Marta Tienda Named Chair of Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Board of Trustees

Princeton sociologist to replace retiring Chair Sandra O. Moose

(New York, NY) The Board of Trustees of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation announces the election of Dr. Marta Tienda as Chair of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees, effective June 14, 2017. Dr. Tienda is the Maurice P. During Professor in Demographic Studies at Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, where she is also a Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs and Director of the Program in Latino Studies. Tienda was elected to the Foundation’s Board of Trustees in 2004, is currently Vice-Chair, and serves on the Board’s Executive and Audit Committees.

“For 12 years, I have had the pleasure of working with Marta Tienda on the Sloan Board of Trustees,” says Sandra O. Moose, retiring Chair of the Board. “She has been an unfailingly engaged and insightful Trustee, generous with her time and counsel, and singularly dedicated to the Foundation. Under her leadership, I have every confidence that the Board will continue to effectively advance the Foundation’s mission to support high quality research and education in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and economics.”

“Marta Tienda embodies all the values the Sloan Foundation has spent eight decades promoting: first class academic scholarship, a commitment to diversity and inclusion, and a steadfast dedication to improving and strengthening scientific practice,” says Dr. Paul L. Joskow, President of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. “I am thrilled that she has accepted the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees and I look forward to working closely with her.”

A highly respected and influential scholar, Dr. Tienda has authored or co-authored more than 200 articles over the course of her career covering a broad variety of topics, including racial and ethnic inequality in the US, international migration patterns, how reproductive behavior and family structure differ across populations, and access to higher education. She is a past president of the Population Association of America and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, and the National Academy of Education.

After receiving her B.A. in Spanish Education from the University of Michigan, Tienda went on to receive an M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Texas at Austin. She began her career as a professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison; moved to the University of Chicago, where she chaired the Department of Sociology for three years; and took a position at Princeton in 1997 where she founded the Program in Latino Studies and directed the Office of Population Research. Over the course of her long and distinguished career, she has served on numerous academic, corporate, and foundation...
boards, including at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Social Science Research Council, and the Population Reference Bureau.

“Few institutions have as sustained or as impressive a history of support for scholars and scholarship as the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation,” says Tienda. “I am honored to accept the position of Chair and look forward to working with President Joskow and my fellow Trustees to continue the excellent work of the Foundation.”

Tienda will be replacing retiring Chair Sandra O. Moose, who has served on the Foundation’s Board since 2000 and held the position of Chair since June 2012. Moose has served on the Foundation’s investment committee since 2001, and on the executive committee since 2008. The first woman to serve as Chair of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Board of Trustees, Moose is also a pioneering figure in the history of management consulting and was one of the first women to rise to the highest ranks in a major management consulting firm. She joined the prestigious Boston Consulting Group in 1968 and rose to become a Senior Managing partner, head of the BCG’s New York office for over a decade, and founder of the firm’s financial services practice. She is currently president of her own firm, Strategic Advisory Services.

“For 16 years, Sandy has served as a valued Trustee of the Sloan Foundation,” says Sloan President Paul L. Joskow. “Her leadership as Chair of the Board of Trustees has been invaluable to me and has benefitted the Foundation in innumerable ways, large and small. For her selfless dedication to the Foundation and its mission, she has our lasting admiration and heartfelt gratitude.”

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