



Ambassador Suzan LeVine Joins the Board of Research Improving People's Lives

PROVIDENCE, RI – The leading tech-for-social-impact nonprofit, Research Improving People's Lives (RIPL), today announced that Ambassador Suzan 'Suzi' LeVine will join the organization's Board of Directors. RIPL works with governments to help them use data, science, and technology to improve policy and lives. The organization works with faculty research affiliates from top research universities across the country to provide powerful, scientific-grade insights quickly and directly to policymakers so that they can positively impact lives, solve pressing social challenges, and build their own capacity to innovate and measure success going forward.

"We are delighted and grateful to have Suzi as a member of the RIPL Board," said Dr. Justine Hastings, RIPL's Founding Board Member and current Board Chair. "Suzi's deep cross-sector experience and career-long devotion to public service will help RIPL successfully achieve its mission to help government use data, science, and technology to measurably improve lives. We will regularly draw from Suzi's talent and expertise as RIPL scales for impact across the country."

Ambassador LeVine most recently served as Acting Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration at the United States Department of Labor, with a portfolio including Unemployment Insurance, apprenticeship, Job Corps, workforce development, foreign labor certification and more. This position followed Ambassador LeVine's public sector positions as the United States Ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein and the Commissioner for the Washington State Employment Security Department.

Her private sector roles have included Windows 95 Product Manager, Director of Communications for Education at Microsoft, and Vice President for Sales and Marketing in Luxury Travel at Expedia, Inc.

Ambassador LeVine was a stay-at-home mom of two kids twice during her career, during which time she co-founded two non-profit organizations. In addition to the RIPL board, LeVine serves on the non-profit boards of CareerWise USA and the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, and on the corporate board for Publicis Groupe.

Ambassador LeVine joins a distinguished group of board members serving RIPL's mission.

- Dr. Justine Hastings is the Founding Director of RIPL and the current RIPL Board Chair. She is an Affiliate Professor of Economics at the University of Washington, the Chief of Human-Centered Science at Amazon, and a Faculty Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Her research was cited in the 2017 Nobel Prize scientific background materials, and has been used to shape public policy improvements around the world, including North Carolina, Rhode Island, Chile, and Mexico. She has also served as an expert advisor on the Academic Research Council to the United States Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

- Dr. Susan Athey is the Economics of Technology Professor at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business, the Associate Director of the Stanford Institute for Human Centered Artificial Intelligence, and a Faculty Research Associate at NBER. As one of the first "tech economists," she served as consulting chief economist for Microsoft Corporation for six years, and now serves on the boards of several technology companies as well as non-profit Innovations for Poverty Action. She has conducted path-breaking research on causal machine learning methods, focusing on estimating heterogeneous effects of treatments. Her frequent co-author on these methods, Dr. Guido W. Imbens, was recently awarded the 2021 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences.
- Dr. Eric Chyn is an Assistant Professor of Economics in the Department of Economics at Dartmouth and a Faculty Research Fellow at NBER. He is a member of the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity (HCEO) Global Working Group, a Faculty Affiliate at the Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunity at the University of Notre Dame, and a Faculty Affiliate at the Economic Self-Sufficiency Policy Research Institute. His recent research uses quasi-experimental methods and big data to study the impact of government programs for children.
- Dr. Richard Gilbert is currently Professor Emeritus of Economics at UC Berkeley. He has previously served as Chair of Berkeley's Economics Department, and also served as the Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Antitrust Division at the U.S. Justice Department and the Director of the University of California Energy Institute.

"I am thrilled to join an already illustrious board of experts," **said Ambassador LeVine**. "I know RIPL's work well. Our country faces challenges on numerous fronts as we emerge from the pandemic, and RIPL's distinctive ability to bring policy, tech, data and scientific expertise to bear is needed now more than ever. Especially in the public sector, there is a tremendous amount of data that can be more effectively activated to better meet the needs of workers and economies across our nation. I look forward to helping the organization as it does just that and scales all across the country."

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