

Michelle R. B. Saddler

Newly-Appointed Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor

Experience:

- Secretary, Illinois Department of Human Services (Oct. 2009 - Aug. 2010)
- Director of Policy, Illinois Office of the Governor (2009)
- Vice President for International Adoptions, Lifelink Corporation (2007 - 2009)
- Executive Director, Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) (1998 - 2007)
- Executive Vice President, MidAmerica Leadership Foundation/World Vision (1995-1997)
- Director of Investments/Deputy for Investment Policy, Office of the Illinois State Treasurer (1991 - 1995)
- Manager in Cash Management and Budgeting, Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (1987 - 1991)
- Management Intern, Multilingual Unit, Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare (1982)
- Management Intern, Greater Boston Legal Services (1982)

Honors and Distinctions:

- Guest Lecturer, Illinois Institute of Technology and Northwestern University (2003 - Present)
- Award for Distinguished Community Service (First Female Recipient), Princeton Club of Chicago (2002)
- Transition Team Member for Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas (1998 - 1999)
- GFOA Award for Excellence in Financial Management for development of the “Small Business Means Big Business” program (1994)
- Coordinated project to author The Government Finance Officers Association Code of Professional Ethics, adopted internationally by trade association serving 17,500 government finance professionals

Civic Leadership:

- Co-Chair, Board of Directors, Protestants for the Common Good
- Member, Board of Directors, Foundation for Self-Sufficiency in Central America
- Member, Steering Committee, Chicago Promise (2005 - 2007)
- President, Board of Directors, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless (1999 - 2004)
- Member, Board of Directors, Evanston Day Nursery

Education:

- Northwestern University, J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Master of Management (1986). Austin Scholar.
- Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, B.A. in Public and International Affairs (1982). Secondary concentrations in French and Spanish.

Personal:

- Husband Ed Shurna
- Four adult children and three grandchildren
- Currently resides in Evanston