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Representative Carol Ammons (D)

103rd District UIUC



Years served: January 2015 - Present

Biography: Full-time legislator; former member of Urbana City Council and Champaign County Board; volunteered at Courage Connections (A Woman's Fund); worked at Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center, Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club, Salvation Army Food Pantry, and University YMCA; resides in Urbana; married, has three children.

Representative John E. Bradley (D)

117th District UIUC



Years served: June 2003 - Present

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Biography: Attorney; born May 10, 1971, in Harrisburg; A.S., A.A., Southeastern Illinois College; B.A., University of Texas at Austin; J.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; former member, Williamson County Airport Authority; former president, Southeastern Illinois College Alumni Association; member, Christian Covenant Fellowship (Carterville); married (wife, Michelle), has three children, Austin, Jackson and Gabriel.

Representative Adam Brown (R)

102nd District UIUC



Years served: January 2011 - Present

Biography: Fifth-generation family farmer from Macon County; graduate of Richland Community College and the University of Illinois. Served as Decatur City Councilman (2009-2010). Served in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's APHIS division in Champaign and the Foreign Agricultural Service in Washington D.C. Member of the Macon County Farm Bureau. Serves as a volunteer firefighter with the Bondville Fire Department. Earned recognition as one of the Central Illinois Business Journal's Top 20 Under 40. Selected as a 2013 Edgar Fellow. Married (wife, Stephanie) with one child.

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Representative Kelly Burke (D)

36th District UIUC



Years served: January 2011 - Present

Biography: Full-time state representative; B.A., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; J.D., John Marshall Law School; Evergreen Park Library Board trustee, 2003-2011 (board president 2005-2011); alumna of the Edgar Fellows Leadership Program (2012); adjunct faculty, Loyola University Law School.

Representative Tim Butler (R)

87th District UIS



Years served: March 2015 – Present

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Biography: Rep. Tim Butler previously served as district chief of staff to former U.S. Rep. Ray LaHood and to U.S. Rep. Rodney Davis. A 1990 graduate of Eastern Illinois University, Tim and his wife Wendy have lived in Sangamon County since 1998. He is active in the Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association and serves on the Boards of Directors of the Dirksen Congressional Center and Downtown Springfield, Inc.

Representative Linda Chapa LaVia (D)
83rd District UIC



Years served: January 2003 - Present

Biography: Real estate broker; born and raised in Aurora; bachelor's degree and ROTC, University of Illinois at Chicago; commissioned officer in the U.S. Army until 1993, Illinois National Guard until 1997; resides in Aurora; married, two daughters.

Representative Kenneth Dunkin (D)
5th District UIC



Years served: December 2002 – Present

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Biography: Born and raised in Chicago's Cabrini Green Public Housing Development, Ken Dunkin is also a product of the Chicago Public School System. He is a graduate of Jenner Academy of the Arts Elementary School and Lincoln Park High School. He continued his education at Harold Washington College, where he received an Associates of Arts degree. Dunkin was then accepted to Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, where he graduated with Bachelors of Arts degree in Political Science. Dunkin later returned to Chicago to complete his Masters of Arts degree in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago. Dunkin and his wife Yolanda are the proud parents of a son and two daughters.

Representative Mary E. Flowers (D)
31st District UIC



Years served: January 1985 - Present

Biography: Full-time state legislator; born July 31, 1951, in Inverness, MS; attended Kennedy King Community College; University of Illinois-Chicago Circle; received 1993 "Legislator of the Year" award from Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association; married (husband, Daniel Coutee), has one daughter (Makeda).

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Representative Robyn Gabel (D)
18th District UIC



Years served: April 2010 - Present

Biography: Throughout her career, Robyn Gabel has maintained a strong commitment to serving the people of Illinois as an advocate for women, children and families. She served as the Executive Director of the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition, a non profit advocacy organization, from 1988 to 2010 and previously worked as legislative aid to Alderman (now Congressman) Luis Gutierrez. Her legislative priorities include affordable, accessible health care, environment and sustainability issues, education, and economic development. She has a B.A. from Beloit College, an M.S.P.H. from the University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health and an M.J. in Health Law from Loyola University Chicago. She has one daughter, Lilah.

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Representative Esther Golar (D)
6th District UIC



Years served: December 2005 - Present

Biography: Born in Chicago; attended Malcolm X College, Chicago. Member of Alternative Policing Strategy, Robert Fulton Elementary Local School Council (1999-2006); Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, Inc. (1998-2006); Received Back of the Yards Neighborhood Leadership Award; member of Trinity United Church of Christ.

Representative Jehan A. Gordon-Booth (D)
92nd District UIUC



Years served: January 2009 - Present

Biography: Full-time state legislator; B.A., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; former local school board member; former staff member, Illinois Central College; 2013 Edgar Fellow; resides in Peoria with husband, Derrick, and daughter, Jianna.

