

Malcolm Bush

Woodstock Institute

Malcolm Bush has been President of Woodstock Institute since 1992. The Institute is a 32 year-old nonprofit based in Chicago that works locally, regionally, nationally and internationally to promote reinvestment and economic development in lower-income and minority neighborhoods and financial asset building for lower-income families. The Institute engages in applied research, policy development, coalition building, and technical assistance to promote this agenda. At Woodstock, Malcolm has directed research and policy projects on community reinvestment and economic development; access to capital, credit and other financial services; discrimination in the home-buying process; the harmful effects of high cost home mortgage, credit card and other consumer loans; community development financial institutions; financial literacy; and the economic development potential of social service organizations. He has also led successful negotiations between community groups and financial institutions to increase those institutions' goals for home and small business lending and the provision of bank services in lower-income communities. Among his current international projects are strengthening the community development finance field in the United Kingdom, and community economic development and improving youth connection to job markets in low-income communities in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

From 1987 to 1992, he was senior vice-president of a statewide child advocacy group where he directed research, policy development and implementation on urban educational reform, state tax reform, and child welfare reform. Between 1979 and 1987, he was a regular faculty member at the University of Chicago, teaching social policy and research methods and writing about child welfare policy. He holds a Ph.D. in social psychology and urban affairs from Northwestern University, and an M.A. in American history and economics from the University of Pennsylvania. His undergraduate degree is in modern history from Oxford University. Malcolm is author of the book Families in Distress: Public, Private, and Civic Responses (University of California Press), and has written numerous articles and made many presentations on urban and social policy, community reinvestment and lending discrimination, and other

community development topics. He currently serves on the boards of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, the national Community Development Financial Institutions' Coalition, chairs the board of the Financial Markets Center, and has completed a term on the Consumer Advisory Council of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board. He is also a board member of the International Center for the Study of Childhood at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro.