

Nancy S. Chen

EXPERIENCE

- 1997-2010 **Regional Administrator, Region V, Women's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor, Chicago, Illinois**
Developed and directed the Midwest regional program of the Women's Bureau to promote workplace flexibility, equal pay, green jobs and non-traditional occupations, especially careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) for women and girls in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin
- 1997 **Director, Asian Pacific American Outreach, Office of Presidential Personnel, The White House**
Managed Asian Pacific American (APA) outreach activities for political appointments. Responsibilities included recruiting and promoting qualified APA candidates for appropriate appointments throughout the Clinton Administration.
- 1996-1997 **Director, Intergovernmental Relations, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), U.S. Department of Justice**
Developed and promoted communication and cooperation between INS and state and local governments. Developed outreach to community groups on INS priorities, including implementation of new welfare policies affecting immigrants.
- 1985-1996 **Director, Chicago Office, U.S. Senator Paul Simon, 1990 to 1996**
Oversaw Senator's legislative and constituent program relating to Chicago and Northern Illinois. Developed and maintained links to local governments, political and business leaders and key constituencies.
Deputy Director, Chicago Senate Office, 1988 to 1990
Staff Assistant, Chicago Senate Office, 1985 to 1987
- 1967-1973 **Elementary School Teacher**
Glen Ellyn School District 89, Illinois. 1971 to 1973
Minneapolis Public Schools, Minnesota. 1967 to 1970

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2022-present	Founder and President, Chinese American Women in Action-CAWA
2024-present	Board of Trustee, Naperville Public Library
2020-2024	Commissioner, Special Events & Community Arts Commission, City of Naperville
2020-2023	Member, Illinois Council on Aging
2014-present	Member, Lifelong Learning Advisory Committee, College of DuPage
1998-present	Member, Board of Counselors, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Southern Illinois University
2015-2021	Member, Executive Council, AARP Illinois
2007-2008	Co-Chair, Obama Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) National Leadership Council, Presidential Primaries and General Elections
2008	Delegate to the Democratic National Convention, IL 13 th Congressional District
1993- 2006	Member, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Illinois State Advisory Committee
1997-1999	Member, Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS), U.S. Department of Defense
1995-1997	Member, Board of Directors, Asian American Institute of Chicago
1992-1994	Founder and President, National Women's Political Caucus of Greater Chicago
1988-1991	Member, Board of Directors, Girl Scouts of DuPage County
1984-1985	President, Beebe Elementary Home and School Association, Naperville

AWARDS

Woman of Distinction Award, College of DuPage, 2023
Outstanding Community Leadership Award, Midwest Asian Health Association, 2019
Distinguished Career Service Award, U.S. Department of Labor, 2009
Milestone Award, Asian American Institute, 2009
Edward J. Williams Community Service Award, Harris Bank, 2009
Non-Traditional Careers Advocate of the Year, College of DuPage, 2008
Risk Taker and Enabler Award, Organization of Chinese Americans, 2004
Living the Legacy Award, National Women's Political Caucus of Greater Chicago, 2003
Distinguished Citizen Award, Chinatown Chamber of Commerce, 1996
Distinguished Service Award, Asian American Coalition, 1993
Distinguished Service Award, Naperville Jaycees, 1985

EDUCATION

Leadership for the 21st Century, Executive Education, JFK School of Government, Harvard University, April, 2008
B.S. in Elementary Education, Moorhead State University, Minnesota, 1967
B.A. in Social Work, Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan, 1965