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Representative Frances Ann Hurley (D)
35th District UIC



Years served: January 2013 - Present

Biography: Full-time state legislator and lifelong resident of the southwest community; graduate of Saint Barnabas Elementary School, Mother McAuley High School, and Saint Xavier University; former aide to Chicago aldermen Ginger Rugai and Matthew O'Shea; member of the Saint Christina Parish, Mt. Greenwood Civic Association; former director of the Saint Christina Manna Program and past volunteer for Christ Hospital's Ronald McDonald House, Misericordia, Y-Me softball tournament, PADS, Marist High School, Mt. Greenwood Party in the Park, and Merrionette Park Youth Softball; lives in Mt. Greenwood and has three children.

Representative Jeanne M Ives (R)
42nd District UIUC



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Years served: January 2013 - Present

Biography: Jeanne Ives (R-Wheaton) is a graduate of West Point Military Academy with a bachelor's degree in economics. Jeanne is a veteran officer in the United States Army where she served as a platoon leader and headquarters detachment commander for transportation units in Germany and a ROTC instructor at Wheaton College. Jeanne formerly served as the Council-Woman at Large for the City of Wheaton, she and her husband are the proud parents of 5 children.

Representative Lou Lang (D)
16th District UIUC



Years served: July 1987 - Present

Biography: Attorney; born Nov. 26, 1949, in Chicago; B.A., political science, University of Illinois; J.D., DePaul University College of Law; married (wife, Teri), has five children.

Representative Donald L. Moffitt (R)
74th District UIUC



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Years served: January 1993 - Present

Biography: Full-time state legislator; born Feb. 18, 1947, in Galesburg; B.S., agricultural education and economics, University of Illinois; former Knox County Treasurer, Knox County Board member and chair, Knoxville City Council member, mayor of Oneida and alderman in Oneida; married (wife, Carolyn), has three children.

Representative Martin J. Moylan (D)

55th District UIUC



Years served: January 2013 - Present

Biography: Full-time legislator; attended the University of Illinois; member, Support Your Neighbor Commission; former Des Plaines mayor and alderman; former electrician and electrical inspector; former business representative, IBEW Local 134; married, has one son.

Representative Raymond Poe (R)

99th District UIS



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Years served: January 1995 - Present

Biography: Farmer; born March 26, 1944, in Lincoln; graduated, DeVry Institute of Technology, Chicago, 1963; married (wife, Carol), has three children and eight grandchildren.

Representative Robert W. Pritchard (R)

70th District UIUC



Years served: December 2003 - Present

Biography: Agriculture businessman; born Feb. 2, 1945, in Aurora; B.S. and Masters in Communication, University of Illinois; farmer and former Executive Director of Illinois Ag Leadership Foundation, seed marketer and specialist in public affairs, University Extension Communicator and County Ag Advisor, and Radio - TV reporter; served as County Board member and Chair, School Board member and a leader in community groups; married (wife, Mary) has two sons.

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Representative David Reis (R)
109th District UIUC



Years served: January 2005 - Present

Biography: Farmer; born September 15, 1964; A.S. in Agriculture, Lake Land College, B.S. in Agriculture, University of Illinois; Member of the Illinois Pork Producers Association, the Jasper Co. Farm Bureau, the Jasper & Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, the Sons of the American Legion, and St. Thomas Catholic Church; Newton Knights of Columbus; married (wife, Maria); two Children (Nicholas, Adriana).

Representative Al Riley (D)
38th District UIC



Years served: January 2007 – Present

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Biography: Born March 4, 1953 in Chicago, Illinois; an urban planner and statistician by profession; Held executive positions in education, government, medical research and the private sector; B.A., Economic Geography/Secondary Education, Chicago State University; Masters, Urban Planning and Policy Analysis and Doctoral study in Economic Policy Analysis, University of Illinois at Chicago; Adjunct Professor, Business and Public Administration, Governors State University (1997-2007); Trustee, Village of Olympia Fields (1994-2005); Trustee, Rich Township (2005); Supervisor, Rich Township (2006-present), member, American Institute of Certified Planners; Executive Board, Calumet Council, Boy Scouts of America; Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra Board, U.S. Army Reserve (Psyops, Civil Affairs - 1972-1978).

