professor of Addiction Nursing, UT Health Science Center  
Lynn Mathre – President, Asset Management Advisors, Inc.  
Betty Moody – Owner & Director, Moody Gallery  
Hon. Annise Parker – Mayor, City of Houston  
Shelly Power – Director of Education, Houston Ballet  
Amy Ragan – Chief Development Officer, Houston Food Bank  
Latha Ramchand – Dean, CT Bauer College of Business, University of Houston  
Shubhra Ramineni – Culinary Instructor & Author, *Entice with Spice*  
Sheryl Rapp – Co-founder, The UP Experience  
Rebecca Peña Reyes – CFO, Reytec Construction Resources  
Rebecca L. Robinson – Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, ACLU of Texas  
Robin Robinette, DVM – Owner, Veterinary Chiropractic and Rehabilitation Clinic  
Sima Shakhsari – Postdoctoral Fellow, WGSS Program, University of Houston  
Miya Shay – Reporter, KTRK  
Lisa Trapani Shumate – ED & GM, Houston Public Media (KUHT, KUHF, KUHA)  
Bettina Elias Siegal – School Food Blogger (The Lunch Tray) & HISD Food Services Parent Advisory Committee  
Donna Stokes – Physics Professor, University of Houston  
Cindy B. Taylor – President & CEO, Oil States International, Inc.  
Susanne Theiss – Programming Director, Discovery Green Conservancy  
Katherine Veneman – Artist & Curator of Education, Blaffer Art Museum, University of Houston  
Cynthia Walker – Vice President & Managing Director, Goldman, Sachs and Co.  
Harriet Wasserstrum – President, American Leadership Forum – Houston / Gulf Coast  
Carolina Weitzman – President, NATEX Architects  
Misty White – Executive Director, Reliant Energy Foundation  
Rebecca White – President & CEO, Houston Area Women’s Center  
Peggy Whitson, PhD – Chief, Astronaut Office, Johnson Space Center