

Ohio Hunger Dialogues Plenary Panel - Saturday, November 12, 2016

9:00 – 11:00 am



Kristin Gangwer is the Chief Executive Officer at Our Harvest Cooperative, where she oversees the Co-op's production, sales, distribution, and food access efforts. Kristin also leads the Distribution & Procurement Work Group for the Greater Cincinnati Regional Food Policy Council, is the Board Co-Chair for Cultivate! Ohio Valley, and is on the Steering Committee of the Cincinnati Chapter of Slow Money. She is the author of the 2013 study, "The State of Local Food in Central Ohio River Valley," commissioned by the Green Umbrella Local Food Action Team. Before moving to Cincinnati, Kristin worked on local food and agriculture issues in New Mexico and Colorado. She holds degrees from Stanford University and the University of Colorado.



Kurt Reiber is President and CEO of the FreeStore FoodBank. Before joining the FreeStore Foodbank in 2011, Kurt was the Senior Vice President of KeyBank and served on the Board of Directors of the FreeStore Foodbank from 1996 to 2010. Kurt graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College with his BA in Economics & Finance, and received his JD and MBA from the University of Toledo. Kurt is a member of Leadership Cincinnati Class #36 and was recently elected by his peers in the human services community to serve as President of the Human Services Chamber of Hamilton County. Under his guidance, the FreeStore Foodbank has become nationally recognized by Feeding America for its work in capacity development for its community partners and has modernized operations. The FreeStore FoodBank serves 350 member agencies throughout a 20 county area surrounding the Cincinnati, OH metropolitan area in Southern Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Eastern Indiana.



Katie Vinopal is an Assistant Professor at The Ohio State University's John Glenn College of Public Affairs. She received her Ph.D. and Masters in public administration from the School of Public Affairs at American University in Washington, D.C. and a B.S. in Mathematics from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Her research focuses on the factors that contribute to poverty and social and economic inequality, and the policies and programs that best address these challenges. She is interested specifically in social, family, and early education policy and administration. Prior to her academic career, Vinopal worked as a research assistant in the Center on Labor, Human Services, and Population at the Urban Institute in Washington, DC. There she conducted research on issues, policies, and systems impacting vulnerable families. Vinopal also worked on national and local hunger and food security issues in the nonprofit sector for the Food Research and Action Center in Washington, DC.



Dr. O'dell Moreno Owens is a native Cincinnati. Following graduation from Woodward High School, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Antioch College. Dr. Owens spent his third year of college at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, as a foreign exchange student.

Dr. Owens attended Yale University Medical School where he earned his M.D. degree and his Masters in Public Health and completed his internship and residency in obstetrics and gynecology. He was awarded the Irving Friedman Award as the Outstanding Chief Resident in the department of OB/GYN at Yale Medical School. Dr. served as a clinical instructor in the department of OB/GYN at Harvard Medical School, and was a Fellow in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility for two years. He returned to his native Cincinnati in 1982 to establish the first division of reproductive endocrinology in the department of OB/GYN at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. In 2004, Dr. Owens was elected as Hamilton County's Coroner and he was re-elected in 2008.

In August, 2010, Dr. Owens became the fifth President of Cincinnati State Technical and Community College. He served as President until October, 2015. He then served as the Medical Director and Interim Health Commissioner for the City of Cincinnati and in October of 2016, he was named President and CEO of Interact for Health. Interact for Health is an independent nonprofit that serves 20 counties in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana and is a catalyst for health and wellness, promoting healthy living through grants, education, and policy.