Representative Wayne Rosenthal (R)
95th District UIS



Years served: January 2011 - Present

Biography: Family farmer and retired Brigadier General - Illinois Air National Guard (30 years of commissioned service). Trustee on the Lincoln Land Community College Board of Trustees and formerly served on the Morrisonville Community Unit School District #1 Board of Education and the Macoupin County Soil & Water Conservation District Board. Graduated from Sangamon State University (University of Illinois-Springfield) in 1974 with a B.A. in Mathematics. Sportsman and hunter; established the Wild Rural Park Hunting and Fishing Preserve. Proud member of the National Rifle Association; Illinois State Rifle Association; Christian County Farm Bureau; Life Member - National Guard Association of Illinois/United States; Air Force Association; American Legion Post #721; and the Knights of Columbus Council #1152. Wayne and his wife Marcia have been married for 39 years and are the proud parents of three sons - Dustin, Sean and Casey.

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Representative Ron Sandack (R)

81st District UIUC



Years served: November 2010-January 2013 (Senate); January 2013 - Present (House)

Biography: B.A. University of Illinois; J.D. DePaul University College of Law; Former Mayor of Downers Grove; Partner at the Chicago law firm Gaido & Fintzen; Married (wife, Kevan), has two children.

Representative Elgie R. Sims, Jr. (D)

34th District UIUC



Years served: August 2012 - Present

Biography: Attorney; born in Chicago; B.S., Political Science, Illinois State University; M.P.A., University of Illinois; J.D., Loyola University Chicago School of Law; married (wife, Shivonne) and proud father of two daughters, Kennedy and Mackenzie.

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Representative Cynthia Soto (D)
4th District UIC



Years served: January 2001 - Present

Biography: Administrative Supervisor in the Cook County State's Attorney's office, Child Support Enforcement Division. She was educated at Harper College. She is also a member of the board of the Near North Civic Committee.

Representative Ed Sullivan, Jr. (R)
51st District UIUC



Years served: January 2003 - Present

Biography: Fremont Township Assessor, B.A. in History and Political Science, University of Illinois; Past President, Lake Co. Assessors Association; awarded the Legislator for the Year award by the Illinois Police Chiefs Association and the Acorn Award by the Nature Conservancy.

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Representative Arthur Turner (D)
9th District UIC



Years served: December 2010 - Present

Biography: Attorney; born July 17, 1982 in Chicago; B.S., political science, Morehouse College; J.D., Southern Illinois University School of Law; former community organizer and youth mentor.

Representative Kathleen Willis (D)
77th District UIUC



Years served: January 2013 - Present

Biography: Full-time legislator; B.A., Human Services Administration, Elmhurst College; master's degree, Library and Information Services, University of Illinois; former coordinator of access services, Elmhurst College Library; former member, Addison Elementary District 4 school board; resides in Addison; married, has four children.

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Representative Michael J. Zalewski (D)

23rd District UIUC



Years served: December 2008 - Present

Biography: Attorney; born in Chicago; B.A., Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; J.D., John Marshall Law School; Attorney specializing in civil and criminal law; married (wife, Carrie).

Senator Jason A. Barickman (R)

53rd District UIUC



Years served: 2011 - 2012 (House); 2013 - Present (Senate)

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Biography: Born May 1, 1975 in Streator, Illinois; raised on family farm in Livingston County; Graduated Woodland High School. Veteran of his service in uniform while an infantry soldier in the Illinois Army National Guard. Graduated from Illinois State University and then the University of Illinois College of Law. Principal with law office of Meyer Capel, P.C. Selected to inaugural class of the 2012 Edgar Fellows Leadership Program. Member of Illinois House from 2011-2013. Resides in Bloomington with wife, Kristin, and their two sons.

Senator Scott Bennett UIUC

Scott is a fifth-generation Central Illinoisan. He is a graduate of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley High School, Illinois State University, and the University of Illinois College of Law.

Scott has long been active in politics and government. Scott has worked with the Illinois Governor's Office, the Illinois State Legislature, the United States Senate, and the White House. Upon graduation from law school, Scott worked as a prosecutor with the City of Chicago Department of Law. In 2003, Scott and his wife moved to Washington, DC, to work for the Democratic National Committee and the John Kerry presidential campaign of 2004.

Scott returned to Illinois in 2005, where he tried dozens of jury trials during his three years as a felony criminal prosecutor and the Traffic/DUI supervisor for the McLean County State's Attorney's Office in Bloomington, Illinois. In 2007, Scott was honored with the "Hero of the Highway" Award, presented by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD).

Scott now works for a trial law firm in downtown Urbana. He lives in Urbana with his wife, Stacy, an employee of the University of Illinois.

Senator Bill Cunningham (D) 18th District UIC



Years served: 2011 - 2012 (House); 2013 - Present (Senate)

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Biography: Served in the House from 2011-13; full-time state legislator and lifelong resident of the southwest Chicago area; born July 21, 1967; graduate of Saint Barnabas Grammar School (1981), Mount Carmel High School (1985) and the University of Illinois Chicago (1990); former advisor to Cook County Sheriff Mike Sheahan and former chief of staff to Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart; youth soccer coach; parent representative on the Sutherland Local School Council; lives in Beverly with wife, Juliana, and two daughters, Madeline and Olivia.

