

## **Curriculum Vitae**

### **David Louis Caprara**

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#### **AREAS OF WORK**

National and international volunteering and service, conflict resolution and civic diplomacy, poverty and asset building, family strengthening and fatherhood, youth violence and ex-offender re-entry, faith-based initiatives, urban and rural community development.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AND WORK EXPERIENCE**

Director and Nonresident Fellow, Brookings Initiative on International Volunteering and Service, 2006.

Executive Vice-President, Youth Federation for World Peace, 2006.

President, Empowerment Consultants International, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 2005-2006.

Co-Director, *International Roundtable on Volunteering and Service*, Points of Light Foundation, Corporation for National and Community Service, and U.S. Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C., 2004-2006.

Co-Director, *International Conference on Faith and Service*, Civic Enterprises, Washington, D.C., 2005-2006.

Director, Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and Director of AmeriCorps\*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), Corporation for National and Community Service, Washington, D.C., 2002-2005.

President, American Family Coalition and Vice-President, Washington Times Foundation, Washington, D.C., 2000-2002.

Policy and Program Director, Violence Free Zone Youth Initiative, National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, Washington, D.C., 1996-2000.

Director, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, and Commissioner, Virginia Housing Development Authority, Richmond, Virginia, 1994-1996.

Executive Director, Governor's Commission on Citizen Empowerment, Richmond, Virginia, 1994.

President and Founder, The Empowerment Network and Empowerment Resource Network, Alexandria and Fredericksburg, Virginia, 2005-2006, 1993-1994.

Deputy Assistant Secretary and Director, Office of Resident Initiatives, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C., 1989-1992.

Program Director and Legislative Associate, National Housing and Economic Development Program, National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, Washington, D.C., 1985-1988.

Legislative Aide, Illinois Human Services Committee Chairman, Representative Jesse White (D-Chicago, Illinois), 1984-1985.

Executive Director, Project Volunteer, Chicago, Illinois, 1981-1983.

## **CONSULTATION AND PROJECTS**

Points of Light Foundation - National Volunteer Center Network, program consultancy on international service and Katrina volunteer relief, 2005-2006.

Organization of American States, Young Americas Business Trust, advisory appointment on youth policies and best practices, 1998.

Moscow and St. Petersburg City Councils, and Russian Housing Ministry, housing privatization briefings and exchange consultations, US HUD, 1991.

Policy Director, U.S. Department of Labor, Welfare to Work Award to Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and Family Revitalization, project received national best practice citation, 1997-1999.

Policy and Program Director, Public Housing Resident Management, Entrepreneurship, and Homeownership Demonstration (1985-1988), which led to congressional enactment of public housing resident management legislation.

## **EDUCATION**

University of Illinois at Chicago, Undergraduate Studies in Political Science, 1985.

Berry College Interdisciplinary Studies Program, Rome, Georgia, 1974-1976.

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky, 1973.

Georgetown University, Congressional Policy Continuing Education Seminars, Washington, D.C., 1985.

## **ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society.

Urban Policy Fellowship, United States Senator Alan J. Dixon (D-Illinois), 1985.

Shaw Divinity School, Coordinator, Institute for Race, Religion and Politics, Washington, D.C., 1985.

Berry College Citizenship Award, Rome, Georgia, 1975.

Georgia Public Interest Research Group, co-founder and campus president, Berry College, Rome, Georgia, 1975-1976.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Nonviolent Social Change Institutes, Atlanta, Georgia, 1973.

## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Senior Executive Service appointment and United States Office of Personnel Management S.E.S. training, 1990.

Certificate of Training, Legislative Institute for Member and Committee Staff, Congressional Research Service, 1985.

Basic Management of Volunteer Programs, United Way of Chicago, 1984.

Member, National Association of Volunteer Administrators, 1984.

## **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND TASK FORCE COMMITTEES**

### ***Federal***

White House Task Force on Disadvantaged Youth, Family and Community Subcommittee, 2004.

White House Task Force on Los Angeles Recovery, 1992.

White House Economic Empowerment Task Force, 1992.

### ***State***

Virginia General Assembly Task Force on Faith-Based Community Service Groups, 1997-1998.

