

John T. Colgan

Newly Appointed Member of the Illinois Commerce Commission

Experience:

- Vice President for Public Policy, Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies, IACAA (2001-present)
- Founding Executive Director, Illinois Hunger Coalition (1989-2001)
- Director of Community Food and Nutrition Programs, Peoria County Community Action Agency (1981-1989)

Organization Membership and Recognition:

- Member, Board of Directors of the National Center for Appropriate Technology
- Member, Illinois Asset Building Group, Coordinating Committee & Policy Committee
- IACAA Representative, Policy Advisory Council, Illinois Department Commerce and Economic and Opportunity (DCEO)
- Chairperson, Community Service Block Grant Advisory Board, DCEO (1990-1994)
- Co-Founder and 12-year member, Central Illinois Food Bank (1980-1992)
- Co-Founder and eight-year member, Illinois Interagency Nutrition Council, Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) (1992-2000)

Awards and Honors:

- Certified Community Action Professional, National Community Action Partnership, 2008
- Chancellor's Commission for Reorganizing the U of I Cooperative Extension Service, 1996
- Raymond M. Wheeler Award for Distinguished Service in Fighting Hunger in America, Food Research and Action Center of Washington, D.C., 1995
- Friend of EFNEP Award, University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service, 1993
- Cramer/Fisher Award, Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger for Outstanding Anti-Hunger Activists, 1992

Education:

- Southern Illinois University, B.A. in Government, 1970
- University of Illinois, M.A. with Honors in Political Studies, 2003

Personal Information:

- Hometown: Wyoming, Illinois
- Father of five adult children and grandfather of nine
- Has two brothers, Francis Michael and Joseph, and one sister, Mary