



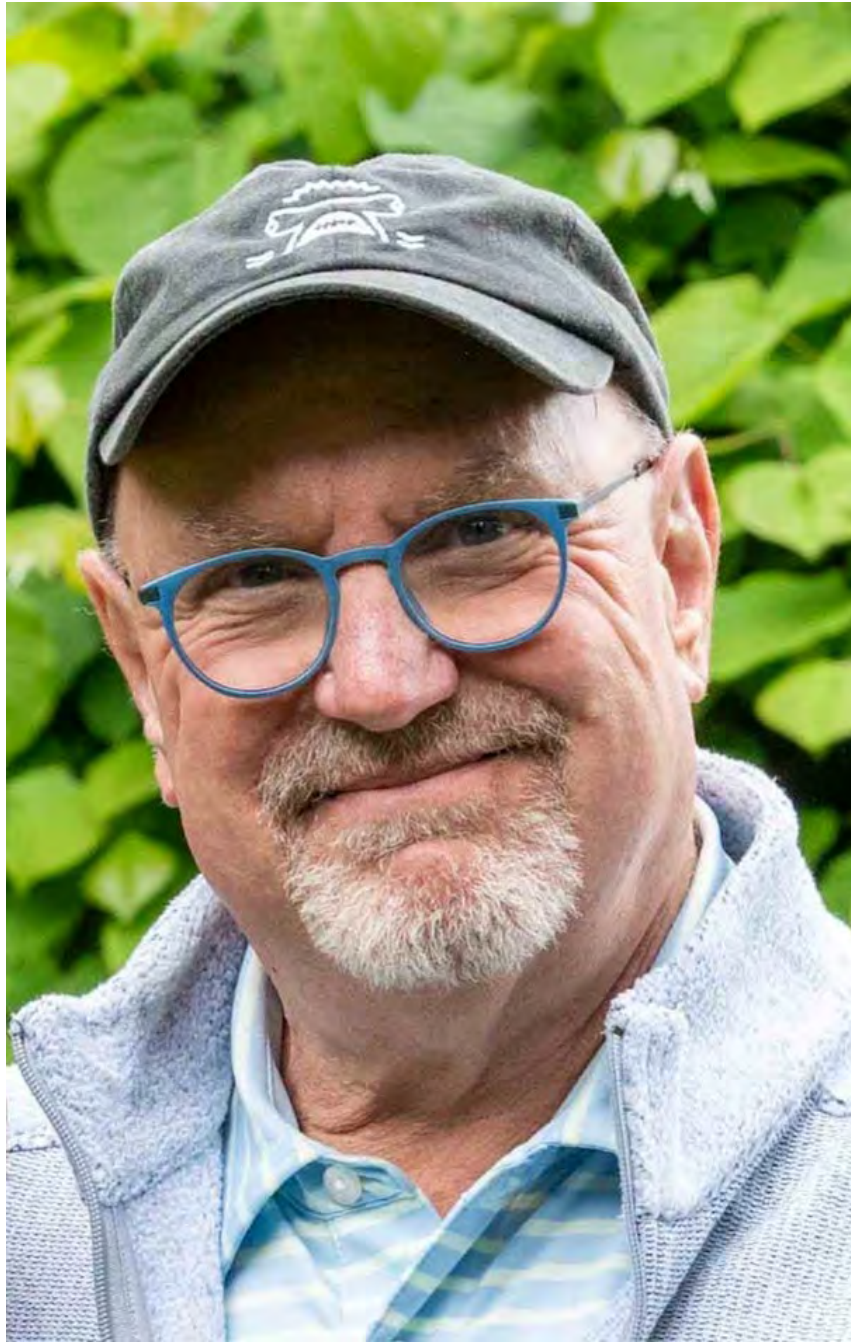
Taylor Bearden

Taylor Bearden is a Partner at Civico, a real estate development firm creating buildings, streetscapes, and neighborhoods that enhance the livability and sustainability of our communities. Since 2019, he has been a director at Sustainable Comfort, Inc., a real estate services company focused on sustainable solutions for engineering, construction, and management of mixed-income and affordable housing. He is also a director at Rubric Commercial, a commercial real estate and advisory firm located in Worcester. Taylor is a Worcester resident and graduated from Clark University, where he studied geography, entrepreneurship, and community development and planning.



Lisa Kirby Gibbs

Lisa Kirby Gibbs is the President of the Kirby Foundation: a foundation she manages with her four siblings. Lisa and her husband, Peter, own an office business center, WorkCentral, in Westborough, MA., providing serviced offices, flex space, and conference rooms to entrepreneurs and corporations. Lisa uses her training as a Marriage and Family Therapist, and decades of consulting in the corporate world to inform her role as manager of operations, staffing, client services, marketing and, sales at WorkCentral. Through the Kirby Foundation and personally, Lisa and Peter support a variety of non-profit cultural and human service organizations. Lisa, Peter and their two grown children all live in Worcester and are ardent fans of Central Massachusetts.



Mark L. Shelton

Mark L. Shelton retired in 2022 after nearly thirty years as a science writer, media relations director and for two decades, the associate vice chancellor for communications at UMass Chan Medical School. A native of Chicago, he attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo on a swimming scholarship, where he studied biological sciences and creative writing. After earning a Master of Fine Arts degree in writing from the University of Pittsburgh, he worked as a journalist, science writer, teacher of writing and magazine editor; his first book, *Working in a Very Small Place: The Making of a Neurosurgeon*, was called “fascinating to the point of being scary” by the New York Times; his second book, *The Next Great Thing*, about a small solar engineering company in rural Ohio, demonstrated his growing resolve to explain science and the immense possibilities of discovery to lay audiences.

He lives in Worcester with his wife, Linda, an organ transplant coordinator at UMass Memorial Health; they are avid gardeners, amateur bird watchers and the happy grandparents to three girls, one in Quincy and two in Chicago.



Shannon Wall

Shannon Wall is a business professional with experience at large corporate organizations and is a lifelong community and DEIB advocate. She enjoys leveraging her expertise in customer engagement, increasing sale revenue, and program management to help strengthen and support the efforts of non-profits and local government. Shannon is involved with New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, the Shrewsbury Rotary Club, is a Shrewsbury Town Meeting Member, and a volunteer for the Tree House organization which is dedicated to reinventing the foster care system. She has chaired groups focused on diversity and is also a member of the Master Singers of Worcester choir. Shannon is currently a Principal Program Manager at MathWorks. She resides in Shrewsbury with her partner Graham, two children, their bernie doodle Murphy, and two cats CJ and Bruce. She is passionate about music, art, travel and being in nature, which provides her with a space to be more mindful and deepen her appreciation of the world around her.