Governor's Interagency Advisory Council to the Base Retention Advisory Commission, 1995.

**Local**

Spotsylvania County Industrial Development Board, 1997.

Landlord-Tenant Relations Board, City Council appointment, Alexandria, Virginia, 1988.

Chicago Mayor's Task Force on Gangs, 1984.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Amachi Mentoring Children of Prisoners Initiative, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service Award, Big Brothers Big Sisters, 2006.

Golden Eagle Award for rare national contributions, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 1992.

Secretary's Superior Accomplishment Award, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1989-1992.

Low-Income Neighborhood Service Award, National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, 1989.

National Association of Resident Management Corporations Award, 1989.

Cabrini-Green Public Housing Resident Council Civic Award, 1984.

Presidential Voluntary Action Award Nomination, 1984.

Chicago Mayor's Citizenship Award, 1984.

**PUBLICATIONS, RESEARCH AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

David Caprara and Collette Caprara, co-editor (2001). *Empowerment Blueprint 2001: Strategies for Family and Community Renewal in a New American Century*.

David Caprara and Collette Caprara (1998). *Violence Free Zone Resource Guide and Tool Kit*, National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise.

David Caprara and Heather Humphries (1998). *National Assessment of Faith-Based Drug Treatment Policies*, funded by Smith Richardson Foundation.

David Caprara and Collette Caprara, co-editor (1993). *Empowerment: Blueprint for Change*, Empowerment Network Foundation.

David Caprara and Bill Alexander (1987). *Empowering Tenants of Public Housing*, National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Served as founding co-director and presenter at first, second and third annual *International Roundtable on Volunteering and Service*, Points of Light Foundation, USAID, and Corporation for National and Community Service, Kansas City, Washington, D.C., and Seattle, 2004-2006.

Presented national service policy models to European Union representatives to United States, hosted by British Embassy, Washington, D.C., 2005.

Conducted regional volunteer trainings on *Strengthening Children and Families* with United States Departments of HHS and CNCS in six regions, 2003-2004.

Presented *Peacemaking in the Family: Nuclear, Community and Global* at United Nations, Peacemakers Corps, New York, 2004.

Served as conference director, *Era of US-Pacific Cooperation*, Washington Times Foundation, Arlington, Virginia, 2002.

Moderated *Search for Solutions to Critical Global Problems Conference* session for Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, New York, 2001.

Delivered testimony on *Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood*, Michigan State Legislative Joint Hearing, Lansing, Michigan, 2001.

Coordinated *Policy Roundtables on Family, Welfare, and Asset Development*, Empowerment Network, Washington, D.C., 2000.

Presented strategies for *National Housing and Community Empowerment*, Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Atlanta, Georgia, 1991.

Delivered testimony on *Youth Policies and Best Practices*, Justice Department Hearing on Gang Violence, Washington, D.C., 1989.

Testified on *Public Housing Resident Management Policy* before the United States Senate, Housing and Urban Affairs Subcommittee, 1986.

Congressional Empowerment Caucus News Conference, convener and presenter on empowerment strategies, Washington, D.C., 1993.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Service for Peace, U.S. volunteer team coordinator for volunteer projects in Cambodia, Thailand and Japan, 2005-2006.

National Alliance of Faith and Justice, board member, Washington, D.C., 2006.

Bragg Hill Family Life Center, advisory board, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 2006.

Rappahannock Big Brothers Big Sisters, board member, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 1995.

King Street Metro Enterprise Team, Alexandria, Virginia, 1993.

Virginia Association of Neighborhoods, advisory board, Richmond, Virginia, 1987.

Rosemont Civic Association, Secretary, Alexandria, Virginia, 1987.

School Board, Vocational Education Committee, Alexandria, Virginia, 1987.

Chamber of Commerce Affordable Housing Committee, Alexandria, Virginia, 1987.

Alexandria United Way, Board Executive Committee, Alexandria, Virginia, 1986.

We Care Advisor, Alexandria, Virginia, 1986.

*Dates are best estimates.*

## **INTERESTS**

Global cultural conflict resolution through service and interfaith initiatives. Family strengthening, youth and adult mentorship. American leadership history and world civilizations. Mountain hiking, golf, guitar.