

Nominees for Board of Trustees Ballot September 2021

Jan Albers, *Weybridge*

Jan Albers graduated from Carleton College (B.A.) and received her Ph.D. from Yale, specializing in British and Colonial American history. She has taught at Yale, Middlebury and St. Michael's Colleges, and the University of Sussex in England. Her scholarly work focuses on the history of the Vermont landscape. Her book, *Hands on the Land: A History of the Vermont Landscape* (M.I.T Press and the Orton Family Foundation, 2000) uses a historical narrative, maps, photographs, and first-person stories to provide a humanities-oriented history of how centuries of Vermonters created and experienced the landscapes they were layering in this place. For six years she was the executive director of the Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History in Middlebury, Vermont. She has done consulting work for the Billings Farm and Museum and the Shelburne Museum. She is now developing a Vermont landscape change museum at the Retreat Farm in Brattleboro.

Melody Walker Brook, *Barre*

Melody Walker Brook grew up in Ndakinna and is an Abenaki educator and artist. Melody is a citizen of the Elnu Abenaki Band and have previously served as the vice chair and chair of the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs. She received her master's degree in history from the University of Vermont and has been an adjunct professor at Champlain College, Johnson State College, and Northern VA Community College. Within Melody's Abenaki community, she focuses on cultural revitalization and concepts of personhood. You can view Melody's Tedx talk [here](#). Melody was named one of USA Today's Most Influential Women in Vermont during the anniversary of the Suffrage Movement.

Mollie S. Burke, *Brattleboro*

Mollie S. Burke of Brattleboro grew up in Buffalo, NY, oldest in a family of eleven children. She was a competitive figure skater in childhood, received an undergraduate degree in Political Science, and did graduate study at the London School of Economics. Since settling in Vermont in 1970, Mollie has had a career in the arts as a painter and teacher. She received an MFA from Goddard College for work connecting painting and climate change. Mollie has served in the Legislature since 2009, with a focus on diversification, electrification, and the affordability of our transportation system. She is founder and director of Art in the Neighborhood, a non-profit that provides tuition-free classes to low-income children. She also conducts school residencies under the auspices of the Vermont Arts Council. Her teaching includes bookmaking and cartography projects related to Vermont history, pre-history, and culture. Mollie is married to writer and theater director Peter Gould. They have three grown children and four grandchildren.

Peter Gilbert, *Montpelier*

Peter Gilbert was executive director of the Vermont Humanities Council from March 2002 to August 2018. A graduate of Dartmouth College, he received a JD from Georgetown University Law Center and an MA in English from the University of Virginia. He worked for ten years at Dartmouth College

as Senior Assistant to the President, James O. Freedman, and Associate Provost. Before working at Dartmouth, he taught in the English Department and taught a senior elective in the History Department at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts for eleven years and practiced law as a litigator at Hale and Dorr in Boston. He has been the trustee of the Robert Frost Copyright Trust since 1991 and was a frequent commentator on Vermont Public Radio. He has deep family roots in Vermont. He lives in Montpelier with his wife, Cindy Char; they have two grown daughters.

Peter Griffin, *Danville*

Among other things, Peter Griffin has been an attorney for 25 years. He has worked in both private practice and the non-profit sector. He currently works for a boutique law firm focusing on complex litigation and taxation matters. Prior to that, he served as the primary tax and revenue attorney for Vermont's General Assembly for nearly ten years. From 2002 to 2010, Peter and his family also ran a certified organic vegetable farm in Peacham, Vermont. Peter currently serves on the select board of his town, and in the past has sat on the boards of the Northeast Organic Farmer's Association, the Peacham Library, and the Riverside School. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota, and attended the Yale Law School. Peter is a resident of Danville and lives with his wife and two teenaged children.

Carl Lisman, *Charlotte*

Carl is a lawyer at Lisman Leckerling, P.C. in Burlington. Mr. Lisman received his A.B. from the University of Vermont and his J.D. from Harvard Law School. He is currently chair of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; a Fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyer; and a member of the Anglo-American Real Property Institute. He has served as chair of UVM Board of Trustees and as chair of the Vermont Air Quality and Solid Waste Variance Board.

Roger Stone, *Burlington*

Roger Stone attended Burlington schools and graduated from UVM. After military service he raised his family in Massachusetts while working as an executive and portfolio manager in the institutional investment management industry. Family grown, he and his wife, an eighth generation Vermonter, returned to Vermont. For thirteen years he was president and owner of a fiduciary investment advisory business. In both cities Stone was active on numerous non-profit and professional boards. He has been a Board member at VHS since 2015.