Senator Michael E. Hastings (D)

19th District UIUC



Years served: 2013 - Present

Biography: Elected to Senate in 2012; born October 6th, 1980, in Orland Hills; B.S in Leadership and Management, Civil Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, M.S., Business Administration, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign; former US Army Captain; Bronze Star recipient; former trustee and vice president for High School District 230.

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Senator Toi W. Hutchinson (D)

40th District UIUC



Years served: Appointed January 2009 - Present

Biography: Full-time state legislator; born May 20, 1973; Graduated University of Illinois at Urbana with a Bachelor in English; Olympia Fields Village Clerk, 2002-06; Harvard Kennedy School of Government Executive Management Program, 2012 Edgar Fellow; Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs; lives in Olympia Fields with husband, Paul, and 3 children.

Senator Dan Kotowski (D)

28th District UIUC



Years served: 2007 - Present

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Biography: Born in Chicago; attended Loyola Academy, University of Illinois, and DePaul University; lives in Park Ridge with his wife (Anne) and his sons (Nate and Cooper); committed to improving the quality of life for his constituents.

Senator Kimberly A. Lightford (D)

4th District

Assistant Majority Leader UIS



Years served: 1998 - Present

Biography: Full-time senator; B.A. in communications, Western Illinois University; M.A. in public administration, University of Illinois Springfield; village of Maywood trustee; employee for Secretary of State, Department of Corrections and Central Management Services; longtime champion in the Senate for education, working families and women's issues; lives in Maywood with her son, Isaiah.

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Senator Andy Manar (D)
48th District UIS



Years served: 2013 - Present

Biography: Born November 15, 1975, in Bunker Hill; B.A. in History, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville; past chairman of Macoupin County Board; married (wife, Trista), has three children.

Senator Iris Y. Martinez (D)
20th District
Majority Caucus Whip UIC



Years served: 2003 - Present

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Biography: Born Feb. 25, 1956, in Chicago; earned her bachelor's degree in public policy and administration from Northeastern Illinois University in 2009; elected president of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators. She is also a member of President Obama's Change Commission; has one daughter.

Senator Antonio Muñoz (D)

1st District

Assistant Majority Leader UIC



Years served: 1999 - Present

Biography: Born Feb. 18, 1964, in Chicago; served in U.S. Army with the 82nd Airborne Division; City of Chicago-Mayor's License Commission, Local Liquor Control Section (1990); Dept. of Aviation; Mayor's Office of Budget & Management; member of Fraternal Order of Police; married (wife, Patricia), has three children.

Senator Michael Noland (D)

22nd District UIC



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Years served: 2007 - Present

Biography: First elected to the Senate in 2006. Noland received his Associate's Degree from Elgin Community College; his Bachelor's Degree and MBA from the University of Illinois Chicago; and law degree from John Marshall Law School. Served as a corpsman in the U.S. Navy at Great Lakes Naval Hospital. Community volunteer with local organizations protecting the environment and assisting homeless people. Resides in Elgin with his wife, Veronica, and their two children.

Senator Jim Oberweis (R)
25th District UIUC



Years served: 2013 - Present

Biography: Jim Oberweis of Sugar Grove has served in the Illinois Senate since January 2013. He serves as Republican spokesperson for the Labor and Commerce Committee, and is a member of the Appropriations I, Environment, Local Government, and Public Health committees. A lifelong resident of the Fox Valley, Jim graduated from Marmion Military Academy, earned a B.A. from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. His first job was a math and science teacher at Waldo Junior High School in Aurora. He later launched a career in the financial services industry. Today, Oberweis Asset Management manages approximately \$2 billion in growth stock assets. Jim also serves as the Chairman of Oberweis Dairy, a business founded by his grandfather Peter. Jim and his wife, Julie, have five adult children, two stepchildren, and nineteen grandchildren.

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Senator Chapin Rose (R)

51st District UIUC



Years served: 2003 - 2012 (House); 2013 - Present (Senate)

Biography: Born December 27, 1973; B.S., University of Illinois; J.D., University of Illinois Law School; selected to inaugural class of the 2012 Edgar Fellows Leadership Program; married (wife, Camille), has one son and three daughters.

Senator Patricia Van Pelt (D)

5th District UIC



Years served: 2013 – Present

Biography: first elected to the Senate in 2012; born Nov. 12, 1957, in Chicago. Bachelor's degree, Roosevelt University (1996); master's degree, Spertus Institute (1996); doctorate, Capella University (2009); earned her CPA. Currently CEO of TARGET Area Development Corp. She has one child.