



Philip J. Rutledge Social Equity Leadership Award 22nd Annual Social Equity Leadership Conference June 12 - 14, 2023

In 2021, the NAPA Panel on Social Equity in Governance established the **Phillip J. Rutledge Social Equity Leadership Award** in recognition of the contributions of the late Fellow Philip J. Rutledge. The NAPA Standing Panel on Social Equity in Governance focuses on issues of fairness, justice, and equity in a variety of public contexts, including, but not limited to: education, policing, welfare, housing, and transportation.

With this award, the Panel recognizes and honors the contributions of Philip J. Rutledge to NAPA and the entire social justice community. His work with NASPAA was also instrumental in helping to infuse social equity into the curriculum of NASPAA-accredited programs, and his visionary leadership and unceasing efforts were a catalyst for making social equity one of the pillars of Public Administration.

Academy Fellow Philip J. Rutledge (1925-2007) was a Professor at the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University and at Howard University. Among his many professional accomplishments, he was President of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) as well as a senior official in the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the National League of Cities, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

The Award winner will be selected based on his/her exceptional contribution to the NAPA Standing Panel on Social Equity in Governance and social equity in public administration. An award nominee must be an elected NAPA Fellow *in good standing* and must have served on the Standing Panel on Social Equity in Governance for *at least five years*. Nominees must also have a demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and as well as demonstrated evidence of achieving social change with an emphasis on developing and promoting concrete actions with lasting impact.

To date, we have selected two winners. In 2021, our inaugural award winner was [Dr. Blue Wooldridge](#), Professor Emeritus at the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Immediate Past Chair of the NAPA Standing Panel on Social Equity and Governance. In 2022, the second winner was [Dr. Gail Christopher](#), Executive Director of the National Collaborative for Health Equity and Academy Fellow.

The announcement of the **Philip J. Rutledge Social Equity Leadership Award** third winner will be made at the 2023 Social Equity Leadership Conference, cohosted by The Public Management Center, School of Public Affairs and Administration at the University of Kansas. The winner's biography and photograph will be published on the NAPA website. Nominations for the Philip J. Rutledge Social Equity Leadership Award will be accepted until May 15, 2023.

To submit a nomination for 2023 the Philip J. Rutledge Social Equity Leadership Award, please complete the form below which describes your candidate's commitment to fostering social equity and level of engagement in the NAPA Standing Panel on Social Equity in Governance as well as describes his/her/their impact on social equity in public service.

Your Name	
Your Professional Title	
Nominee's Name	
Professional Title	
Institution/Organization	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

In 500 words or less, describe your nominee's commitment to fostering social equity and describe your candidate's level of engagement in the NAPA Standing Panel on Social Equity in Governance.

In 250 words or less, describe the impact that your candidate has had on social equity in public service.

Please send your completed nomination form to the 2023 Rutledge Award Chair and NAPA Fellow, Dr. Charles E. Menifield via email at **Charles.Menifield@rutgers.edu**. For more information about the 22nd Annual Social Equity in Leadership Conference cohosted by The Public Management Center, School of Public Affairs and Administration, University of Kansas, please visit the NAPA website at <https://napawash.org/events/2023-social-equity-leadership-conference-social-equity-in-action>. Thank you very much for helping us identify the next **2023 Philip J. Rutledge Social Equity Leadership Award** winner!