

# Mansfield Human Rights Commission Members

**Livia Daggett** has lived in Mansfield with her family since 2009. She is a senior at E.O. Smith High School planning to pursue a political science major in college and interested in constitutional law and human rights. She is an active member of EO's Democratic Discourse Group, which holds annual community deliberations around relevant topics and seeks to improve the conversations we have about difficult issues. She is captain of the E.O. Smith High School Crew team, a bookseller at the UConn Bookstore, and enjoys baking and knitting in her free time.



**Heather Evans** moved to Mansfield, with her family, in 2010. She is a Registered Nurse with a PhD in nursing, and focuses on serving vulnerable populations. She currently serves as an assistant professor at the University of Saint Joseph and is an active volunteer in Mansfield and the surrounding areas. Dr. Evans is passionate about supporting refugees and new arrivals as they become our neighbors and strives to be an ally for the LGBTQ community.



**Jane Fried (Vice-Chair)** has lived in Mansfield since 1973 when she arrived to study at UConn. Her first job at the university was director of staff training for the Department of Residential Life. That experience was her initiation to the serious issues of racism and other types of discrimination in Connecticut. She has been doing diversity education since that time, working privately with colleges and universities, health organizations and public schools. She is very happy to have this opportunity to serve Mansfield in this capacity

**Karen Lapuk** has lived in Mansfield for the past 10 years with her husband and son. She is an educator with more than 30 years working with multilingual learners in CA and CT. Her interest in Human Rights is directly related to the struggles her students have faced over the years. Additionally, she has worked with teachers in Rwanda and in an environmental education center in Costa Rica, and attended language school in Guatemala which has given her a global perspective on issues of Human Rights.



**Virginia Lorenz** has lived in Mansfield for twenty-five years since she arrived to study at UConn, earning her degree in sociology. She is also a former EMT. Virginia lives with her husband of thirteen years, George, and two cats.



**Glenn Mitoma (Chair)** has lived in Mansfield with his wife and two sons since 2008. He is an Assistant Professor of Human Rights and Education at UConn. He also serves as Director of Dodd Human Rights Impact, where he oversees programs designed to promote a culture of human rights, including initiatives in K-12 human rights education and business and human rights.

**Amy Nocton** first experienced Mansfield as a student at UCONN where she earned an MA in International Affairs specializing in Latin American Studies. During that time she worked one summer in México as a volunteer for the program Amigos de las Américas which ended up being one of many experiences that shaped her interest in human rights. She has lived in Storrs with her family since 2011. Amy has been teaching Spanish for twenty-six years and runs E.O. Smith's Deliberation and Discourse (DD) Project, a program which teaches students deliberative skills as a means of having challenging conversations around sensitive topics, for the past four years.



**Barbara Vaughan** has been the director of the Suzuki String Program in Mansfield since 1984. She has also taught strings at UCONN and ECSU. She is a professional violinist and plays regularly with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra and Hop River Chamber Music. Besides her musical activities, Barbara was a scout leader for 11 years, has taught Sunday school, and is currently serving as chairman of the Board of Assessment Appeals. She lives with her husband, son and 2 cats in Mansfield.

